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December 2, 2016

Merry Yuletide Greetings!

Note: Talisman will close early (5:30) on December 7th so I may attend Daisy's soccer banquet; at 6:00 on December 24th and we will be closed December 25th and January 1st. PLEASE remember I do not open in bad weather so always call ahead!

Please note we have aura photography offered on Saturday Dec. 10 and a class on working with stones (by China and myself) on Monday Dec. 12. Cursor down for details!

Well, 2016 is drawing to a close and, as is my habit, I am going to talk about what I am hearing in my daily readings over the past few weeks - rather than delving into the whole "Is it Yule? Is it Christmas?" thing that lord knows has been done to death. So what am I hearing, what is the hot topic of concern?

Loneliness.

What an ugly word, huh? Quite a few of us bugged out of Thanksgiving altogether ... many choosing to spend the day reading, catching up on whatever project had been long left undone, or simply just "Netflix and chill" for the day. Alone. Or, and perhaps worse, not with the people or person we had wanted to spend it with.

A problem often occurs after you have opened your mind to higher metaphysical aspects of living (I am HATING the term "being spiritual" these days it is totally overused!). Once you recognize there is more to life than the daily hamster wheel of

work, sleep, eat, play, work ... when you've stepped outside the mundane and manipulated healing energy, experienced a past life regression, had an exchange on the astral plane, enjoyed lucid dreaming - or even just the glorious feeling of having read the most interesting book ... and now want someone to talk about it with. Driven home is the fact that the pool of available people who have done any of these things - or even want to - gets very, very small for far too many. So "lonely" doesn't just mean not having a romantic partner, it extends into ALL our relationships - family, friends, co-workers, neighbors. No one wants to be thought of as "weird" so we've hidden who we are, how we spend our time, what we find interesting - all in the name of "fitting in". And honestly, there is very little desire to do THAT anymore -- so people are choosing solitude over false friends and empty conversations.

What makes all this interesting is that it isn't necessarily the desire to be married or paired off without any viable partners available; rather it is the reluctance to begin something - taking that leap of faith - without an up-front show of value. What am I starting this for ... ? And again, on the same note - What am I staying for ... ? Basically I am hearing that people would rather be alone and comfortable than paired and uncomfortable. Yes, that's right -- comfortably alone, no need to explain ones' self or be accountable is looking like a better deal than being in a relationship but uncomfortable. This IS different. There was a time when "having someone" meant partnership and company plus affection, and all that was worth being inconvenienced and unauthentic.

I think what's changed is recognition that the wrong partner is more than an inconvenience -- they can be an anchor, holding you back when you want to explore. You know that focusing on your internal growth almost always means stepping outside your comfort zone - that's hard enough when you are single, but very difficult to negotiate with a partner who may not be like minded about the experience. And you must be willing to risk - after you open up to someone and share very private aspects of your inner self, experiences and beliefs - the incredibly hurtful experience of hearing something derogatory, unkind or (god forbid) laughter.

I think what we are bringing into the holiday season of 2016 and into 2017 is not just the need to be personally authentic but also the desire to resonate with the environment and people around us. Sadly, quite a few transplanted New Englanders learned that moving "South" offered warm weather, low taxes, low real estate prices ... and, depending on where you are, a lower tolerance for alternative lifestyles and spiritual beliefs. Moving from a "Blue" state to a "Red" state offered surprises as well, during this past election. Lots of shell-shock all around. Social media fueled all this quite nicely. It's been ... combustible, shall we say?

But once you've awakened, it's impossible to go back to sleep. You've been to Hogwarts - you don't fit into the Muggle world anymore. Many of us no longer care to try. I am confident we are experiencing a global awakening, a new reality ... all energized by changes coming from some very strange and unlikely sources.

Personally, I never minded being a weirdo. I minded when people I thought I could trust made fun of me or pushed me into a box and tried to make me stay there. Those days (and that box) are so done. Talisman IS my Wonderland, my Hogwarts, my Neverland. Weirdos always welcome ... please, just be kind.

Blessed Holidays,

Laura

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NEW-AGE FAIRES HELD EVERY SATURDAY

Faire time 12-6pm. (203) 261-0047 for appointments

Readers (\$30/30 minutes - cash only)

Please call in advance for readers' schedules as they are subject to change. To see our Readers' background information, visit:

Reader Bios

December 3

Rachel - Tarot (Mediumship), Pet Intuitive (pets/photo)

Sandy - Soul Portraits and/or Tarot

Sherri - Tarot with Astrological Spread

December 10

Gwen Lord - Whole Life Tarot (Past Life recall)

Pina - Angel Reader/Oracle (Mediumship)

Sherri - Tarot with Astrological Spread

Aura Photography + Analysis by A Healing Hand/Tim Bshara. Each client will receive a ~25 page report with their own glossy aura photo on the cover, plus 20-25 minutes of verbal interpretation of the energy field. It gives a snapshot of where you are at this moment of your life path – and may show some things you need to work on to achieve balance. By showing the full body energy field, PLUS the 7 chakras, aura photography is an excellent tool to use in helping you balance your energy field.

Whether you've gotten an aura photo or not, you can take advantage of a Multimodal Energy Healing session with Tim of A Healing Hand. It will combine Reiki, Sound Healing, and Crystal Healing in the most effective combination for your own energetic needs.

Pricing: Aura Photography \$50; Energy Balancing \$30 for 20 minutes; \$40 for 30 minutes.

Tim Bshara - A Healing Hand, Owner

www.ahealinghand.net

www.facebook.com/AHealingHandCT

December 17

Andrea - Tarot/Mediumship

EstaRa - Twinflame & New Paradigm Divine Relationship Readings

Gwen Lord - Whole Life Tarot (Past Life recall)

Pina - Angel Reader/Oracle (Mediumship)

Sandy - Soul Portraits and/or Tarot

Sherri - Tarot with Astrological Spread

December 18 (Sunday)

Andrea - Tarot/Mediumship 1-5pm

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The designation of "mediumship" is NOT a guarantee that your loved one(s) will present themselves in the reading - it means the channel is open and a particular reader is skilled at recognizing and then relaying information when/if it comes through.

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We do things a bit differently at Talisman. You pay our readers AFTER the reading is finished, and if you are not happy you don't pay. NO READER can read EVERYONE successfully and everyone who works at Talisman is aware of this fact. Know that it is acceptable after the first 5 minutes of a reading to say something like, "I'm sorry, what you are saying just isn't resonating with me. I would like to stop the reading now, but thank you for your time". If you do not hear something amazing in the first five minutes, or if it just isn't right ... don't expect a reading to get better as it goes on. Readings go off track for a number of reasons - but the point is, you shouldn't pay if you are not happy. Please, just be courteous and respectful. Complaints are rare because every reader has had to pass the "ultimate interview" ... they must sit and read ME (and I've been reading over 35 years myself) and tell me something about my past/personal life, my children, home, or business that they could not possibly have heard or learned someplace else. But every reader has their unique gift and their own style, it is NOT one size fits all. Personally, I don't think anyone should get a reading more than once every 6-8 weeks and prefer you allow at least 3 months between readings ... you don't want to become a psychoholic, right? I WILL discourage you from this behavior! My goal is to see people leave an "intuitive counseling session" (because that is really what we do) feeling validated, uplifted and hopeful regardless of the situation or challenges they may be facing. That is the true measure of a "good" reading!

Available by Appointment:

Laura: I do special, in-depth readings by appointment. My 60+ minute private sessions includes a chakra check up, a print out and review of your astrological natal chart, tarot and palm reading and more! (\$60). Call the shop for an appointment, as I schedule these when the shop is closed or after-hours. Private half hour tarot readings (\$30) also by appointment. Phone sessions are \$20 for a half hour - for those who do not live nearby. Yes, I do \$5 tarot/palm readings on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Sunday these are done in-between phone calls and waiting on patrons - you can't make an

appointment, and I do get interrupted. Sometimes there is no one waiting, other times a dozen people are standing in line. They are five dollars because the shop is open and I am working! These mini-readings last about 10 minutes or so, and great if you have a quick question or have never experienced a reading before.

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Workshops at Talisman
RSVP (203) 261-0047

Monday, Dec. 12: The Intuitive Use of Crystals in Magick and Healing. Time: 6-8pm.

Workshop will detail the purchase, cleaning and clearing of stones (\$10). Presented by: China & Laura - Put down the books and pick up the stones. Listen to what they have to tell you. An intuitive and much more intimate approach to selecting and using stones for all your metaphysical needs. China has collected rocks, minerals and fossils since the age of six and have experienced their unique language for nearly 50 years. They are distinct individuals with much to tell if you are willing to listen. Come find a different way to relate with your stones and new ways of selecting them using your intuition as your guide.

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Community Events

The Connecticut Wiccan Pagan Network (CWPN) Inc. is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit educational and networking organization dedicated to meeting the needs of the greater Wiccan and Pagan community in Connecticut and surrounding areas. The goal is to help provide a forum for Wiccans and Pagans to meet others of "like mind" and to come together and worship in a safe environment. Our hope has been to construct a sense of "community" in which we can all share with and learn from one another. Membership is open to all Wiccans, Pagans, and those with a serious interest in learning more about our religion. If you are under 18 years of age you may join with written parental consent. We reserve the right to refuse or terminate membership of anyone who we feel may be harmful to our organization or to the Wiccan/Pagan Community. Learn more at our website: CWPN.Org. The CWPN hosts monthly networking meetings throughout the state, open Sabbat circles, coven and study group referral service, classes/work-shops, various social events and lectures with well-known members of the Pagan community.

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Claysonnets Unique Clay Keepsakes: Holiday Gift Pop-up Market
12/15 (4-9pm) and 12/16 (1-9pm) at the NIA Startweather House. 1773 Huntington Tpk, Trumbull. Readers Available. For more info: Contact Dana - Dana2@snet.net

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Awaken The Power Therapy: Introduces Women's Wellness & Empowerment Group. This group is a 8-10 session group that meets on Saturdays. The Group focuses on life issues: juggling work & family, substance abuse issues, early recovery from substance

abuse & depression, parenting issues, parenting a "difficult" child or a child with a mental health diagnosis, relationship issues, low self-esteem, social isolation, reduction of sexual libido with depression and/or childbirth, assertive communication with a spouse & in the workplace. This group allows for a supportive & safe space to process, ventilate feelings & gain useful advice and support using art therapy, GODDESS Training, expressive therapy, spirituality principles, cognitive behavioral therapy techniques, dialectical behavioral therapy approaches, guided meditation and open discussions with other women. Each Group is \$25 per session. For clients with Medicare or Medicaid sessions will be free! CALL FOR DETAILS! Monique West, LCSW. Email: Mwest@awakenthepower.org 58 River Street, Milford, CT 06460 203-693-1050

Hunter Healing Hands: Located in Black Rock, Jessica and Jim Hunter's events include Reiki Share; monthly drum circle; classes and so much more! For details, cost, etc. please see [Hunter Healing Hands](#) Contact 203-916-8381 to register for an event!

Astrology Corner

By Alethea Hunt, Astrologer

Our social lives sure are JAMMIN' in December courtesy of a mutual reception between Mars and Uranus remaining in effect until the 19th! In a nutshell, this means our social networks are abuzz with activity and it's a good time to seek friends out for cool (ideally) physical activities like skiing, snowboarding, or even a snowball fight! Speaking of fights, though, one thing we DO have to be mindful of is this influence can also make (digital or analog) social networks a bit feisty – especially if someone hasn't gotten laid in a while, LOL! No, really – Mars energy requires an outlet via very physical stimulation, and if one isn't provided via sport, exercise, or "rutting" then it's REAL easy for this energy to unexpectedly turn irritable! This vibe can also facilitate a lustful "zing" between amigos, by the way, so don't rule out the possibility of friends getting frisky! A Gemini Full Messenger Moon on the 13th brings communication to the fore, but it can also be a rather gossipy lunation so watch who you tell what to – especially if family is involved. Secrets may be told with the ruler of this Moon (Mercury) near Pluto, but be careful as they can also be exposed. Information can also come to light that we may have a legitimate responsibility to be truthful about, so rather than just passively feed the rumor mill there may be an onus on us to do the right thing here. Maybe we can't handle the truth and are tempted to just clam up with Saturn's involvement – Mercury currently traversing Capricorn seems as if it could lend a tight-lipped air to the situation; especially if it's some kind of ugly Plutonic can of worms we're afraid to speak up about.

Mercury turns retrograde in Capricorn on the 19th – this retrograde can spell communication problems in the workplace, and I would especially consider it an inopportune time to have a "chat" with your boss. Fixed star Vega is quite near the point were Mercury halts movement, and some of the highlights of this placement features "thwarted ambitions, double dealing, secret enemies in influential positions, and loss in

business” per noted Fixed Star authority Vivian Robson – it definitely seems like this retro has the potential for workplace intrigue, that’s for sure! Mercury is actually a bit closer to the scorcher of a star Manubrium, which is said to have an association with heat and fire as well as acts of courage and defiance...hmmm, might be time to check the smoke alarms (both at the office and at home) for functionality and maybe even do a practice drill. This energy does give me the feeling of putting out metaphorical fires at work, and with Mercury involved this could well heat up the mouth and add an insubordinate edge...tread carefully, lest you find yourself burned!

A trine between Uranus in Aries and Saturn in Sagittarius is exact on Christmas Eve but active all month! Saturn’s stability harmonizes with the Uranian impulse for change and evolution, so what we get is an energy that aligns with a gradual, structured, lasting change of some kind and that supports us in our evolutionary journey - think of something that will back your long-term growth in some way; it should be a shift that is self-initiated. This is also great energy for building a strong, supportive, enduring social network of reliable individuals that may even motivate or inspire achievement. Work your business contacts, make an effort to turn acquaintances into something more, and get some kind of (social) network architecture in place to facilitate connecting to people who may have common big-picture goals. If you’re looking to shift in a different direction career-wise (especially if looking in a different field), this astro can be a very helpful influence so definitely make efforts toward this end in December. You may even find yourself with a more progressive employer!

Also active all month but exact on the 26th is an opposition between Jupiter in Libra and Uranus in Aries. Coupled peeps should be aware that unexpected opportunities may surface for one or both partners, which can leave a union on uncertain footing. Ideally we grow together rather than apart, but what happens if we’re also asked to grow independently of one another as individuals? Can we still come together, or is this where our Paths diverge? Sure we want the best for a partner and for them to be happy, but will this entail some kind of distance separation? What if an opportunity for a Significant Other means they wind up going cross-country or even intercontinental for a while? It’s an exercise in faith and trust when it comes to relationships...if you love something, set it free because it may return to you better than it left you. But if it continues to fly, let it soar and believe this is because there is something much better in store! Rabidly single peeps, on the other hand, should be aware that an opportunity for growth may come via a relationship now, which may prompt a surprising shift in partnering philosophy. Friendships also could experience divisions between “Let’s just be friends” and “Let’s turn this into something more”.

Lastly, a Capricorn New Moon on December 29th is great for rethinking our goals – professional and otherwise – with its proximity to a retrograde Mercury. It’s OK to loosen the typically stodgy mental grip Mercury in Capricorn exerts upon our minds and blend it with a bit a magic or imagination due the helping hands being extended by both Mars and Neptune in Pisces...perhaps a visualization or some literal magick may help our achievement-based intentions along!

*** A note to readers: If you would like to receive my FREE monthly newsletter via email which is packed full of information & astrological insights, click [HERE](#) or email Alethea@EmpoweredDestiny.com and I'll be happy to add your name to my list of recipients! You can also follow my nifty astro-blog or find me on Twitter (@EmpwrDstny).

***Namaste, my friends -
"The Divinity within me perceives and adores
the Divinity within you"
* Laura ****

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