

May 4, 2017 - Merry Beltaine Greetings!

Everyone has their own personal beliefs about why we are here, on this planet at this time, and what we are supposed to accomplish in our lifetime. The way I understand it, we are all born with an internal GPS system designed to navigate the blueprint "map" we developed prior to our arrival here at Earth School. So we start off on our life's journey, full of promise and hope - and inevitably, we make a wrong turn or miss an exit. No matter, our GPS works to reconfigure ... we may have lost some time, but it gets us back headed in the direction we are supposed to be travelling asap. BUT if we keep missing our turns, if we pull off the road or get into an accident because we are just not driving with integrity and intent - well, in spite of the reconfiguring we are going to lose time. And unfortunately, that means key things that SHOULD have happened may not - so that child we were meant to have may now come in as a grandchild; you may end up mentoring a young person who will achieve the professional success you were meant to have. That "soulmate" relationship you two kept screwing up may just have to wait for another lifetime to manifest correctly.

You see, the Divine Plan will not be denied because you could not or would not hold up your end of the deal. And while yes, it will all work out in the end - you will have denied yourself key experiences. As the old saying goes, "You are only hurting yourself ..." and that is never more true than when we fail to live into our higher consciousness.

I talk about Saturn and its effect on us A LOT. Saturn spends roughly two and a half years in each sign; and in its role as the harsh teacher/stern taskmaster, it demands we do the work in whatever aspect of our personal area of life he touches during those 2.5 years. If you are the kind of person who doesn't mind

a little hard work and isn't afraid of cross-examination, you are probably on good terms with Saturn. If you tend to laziness, cutting corners and shun accountability ...maybe not so much.

Saturn spent 10/5/12-12/23/14 in Scorpio (the water sign who swims in the deepest, darkest waters) where the focus was on personal dredging. It was horrible. Saturn is spending 12/23/14-12/19/17 in Sagittarius, where he has been working to uncover spiritual deceptions. You have all heard me talking/writing about the exposure of false gurus - this is a by-product of Saturn in Sagittarius. Next up, Saturn will spend 12/19/17-12/19/2020 in Capricorn, where he is glorified. Its movement here should be very noticeable and obvious, affecting global business and economic structure, world finance, banking, global governance and global power structure. In conjunction with Pluto, these years are very likely to reap the consequences of many years' worth of "kicking the can down the road" and reckless global fiscal irresponsibility.

Three times in our life (if we live long enough) Saturn travels through all 12 astrological houses to return where it was when you were born (2.5 years X 11 = 27.5 years). This is called your first, second and (maybe) third Saturn Return at ages 27-29, 56-58 and 86-90 years of age. There is so much written on this topic, I recommend a google search, but here is one site to get you started: <http://thetarotlady.com/making-friends-with-your-saturn-return/>

I want to end by introducing Talisman's newest reader, Mariellen, who has been working with the I Ching since her late teen years when the book 'found' her. The I Ching is the oldest continually used wisdom divination system in the world. Its three thousand year old roots in China connect it initially with shamanistic practices and slowly evolve into Chinese philosophy and as a basis for culture. Used as a tool for personal guidance and transformation, the book directly participates in "the ongoing process of the real" and presents all

change in life (the interplay of order & chaos) as an opportunity to become aware of shen ming, bright spirit or the light of the gods. Advice from the spirit of the Ching shows us how to remain in harmony with the 'Way', or our balanced path through life.

I Ching readings are based on asking questions or stating concerns with a sincere heart. This is NOT a "whole life" of "let's just see what comes up" kind of reading! Also know that the question or concern must be directed and focused on YOU - not a significant other, or a child, or another person.

A six-line hexagram is created by the questioner who randomly chooses the six lines while focusing on the question. (There are many methods of forming the hexagram. I am currently using four blocks with each of the four possible line choices on it.) Results of readings are 'outcome based' in the sense they provide a dynamic picture of the current situation, what is at stake, what direction events may lead to and how our actions may/may not impact the situation. Sometimes strong warnings are given to stop certain behaviors or to start others. At other times, heaven pats us on the head with great warmth. Complex situations are sometimes shown with a multitude of outcomes but the 'heart' of the hexagram can show how to avoid 'trouble' and resume a balanced, harmonious path through life.

The I Ching is considered to be a living book which mirrors life around us. It has layers of meaning so you can't really exhaust the messages. In my own life because up till recently I was always so busy, I would usually take the obvious meaning because it is simple and clear. That works just fine in real life!

Laura's Reading: Of course, I asked about the success of my plan to move Talisman to a new location ... with a planned name change and slight shift in focus.

Per Mariellen: Your reading result was hexagram 46 (ascending) with 3 moving lines, the 2nd, 4th & 5th. The transformed hexagram (outcome - moving lines changed to their opposite) is 31 (conjoining/influence). As I reread 46 in several books the term 'distilling liquor' came up several times. There's a lot of 'removing' to get to 'essence' so I am assuming part of your business plan (work) is getting to the 'core' or deep heart of the major change you are making while allowing other elements to 'vaporize.' The essential meaning of 46 is that you are ascending to a higher level by your own efforts and realizing your potential. The 2nd line shows you are connected to the 'spirits' (always good) and that sacrifices made when resources are slim (which you have done) will bring profit/insight & cause to rejoice. Also, it advises to stay simple and connected to facts.

The 4th line addresses the sacrifices and says they should be dedicated to the good of all (this could be past, present or future or all - the wisdom of generosity) and that your 'way' is open and without fault. The myth or symbol meaning states "The King (Queen in this case) sacrifices and receives blessings on the Twin-Peaked Mountain." The I Ching is full of beautiful, mythological imagery. A more detailed I Ching that I like indicates that " you have attained a powerful place in the symbolic life, part of the great sacrifice that connects us with the ancestors. " Though it is necessary to not take things 'too literally', this is an incredibly positive reading. Often the words in a reading can trigger realizations or understandings that are new or newly remembered. The symbolic life means having a connection with the living archetypal memory which feeds us all that some of us start to remember. It gives you a powerful connections to deeper, unconscious forces so your intuition becomes extremely useful & vivid.

The 5th line states you should Ascend the Sacred Mountain, meaning you are totally on target and 'welcomed into the temple'. The need to proceed on a

step by step basis and to remain connected to common needs is again reinforced as well as a repeat of your being connected to a creative force and that your way is open with no barriers.

Blessings all around,

Laura