

Well, it has been a HECK of a week for me!

Two weeks ago, I had a dream that my bank account was hacked and the money drained. So I changed all passwords to every account ... EXCEPT my business PayPal account which I forgot about since I mainly use it when accepting payment for overseas transactions (readings) and mail orders for merchandise I ship. That was a mistake, I must say. On May 1st I received an email confirming a PayPal payment I did not authorize - upon opening the account to check I found records of thousands of dollars in transactions, as hackers were using my account as a clearinghouse to filter stolen funds. Two weeks earlier, they had added their own credit card, password and had full control of the account. Once I had that account locked down and the link to my bank account and debit cards deleted, I called the bank and my business checking account was locked. Hackers have continued to try and get into the accounts, trying to re-open PayPal and extract funds, sent fake emails from my email address demanding payment from my PayPal customers, tried to open accounts in my name with other institutions - all of this has impacted my credit report ... I have been to my bank twice and spent hours on the phone to safeguard my identity. Please know that MailerLite (where these newsletters are generated and sent) and my own credit card processor have their own security systems in place, which I pay for - so viruses cannot be sent through my newsletter and account numbers (which are not stored in the machine) cannot be stolen when I swipe your card.

Where's the astrology in all this? For all the details read Alethea's astrology report at the end of this newsletter - this month is particularly engrossing as celestial archangel energy plays its part too - but the quick 'n easy has Mercury in aggressive Aries, squaring up against Pluto in "King of the Underworld" Capricorn. This is Ninja aggression, jungle warfare, sabotage, spybots - the stuff you never see coming. Simultaneously, there is a square between Neptune in Pisces and Venus in Gemini (Delusional communication? Yeah - think con job!). Note: All this energy peaks May 7th.

If I could provide one single piece of advice, make it a monthly habit to change ALL your passwords, and every account should have a unique password - I know it's a pain to remember, but write them down!

So this energy is definitely "knife in the back" stuff. And as we know, the heart chakra opens front and back -- at the point your hand would touch your chest when you salute the flag, and the spot between your shoulder blades that knife sinks in. So basically, you take these hits straight to the heart. Now, when people come at us front and center we can usually deal with the aggression or shocking behavior because we haven't been sabotaged by it. But when it comes from a behind-the-scenes hit, it's more like being shanked and we can go down, hard.

I hear a lot of heavy, difficult things in my readings and normally I process these in a healthy manner without owning them (because they are not mine to own, frankly). I don't

judge, because that's not my place and the act of "judging" would add my personal energy to a situation I don't want to be part of. But there are two things I struggle with - acts of physical cruelty and indifference. The first is self-explanatory, but the second ... indifference. I am talking about someone who sees you suffering, knows they did wrong and doesn't even care enough to make up an excuse. Someone who knows you have exactly \$10 to put gas in your car so you can get to work in the morning - and takes it out of your purse when you turn your back anyway. The kind of person who kicks you when you are already down. My brother sums it up as "Hooray for me - and F**k you". Indifference stands in complete opposition to compassion.

Indifference actually infuriates me.

But what do you do when that indifference comes from one's own child? I often share the basic "theme" of my readings in this newsletter, and that's what I have been hearing about pervasively ... and the fact that Mother's Day falls in May makes it particularly poignant.

I do realize that not everyone capable of birthing a child has maternal instincts. You would be wrong to assume otherwise (and ditto men with paternal instincts). However, those types of women do not come to me for readings! Narcissists, psycho/sociopaths ... they generally have no interest in sitting in a reading with me and being revealed. That's not to say they wouldn't come to the shop, because being viewed as "spiritual" is a wonderful cloak to wear, great to hide a knife under - ya know? Lots of entitled spiritual folk out there fleecing their flock - I just happen to take a hard line on this. And the offspring of these people -- THEY come to my shop, they sit in readings, they spend time in therapy trying to make sense of it all and often working hard to be a different type of parent altogether.

But I am talking here about GOOD (not perfect) women, who raised their children as single parents in many cases; who went without to buy new clothes, lessons, sporting equipment, school trips - paid or helped pay for college - endured abuse to hold a marriage together to ensure the safety of the child ... and when they finally were able to break away and get a life for themselves, well, "what have you done for me lately?" seems to be the response. I mean, in more than a few cases the kid(s) side with the father because he has the house and money! Or single moms who scrimp to pull together a wedding for a daughter, only to have (at the dramatic last moment) the absentee father show up and promptly he becomes the guest of honor AND expects HIS family to be invited as well. Or everything is about the new In-laws and THEIR comfort and feelings. I had one such mother who made a heartfelt request for a single dance with her daughter - a moment of recognition after a lifetime of sacrifice and care, as a way of saying "goodbye" to her child as she took on the role of wife ... and was flatly refused (funny how everything is rejected and too much effort ... except for cashing checks). And

this woman sat in my shop and cried - as so many have sat and cried - trying to reckon with the cruelty, greed and indifference of their offspring.

I can't even use this newsletter as a tool to say "hey, recognize yourself here?" because again THOSE types of adult "children" are not reading this or coming to my shop either!

I think I am writing this (and it is hard, which is one reason this newsletter is going out so late) because the way I felt being cyber-attacked, as a personal and ongoing violation - was perhaps the type of blindsided hit you take coming to the realization that your own child(ren) is/are indifferent to the pain or chaos they have caused. Different emotional component, I am only comparing the act not the depth of pain incurred. Not by a long shot. Just like sitting in the readings - I process and relay messages without having that knife lodged deep in my heart. But please don't think for one second that my compassion doesn't fuel my desire to help ... but sometimes the message doesn't allow for an easy or loving solution. And the ability to remove a person who is hurtful to this extent becomes a heartbreaking choice between being free of feeling responsible for an ungrateful person - and the absence of one's own adult child from your life. The pain of dealing with what is, versus what you had hoped would be.

But I will say, if someone doesn't respect and honor you, and the gifts you selflessly gave to them ... perhaps your own absence will speak louder than your words ever could. Or as one widowed mother told the daughter who was upset at the thought of her dating years after the death of her father - "Darling I love you and I would die for you - but I will never give you my happiness".

“But indifference would ultimately commend itself as a devastating weapon.”

— Lionel Shriver

Blessings, Laura