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DECEPTION AND DISCERNMENT

That ye be no more children tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness...but speaking the truth in love, may grow up...Ephesians 4:14 KJV

We have just experienced the influence of the Sun moving through the constellation of Gemini in the heavens. The Full Moon during this Gemini influence is celebrated as The Festival of Humanity and Goodwill.

Gemini is about brotherly love and the dissemination of information through communication, teaching, writing, and publishing. The internet and the smartphone provide a playground for Geminian curiosity and love of quick communication.

Gemini is very important for NZ because it is, in esoteric astrology, the soul ruler of NZ. Its highest gift, through Venus, is to aid in the understanding of the spiritual purpose behind any relationship, be it soul/personality, teacher/student, brother/sister, friend with friend. Gemini transmits the Second Ray of Love Wisdom and love is all about relating and connecting.

At the personality level Gemini is ruled by Mercury known as the Messenger, giving the quick-moving mind and tongue to those with strong Gemini influence. Mercury is also known as the Trickster who can deceive. At the lowest level of expression Gemini can indicate the con-man or propagandist.

Speech has been known across the centuries for its power for good or ill: *the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great....the tongue can no man tame: it is an unruly evil... James 3: 5,8 KJV*

The throat centre or chakra is ruled by Saturn, the Lord of Karma. In the full moon chart for Gemini this year the Sun and Neptune are in relation to each other. Neptune, at its highest influence expresses idealism and devotion through universal love, compassion for the less fortunate and sacrificial service. At its lowest it is known to bring influences of deception and confusion, just as the God Neptune (Poseidon in Greek), King of the Seas, can mislead sailors from their destinations by casting fogs over the waters.

The theme of deception is strong in the full moon chart, as it has been in the media over the past months as the pandemic and the vaccine divided the community. The government said "We have the truth". The two concepts of conspiracy theories and misinformation have been repeatedly referred to. We shall also look at the Prime Minister's natal chart which is significantly linked with this Gemini Full Moon chart.

Just recently in Prime Minister Ardern's acceptance speech for her honorary doctorate at Harvard University she said: *"When facts are turned into fiction and fiction turned into fact, you stop debating ideas and start debating conspiracy"*. It is for a discerning public to decide the fact and fiction of the pandemic-vaccine influence upon New Zealand.

All the more reason to take heed of the words of Robert Hand, a renowned and wise astrologer, when he writes about Neptune in the First House of the New Zealand Gemini full moon chart and the Sun in the Fourth House. The First House in the chart is how we present ourselves to the world. With Neptune there in the NZ chart this presentation can be confusing and chameleon-like as different faces are presented to different people and circumstances. Robert Hand advises us to get to know ourselves as the true inner self and to learn who we are in our own terms. It is possible to get caught up with "weird projects" that other people propose that may delude you and are idealistic with little basis in reality ¹

Interestingly the Prime Minister has Neptune in her first house in her natal chart. The Sun is in the Fourth House of family and intimate relationships. Hand advises time alone to contemplate our inner

psychological nature, “feeling exactly where you are in respect to the world and getting in touch with your deepest levels”²

So mindfulness is being indicated in how we approach this Gemini Full Moon period. In the chart the Sun is squaring Neptune. This signifies lower levels of energy, less self-confidence and fuzzy thinking at this time. Hand writes that, due to these feelings some people might be tempted to avoid confrontations with people and take “more devious courses of action” “Others may try to deceive you as well”.³

Neptune is at the apex of a triangle known as the T-square. In this position, according to Bil Tierney the individual is impressionable and idealistic, clouding and colouring his perception of others and defending himself against harsh reality “by distorting whatever filters through his emotions”.⁴

The theme of deception in Gemini is further explored through the Labour of Hercules in Gemini. Hercules, a mythical sun-god, was given twelve tests to prove himself, one for each sign of the zodiac. In the Gemini test he first met his true teacher, Nereus (the higher Self), who indicated the true way that he should take. However he was then beguiled by a false teacher, Busiris. Alice Bailey writes of this in *The Labours of Hercules*:

“Busiris was a son of Poseidon, the god of the waters...He claimed to be a great teacher. He was fluent in speech and captivating in what he said. He made great claims for himself, leading Hercules to believe he could show him the way....and that he was the custodian of truth. Hercules was completely deceived. Little by little he fell under the power and spell of Busiris; little by little he yielded up his will and his mind and accepted him as his teacher and his guide.”

However, eventually Hercules freed himself from this deception and continued with his test.

It will be well at this stage to set the backdrop for the influence of both Neptune and Uranus in their partnership in the heavens from the late 1980s to the end of the century just past. This period birthed the information age and the fascination with technology and the mass media. Richard Tarnas in his book *Psyche and Cosmos* writes at length of his research into the influence of both Neptune and Uranus during this time.

Of the shadow side of this influence he writes:

“an intensified psychological tendency towards denial, passivity...credulity and delusion was widely in evidence, aided by a radically increased collective immersion in the artificial reality created by the mass media....the widespread hypnotic fascination with and addiction to image... and a collective tendency towards acute epistemological confusion – the conflation of the real with the virtual and illusory...dramatized news, government video released disguised as television news reports, political spin, ...internet rumors, fabricated news stories and fraudulent journalism....All these suggest the shadow side of Neptune (illusion, disorienting dissolution of boundaries, confusion, deception and self-deception, fantasy, image, mesmerised passivity) as catalysed by Uranus (high-speed electronic technology, innovation, the thirst for excitement and stimulation, the new, the ever-changing) 428

In his book *Techgnosis: Myth, Magic and Mysticism in the Age of Information* Erik Davis writes:

With pills modifying personality, machines modifying bodies, and synthetic pleasures and networked minds engineering a more fluid and invented sense of self, the boundaries of our identities are mutating as well. The horizon melts into a limitless question mark and...we glimpse yawning monstrosities and mind-forged utopias beyond the edges of our paltry and provisional maps

Currently Neptune is transiting through the constellation of Pisces. One manifestation of this could be the rise of false prophets and messiahs “with great magnetic potency, capable of doing much harm and destruction...”⁵

The Master Djwhal Khul writes in *The Externalisation of Hierarchy*:

*There must appear the distinction between...a new world order, developed and brought to functioning activity by the Forces of Light, through cooperation, coordination and understanding, and a world order that will be imposed by terror, through dictatorial government, by the suppression of liberty of conscience, and by the enthronement of a race whose values are, at this time, anti-spiritual and anti-social.*⁶

Returning to the Prime Minister, Neptune was transiting through the constellation of Sagittarius when she was born (1980). Of this influence Alan Oken writes:

*“Such individuals are easily swayed by emotionally-charged zealotry. This generation is filled with the urge for self-sacrifice and personal devotion but....these can be easily manipulated by glamour-ridden demagogues and unscrupulous “spiritual” leaders.”*⁷

In her natal chart there is an opposition between transiting Neptune and natal Saturn. Robert Hand writes:

During this period some aspect of your reality will be severely challenged in such a way that you will not know for a time what is real and what is not....Your perception of reality is being radically altered so that you can experience a vaster, more unlimited universe.

Transiting Neptune is also squaring natal Neptune in the Prime Minister’s chart. For Hand, this signifies the mid-life crisis (around age 42) when there may be an intense questioning of the life, goals and ideals. Fear of letting old structures crumble is a real possibility.⁸

For the Prime Minister, this may well be a time for reviewing her commitment to the WEF and WHO agendas in relation to the well-being of New Zealanders and their perceptions of their needs and ideals.

A democracy is built on a continual feedback loop between government and the people. The building of loving and truthful relationships is the challenge which Gemini sets before us, both those in government and the citizenry.

Julia Tarnawsky

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SYNTHESIS



The word “sound” has a restricted definition... ‘Something that you can hear or that can be heard’ is the Cambridge Dictionary meaning. From the viewpoint of synthesis this meaning only relates to one aspect. The word sound is thus held in limitation. There is a need to apprehend and describe a word in a more “holistic” or synthesised manner.

Sound is associated with a frequency expressed by hertz or to a specific musical note (432 A); yes it’s associated with hearing, but, humans only hear a limited range of sounds. Sound’s range is infinite in potential. Sound is also able to create either a visual pattern or form, which conveys a quality of expression. This “quality” relates to energy; to a feeling or this quality holds information. Sound as noise is destructive.

Sound expresses energy in the form of a “longitudinal wave” or as it is also called; a standing wave. Sound actually emanates as a sphere. Sound is associated with plasma. Sound expresses as a pulse or beat.

Sound generates or is associated with magnetism/electricity/piezoelectricity; these forms of energy may transform to either light or colour. Sound also generates an infra-red field due to friction of particles in air.

There is a mathematical harmonic code/symbol/number that also describe sounds. Interference Patterns are a result of combined sounds; these patterns relate to the Hologram. Sound is a precursor of electricity. All things give off a sound; it’s a living energy resulting in creation and disintegration. Ultra and infra sounds are specifications of sound; also just as light can be coherent (laser) so sound may be expressed coherently. Interestingly as the rate of vibration of sound increases the spherical emanation is deformed towards an egg shape and then to a beam. Dolphin’s sounds form long range beams.

Kashmir Shaivism; Surat Shabda Yoga, the yoga of the 'Celestial Sound Current'; and Trans-Himalayan Wisdom Tradition are traditions where SOUND is the foundational principle.

Sounding as a “Happening” is a total energy expression. Apprehension of reality requires this synthesis of perception. A definition of a word is a limitation for general communication.

The comprehension of the concept of a word (in this case: - sound) requires a greater degree of synthesis; as the inclusive context promotes a deeper understanding.

Grasp the WHOLE! This requires a synthesis approach that delves towards the greater context of the concept. Inclusive acceptance as lines of relationship draws all towards a centre of holding. The spider (adaptive intelligence) at the centre of a web comes to mind.

In a similar way writing upon a topic in a linear sequence conveying information for a specific purpose is limiting the scope to essentials. What is unsaid may be assumed to be known. Also the unspoken may be the most relevant factors needing consideration. Accessing the fullness of information before a validation is expressed is needed.

The style of writing that is developing for me has that synthesis quality. It appears to divert into irrelevancy but actually relates the concepts to a range of interactive features or characteristics that are in COHERENCE. Adjustments by the reader are required to allow the spiral gathering of relationships to come into view. A limited context held by a researcher often is challenged by an examination of a more inclusive domain.

Why is this “Synthesis” of import? The media are using words that convey a limited meaning. We are not informed of the greater context associated with the “word”. Consider the word “vaccine” and the polarisation created throughout the world.

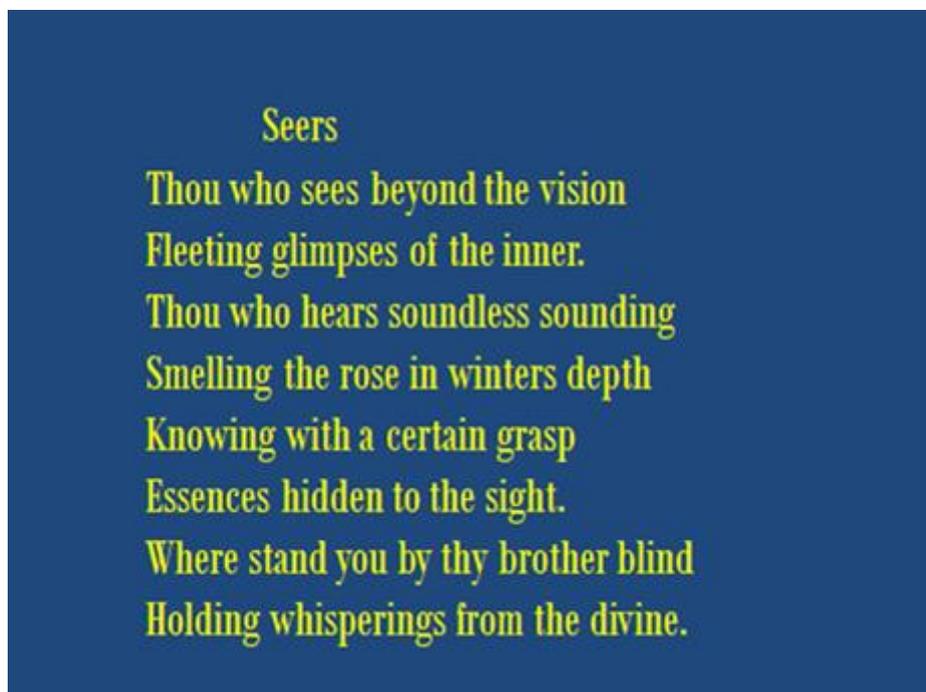
In our general usage of language many are now limiting communication to essential “texts/messages”. The spoken word carries nuances; the closeness of personal interaction conveys body language not available with “Phone messages”. The human energy field is not involved to the same degree when phone/computer exchanges occur when compared with personal contact exchanges. A manufactured voice at a phone enquiry requests that you press option 1.2.3.4.or 5. When all options are irrelevant to your needs, frustration happens. This mechanisation of communication is impersonal and separates.

Communication has ceased to provide abundant facts but gives often unsubstantiated opinions. Partial Truth with regards limited information may seem apparent. Yet revealing the greater context may undermine that assumption. Restricted information later is revealed generally in court cases where compensation is sought for harm done by the products or actions or from fraudulent claims. Deeper investigations will reveal the reality not just the appearance.

Synthesis may involve a sense of knowingness; spiritual telepathy and the intuitive faculty. These higher perceptions are complementary to our mental consciousness and our usual sentiency. Not only do they inform but they enable the “wholeness” of the examination to become evident.

Gemini via the energies associated with relationships provides a comprehensive grasp of reality. Right human relationships need to be developed. Relationship with all kingdoms requires wisdom and balance if sustainability is our objective. Synthesis reveals the inter-relationships between parts and when applied reveals what is real.

Jurij-Orest Tarnawskij



SOLAR FIRE MEDITATION RETREATS 2022



*Please join us for the next meditation retreat days, Sundays 9.30 am to 4 pm.
Mark your diaries and join us to celebrate the different solar fire astrological energies.*

CANCER

10 July 2022

LEO (Sirius Festival)

7 August 2022

VIRGO

11 September 2022

Those wishing to participate are welcome to book in advance and send their birth details so a natal chart can be made for discussion at the Sunday retreat. For example, if you were born in Aquarius, how does your birth chart relate to the full moon chart and energies for Aquarius?

All welcome

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WATCHDOGS

The New Zealand Oxford Dictionary defines a watchdog, in part, as “A person or body monitoring others’ rights, behaviour etc.”; “watchdogging” is added as “maintain surveillance over”. There can be both positive and negative connotations for this term. Which do you recognise? An axe to grind, ‘agin’ the government, one-sided, minding others’ business, playing God, rocking the boat, fanatical, snooping, barking up the wrong tree, an embarrassment, safeguarding what is right, Leader of the Opposition.

Watchdogs can cause discomfort in others, pointing out anomalies, trends, dangers, inconvenient truths in Government policies and societal patterns. They can cut across complacency, consensus reality, the “she’ll be right mate” mentality. This may particularly be so in times of crisis, uncertainty and rapid change when the Government and the media are trusted to bring clarity and reassurance to the public.

Governments play “watchdog” in national emergencies in order to keep the country safe and unite the people in a strategy for safety. Grateful compliance and trust ensue. Sometimes such watchdogging can morph into a benevolent dictatorship, outliving its original function and eroding democratic rights, in order to prolong an imposed standard narrative. The Four Freedoms may be violated – freedom of speech, freedom from want, freedom from fear and freedom to worship.

Keeping an eye on, and questioning NZ Government legislation and policies, both during the pandemic, and currently, is Dr Guy Hatchard*

According to the Tibetan Master Djwhal Khul in the Trans-Himalayan teachings on the New (Aquarian) Age**, one of the sciences that will become prominent is the Science of Service which is “a definite technique of at-one-ment”, or unity ⁽¹⁾ He continues *“this law is the imposition upon the planetary rhythm of certain energies which emanate from that sign of the zodiac [Aquarius] into which we are steadily moving.”*

What he next states is something which I, and many others, have observed – *“the effect of this force, in some countries, is regimenting the masses in such a way that the individual serves the group by a forced negation of his personal self. His own ideas, his own personal wellbeing and his own individuality are subordinated to the whole.....”*

Elsewhere this Master states - *“Service saves, liberates and releases, on various levels, the imprisoned consciousness.....unless service can be rendered from an intuitive understanding of all the facts in the case, interpreted intelligently, and applied in a spirit of love upon the physical plane, and it fails to fulfil its mission adequately.*

When the factor of spiritual illumination enters into that service, you have those transcendent Lights which have illumined the way of humanity and have acted like search-lights, thrown into the great ocean of consciousness, revealing to man the Path he can and must go.⁽²⁾

The shadow side of Aquarian energies, in the name of service to universality and one-ness, is a top-down imposition. There is a dilemma for leaders trying to work with the grassroots needs of their people in a feedback loop which signifies a health democracy, at the same time as following and pledging to an internationally imposed top-down narrative and procedure, as in the case of the pandemic.

It is possible that shortly, in the case of further pandemics, there could be a global medicalisation procedure, internationally agreed upon, and dictated by the pharmaceutical industry without accountability or legal redress for health outcomes, as in the recent pandemic.

Watchdogs, in their most beneficial function, are those people who are sensitive to trends in society and have expertise in areas where governments and organisations are creating and implementing policies that

impact societal and planetary well-being and who do careful research across the whole spectrum of facts, evidence and opinions in order to come to a balanced understanding of the implications of such initiatives. In this way they follow the counsel of the Buddha who advised the “noble middle path”. They are persistent and courageous in stating their findings and their misgivings. They act as modern prophets yet, a prophet is “without honour” in his own country as the historic Christ put it. ⁽³⁾

There can be an unwillingness in people to recognise the wisdom or warning in what is said, by those they know, who may uncomfortably rock the boat of complacency or consensus and its underlying often implied world view, backed by an unchallenged and repetitious presentation of one viewpoint by leaders and the mass media.

Perhaps **the need for such watchdogs** is greater now than ever before on planet Earth as technocracy gains momentum with algorithms, surveillance and computerised services taking the place of human interchange. Richard Tarnas in his research on the influence of the outer planets on eras of human culture writes of the “shadow side of the Uranus-Neptune complex” (1985-2001) and its lingering legacy, *an intensified psychological tendency towards escapism and denial, passivity and narcissism, credulity and delusion...aided by a radically increased immersion in the artificial reality created by the mass media.* ⁽⁴⁾

Merged with the “Saturn-Pluto complex” of 2001-2004 Tarnas added to the litany of woes *the Orwellian manipulation of deceptive rhetoric, symbols, and images to sway public opinion, and a state of collective mesmerism facilitated by the media that for some time effectively neutralised efforts to bring greater critical awareness to the global situation.* ⁽⁵⁾

One watchdog monitoring the use of language as a political tool to shape public opinion in mass media is Professor Greg Simons***

In the Trans-Himalayan teachings there is acknowledgement of **a higher watchdog** overseeing planetary happenings – *A subjective world government whose members are responsible for the spread of those ideals and ideas which have led humanity onwards from age to age...in physical bodies or discarnate. It is assumed there is a belief in...the perpetuation of the conscious soul in some dimension*. ⁽⁶⁾

Interestingly the lawyer Reiner Fuellmich, who is championing global justice in relation to the negative impact of the pandemic policies, stated in a recent on-line interview his belief in a transcendent reality which can be called upon by humanity to intervene in human affairs for the restoration of cosmic balance. ⁽⁷⁾

World leaders reported experiencing higher guidance during times of crisis during the Second World War, according to authors Corinne McLachlan and Gordon Davidson in their book *Spiritual Politics*.

The human psyche can act a watchdog. In my experience, dreams can act as admonishers, advisors and heralds of what lies in the future.

The psyche can become a dramatic watchdog during times of rapid cultural breakdown and change. Psychiatrist John Weir Perry researched the characteristics of behaviour in the acute psychotic state. He noted a *marked prevalence of political ideology....By now I regard the acute “psychotic” visionary state as the psyche’s effort to renew an individual’s cultural set.* ⁽⁸⁾

He wrote *In times of cultural stress and dissonance accompanying rapid change, when society must renovate itself...myths are required to serve as guidelines...The acute episode is an intensely creative myth-making* ⁽⁹⁾

Perry notes that the richest set of ideation seems like an “inflated world-reforming idealism” but that *The messianic mission with its program for society represents the very essence of the person’s need for living in society with any satisfaction....This vision of oneness is expressed in the messianic ideation, along*

with the recognition that the world is going to be marked by a style of living emphasizing equality and tolerance, harmony and love. This hope is almost universally seen in persons in the acute episode ⁽¹⁰⁾

During our daily meditations in the Temple at Southern Lights Centre I often say the second Great Invocation given to the Trans-Himalayan Masters during the Second World War. It contains the following lines-

*Let the souls of men awaken to the light
And may they stand with massed intent* ⁽¹¹⁾

Perhaps that intent is to restore to human expression the very qualities that are the hallmark of the acute psychotic episode!

Julia Tarnawsky

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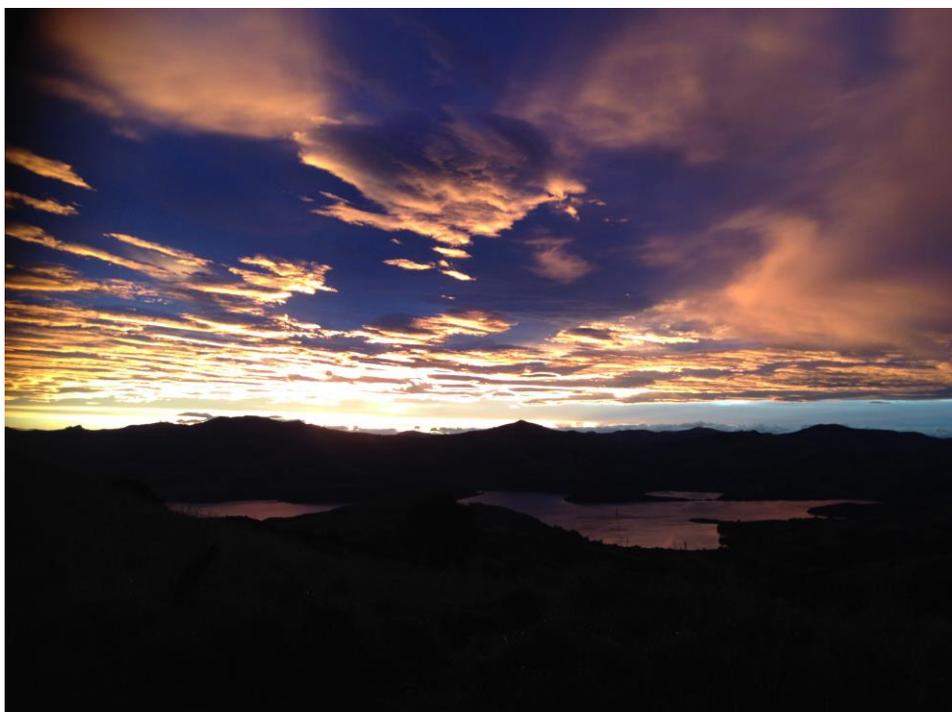
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SOLAR FIRE DATES AND TIMES

Monthly meditations are always held at the full moon at Southern Lights Centre near Akaroa.
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Christchurch meditations can be held in 2022.
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MEDITATION TEMPLE DATES

Cancer	13 July	4.00 pm
Leo	11 August	4.00 pm
Virgo	10 September	4.00 pm

FULL MOON

- Cancer ♋ **Keynote: I build a lighted house and therein dwell**
(actual time 14 July 2022 6.37 am)
- Leo ♌ **Keynote: I am that and that am I**
(actual time 12 August 1.35 pm)
- Virgo ♍ **Keynote: I am the mother and the child, I God, I matter am**
(actual time 10 September 9.59 pm)

NEW MOON

- Cancer ♋ **Keynote: I build a lighted house and therein dwell**
(actual time 29 June 2022 2.51 pm)
- Leo ♌ **Keynote: I am that and that I am I**
(actual time 29 July 5.54 am)
- Virgo ♍ **Keynote: I am the mother and the child, I God, I matter am**
(actual time 27 August 8.16 pm)

THE GREAT INVOCATION

**From the point of Light within the Mind of God
Let light stream forth into the minds of men
Let Light descend on Earth.**

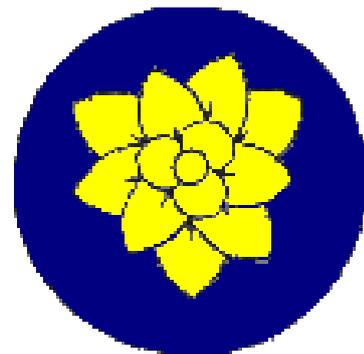
**From the point of Love within the Heart of God
Let love stream forth into the hearts of men
May Christ return to Earth.**

**From the centre where the Will of God is known
Let purpose guide the little wills of men
The purpose which the Masters know and serve.**

**From the centre which we call the race of men
Let the Plan of Love and Light work out
And may it seal the door where evil dwells.**

Let Light and Love and Power restore the Plan on Earth

Om Om Om



ELON MUSK – TWITTER



One of the issues of this time in the culture is free speech, the reactive and polarised way that people communicate these days from the safety of their keyboard, the attempt to censor "misinformation" and whether governments or social media giants should have the power to decide what is truth, the proposed "ministry of truth" proposed in the US. Russell Brand gives his take on the current cultural climate in this [video](#) (he covers more than the title suggests). As one commenter wrote *"This might be the best summary of the modern cultural descent into oblivion I've ever heard"*. Are people who are meant to represent the people trying to lift humanity out of this way of being, or actively moving towards greater censorship?

Elon Musk, a highly visible figure in the world, including having 83 million followers on Twitter, was challenged by someone to set up his own social media platform as he is a proponent of free speech. He did the next best thing - made a bid and (so far) succeeded in buying Twitter. This raises the issue of what if a different personality, perhaps less trusted, individual person bought Twitter like Donald Trump, Bill Gates or Mark Zuckerberg. Should one person have that much power? The same question applies to Facebook which some have argued it needs to be broken up. Elon Musk is seen by many as an open, intelligent, free speech proponent who has the intention of doing good in the world, so people are generally accepting of his ownership of Twitter and his intention to open up the platform to greater transparency and being an avenue for free speech. Which is more important, the principle of a powerful, rich person owning such a big platform, or the intent of that person, should one trump the other (no pun intended)?

Elon Musk has an interesting chart with several some strong constellations behind him which makes it no wonder he is such a high profile and influential figure on the world stage.

He has Saturn conjunct Alcyone, the predominant star of the Pleiades (Matariki in NZ), an important constellation for many cultures. He has the sun conjunct Mirzam in the Bootes constellation. Solar Fire describes *"This star embodies the daring to strike out and take a new path. To try a new method. To go in a direction that has not been travelled before."* This is demonstrated in his life by creating Tesla, as he seeks to contribute to the progression to sustainable energy, and SpaceX, a private space exploration company. He also sees humans existing on Mars, and people being able to travel in tunnels at high speed underground. Colleen Coffey, an Auckland astrologer who has studied the fixed stars talks about Mirzam as like the town crier, the announcer, they have heart and a message to share. Does he have an underlying message to share with the world, unconsciously or otherwise? Time will tell.

He has Mercury conjunct Sirius (Takurua). This is an auspicious placement as Sirius is very important in esoteric philosophy, the "star of sensitivity" representing deep mystery, the 2nd (and 5th) ray. It features strongly in the Egyptian culture and is related to Isis, it is important to Māori, the Mayans, the Dogon in Africa had deep knowledge of the star system before anyone in the West had "discovered" it. Maureen Temple Richmond has written a book on the star, and Robert Temple in "The Sirius Mystery" discusses the ancient knowledge of the Dogon and the star system itself and offers his interpretation. Musk's Mercury is also conjunct Canopus (Autahi). This is a star that stands alone and can represent lone leadership. From

Solar Fire Canopus is *"The great navigator and pilot of the Argo, the one who guided the Egyptian boat of the Dead. This star is a beacon in the southern sky and thought by the ancients to symbolise the great path finder. Still used by NASA for navigational purposes, this star, when active in a chart, indicates an individual who finds new ways and methods of doing things."*

If his birth time is accurate (from Astrotheme) his ascendant is conjunct Betelgeuse. Dr Eric Morse states *"Betelgeuse is a mighty star on the main muscle of Orion that wields his sword. It is of Mars-Mercury classification, and never fails to reveal immense strength in a horoscope. How that serves or fates the person in question depends on how he uses his strength. Nothing happens by halves with this great star."*

Solar Fire notes *"One of the great stars. This huge red star is in the right shoulder of Orion who was previously known to the Egyptians as the god, Osiris. This star is probably one of the most blessed and fortunate stars in the sky, for when linked to a chart, it promises success without complications."*

His chart links him to all three aspects or triangle which are very significant from an esoteric perspective - the Pleiades (Alcyone), Sirius and Orion (Betelgeuse).

Elon Musk has a strong Chiron in his chart which is exactly square to his Mercury and (if the birth time of 6.30 am is accurate) conjunct his midheaven. Mercury is the planet of mind and communication so this fits with his purchase of Twitter and his now more prominent interest in free speech. Mercury is also strong in his chart as (again, if the birth time is accurate) he has a 29 Gemini ascendant, the sign of communication and mind and ruled by Mercury, which strongly aspects Chiron. Chiron also is sextile the north node and trine the south node making it an integral part of his destiny. Chiron is speculated as a ruler of Virgo, the sign of Musk's moon. Chiron is placed very prominently conjunct his midheaven (again, if the birth time is accurate) in the 10th house, suggesting he may ultimately have a healing role in the world.

What's interesting is he is currently having his Chiron return. Barbara Hand Clow talks about movement from Saturn's realms into broader consciousness represented by the three (known) outer planets and Chiron being the rainbow bridge between them. By healing our wounds we open into high realms of consciousness. She talks about the Chirotic force which is activated at the Chiron return. In Barbara Hand Clow's book on Chiron she discusses Jason and the Argonauts, Jason being raised by Chiron. There were 50 argonauts which relates to the length of Chiron's orbit. The myth can be read [here](#).

It is said at the Chiron return the ideal is the soul moves into it's true purpose and a person can potentially do what they're here to do, this requires mastery of one's wound. Musk's has been well documented from his abusive father and being severely bullied as a child.

In recent interviews I've noticed a greater focus and presence than previously evidenced in the way he engages with the interviewer. The will seems to be stronger, which represents purpose. Does this represent a time when we will see Elon's Musk purpose, whatever that may be, more readily, which may have greater impact than electric cars and rockets? Possibly.

It's noted also that the Jupiter-Saturn conjunction of December 2021 fell on his Vesta in the 8th house. This conjunction heralds a shift in culture and wherever it fell in an individual's chart indicates what area and way their potential develops over the next 20 year cycle. A summary of Vesta can be read [here](#). Perhaps Musk will be devoting more time and energy to causes he believes in. It's noted he also has Mars conjunct the north node in Aquarius so he demonstrates and his destiny is to act on the Aquarian consciousness he is aligned with, supported by his Sun square to Uranus.

I don't agree with everything Elon Musk is about, but he is an enigmatic and intriguing character and I'm interested to see what else he does in the world going forward. He demonstrates a non-reactive disposition (generally) and seems to have an open mind and not attached to his ideas, a great role model for the world in that sense in today's climate.

Katherine O'Brien

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SOUTHERN LIGHTS CENTRE DIARY NOTES

Greetings to all readers. This has been a busy quarter with a lot of people coming and going. We (Orest, Peter and I) held a seminar on 27 March for four women, focussed on the soul, the ascendant in the natal chart and the ray profiles of the participants. Orest presented on his research on torsion waves.

One of our WWOOFers (Willing Workers on Organic Farms) has been coming and going to several of our events and giving cheerful and excellent service on the land, in the house and in painting our deck and stairs. She is on a spiritual path so it has been a joy to connect with her through the classes we run for WWOOFers.

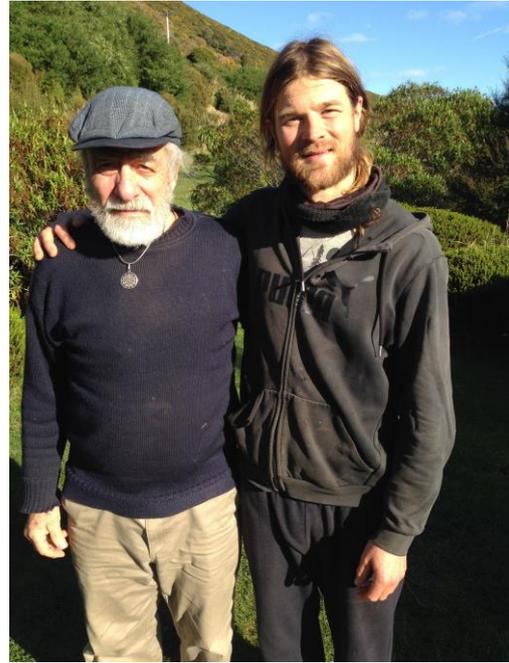


Orest's 76th birthday on May 6 was celebrated over dinner at the home of our friends in Timaru, en route home from our holiday south. We enjoyed walking beaches and watching sea-lions, browsing in second-hand bookshops in Dunedin and falling in love with a seascape in oils which we bought from the artist in her gallery at Owaka.

The Taurus (Wesak) Full Moon meditation retreat on May 15 was a lively occasion with Chris and two of his delightful female workmates attending. The next day, as six of us emerged from the Temple after meditating at the exact time of the Full Moon we were amazed to see a rainbow straddling our property, right in front of us, both ends on our land. It was a magical moment which we shared with our long-time Theosophical Society colleague and neighbour-across-the-harbour who was with us. She usually comes for a 4pm talk and meditation the day before each Full Moon.

On May 18 I participated in a 2025 Initiative on-line event in which a member of the Russian Goodwill group spoke about the history of Russia and the Russian character in terms of the seven ray model. I appreciated this opportunity to hear from a Russian. I felt that I gained a fuller perception of the Russian world-view.

On May 22 we were visited one of our friends from the Buddhist Sangha group. He presented Orest with a belated and sumptuous birthday cake which he had made. We spent the afternoon together in deep discussion on "cultivating the Way".



Orest, Peter, Chris and our neighbouring farmer Hugh have collaborated over the past months, planning to restore the boundary fence between our properties where it was swept away in the deluge of last December.

On my 79th birthday, on June 6th, they spent the day getting the job done. We are now awaiting re-imbursment from the Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust for the labour and materials. The evening before, Peter, Christine, Chris and our WWOOFer made a candle-lit dinner by the fire. The next night Orest and I enjoyed dinner down by the harbour.



Fortnightly I have been mentoring a young woman on ZOOM. She is on a spiritual path and is a nurse. Next year she will study a counselling course with a view to returning to work with the mental health issues of young people, an area of service which she feels is her calling.

The Gemini Full Moon meditation retreat was attended by three young people, two of whom had spent a period of time in an ashram, studying and experiencing the Hindu yoga teachings. This was a great opportunity to explore where our teachings overlap and to be challenged by their commitment to their path. We discussed Being and Doing among the many topics.

Orest and I have been reading profusely. Many of the books we bought on our holiday; others were purchased on the Internet. Every few weeks we meet with a friend who lives in Akaroa and exchange garden produce, lend each other spiritual books and engage in nourishing discussion. Among the books recently read are those by Dr. Tom Chalko, Stephen Earle's *Heaven's Wind* about Nakamura Tempu, Michael J. Roads' novel *Getting There* (wonderful for teaching about karma, past lives and the influence of a Master) and Robert Temple's new book on plasma research entitled *A New Science of Heaven*.

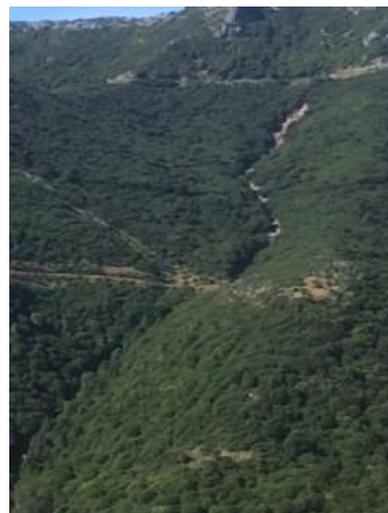
Early June saw the last of our greenhouse tomatoes yet in the garden and greenhouse we are still harvesting winter lettuce, beetroot, broccoli, celery, kale, silver beet, turnips and lemons. The swallows nesting behind our house have now departed. Many dinners are cooked on top of our log burner.



Visitors have come and gone, some for meals. We are privileged to live where silence, stillness and space enable a deepening of the inner life producing seeds of thoughts and experiences to share with others.

Summer blessings to all readers in the northern hemisphere and warm wishes for cosy winter reveries to those who, like us, are in the south..... until we meet again.

Julia Tarnawsky





WEDDINGS AT SOUTHERN LIGHTS CENTRE

Southern Lights Centre is a beautiful place for a wedding, especially as spring and summer approaches. The temple is available a wedding, Long Bay House for reception surrounded by beautiful views.

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Option 1) - an outside service - The backdrop of the Akaroa harbour and the temple would make a perfect place for an outdoor wedding.

Option 2) - a service in the temple - The temple is a sacred space and talks constantly of marriage.

It is the perfect place to conduct a small ceremony.

Option 3) - a reception in Long Bay House – this could be used to house a small reception of up to 25 people. All the facilities of the space could be utilized for this occasion.



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