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“Saturn is a traditional symbol of 'restriction and difficulty'. Recently, though, we have all seen gorgeous images of Titan, Saturn's moon. These seem to inspire awe rather than fear, respect rather than resentment. Maybe we will come to see Saturn differently in the light of those photographs. Maybe too, we will all eventually develop a wiser, wider understanding of life's problems.”

Astrologer, Jonathan Cainer's caption

From the Editor

Images seem to conjure up responses within us. The media appears to rely more on its images than ever before. How does this influence humanity? How does this affect our ability to discern?

I was wondering as I was pondering how interesting it seems that when I watch the news I process differently to when I hear the news. What I see is through the lens of a camera that I am not holding. It is said to be fact but how much is the picture influenced by the eye (“I”) through which it is taken?

We as humanity respond with more certainty to images. It provides us with proof and evidence, whereas ‘words without pictures’ encourages us to fill in the picture for ourselves. Either way the image can be distorted.

Let's not be cynical let's be curious. It is interesting to ask the question, are the thoughts and feelings provoked by images, which as previously suggested evoke more guaranteed absolute responses, fodder for whoever or whatever wants to tap into that emotional energy? Of course if one knows how, it is available to anyone.

As science probes outer planets for answers to creation we are privileged to witness images of Titan to which we can place our own caption, or we can wait until science does it for us!

In this issue Lorraine Davies has written a compelling article in which she explores emotional aftermath and legend. ENJOY!

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Observations on the Tsunami Disaster

by Lorraine Davies

We have all been affected to some extent by the recent events in S.E. Asia. Whether you were in the path of this mighty force of nature and survived to read this commentary; you may have lost loved ones; or simply donated money, goods or services to help with reconstruction; each one of us has been touched and changed forever in some way. Everywhere I go, I meet people who are reacting in a variety of ways, to different degrees:

- Some feel a deep and personal sense of loss
- Some are experiencing psychic fallout from the waves of grief, despair, anger, loss and bewilderment emanating from those directly affected
- Some are experiencing a crisis of faith – particularly those who adhere to the more traditional and orthodox religions. Where was God in this? Was this a punishment? Etc.
- Some are struggling to find order and meaning in a world seemingly gone crazy and lacking a clear direction forward
- Some are questioning their motivations and are opting for a total life change
- Others are pretending that nothing has changed and it is business as usual

As metaphysicians, we need to be careful not to fall into the traps that these options present. Most of all, we need to stalk ourselves and avoid the vibration of fear, which is all too prevalent in our world today. I will not presume to tell you how to go about avoiding the traps, just to bring them to your attention, according to my perception. As metaphysicians, we need to observe ALL of the trends but over-identify with none of them.

Just prior to 911, Patrick presented two concepts:

- **“Everything has changed but nothing has changed”** and
- **“Everything has changed and everything has changed”**.

For those of you familiar with Barbara Marciniak’s work with the Pleiadians, they speak of moments in history called **primary events**. These are occurrences that change forever the landscape of human consciousness and our path into the future. Examples of such recent events in history are:

- the invention of the first computer
- breaking free of the Earth’s atmosphere in space travel
- splitting the atom

What we know about them for sure is that we can never return to the way things were before the event occurred. After 911, it became evident for all of us that the scenario had already been revised to **“everything has changed and everything has changed”**. However, there were still people who insisted that everything had changed but nothing had changed – business as usual. I would like to suggest that the tsunami was just such a primary event and that a second event took place in direct association, with tangible connections.

The ending of a major Cosmic Cycle traditionally marks a time when all of sentient life must go through a final testing and assessment of their evolutionary progress. It is also a time when all karmic debts to others have to be balanced or forgiven. It is also a time when many old and repressed emotional states within our deeper selves have to be brought to the surface and resolved and transmuted in time for the “Changes”.
The New Earth
“Change & Challenge”

Primary Event 1

- A massive show of force from Mother Nature has left 100's of thousands of people dead, destitute and bereft; and the rest of the planet in a state of shock

Primary Event 2

- A new planet was identified at the outer edges of our solar system and she has been aptly named Sedna

This is the legend of the Inuit Goddess Sedna:

As the legend goes, Sedna was a beautiful Inuit girl who lived with her father. She was very vain and thought she was too beautiful to marry just anyone. Time and time again she turned down hunters who came to her camp wishing to marry her. Finally, one day her father said to her "Sedna, we have no food and we will go hungry soon. You need a husband to take care of you, so the next hunter who comes to ask your hand in marriage, you must marry him."

Sedna ignored her father and kept brushing her hair as she looked at her reflection in the water. Soon her father saw another hunter approaching their camp. The man was dressed elegantly in furs and appeared to be well-to-do even though his face was hidden. Sedna's father spoke to the man. "If you wish to seek a wife I have a beautiful daughter. She can cook and sew and I know she will make a good wife." Under great protest, Sedna was placed aboard one of the hunter's kayaks and journeyed to her new home.

Soon they arrived at an island. Sedna looked around. She could see nothing. No hut, no tent, just bare rocks and a cliff. The hunter stood before Sedna and as he pulled down his hood, he let out an evil laugh. Sedna's husband was not a man as she had thought but a raven in disguise. She screamed and tried to run, but the bird dragged her to a clearing on the cliff. Sedna's new home was a few tufts of animal hair and feathers strewn about on the hard, cold rock. The only food she had to eat was fish. Her husband, the raven, brought raw fish to her after a day of flying off in search of food.

Sedna was very unhappy and miserable. She cried and called her father's name. Through the howling arctic winds Sedna's father could hear his daughter's cries. He felt guilty for what he had done and he knew she was sad. Sedna's father decided it was time to rescue his daughter. He loaded up his kayak and paddled for days through the frigid arctic waters to Sedna's home. When he arrived, Sedna was standing on the shore. She hugged her father then quickly climbed into his kayak and he paddled away. After many hours of travelling, Sedna turned and saw a black speck far off into the distance. She felt the fear well up inside of her for she knew the speck was her angry husband flying in search of her.

The big black raven swooped down upon the kayak bobbing on the ocean. Sedna's father took his paddle and struck at the raven but missed as the bird continued to harass them. Finally the raven swooped down near the kayak and flapped his wing upon the ocean. A vicious storm began to brew. The calm Arctic Ocean soon became a raging torrent tossing the tiny kayak to and fro. Sedna's father became very frightened. He grabbed Sedna and threw her over the side of the kayak into the ocean. "Here, he screamed, here is your precious wife, please do not hurt me, take her."

"These times, like all times, is a very good one, if we but know what to do with it."

Ralph Waldo
Emerson

"Maybe, to understand why people die, we first have to understand why they live."

Jonathan Cainer

Sedna screamed and struggled as her body began go numb in the icy arctic waters. She swam to the kayak and reached up, her fingers grasping the side of the boat. Her father, terrified by the raging storm, thought only of himself as he grabbed the paddle and began to pound against Sedna's fingers. Sedna screamed for her father to stop but to no avail. Her frozen fingers cracked and fell into the ocean. Affected by her ghastly husband's powers, Sedna's fingers while sinking to the bottom, turned into seals. Sedna attempted again to swim and cling to her father's kayak. Again he grabbed the paddle and began beating at her hands. Again Sedna's hands, frozen by the arctic sea cracked off. The stumps began to drift to the bottom of the sea, this time they turned into whales and other large mammals. Sedna could fight no more and began to sink herself.

Sedna, tormented and raging with anger for what had happened to her, did not perish. She became, and still is today, the goddess of the sea. Sedna's companions are the seals and the whales that sit with her at the bottom on the ocean. Her anger and fury against man is what drums up the violent seas and storms. Hunters have a great respect for her. Legend has it that they must treat her with respect. Shamans from the world above must swim down to her and comb her long black tangled hair. This calms Sedna down. Once this is done, she releases her mammals to allow the Inuit to eat from the bounty of the sea. It is for this reason in the north that after a hunter catches a seal he drops water into the mouth of the mammal, a gesture to thank Sedna for her kindness in allowing him to feed his family.

The Kybalion states that, "chance is a word used for a Law not recognised and understood". So if these events have nothing to do with chance and if we begin from the premise that everything is interconnected and inter-dependent, what is the significance of these two events happening almost simultaneously on the time line and what impact can we expect to see and experience? Anyone who cannot see the synchronicity that a newly discovered planet is named after a goddess of the sea and within the same breath, a tsunami destroys the lives and property of thousands of people, has got to be fast asleep! More importantly, how will we respond and what are our preferences?

The sea is the symbol for consciousness. Astrologers claim that Sedna is directly linked to influencing the human race in its evolution towards emotional intelligence (at last). Could it be that the identification of this "new" planet and the immense display of the Earth's might is anything but two orchestrated and perfectly synchronised primary events?

Does the human race have what it takes to reverse the trends of history towards separation, isolation, fear and lack of caring for each other, in other words, emotional immaturity? Are these recent events going to be sufficient to drag us kicking and screaming from our path of mutually assured self-destruction onto a road of reconciliation, global co-operation and healing?

I have no doubt that I am not alone staring in dumb horror at the television screen as I watch 100's of thousands of my fellow human beings struggling with the very basics of life and living – food, water, shelter, meaning, fellowship and charity, loss and grief.

Every Cause has
its Effect; every
Effect has its
Cause; everything
happens according
to Law; Chance is
but a name for Law
not recognized;
there are many
planes of causation,
but nothing escapes
the Law."
The Kybalion

As for Sedna, Patrick has always said, “the Goddess is returning (though she never left)”. With the discovery of this new planet, she has presented yet another aspect of herself. What happened to our wishy-washy image of some fairy godmother full of light and love? Or the fecund, abundant and sensual aspect we experienced in the jungle of Peru? This new face of the Goddess is powerful, implacable and ruthless. Like the High Priestess, she operates from the “place of no pity”.

The other day, I watched in rapt amazement as I beheld a most unusual sight. There on the television screen were the armies of several countries (about 15, I believe) working in unison and collaboration to bring relief to the population of Aceh Province in Indonesia, in the form of food and supplies. Could it be that we can turn the destiny of this world around by putting our armies to work in construction instead of destruction? They say every cloud has a silver lining. For me, the most positive aspect of this massive tragedy has been the concerted efforts of these armies and non-government organisations who are working together to bring relief, as well as the overwhelming response to help from ordinary people like you and me. I had a little flight of fancy while I was watching the news unfold. If we were to pool the world’s armies and send them to flashpoint trouble spots anywhere in the world - not to fight - but to shelter, feed, medicate, construct and educate, we could have an amazing planet to live on and it would justify having all those expensive toys and paid soldiers in a useful and supportive role.

I know “if” is the biggest word in the dictionary but I felt that the tsunami may just be the first of many very large disasters we might see descend upon us and if this is the scale on which we have to respond, then sooner or later we are going to be so busy addressing these dire and immediate issues, we won’t have the time or the resources to fight senseless wars. It’s a scary thought that perhaps we need a big disaster to focus our efforts together to distract us from wars. But by observing history and my own slow and painful growth, it’s fairly evident that the human race only seems to change when its back is up against the wall and we are faced with immanent disaster or annihilation! Ouch! Do we always have to make it so hard on ourselves?

The cynics of the world may call me an “idealist” but I believe we need idealists. We keep the romance and a sense of adventure alive. Idealists work with dreams, visions and the imagination. Without us, we would not have the story of Peter Pan to delight us and life would be far too serious for clowns and balloons.

Patrick taught us that we can either “change the world” or “change worlds”. For the time being, I’m a bit fuzzy about “changing worlds” and I haven’t mastered inter-galactic flight yet, except in a meditative state, so I’m going to work on the first option and change my world – how? By visualising the world I prefer to live in and making choices every day that reinforce and perpetuate it. This world of mine includes armies that help people to build bridges instead of blowing them up. They are run by governments that dig deep into their pockets and cough up piles of money to care for sick and hungry people. It’s worth the effort I think. And if not, if it doesn’t work out, I’ll go for option two and change worlds, where things like that DO happen! See you there maybe.

Love, light and freedom.

“There is a theory which states that if ever anyone discovers exactly what the Universe is for and why it is here, it will instantly disappear and be replaced by something even more bizarrely inexplicable. There is another theory which states that this has already happened.”
Douglas Adams

Now for some humour ...

Personally I love the exchange between words and what they may conjure up inside. Humour is a great way to laugh at ourselves, our culture, the theories by which we may live, etc. Everyone has a theory by which they live. It may be culturally informed, religiously informed, socially informed or in the case of what has been made available to us all through metaphysics, accountably personal. Luckily having a sense of humour is something we can all have in common.

The Two-Cow Theory

A Christian – You have two cows. You are supposed to keep one and give one to your neighbour.

A Socialist – You have two cows. The government takes one and gives it to your neighbour.

A Conservative – You have two cows. Your neighbour has none. So what?

A Liberal – You have two cows. Your neighbour has none. You feel guilty for being successful. You vote people into office who tax your cows, forcing you to sell one to raise money to pay the tax. The people you voted for then take the tax money and buy a cow to give to your neighbour. You feel righteous.

A Communist – You have two cows. The government seizes both and provides you with the milk.

A Fascist – You have two cows. The government seizes both and sells you the milk.

Democracy Western Style – You have two cows. The government taxes you to the point where you have to sell both to support a man in a foreign country who has only one cow, which was a gift from your government.

Capitalism Western Style – You have two cows. You sell one buy a bull and create a herd of cows.

Bureaucracy Western Style – You have two cows. The government takes them both, shoots one, milks the other, pays you for the milk, then pours the milk down the drain.

An American Corporation – You have two cows. You sell one and force the other to produce the milk of four cows. You are surprised when the cow drops dead.

A French Corporation – You have two cows. You go on strike because you want three cows.

A Japanese Corporation – You have two cows. You redesign them so they are a tenth of the size of an ordinary cow and produce 20 times the milk.

"Sir," I said to the universe, "I exist!"

"That," said the universe, "creates no sense of obligation in me whatsoever."

Douglas Adams,
Hitchhikers' Guide
to the Galaxy.

A German Corporation – You have two cows. You re-engineer them so they live for 100 years, eat once a month and milk themselves.

An Italian Corporation – You have two cows but you don't know where they are. You break for lunch.

A Russian Corporation – You have two cows. You count them and learn you have five cows. You count them again and learn you have 42 cows. You count them again and learn you have 12 cows. You stop counting cows and open another bottle of vodka.

A Mexican Corporation – You think you have two cows but you don't know what a cow looks like. You take a nap.

A Swiss Corporation – You have 5000 cows, none of which belongs to you. You charge for storing them for others.

A Brazilian Corporation – You have two cows. You enter into a partnership with an American corporation. Soon you have 1000 cows and the American corporation declares bankruptcy.

An Indian Corporation – You have two cows. You worship them.

Commentary: Current Events

by Patrick Desplace

Patrick will be incommunicado from 2nd Feb to 10 Feb. The rumours have it he is taking Nina for a sinful week to Fiji!!!

He is also heading for South Africa early in March - South Africans Be Warned.

The weather is taking its toll worldwide and Australia is not being spared. Two large Ice slates have collided in Antarctica. The ultimate outcome beside desalination of the Oceans is unknown at this stage. We should all know the consequences of desalination on climatic changes!

The civil war in Iraq continues. It is interesting that out of the 1,000,000 + Iraqi expatriates world wide, less than 100,000 have registered to cast their vote in absentee! Only 10% of Iraqis are expected to vote in Iraq itself. The excuse is that they are afraid of being killed. This does not apply to those who are in the UK, the US or Australia!

Surely George Walker Bush is not so thick that he cannot see that an American style democracy is not wanted in the Middle East. G.W. Bush's inaugural speech was significant (I do not like the man but I admire him). Which country will be destroyed next? Iran? N. Korea? I know that the Chinese will honour their treaty with Korea. So we are looking at a nuclear conflict over the next couple of years. The US will try to trade Taiwan for N-Korea. However it will not work. I believe

"When we remember
that we are all mad,
the mysteries
disappear and life
stands explained."
Mark Twain

"The ultimate
measure of a man is
not where he stands
in moments of
comfort and
convenience but
where he stands at
times of challenge
and controversy."
Martin Luther King

that Korea has Nuclear devises and the means to deliver them to Seattle or N-California. China can nuke any city in the world!

The Muslim worldwide are meeting in Mecca at the moment. Do not underestimate the Power of Islam! A wave of hatred is spreading over the Western world right Now. The Childlikeness of the Americans and their gullibility and their ability to unite under the Flag, make them extremely powerful (Psychically!). Their technology is simply a tool of the synergy they are able to build. 2005 / 2006 will see conscription in the US. The inaugural speech is paving the way for this.

However Life goes on. It is up to us whether we will be in the timeline where a holocaust occurs. We do have a choice!

Love always
Patrick

Contact Us

My general aim for the newsletter is that it is eclectic in its style. Everyone's life is interesting in some way and everyone has a voice that needs to be heard. This is an open invitation for you to think and act on what, how and when you may have something to say that you are willing to put forward and perhaps have published in the newsletter. If you are uncertain of how to proceed with written material, guidelines will be made available upon request.

Please send correspondence and submissions to me, Jan Melanie, at the following email address: jan@accessit.net.au

On each run of the newsletter some come back to me because the mail box is full. In the main the server address is hotmail. If it is returned on the second attempt (several days later) I abort the mission! To be certain of receiving the newsletter please make sure your mail box has the space to receive between 250 – 300 KB. I aim to send the newsletter out on the 1st or as early as possible each month. So if you are not a frequent visitor, set your internal clock to check your mail box around the end of each month!

"This above all: to
thine own self be
true. It must follow
that you cannot
then be false to any
man."

Shakespeare