

Happy Holidays! We hope that you are spending them with loving family and friends.

The Winter Holiday season has always seemed magical to us, so that is why we chose the theme, *Winter Holiday Magic*. It seems as if most of us have experienced it, and our contributors wrote some great stories on the subject for this issue.

2018 has been a strange year for many of us, all over the world. Of course, the political situation in the US is particularly perplexing. Here's hope that we see our way through it without too much damage. I look to Aca'u's message for the 2018 Winter Solstice for my hope:

"A major restructuring will take place beginning in 2020. There will be tearing down and rebuilding, resulting in massive transformation. It's all part of the evolutionary process. This is a time to reveal, release, restructure. You can assist this unfoldment by turning inward for the guidance you need. Meditation is more important than ever because you'll be making major decisions about restructuring the world. Release any hatred you harbor and open your hearts. Human law will provide consequences for illegal behavior. Divine Law will provide perfect justice to restore balance."

Let us remember that Julian told us there is magic in the world now that can guide us through our challenges. Let us keep positive and work with the magic to manifest a world we want to give to our grandchildren.

Julian about Magic

You are in a period of tremendous change within yourself and within the world. Don't expect anything to be the same in the future for your world. It can't be; it can only be what it's going to be. Keep in mind the central thought: what is going to be is good.

There's a magic in the world right now at work. All the old magic formulas of transformation are functioning in the world today and nature is your teacher. Nature is teaching you right now and so you understand that while the world has lost some of its cohesiveness, it is only for a new form of cohesiveness to be built. Keep your thoughts positive, keep your actions positive and there is nothing that cannot come to you.

— Jan Clayton and Nancy Walton

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Astrology

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We begin the new year of 2019 with a solar eclipse on January 5th in the sign of Capricorn followed by a lunar eclipse on January 20th in the sign of Leo. Solar and lunar eclipses occur every year. They can bring changes in the world and in our lives. They are referred to as super moons and shed much light on planet earth as well as our own lives.

Capricorn's solar eclipse will bring into focus government issues that are related to unresolved or unfinished issues from the past. This solar eclipse has the planets Saturn and Pluto making a conjunction with a 5 degree orb. This is a powerful laser-like aspect in the areas of life it rules (specified by the house it aspects in your chart), making this a super charged time.

In January, Mercury is in Capricorn giving us the ability to focus on the appropriate issues this eclipse will bring to the surface. Mercury rules the mind and intellect, the ability to give attention to detail, and the ability to speak with diplomacy and common sense.

Jupiter, the planet of expansion and opportunity, inclines us to humanitarian pursuits. It rules travel, foreign countries, and it is the social glue that brings things together a positive way. It will be in Sagittarius, in its first house position, all of 2019. Jupiter will ask us to examine what we truly believe in, with an emphasis on the need to support global humanitarian efforts. The planet, Pluto and Saturn are in Capricorn all of 2019. Pluto is transformation. Saturn gives a practical down-to-earth viewpoint where the world is concerned. The test of Saturn in this sign is the proper use of power. These two planets together in Capricorn gives persistence and tenacity.

In January and February, the planet Mars is in Aries, its own sign. This can give us the motivation to achieve objectives in the areas of our lives that are most important. It acts positively from within to create outward action.

We end 2018 with Uranus regressing back into Aries. In March 2019, Uranus goes into Taurus for its sevenyear cycle. At that point, all the things that Taurus rules will come into prominence. Taurus is the money sign of the Zodiac, as well as the sign of values. Uranus will ask us to focus on what is important in our lives. What do we value? And, if our value system is out of balance, we will have the opportunity to make adjustments. During March, we can use the energy of Mars in Taurus to facilitate whatever changes maybe appropriate.

March 6th has a new moon in Pisces which brings us sensitivity and psychic awareness. It enhances the need for compassion and understanding with ourselves and our fellow man. May we use this energy wisely and well.

Love and light, Eleanor.

By Jan Clayton Los Altos Hills, CA



I was five years old — that critical time when your parents try hard to keep the magic of Christmas and Santa Claus alive for you. I was still a believer, sort of. You see, I had my doubts. There were just too many coincidences, like the wrapping paper that Santa used was just like the paper my parents had in the closet. Does Santa shop at the same store?

Ring of Light

My father, an airline pilot, managed to get the entire month of December off that year, and he rented a cabin in Mammoth, California for a dreamed-about ski vacation. Mammoth is a huge ski resort on the east side of the Sierra Nevada on an inactive, 11,000-foot volcano.

The cabin had two bedrooms and a great room with a beautiful stone fireplace that I can still see in my mind's eye. The owners had put in a lovely Christmas tree for us. It was huge — well, my 5-year-old self thought so.

I don't remember much about that trip other than ski school, where we got delicious hot chocolate when we caught the instructor while playing *the Fox and the Hound* on the bunny slope. Oh, and then I also vividly remember Christmas Eve.

We had returned from skiing late in the afternoon and had dinner. Dad lit a fire and I got to open two presents. How exciting it all was. (Don't ask, I don't have any idea what the presents were.) And then my parents put me to bed, but not before we carefully laid out the milk and cookies for Santa.

I slept for quite a while. I was a good sleeper, so my parents told me. I rarely woke up in the middle of the night. But this night, I woke up because I heard rustling in great room. Someone was doing something with paper. I wondered who could be there. Maybe I would finally catch Santa!

So, I came up with a daring plan. I would very stealthily sneak out of bed and tip-toe down the hallway to see if Santa was there. It would have worked great, if I had remembered that my dad had put a just-opened, little table next to the bed that my aunt had given him for Christmas. I started to slip out of bed (lights off and no night light). I bumped into the little table and it made a noise. That little bump was all it took. The rustling stopped and then I heard a rather loud "whoop," sort of like a deep whistle.

I quickly ran into the great room to catch Santa in the act, but alas, he had escaped up the chimney! However, clearly he had been there, because the cookies had been eaten and the milk was almost gone. And, oh my god, all the stockings were filled and there were four new, big presents next to the fireplace!

I was beside myself, so I ran into my parents bedroom, screaming, "Santa was here. I almost caught him!"

My parents didn't really appreciate being woken up, but they were rather amused, as you can imagine. My dad humored me and walked out into the great room with me to admire Santa's handy work — totally playing along.

But this isn't where the story ends. The next day, we noticed that outside there were new tracks in the snow next to the cabin that looked just like sleigh tracks. What's more, there were indents in the snow on top of the cabin's roof that looked like hoofed animals had been prancing up there.

You see, proof! Santa's sleigh and reindeer had visited the night before.

My dad and I talked for years about that night. He tried to come up with scientific explanations for the whoop noise, and how the sleigh and reindeer tracks appeared. But, they were pretty lame explanations, in my opinion — you know, things about snow dropping from the trees and water dripping from the roof.

So, to this day I still believe in Santa Claus. I am sure that Santa visited that night, at least in etheric form, so that a little girl would believe in the magic of Christmas and the winter season for a while longer.

Winter Holiday Magic by Barbara Garro

Saratoga Springs, New York

For so many, and myself included this year, holiday time deaths can drag down the holidays to an unhealthy low point. Some just want to go and hide from the bright lights, cheery holiday music, and stores looking like Santa's Workshop. Others put on their somber deportment and plow through the holidays the way one would inch by inch their vehicles through a surprise blizzard. Still more just busy themselves minute by minute until January 2nd when they can take themselves by the hand through the feelings they are feeling without their loved one(s).

When my oldest daughter, Victoria Lynne Stephano, age 53, died from complications caused by 31 years of active and unrelenting diabetes, I chose first to remember my mother's philosophy, "Remember the good things." Doing that first put a welcome delay between her death on October 21, 2018, until I could cope with the raw devastation early in December. I had had more than a month to learn what I was missing as the telephone line she called on frequently, if not daily, stayed stubbornly silent. We had a history of over half a century that we visited often with her remembering many things more clearly than I did with the crazy busy life I had raising my girls at 5 and 7 as a single mom with no child support or college education.

Messages from Victoria in heaven came — the first one after Mary prayed a Roman Catholic Plenary Indulgence at Mass for Victoria removing all of her sins of a lifetime. Walking home from church, I heard Victoria's voice: "Mom, you have such great friends. I am in heaven with Grandmom, Grandpop, Aunt Mary Ann, Lorette...." Next day walking home from church: "Mom it is so wonderful here, peaceful and beautiful. Wait until you come!" Two days later, I got a most comforting message: "Mom, Jesus said I can always be with you as long as you live." While that message brought me immense comfort, the next day brought a sad message : "Mom, Sis is really taking this hard." The last message was the biggest surprise of all and came in the mail. A friendship book with a message from my best friend and a letter from Victoria. My best friend knew Victoria most of her life and we visited as often as possible, sometimes spent holidays together. I called her as soon as I opened the package: "Victoria got me up at 3 a.m. and told me I had to write you a letter and mail it to you. As soon as I got the lights on, the paper and pen out, she dictated the letter." The letter was just a note paper page and at the end it said, "I love you, Mom. Be happy!"

Remembering holidays with Victoria, I remember the Halloween as a pre-teen she had no one to Trick or Treat with her and she asked me to go out with her. Short notice, I dressed as Darth Vader and out we went. Who knows why? People, door after door, kept asking me who I was. Short at 5' 2", I didn't realize I was way taller than most Trick or Treaters.

Thanksgiving was Victoria's favorite holiday as she lived her hard-scrabble life also raising her children as a single mom, forever in gratitude to those who helped make her burdens lighter. Thanksgiving led me to my decision to create a Memorial Book for Victoria. For the project, I first gathered the lifetime of letters she wrote me into the best chronological order with some of them undated, copied them and sent copies to my youngest daughter. Reading those letters brought her back to me in all the various ages of her life and comforted me to know how she often spoke of her love and gratitude for me as her mom. Then, I gathered all the holiday cards I had saved over all the years, including drawings and home-made cards from her early childhood. Would you believe, not one Thanksgiving card, even though she sent cards for other holidays from my dog, Merlin the Magician. I had saved 54 cards, a number I found strange being one more than she had lived. Then, I thought, a gift from God that He gave me a last Christmas card from her for this year of 2018. I am displaying this card along with other cards I receive this year.

For the Memorial Book, I asked her and my friends and family to write memorial commentary for the book. This became an enlightening and amazing comfort to me to read how others saw Victoria, thought about her, admired her courage, bravery, unconditional love with some seeing her as an angel here. What balm to read them over and over. With the commentary came pictures I did not have in my collection, what a bonus! I am so glad I jumped right into the Memorial Book project quickly. The Memorial Book brought so much positivity into my mourning process, because the whole Memory Book spoke of Victoria's life. And, I decided to leave it that way, choosing not to include the dozens of sympathy cards and Mass cards I received. Instead, I shipped them, as well, off to her surviving sister. Good decision as she was happy to receive them.

With the Memorial Book completed, my mourning process seemed naked of any protection. So my thoughts moved to life without Victoria. All the things all over the house that created Mom's Stash that regularly got mailed to Victoria, with some for Christmas this year, got donated to the Senior Center. All over the house are the unique, thoughtful, perfect for me, presents she gave me and photographs of her at various states of her life. Then came the stark reality that I had no more PRES-ENT or FUTURE with Victoria, only the past remained. And that past must suffice for now.

Certainly, the mourning continues, but with Victoria's, so far, last message to me, "Be happy!" which I intend to be obedient to.





Holiday Homework by Jeanne Livingston and John Svirsky

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Our souls came here for a purpose. Before we came to planet and accepted this identity as us, we were something more. We lived eternally in no place or time, and just were. There was just life, and we were part of the All in All.

So, what happened? We began to believe that our manifestations were real, rather than illusion. The world is just a mirror of what we have come here to grow from, and our present thoughts will determine our next lessons.

So, as we enter the new year of 2019, one can predict there will be much turbulence, continual challenges to the status quo and accelerated breaking down of former traditions. The end of the Piscean Ave having featured water power will give way to the Aquarian Age of Air Power and machines. Financial markets will shift extremely realigning collective past values, and it is a great opportunity to look at our own individual lives to grasp where we were and where we wish to go next in body, mind and spirit.

The universe, or more accurately the Guardians, who are teachers of this plane, are leading each of us to see that we are creators of our respective worlds. In some cases, they are forcing the more stubborn to wake-up. They are encouraging each soul on the planet to accept that their world is exactly as they have thought it to be. With the gift of free will, each soul has chosen whether consciously or unconsciously to accept or reject the people, places, and opportunities for good or ill in their personal lives. In this period of time each of us needs to take responsibility for our own thoughts and actions. We forgive, release, and let go of the past by living consciously in the now with love and forgiveness. By changing our reactions we change our lives going forward.

What can be helpful is to do an honest inventory of our lives exactly as they are right now. Just write down you evaluation of each area with no judgment. Here are some suggested categories you might look at:

— Spiritual

- Meditation
- Service
- Helping others
- Practicing the presence of a Higher Power in your everyday life
- Are you living from the God Presence or thinking what the God Presence would have me do? (We have found that thinking separates us from the creative energy; feeling and allowing that energy to impress upon our consciousness aligns us with the Divine.)
- Material
- What you eat and when
- How you dress and groom
- Where you live
- How you use money (energy}
- How you feel about food, clothing, and shelter
- How have you used the energy (money) that you have been given up to date?
- Look at your living quarters
 - Is it beautiful?
 - Is it neat or messy?
 - Do you enjoy living in it?
 - Do others enjoy being there?
 - Do you use it to prove your self-worth or
 - validate your lack of self-esteem?
 - Does it reflect you now, or you of the past, or someone else's idea of you?
- Do you have prudent reserves (3 months or more)?

— Health

- Do you listen to your inner body?
- Do you exercise regularly
- Do you know your blood type, weight?
- Do you have health care practitioners?
- Do you take appropriate supplements?
- Be mindful, be conscious, be aware
- Release judgment
- Open your consciousness to sincere heartfelt gratitude, not just platitudes

- Emotional

• How do you feel, generally?

- Do you have self-worth or a lack of self-esteem?
- Do you run on autopilot from early childhood programming, because it is familiar even if destructive?
- Are you willing to change and grow?
- Do you use your gifts and talents, or do you make excuses to yourself?
- Can you hear the Higher Power communicating on a regular basis?
- Are you willing to use your gifts, talents, and abilities to help others?

What we have discovered is that to move forward in this life it is good to see where you have come from. So, we suggest that you invest in some quiet time and ask yourself about what you have experienced in 2018.

- What have you learned?
- What were the lessons that repeated themselves?
- What were the common themes running through your life in 2018?
- What are you willing to let go of (thoughts, ideas, habitual patterns and unconscious behaviors), knowing that they have served you and that it is time to release them back to the source with gratitude and thanks.
- What do you wish you had done, but did not focus your attention on?

It is good to see where you have come from and to be conscious of what you want to happen next in your life as you work on your inventory, because life is only in the now — the ever-present now. If you remain asleep as to how you have landed where you are at this point in time, you will either blame everything or everyone else or just keep getting what you have always gotten. Julian advocated being "happy, joyous and free." It is all a state of mind (the first law of the Kyballion).

When we look back, our first reaction is that the year went by so fast everything that it is just a blur. True, but that is also a defense to avoid peeling away the layers of the self-evaluation onion. We have found it is worth the time and energy to go through the rationale, to go through our resistance, and feel and experience just what lies beyond the resistance.

After doing a thorough and honest review of where we are now, in meditation and in prayer we bless all that has happened (regardless of how our consciousness has judged it), and thank each experience as our teacher. Each experience has helped us in soul growth, and we ask for Divine help in integrating the lessons learned and allowing us to benefit from the wisdom learned and experienced in moving forward in our lives. Once we feel that we have honestly and openly reviewed our past, and asked for inspiration and guidance to apply the lessons taught and learned, we can then go forward to the next step.

What would we dream or imagine doing during 2019? This is so much more than just a material to do or wish list. Freed from the bondage of the past, for we have reviewed, learned, and gave it back to the source. We are like the Divine Source, in whose image and likeness we were created. It gives us the power to go beyond the material plane and allow our guides to inspire us.

We look forward to living that which we have yet to imagine — living an enlightened ("in light") life — and in so doing, may we all grow.

Then, with gratitude and thanks we can best serve ourselves in 2019 and bless all our unseen helpers as we go forth to a very happy New Year.

Love, light, and laughter and the good health to enjoy it.

I went to Massachusetts

by Regan Friend Margate, Florida

I went to Massachusetts and lived on the sunset near Dickinson's grave ...

On the adjoining baby mountain, I found seven four-leafed clovers,

And a massive ... Ring of Light ... that fell prone and smothered me in seeing ...

Inner Silence is not sound ... (as that Master said.)

A Season of Runes by David and Shesta Ross San Jose, CA

This article is the third installment of a new standard feature in the Ring of Light, called <u>A Season of Runes</u>. David and Shesta Ross plan to present a Universal Rune reading for each upcoming season, and in the process will discuss the Universal Runes that Julian presented in 1984. Feedback is appreciated.

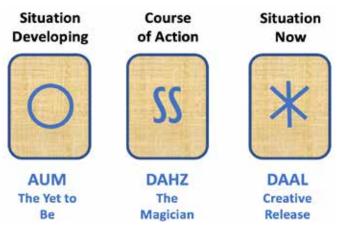
The Universal Runes were first presented by Julian in a workshop in 1984, which Julian explained was the first year the impersonal energies of the Piscean Age had fully fallen away. These Universal Runes bridge the Piscean and Aquarian ages, combining the square and straight line energies of the Piscean Age with the circle and curved line energies of the New Age.

The Universal Runes represent and embody universal energies, which by the Law of Correspondence are also energies within each of us. Thus, to explore the Universal Runes is to explore something of the universe of possibilities that exist within each of us as individuals, and the power that comes from connecting these to the Universe itself. They are expansive and somewhat mindblowing. These Runes each have individual as well as universal meanings, and indeed the two are inextricably linked. The Universe is, we are, and we are one.

There are 25 Universal Runes. Initially, Julian identified five Key Runes (DAUL, BEL, HOEM, LHLA, and AUM). However, in a later, unpublished version of the Universal Rune Book, two more runes are identified as Key Runes for a total of seven. Julian notes that these Key Runes "represent evolution and the process of manifestation in action." They are shown below.

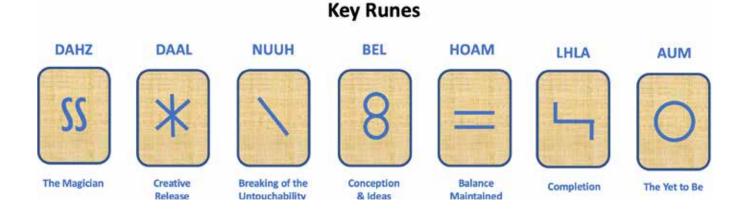
The Key Runes are the same when reversed and, therefore, have no reverse meaning associated with them. Julian goes on to comment: "It must be understood that wherever the Key Runes fall, there is an additional energy — an additional thrust, vibration and rhythm brought to the question at hand. Wherever a Key Rune falls, there falls the power of evolution and change. They are very powerful. They are energies that can help man make the necessary steps to his own goals and to his universe's evolution."

Reading: "From a Universal perspective, what is the energy of Winter 2018?"



This Universal Rune reading for Winter 2018 is especially significant, because all three Universal Runes are Key Runes.

As always, runes are read from right to left. The first Universal Rune in the spread is DAAL (Creative Release). It represents the beginning of winter, or the Winter Solstice and its aftermath. This year the Winter Solstice falls on December 21st at 2:23 PST at the full moon, which



should underscore and multiply the energy of DAAL. The description of DAAL (and the other runes) can be found in the box on the right.

The second rune is DAHZ (the Magician, Transformation). It represents the course of action called for this winter.

The third rune is AUM (The Yet to Be). It represents the situation developing this winter.

Remember that the Key Runes represent powerful energy forces that initiate the cycle of change in man. The three Key Runes in this reading tell us to surrender to change on a grand scale.

To do this, DAAL portends new beginnings that come through creative release, while DAHZ acts through the movement of transformation that creates altered energies, and AUM asks us to trust the unknown future.

DAAL, DAHZ, and AUM also form the backdrop for our individual and personal creative endeavors as they call upon us to participate in our own way, in the powerful drama of creating a new age.

Remember that Universal Runes are expansive by nature. In the winter, this expansive energy takes an inward turn.

As winter unfolds, we invite you to:

- Expect a flood of new ideas and remain open to them.
- Accept deep within the invisible manifestations from the void that will be taking form.
- Trust that these ideas will flow outward in their right and perfect timing.

All the Universal Rune descriptions (found to the right) are taken directly from the Universal Runes book and subsequent unpublished notes assigned to June Burke and Miriam Chandler.

David and Shesta Ross will offer Universal Runes Classes on the 4th Saturday of the month, online using Zoom, at 11am PST beginning January 26 for 4 months, \$50. In this introductory class we will get to know the Universal Runes, practice using them, and explore various spreads. A rune set is also available if you want one for \$35. Contact Shesta at shestaross@naturalbridgeslandscaping.com, (408) 206-2606 to register or for more information.

DAAL (Aal): Creative Release



The symbol itself is that of a starburst. It is a letting out of energy. From one vortex many points proceeding outward. It is a rune of creative release.

Universally: This Rune represents the universal movement of creative

thought and action through time. The universal forces have begun to create from divine understanding, and it will manifest at its perfect point in time.

Individually: The creative energies are activated, or elevated, permitting a new expression of the self. The Key Rune, AAL, is a positive expression wherever it appears. It moves to release new energies and new concepts.

DAHZ (Ahz): The Magician; Transformation



The very glyph of this rune is movement in form. The form is invisible as the void is invisible. The shape and form of this rune suggest spermatozoon, but, in reality, it is the movement within the force itself, so it is the first movement toward being other than non-being.

Universally: This is the rune of the power of changing elements. It represents, universally, the transformation powers. DAH is the force behind altered energies that bring forth, through a series of transformations, materialization.

Individually: Where DAHZ appears, the ability to use the inner energies, which are not quite visible, to achieve outer realization and manifestation occurs.

Wherever DAHZ is shown, something old is giving way toward something new.

AUM (OhUm): The Yet to Be



The Universal Rune AUM represents the yet to be. This circle represents the energies yet unfolding, the movement in the void. This key Rune indicates changes that are in movement only in the ether and not yet to be seen. Divine power rules and time will reveal its plan.

21st Gathering of Light "Web of Light!"

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Saul's Corner The History of the Universe (Workshop #201)

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Chapter VIII: EGYPTIAN INITIATIONS (Part 2)

At the age of eleven, they were sent back into their homes to live for one year. They had not been there since the age of seven. They had learned, things that many of the elders in the house did not understand. Now they had to go back and cope with the real world. Isn't this the way you feel when you come out of a meditative high, or a prayer high? Suddenly you step out into the world and say, "My heavens, it was so beautiful where I was. Here it's everybody with a gun in their hand, the prices are high and the whole world is coming apart." It is a reality in the world of appearance, but the High Place is within you. That is what they had to learn, that they could still go to that High Place, that silence within them, and conquer all things.

Everyone of you can go to the High Place, let it flow through you and free you. Let it free you from your egos, which want to rule. It is like the thirty-second anger. These children were placed in a position of having to face everything they thought they understood before they went into the temple and now really understood and had to cope with it. They had to know that they could not very well get angry with their mother when she told them to do something, because they had learned a sense of discipline. They were placed in the position of trying to deal with a culture with a level of understanding which was beyond the culture.

The average Egyptian was not of the temple. It does not mean that they were not of God, but they were not of the temple and did not understand that sort of thing. They were hard-working. They worked all day, had their meal at night, and that is about all they had time for. They might say a prayer, which many did, of course, but they had not been trained in disciplines as the children had been.

In your world now, in this New Age of awakening God within you, many of you have meditative times, prayer times, times of re-establishing the God within; and then what do you have to do? You have to go out into the world that is functioning under cultural edicts and governmental rules. That is the same sort of thing as this step in the initiation. How you cope with a functioning culture when the inner self is functioning on an inner level is an initiation, learning that you create your atmosphere (which is the next step the children had to learn).

Those who went home in their eleventh year did not always come back. They determined that they preferred to stay in the outside world. Others would say, yes, they wanted to go on with further word and would come back again.

Realizing that the children were able to cope, they now began to guide them into the realization that they manifest their world. The children would be taken into many situations, some of them emotional, some of them intellectual. They would be put in a position of deciding, by their free will, how they would handle it, because free will can never be taken away.

Some of you would say, "How can you have free will if you are in prison?" It is not the imprisonment that has taken away the free will; it was the decision of whatever imprisoned them. They decided to take an act; the act lead to repercussions, because your act must have a reaction to you. Cultural edicts determined how that act would be handled, what would come of it.

You break up a relationship. Why? Well, he or she wouldn't do what I wanted. That broke up the relationship, not because you were not a nice person, or the other person was not nice. It was the ability to think and act upon your thoughts with rationale.

That's what these children were learning. At the age of twelve, they were coping. They were learning that they would manifest the atmosphere they lived in. The teachers would watch the energies and deliberately house together those who had friction points in energy with each other. They could either all be miserable by letting all the friction out, or they could try domination by one being stronger than the other, or they could determine that they were very weak and rule by that. Weakness is just as strong a weapon in domination as the fist. Someone who is very weak can be very domineering in a family, just as much as the one who pounds the fist and says my way.

These children had to go through this until they finally came to the conclusion that it probably made some

sense to have a conference, to sit down in silence and feel it together, intellectualize it, verbalize it and come to some sort of a solution. No one would give them the solution, they had to find it themselves.

At the age of twelve they were learning a great deal. Imagine, this was just to see if they could get into the temple. These experiences they were having were to bring themselves into a concept of self, of the God within them, of the ability to think in that Higher Plane and, therefore, control their atmosphere and the things that were happening in their lives. Once that had been taken care of (these poor children went through a great deal), they had reached the age of thirteen.

The age of thirteen was spent in a follow-through of that modification. They were put into relationships with others. They would, literally, form a court, a body that would decide on the infractions of others, not only children, but adults as well. The things that happen are amazing. People look at someone and, if they are the build or the coloring of someone they knew who in some way frightened or intimidated them, they will already judge that person. If they see — someone who has been extremely precious to them, they would judge by that feeling, not realizing that what they were feeling was for the other person earlier in the life, not the person whom they were judging or looking at at that point. They had gone through twelve years of personalizing; now they began to depersonalize. They learned to step back from the situation, not to personalize it and make a decision based on the facts.

It is no different today in your world. How many times have you said, "That one is just like Uncle George, and you know what he was like!" Poor Uncle George, no one really knows, but everyone is supposed to know. There is always the frame of reference to something you already know. Every new concept is built in some way upon that which you already know.

They had to learn that they valued what they knew, but they had to depersonalize and really look at what they knew. Once they depersonalized, they would be able to say, "That man looks like Uncle George, but he is not Uncle George, so we have to judge this man on his acts and his attitudes." This is what every man goes through in the world in which you dwell. "You know what they're like!" Just like Uncle George. But the thing is that you too must learn to depersonalize, to not see everything as directed to yourself.

There are those who choose to suffer, to be constantly concerned about where they are. "0h, I don't know if I'm growing. I don't know." That is ego; they are so wrapped up in themselves that they cannot depersonalize and see whether they are growing. They are only wrapped up in the emotion of it. They have to say, "Wait a minute, back up, look at it. I was there that day and I am here today. It must be a step forward some way. I didn't get mad this week the way I got mad last week; that must mean something." Depersonalize and look at it and you can handle it, no matter how bad or how good it is. Notice I include "how good" it is. Some things get so good that you do not want to get away from them. You stay there forever and do not do another thing.

The children had to learn that you build on the past that is a part of you, but you also give yourself clear vision by depersonalizing and then moving forward. That was the only way they could move forward. That was the only way they would look fairly at any incident that was presented to them. them.

After a year of that kind of harassment, so to speak, they moved into the year in which they were now permitted what was called the menial tasks in the temple. They learned to do such things as polish the ornaments, polish the gemstones, this sort of thing, always in silence. The reason for silence was that they could not be permitted to take away the energy of the stone they were supposed to be feeling. That stone is a part of the universe and they are part of the universe. Therefore, they are part of the stone, so to speak. They had to learn to work with those energies in silence.

They have become men and women and are truly adults in that culture. Now comes the looming of sex. They were human beings, were they not? There was an awakening in them that said they were sensual and sexual beings, and they had to learn to use their discipline to remain away from the physical act of sex. Their love would be very strong for each other on a spiritual basis, but they would refrain from the sexual act because they were going to become a part of the temple. This did not mean that they could not marry once they became a part of the temple, once they had reached their full understanding, but at this point it was frowned upon. At this stage of the pre-initiation period, many of them would choose to leave, the call of the senses being stronger than the call to temple service, and that was alright. That was a free will decision certainly not made without some thought, and that was their divine right.

When the children reached the age where they finally made a decision whether or not they wished to stay with it, they were moving into their fifteenth year. This, then, becomes the year of the final decision. They now have a programmed day that starts with dawn and meditation.

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They are then permitted to have their repast, their meal. They will then enter a study of some form dealing with the higher forces of themselves. They will enter into games, many of them battles of the wits, without a work spoken, but always with the recognition that this was only to realize what was in them. It was not a competition, because, at this stage, they are one; they are love.

In the first half of that fifteenth year, there enters into their being manifestation. They were taught to choose a particular object or event that they wished to see transpire. They were then given a tremendously long introspection period to work out how valuable it was to them, whether it was detrimental to anyone else, whether it was something to benefit themselves and mankind. They were not permitted to decide willy-nilly to bring into being something that they could not understand.

The next phase was to begin to tap the source energy of any one thing. As you probably have been told many times by many people, everything that ever was or ever will be is already in existence in its raw form. In that universal consciousness, there rests the point of comprehension of any thing. They had to think about what it was they were going to manifest and go back to the raw form of it and begin, by their mental direction, to focus that energy into a comprehension. As they worked on the comprehension focus, they began to act as if it were already so. In other words, if a blue crystal ball was what one wanted, one woke up with a sense of having to polish the blue crystal ball daily. One began to attract blue to one's self by wearing something blue. They were permitted now to have color with which to work. As they began to think, "God has already provided this thing for me; I have but to shape and form it to the acceptance of my time," it began to happen. They began to be able to feel the blue crystal ball even though they could not see it yet. And then, gradually, they could see a film in the hand that was round, which then began to take a color, until, eventually, they were holding in their hand a blue crystal ball.

What do you think brought it? Faith, and faith alone. God has provided me with everything I will need. If I have honestly decided that a blue crystal ball is what I need, that it will not hurt anyone, that it will bring me joy and that I will share that joy with others, I will touch the point of that crystal ball, shape and form it in my mind, knowing that God has already provided it, and it will come to be.

In your point and time, the same things happen. It might happen in a different way, but it is just as much

a manifestation. You may dream and talk about that blue crystal ball; you may go to the point with in and say, "I really need a blue crystal ball, please, God." Your neighbor knocks on the door and says, "You know, I'm cleaning out my closet, and I don't know what to do with this thing." It is a blue crystal ball. It is a manifestation through God's own deliverance, but through your faith that it would be. If you have faith, even as the grain of mustard seed, you will become. Some of you have started things. You have started businesses, families. You love, you believe and it manifests. The faith that it is right, that it is helpful, that it will not hurt anyone manifests it for you.

When you are manifesting, there are times when you ask, how am I manifesting it? Am I manifesting it in a sense of coveting it? Am I holding it so close because I do not want anyone else to have it, or am I opening it up to share with others? Is there a greed in this, or is it simply a desire to have the gift to give away that I may have a better gift, not with a string attached, but in love?

Some people will say, "I don't have anything to give," and, all the while, they are stopping in daily to buy their neighbor's groceries because she is laid up, running the children to fifteen different activities and on the phone for someone else four hours a day; and they say they have nothing to give. They have given love all along the way, and it is going to come back.

When you are manifesting something, ask yourself how and why you are manifesting it. If you manifest in joy, it is going to manifest in joy. In other words, be happy about the fact that you are trying to manifest it, but be willing to see that it can come to you in some other form than forming in your hand. If you want a bicycle and you see a beautiful red bicycle in the store but cannot afford it, you have some choices to make. Find a way to get some money to afford it — legally. If you are supposed to get that bicycle in the store, you will be able to open the doors that will give you the job for the length of time you need it in order to have the money to buy the bicycle.

It is a manifestation. Or — here comes the neighbor again — "My children have out-grown this, and I don't know what to do with it. Can you use a bicycle?" And be willing to accept the fact that it might not be red; it might be blue. Have faith and love, and trust, and you will have it.

That is what these children were learning. They were growing up with an integral understanding that they were a part of God and the whole universe; and, because they were good, so shall their universe be good. They were learning to manufacture their world.

They were now sent out with a trained priest of the temple, and the rest of the year was spent in travel. They would come across all kinds of situations along the way and would deal with them with as much ability and comprehension as they could. They had with them someone who was a great authority, who would step back and say, "You know how." Again, they were being tested in the real world. If they chose to become an initiate of the temple at this point, they were accepted. From the ages of seven to fifteen, they had worked on becoming aware, becoming able to cope, learning what their real feelings were about something, when they had to de-personalize and when they had to personalize, and now, finally, they were told they were low man on the totem pole and could begin. That, in itself, took the use of all their powers. It has to be like completing a whole course in something, going to get a job and being told, "That's alright, I know you have seven degrees, but you have to start by counting the screws in the stock room." This was the position they were in at that point because now, instead of being the fifteen-year-old who had come so far away from the seven-year-old, they were back to being the low man on the totem pole.

Before they entered the temple, they were permitted a reprieve to go back into their homes once again. By this time, they were in control. They were recognized by the culture as having completed their unfoldment stage and ready to be accepted in the temple, so now they were shown a great deal of respect. They were no longer children; they were men and women accepted to become the priests and priestesses of the temple.

Now they went through a lot of book-learning. (I should say papyrus scrolls, because books did not exist as you know them in that time.) They would begin to study and, of course, in as much as they were part of the temple, learn a comprehension of the deities and begin to understand them. They would begin to understand the "pecking order" of the deities, because they believed there was a pecking order. At that time, they were still working with man's comprehension of deities and had to learn the proper pecking order and the proper steps toward recognition.

They also had to learn the energies of the inner temple because now they were permitted into the full temple. They were permitted to go anywhere in that temple and there were many levels of work. They would be apprenticed to those works now. The child. who had polished the gemstones and the filigree in gold was suddenly back doing the same thing. Now they were studying not only the polishing, but the construction of, the reason for, the pairing off of energies and the paralleling of energies. At the age of sixteen, the child was permitted to go home, and at seventeen, they became a temple dweller. Until they became the priest or the priestess, they would not be outside those grounds again.

How soon they became a priest or priestess varied. It dealt with the ability to cope with the assignments; to cope with the teachings and the various initiations along the way. A strange phenomena occurred. The adult mind, as it studied and became more intellectual, began, very often, to have a feud between the intellect of self and the spirit force and emotion of self. Within themselves, at times, they would find petty anxieties, angers and jealousies looming that they thought they had gotten rid of so very well during the early years of training. In many cases, it was back to stage one.

Of course, they had to meditate on a very steady basis, both morning and evening. In the early stages of the acolyte (we're talking about the adult now), there were days on end with nothing but fruit and water. All training would be in sequences of three days. If they were going into the silence, it would be for three days, with fruit and water and a small piece of a very flat sort of mealy bread the first day; fruit and water on the second day; and on the third day they were allowed only water. (They were not allowed meat in that stage at all.) They would then enter into their duties again for three days and come back for three days again, going through the same ritual until they had created nine trips of three.

The next time they started their silences, which would occur every three days, they would enter with a piece of bread and water the first day; the second day they would have water; and the third day they would have nothing. They would go through a series of nine in that particular frame. They were teaching a withdrawal system to the physical body as well as to the emotional and mental bodies. We refer to them as bodies, but, in reality, they are consciousnesses. The physical consciousness, the conscious mind, would have an awakening of emotions speak.

You have now had an introduction to the priority happenings that had to occur before someone entered the temples. In the following chapters, I will introduce some of the things that they worked with. Understand that it is not a ritual, not hocus-pocus. It is recognition of the power and the beauty of God within you. It is the recognition of love and, as you work with that, you fear no thing.

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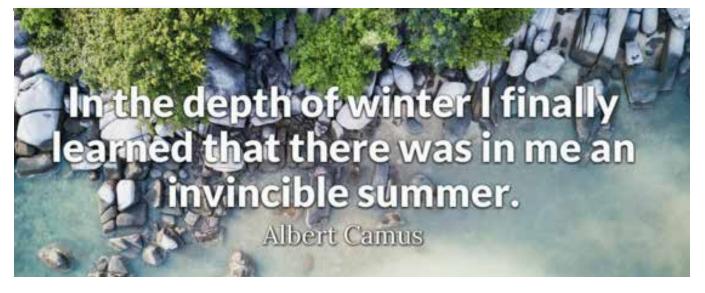
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This Fleeting Moment

by Joshua Mesnik Los Angeles, California

This is that fleeting moment Which escaped your grasp once before, That you wished as it left You could meet again once more

This is that fleeting moment As if it never passed, Here to greet you face to face For as long as it will last

Eye to Eye Heart to Heart Hand in Hand Life with Life

Only You Only Me Only I Only We

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