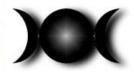
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## **ALLORAH'S INSIGHTS**

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The last article began with the intention to be this article but evolved into the piece we posted. This reminds me that everything is part of a process and that each part of the process leads us to the next step of the process. Guidance is suggesting me to me that I must ask for what I want in my life. It has been and continues to be, a long conversation. My process is still in process and it involves clearing away the psychic and emotional baggage that has kept me from using my gifts to my advantage in a personally fulfilling way beyond my ability to be of service to others.

It used to be that I felt I had permission to utilize my gifts on behalf of others only; and, I was utterly forbidden to use these gifts on my behalf. In my work, I often come into contact with people who feel that they are at the mercy of the universe. As a result, I understand that my dilemma is not an unusual one. We humans have indoctrinated ourselves that we are not allowed nor are we capable of creating change in our lives.

Someone pointed out to me that I am asking yet not asking. That struck me as odd because I sincerely want the experiences I have requested; at the same time I realize I am hesitant to repeat experiences that were hurtful to me. I have noted that many of us "ask yet do not ask" because we are terrified of: the cost, the consequences, the pain, the imagined effect on other parts of our lives, etcetera, that having the thing we desire might bring. However, the apparent absence of the requested experiences is actually part of the process and offers us much opportunity to consider why we "are kept endlessly waiting" for our manifestation to come to fruition. We are offered these gaps between asking and having in order that we might have the healing needed to come into alignment with that which we desire. If we are not in alignment with what is in our life, suffering and injury can occur. When we are out of alignment with what we desire it is difficult to draw it to us without a great deal of effort.

It is ironic perhaps then that the desire for our most heartfelt desires exists specifically to help us to return to our truest essence. My work with clients is a blessing because it allows me to help others reclaim their ability to create the reality they choose. In doing this, I also get to transmute that which needs to be transmuted and I am reassured that we are not alone.

Fear is a common challenge and while the fear may not be the result of anything that has occurred in this lifetime, these fears may have been exacerbated by experiences in this lifetime. So, we must all recognize that we are sorting through many layers to achieve healing and understanding. Fear, at its core is the illusion of separation. We have been incarnate beings for

so long that we have forgotten where we came from; we have forgotten who we are and what we are capable of.

Many of my favorite stories involve magical characters. In THE MISTS OF AVALON by Marion Zimmer Bradley, the 'main' character is commanded to make a marriage partnership with a specific someone. In order to carry out this command, she casts a love spell. The main character then must personally endure the effects of said spell. In short, she finds that she is bound by the love for which she cast. She recognizes that her desire for the object of the spell makes her vulnerable because the spell worked on both herself and the person "she cast the spell upon." We often think that we can "magic" for something without any effect upon ourselves.

But, magic always impacts the magician far more personally than it impacts the object of the work. I love the idea of and gift of being magical. I also have a deep respect and appreciation for what working magically requires and entails. I trust that if we seek to create in earnest, we will reap blessings far beyond what we think we are asking for in our lives. This is so because we are invoking forces both "within us" and "outside of us" to transmute forces and circumstance within and around us. We do this in order that the change we desire may become a tangible reality we can know.

"If it harm none do as thou wilt" is a basic tenant of magical practice. I cannot stress how important it is to be mindful of this wisdom. It is basic, straight forward and true. Also there is a depth to this wisdom that is easy to overlook. When we are advised to "harm none" we must remember that we are part of the "none" which we must not harm, or allow to be harmed. Therefore it is critical that we do not succumb to acting out of spite or vengeance or anger; for it is also true that what we put forth is returned to us multiplied. In order to wreak havoc upon another, one must channel havoc within themselves. Be mindful what you plant.

Also be advised, you will be called upon to keep the balance, which means that there will be times when you must act for the greater good, in a way that might feel beyond your right (or ability) to exercise your sphere of influence. In short, sometimes we must act in order to restore order; or, we risk suffering the consequences of allowing another to take what they desire without regard for the effect upon the whole. Harry Potter was faced with this task as was Aragon (Lord of the Rings). Both characters delivered in spades while keeping and reclaiming their integrity. Both characters achieved healing by dealing with their personal demons.

Neither character initiated the crisis at hand. Harry had to defeat Voldemort who wanted to take over everything. Aragon inherited the challenge to destroy the ring that had been created to subjugate all of creation. In both instances an ancestor had passed on the baton and in both instances the challenge was brought forth by a force that sought to subjugate and mold

creation to suit said force. It is important that both Harry and Aragon ultimately proceeded upon their tasks with regard for what was right, serving love rather than separation.

Life is inviting you to know abundance, love and blessings. This is so, regardless of appearances. Often, it is our perspective that determines what we think of what we see. Pay attention and you will know what you truly desire. You cannot make a mistake no matter how many "wrong" turns you take. Wrong turns help us find our way. Act upon what you are inspired to do to make your life better. Ask always and you will receive.

Namaste, Allorah