



## ALLORAH'S INSIGHTS

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I confess, I was one of the herd members who saw The Dark Knight it's opening weekend. I thought it was brilliant, well written, directed and acted. The characters shared loving connection with one another which supported thought provoking relationships and made a really compelling commentary on the reasons you and I give ourselves for everything. All in all, a well rounded film with a quality story...but that's not why I'm writing this. I'm writing because I really appreciate that, and how the film addresses the complexity of human nature. I think it inspires powerful questions about the nature of our natures. Ultimately, life is not about good or evil; it's about choice. The choices we make are influenced by our take (or lack thereof) on the big picture.

In this version, Joker while darkly twisted; is in complete command of his mental faculties and consciously choosing to stir the pot of the human condition with a flair for manipulating the outcome. While he is surprised on occasion at the outcome, he is willing to take responsibility for his actions. In fact, it is very important to him that he is making clear deliberate choice about the action he takes. His dark and loathing assessment of human kind makes him interesting because whatever force molded him to be what he is, also made it very important to him that his sanity be in check and not in question. I expect he feels that way because he had suffered at the hands of someone who got away with it because they had been deemed to be too crazy to be held accountable.

There are other characters who take liberties with just and lawful action in the name of pursuing justice. They are easy to push to the dark side as they have no real centre. There are characters who are looking for a free ride, looking to get rich quick and easy. They are easy to push to the dark side because they are convinced they deserve privilege and choose to decide the rules do not apply to them. There are characters who are so sure they are morally superior that they jump head first to the dark side because they choose to believe that they have the right to judge others as if they understood anything. There are characters, deemed bad guys, who make a choice to affirm life because they have learned through consequence to make big picture choice over the instant gratification choice. There are characters that go with the flow to do some good for the whole community. All of these characters are expressions of the various pieces of each of us at any given moment in time.

Life, is all of us moving along inch by inch. Sometime we make forward movement, sometime our movement is backward. In a nutshell, you are not what you do. What you do is part of the process of becoming what you are. We are all doing our process.

Namaste,  
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