



ALLORAH'S INSIGHTS

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"So let it be written, so let it be done." Pharaoh a la Yul Brynner

"It is not written until I write it." Lawrence of Arabia a la Peter O' Toole

I've heard it said that if you save a man's life you are responsible for that life forever. The point of this warning is that we need to respect the path of others lest we rob them of their experience. When we get too invested in our need to remain comfortable, we can be influenced to make choices that are designed to maintain the status quo even as those choices tend to infringe on the growth of others or to inhibit our own progress. This is a sensitive issue because there is a fine line between freedom of expression and violation of the freedoms of another.

On a greater (and yet more intimate) scale, is the battle between our programming and our intuition. This is especially vital with regard to those things we are trying to manifest in our lives. Grace is always present in our lives; it is up to us to acknowledge it. Grace is expressed in many ways; for the purpose of today's piece, we'll focus on intuition. Intuition is the universe instructing and protecting us. We have the choice to heed our intuition or not. Sometimes we fully heed our intuition, at other times we defer to our thinking mind, still again we may act on a mix of both.

Our path is best served when we are consciously in connection rather than in control. I used the quotes above because they remind me of men doing amazing things. Moses freed the Hebrews from Egypt at the request of, and with the help of God. In the case of Moses, God set into motion several miraculous events in order to convince Moses to take on the mission, to compel Pharaoh to free the Hebrews and to rehabilitate the Hebrews to their faith and renew the understanding that they are children of God. When we are connected we can move through any challenge with a faith that allows us to trust our Guidance. When we seek to be in control we are generally struggling with our lack of faith, and trying to insure an outcome that we hope will make us feel safe. Pharaoh is depicted this way, he is quoted as saying, "So let it be written, so let it be done." He is master of his kingdom; yet, in the end, he cannot keep the slaves.

The Lawrence quote was made in reference to Lawrence trekking into a sand storm to save the life of a young man he'd taken on as a servant because the young man had been orphaned. As it turned out Lawrence twice saved the young man's life only for that man to meet death later as a consequence of having committed theft. It is poignant because Lawrence made this quote in response to being told that it is the will of Allah that the man die. In the first two instances the young man is saved (in part) because it is in Lawrence's nature be the hero and not to let

harm come to a man in his care. Ironically, it was in the conditioned nature of the young man to steal on occasion. So, while Lawrence's need to be a hero compelled him to save a life; it did not compel him to rehabilitate that life.

Moses surrenders to grace and amen to accomplish his mission starting with his journey as an endangered babe in a basket on the Nile. Amen represents the union of god and man. "A" being a sound expression of god and "men" being us. Pharaoh acts and reacts from the need to control. Lawrence follows both paths as suits his need in any given circumstance.

Both Moses and Lawrence accomplish much; both struggled and prevailed. Both fulfilled the missions set before them by the authority figures to whom they answered. As this is not a commentary on morality, the point I hope to make is that life is easier and often better when we accept and integrate divine assistance into our daily lives. That assistance comes in many forms including: fate, intuition, coincidence and other people. More to the point, we can know we are never alone even in our most severe tests when we invite, allow and implement our divine knowing.

Grace and Amen can help us be more consistently in the state of connection and can even heal the wounds that occur when we've stepped out of that connection.

Namaste,
Allorah