

We wait patiently while the messages flow back in. Each transmission brings with it a response, in kind, or larger. Let's not forget that when we sign up for our new coincidences. Oh my, here we go again. Hope you enjoy the ride!

Conscious Evolution - Mythology in Action

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Introduction

Today there is a growing need to examine our systems of thought and communication. We are witness to an information explosion. Never before has there been such a plethora of relevant, and perhaps not so relevant, information available on every subject imaginable. Most of us cannot even begin to fathom the depths of this apparent inexhaustible supply. So how do we process what is coming at us now? What will be there in the future? There has to be a way to sort through this landslide of facts and fiction, to go over each piece and determine for ourselves its inherent validity and relevance to our lives.

In each epoch in our history there were major transition points that affected all of humanity. These were marked by chaos, fear and upheaval, all related to a convulsive present and an indeterminate future. The Agricultural Revolution, came about when we, as a species, stopped wandering and gathering, and started cultivating fields and growing our own food. The Industrial Revolution began with the vast process of mechanizing our work. In each case, an old way was leaving, while a new way was being born. During these transition phases, chaos and upheaval were the signs of the times. Many current writers, including this author, are suggesting that this is the case today, with what we identify today as the Information Revolution.

In previous periods of transition, some sense of order had to be derived from the chaos that was at hand. Some way of making sense of the whole unfolding process was required and led to adaptations that helped define the age. It wasn't a question of "not living through it" because such radical changes were already upon the population. It was always a matter of how to adapt and temper this impact on the day to day lives of ordinary people.

“History repeats itself”, we are often told, until a particular lesson is learned. What is history trying to teach us right now? “Are we unprepared for the great leap forward that is now upon us?” In part, this may be true. But, what else? I draw sustenance from an old adage that says when a person is ready, what they need next will become visible. In other words, when a person commits the Universe delivers.

What does that mean? That the process of awakening and evolution is, from this perspective, a personal one. What is next on the horizon becomes visible after a current pressing challenge has been fully addressed. In so much as we are capable of mastering something, we shall be prompted to undertake it. This suggests that evolution doesn’t necessarily take us where we want to go, but most certainly to where we need to go. Once again, that fact doesn’t become visible until its time arrives through the undulating process of change and transformation.

Evolution, here, is not solely a matter of biology, but also a matter of personal awareness. What are the experiences of my life, as opposed to the experiences of your life? At some level we share a commonality of information and experiences. Those that underlie the world’s religions, are shared perceptions. Those that underlie our essential humanness are also shared. Do these perceptions and experiences hold any truth or not? And on what can we base our collective experience and subsequent testimony? After sorting through an enormity of facts, what do we rely on for a meaningful interpretation? How do we know when any interpretation is valid?

In our distant past, we had Mythology to guide us through transitional and volatile times. Myths and their companions, parables, were guideposts; signs along the path that helped explain aspects of our human plight and imminent challenges. Myths and parables, as teaching tools, were designed to advance the human species, as individuals and nations, into and through the next stage of our evolution. Myths and parables were the shared information and processing tools of the times because, essentially, few individuals knew how to read. Since so little of the population enjoyed that privilege, there evolved an oral tradition of passing on important information. Myths and parables were accessible to everybody. Handed down through the ages, passed on from generation to generation they cut across

cultural, ethnic and historical boundaries. Myths, as guideposts, have always been there for us and are still in evidence today.

From the earliest of cave drawings to modern books and film, the myths of man have been the creators of man, providing both meaning and symbolism to life. Myths have guided us throughout the centuries and are to be found in every culture. They inspire. They guide. They teach. They provide sustenance and direction as we travel this Earthly plane. Such a radical statement when you think about it. Since the dawn of time, man has been guided by mythology, and yet, inspired its very nature and course of action. Myths exist for man, while man creates the myths that are lived by. Such an interesting cycle don't you think? One feeding the other, as it were.

We don't often think of mythology in our modern age, only as a curiosity perhaps, but never as a true guide for our journey through life. We refer to other models in this so called advanced age of ours. Yet, we are no different than any other age, borrowing as it were our most cherished guideposts from the technological advances of the time. Whatever technology has to offer becomes the model for our functioning, and also the functioning of the world around us, including the larger Universe. Today, it is computer technology and its associated language that provides the framework. Not so long ago, it was the clock and the mathematical formulas that allowed us to split and measure time.

Now we refer to "cyber space" and "virtual reality" as if these define the ultimate in all possible achievement. In the not too distant future, this technology will be viewed as primitive. Not unlike how we view the technology of old black and white television sets with their hand controls and bulbous appearance. Remember, this technology was the epitome of its time in the 1950s. Just like that period, today's technological advances will be rapidly eclipsed in by a new generation of technologies and their adherents, who will speak a language that few of us will understand. And once again, we will all be amazed.

This is how it goes, what we've come to call progress. One discovery supersedes the last one, and so on. Yet, no technology has ever, and I do mean ever, solved problems associated with our spiritual nature. No advance, no discovery, no matter how far reaching, has ever fulfilled our pursuit of happiness. Happiness is not a function of technological

advances; it is a function of the heart. No technology can supersede that.

Where does that leave us? Should we abandon our pursuit of technological advances? Shall we give up improving upon today's computer chip, or whatever successor to that throne is now rising in the wings? Of course not! But let's be real, as some like to say. Let's get down to the meat of the matter. If technology is not the answer then what is? Where do we turn for spiritual sustenance?

Do we go back to the Dark Ages where magic, witchcraft and torture were being practiced? Do we dust off the Bible once again and have another go at a proper interpretation? Do we look to the skies for an advancing alien culture that many predict is on the way? Or do we look elsewhere, in a totally different direction, one that the current New Age movement has been alluding to? Where do we look for answers?

Our systems of government, as good as they are, are not perfectly functioning entities by any means. Our religious institutions aren't functioning any better. Our civic governments are up in arms over one issue or another. Our private industries are in a constant state of flux trying to find the next best solution to meet the bottom line of "more". In recent years we have seen considerable illegal activity brought to light, all for the simple aim of making more profit.

Upsizing, downsizing, restructuring, all buzzwords describing the last couple of decades. Where are they taking us? Nowhere near our heart. In those terms we will be no further ahead than when that cycle began. When there's no guiding spirit or inner direction to call upon, to trust, to guide us forward, where do we turn?

Many of us are anxious right now. We've had the unthinkable – 9/11/2001, which has heightened our collective fear. People are wondering what's going to happen next. Few can count on their jobs. There's always a war on somewhere in the world. Families disintegrate. Mad men rule some countries. So-called sane societies continue arming themselves in preparation for the next threat that their defense industries want them to believe is just around the corner.

For what purpose? For what point? So we can prove that "might makes right"? That's not

going to work either. In an ever shrinking world due to globalization the entire planet has become one neighborhood. Like all good neighbors we have a mutual investment in the viability and vitality of the community. We reap what we sow. If we sow destruction, we shall receive it in turn. The chemical and radiological misadventures of the past are already oozing out from the Earth, polluting the water and atmosphere and threatening the delicate balance of life. Weaponry and its associated contaminants continue to be developed with full knowledge of the destructive consequences for this planet and its inhabitants.

Yes, there is plenty to be alarmed about. What we have to fear is ourselves and our propensity to destroy that which sustains life. At what point do profit and control cease trumping sanity?

This is what happens when we rely solely upon power, greed and conquest with no accounting for the consequences. When we lie to each other about the hazards we are burying, we are lying to ourselves. And when we lie to ourselves about the wars we engage in, we are on a path of self-destruction, individually and collectively. Myths have already pointed out the folly of such ventures. No respectable myth would ever allow this self-deception. A myth is a living, breathing entity that commands respect by its simple adherence to truth. A truth such as all life forms exist in relation to each other. A truth such as a lie is a lie no matter how sophisticated or well spun it is. A truth such as we reap what we sow. It is our responsibility to know and respect the truth.

We do not need any more false promises. We do need the truth. That my friends, is the rub! For if we are to seek the truth then we are in for a big shakeup, a meltdown of thoughts and ideas beyond proportions for which we are ill prepared to recognize. Such is the power of truth and the failing of lies. Ask any addict who's made it to Alcoholics Anonymous. Lies are unassailable only in a world of fantasy and denial. Truth is eternally undeniable. A myth based on truth is available if we reach for it; and only this truth is capable of leading us out of our labyrinth of lies.

"So what," you might say? Who needs such a hard nosed truth? "I have my home, my car and computer; I have a spouse, children and pets. Why do I need mythology?" Myths help bring context and meaning to our lives beyond which technology and the status quo can provide. Physical life is finite. Between the parameters of birth and death, we want our lives

to have meaning. Oh there are other reasons of course, but this would be the main point.

We call this book mythical, because it reaches into the essence of stories told across the eons and brings out their truth, a tiny essence that repeats itself over and over in the lives of millions of people across many nations, faiths and cultures. We can couch myths in many forms but we cannot escape their inherent sincerity and integrity, and their ability to stimulate and to move us toward growth. Myths exist because people create them and people create them because they live their themes. They are also Divinely inspired, imbued with a Spirit that transcends culture and time.

Today's myths, if we unearth them, carry the same themes as those of centuries ago. Today's myths are clouded by the media spam that surrounds us, therefore, they are harder to find. They still exist however, as they fill the airwaves of our modern culture and spread their message in every communications medium we have today. We just tend not to think in mythological terms anymore. Myths come via today's storytellers. They are couched behind our love of reason and intellect, and are not so close to the heart as they once were. They are there nevertheless. We still live them and imbue our succeeding generations with what we think they mean. We've lost the ability to communicate them as effectively as we once did. We're missing so many of their vital components, like their ability to actually touch the heart and the Spirit which resides within each and every one of us.

We are about to discover our own holy purpose on this plane. We need our myths to guide us. Without them we are in for a very rude awakening. A wake-up call we remain unprepared for because of the distance we've traveled away from our center of feeling activity. As the Infinite and Eternal Spirit calls us back, we will most certainly be surprised. How will we handle this? What will we say? The Creator will want answers you see. We've trekked far and wide on this earthly adventure. The Creator be expecting a progress report. If we don't expect to connect with the Eternal, what then awaits us?

After knocking on the Creator's door, while not expecting to be invited in, what will we do when that door swings open? Quite a paradox, don't you think? How will we explain this to ourselves, confronted as we will all be, by the One who sent us forth on this earthly journey? Best to dust off those old myths and parables to uncover and resurrect their meaning. Best to

return to the root of “all” before our purpose here became convoluted, before we became enraptured by our personality and ego myths who are based in culture* and not in Spirit. Spirit is indomitable. Cultural trends come and go. Take a look at the last three decades and see for yourself; music, fashion and pop psychology immediately come to mind.

“So where are we going with this,” you might ask? Right into the heart of the matter! Right to that place where pop culture took precedence and myths fell by the wayside! Right to that place where we all took a wrong turn and followed the wrong god, the God of greed and material accumulation, rather than the god of Spirit. This is where we need to return. Not outside of ourselves as we’ve come to believe, but inside ourselves where we co-exist in unity with the Great Creator. After all, we’re the ones who fell asleep and forgot about our connection to Source. Remember?

There is a big adjustment coming in terms of our human and spiritual evolution. Mythology will once again play a vital role in the process. When our usual systems of information processing fail, our tendency as a species is to return to a source of truth and authenticity that has stood the test of time, a familiar old friend we now know as myth.

This excursion into myth leads us to where we stand right now; at the doorstep of this new era, the dawn of another epoch, the launching point of the new Millennium. At present, we can only speculate at what is coming next and how fast it is moving toward us. The irrefutable fact is; change is on the way. Some would argue that it is already here. Change, transition and transformation are endless cycles. They beat their way to our doorstep and march through our lives. They are as inevitable as the seasons. In relation to repeating cycles of change, we are in one now.

And what is more important during such turbulent times than faith? Faith, spirituality and self-confidence are tested during such times. If we’ve only been flirting with the advancing new knowledge and subsequent changes making their way toward us, then we’d better get on board quickly because we’re in for the ride of our life. One that we could not anticipate before now. We are on the doorstep of this change, this Great Leap Forward. Why bring up a tired old subject like Mythology? And that is a very good question. Why should we reach back into the mists of time, of pre-history, for something to propel us forward into this

new century and millennium?

Historically, in times of turmoil and chaos, myths were called upon to help explain events, to provide a forum for discussion, to advance the idea that we, the human race, were adapting preparing for the advancing changes. The irony in all of this is that we bring change upon ourselves, and then we scramble about to try and make sense of it. We drive change! Long before we formally understood this process, we had myths and parables to describe it. They told us what was coming over the next horizon and what we needed to do to get through these inevitable challenges. Myths not only helped us prepare, they helped us execute the changes and adjustments that were essential to the success of the process.

How are we to prepare for this rapidly advancing Millennium and the Changes we are bringing upon ourselves? We have to reach into our Souls now for the sustenance that we need. There, hidden inside, behind all those roles, addictions and fears we show the world, is the Energy, the Vitality, and the Inspiration that will lead us through our great leap forward. Inside all of us is the heart that rings the bell that awakens us to our true destiny. It is no accident that we are here now, at this time in our history. And it is no accident that a great variety of warning bells are sounding. It is up to each and every one of us to access our Individual myths and activate them for the coming millennium. We have arrived at the threshold of change. It falls to each of us to consciously step through and assume our responsibility on this journey.

We return to where that Voice pulses within and gives each of us our unique direction. Think of it, six billion Souls whose hearts are beating together, for one simple purpose, to honor the Creator who sent us out and to honor ourselves in this process of on-going evolution. That is the heart of myth and purpose. It always points toward the guiding light, the one true beacon that animates all Life. How can you go wrong when you have that light pulsating from within?

This is an emotional time, when the heartbeat of mythology picks up a bold refrain and leads us onward to our respective destinies, that which were charted by the Creator and endorsed by us. Let's look into that world now, shall we, and see where mythmaking leads us.

On Purpose

Okay, we'll say it again, and as often as necessary.

We are here for a purpose; that purpose is His.

There is a plan; He and we made that plan.

It is unfolding right now.

Everything is as it should be.

We are all in the right place for this moment.

This moment is right where it is supposed to be.

We will all get through this.

God is waking up in the hearts of many.

Flowers are blooming everywhere.

There is truth and happiness.

We can create what we want and He will help us. Most definitely!

Any questions?

Okay then, let's live it out loud and see how it all turns out.