

Jagged-Edge Changes

My attitude is a little jagged at the moment. On paper, 2018 was a very crappy, trying year for a lot of us; many are relieved that year is over and done. Still, I feel like I need to attend to the residue of 2018. It was a bad year on paper, but that's not the whole picture as we well know. For the some, the year was filled with hard things—it didn't seem to stop—but that's not what really hurt. I took me a couple of re-writes to decide what to do with this . . .

What really hurts is the unthinkable behavior of some when true colors emerge. Most of us accept life changes, knowing we are always responsible for our own thoughts and actions. Others don't handle it so well, and blame everything and everyone else. They also pounce when people are already exhausted, always creeping up from behind and looking for moments of weakness. They have to survive in their "I'm a victim" belief, above all else to avoid looking in the mirror. This shouldn't be a surprise to me, knowing that the changes marked by The Apocalypse and The Age of Aquarius, is to force clarity, so that we know where people stand. We are deep in that era NOW, where people are being forced to choose between living an honest, respectful, loving-all, live-your-truth and do-your-own-thinking kind of life, or well, to choose the opposite of that. You notice it?

While I strive to learn unconditional love through all of this, I still struggle. It takes a lot of courage to live your truth. I finally just flat out asked God to show me what to do with this, besides ignore all the inconceivable lies and nastiness and give it to Him. Even still, something was preventing me from giving it all up. I still had one hand on it, as much as I wanted to surrender it! I looked at that harder, and asked, "Why won't I let this go?" As I reached that point of admitting no one else was to blame for my struggle with it, more clarity came: I was afraid of what they'd do in the future, to both people I love dearly and others that would seek out help. I woke up with a new perspective. Perhaps it's not just the jealousy in the attention that some give me as they watch me try my best to be a better person and give back to the world? It also seemed to be more than how I urge people to grow a conscience and look at themselves, honestly. Today I received the thought, that when manipulating and using others by preying on their compassion or beliefs is what someone does, it is a shock to them to realize they don't control you! They don't want you to know you're being deceived or point it out.

The RISE ABOVE THE SH**! book made them realize they had mistaken my kindness for naivety; they thought they had me fooled, pre-book. Now, the mention of my name or the sight of me practically makes them hiss like a vampire being burned by the sunlight! It's like they have to think they hate me because they can't control or use me. I am the enemy, in their eyes. I also encourage others to think for themselves, making it more difficult for them to get others to do what they want, so I'm like a double-hate. I don't care, except feeling like I have to protect all those they will hurt in some way. But it's nothing I can possibly control, nor is it mine to control, is it? To further convince myself to let go, I added one request. I asked that anyone involved in their devious thoughts, words, or actions be surrounded by legions of angels that shine so much love and truth on it that everyone can clearly see what is happening, and that it fills them with courage and guidance to always do what is best for their life and their soul. This light inevitably falls back on the offenders as well, so everyone has an opportunity to win. Everyone can benefit from it, if they choose.

Understand this can be applied to even the harshest circumstances. I kid you not; these people go through great lengths to mislead everyone about anything they can't use someone for. It is a sick hobby for them, seeing who they can fool and create drama with next. I imagine it's what makes them feel superior to others? They are pros, knowing what angle to come in at, based on the person's beliefs and life's challenges. They use

personal things they know about someone to pretend they care, or feed on someone's compassion or hardships. It's not just me they lie about, and they change the lies, depending who they are talking to. I often hear them say complete opposite things, depending on what they think will upset the listener, like telling one group of people that believe in God, that I follow the devil, to ridiculing me to another group that isn't so spiritual about my talking to Angels and God. It doesn't seem to concern them that people usually tell the target (like me) exactly what they said, I suppose because most of us don't have any interest in stooping to their level and confronting them. They only add to the lies when challenged, anyway. But after some extreme things they've done, I'm re-thinking this, as they seem to run rabid when no one says anything? Just a question or two to make them prove (or squirm) in their statements might do the trick, but it'd be nice if everyone could just think for themselves and go to the source to verify things. It's amazing how someone you rarely talk to can know everything about you, supposedly, isn't it? If you wait for it long enough or just pay attention as they talk to others, you will catch them in their own lies—it really isn't that difficult.

We all have someone like this in our lives, sooner or later; my sad story isn't just mine. I know people believe me when I comfort their disbelief and hurt in family greed, saying, "It seems like we all have one of these in our families . . . perhaps to commit us to choosing unconditional love, even if it's from a distance." I could tell them the hurtful people are terribly lost and disconnected from their soul, and the truth always comes out at some point, but does it matter? Sometimes people just need to know someone believes and understands. Maybe that's why I write this, too . . . just to be heard? Though I feel it's only fair to warn others, I guess. Maybe it will stop some of the madness, at some point? Stay real to your truth and do your own thinking, no matter what anyone is saying to you. Does your heart tell you it sounds true? Are we enabling the gossipers to continue hurting people by never keeping them in check? Get proof outside of the master manipulator and get the whole truth before you form your decisions, knowing the person using you has a deeper plan they are setting everyone up for. They will go through great lengths, including unlimited forms of self-harm, if it means they can win over your compassion to get what they want, later on. No one and no thing is off-limits.

This crazy process will continue, so all you have to do is remember where you want to be and stay committed to the truth inside your soul. Be honest and patient with yourself, so you can let things go that do not support the super-true you; there is always a way to maintain peace within you. If others choose "the other side," that is their decision. Things become clear if you stand your ground—in your truth, making it easy to distance yourself and do what you feel is right for you and others. On paper, it may have been a crappy year, but in reality, the strength, wisdom, growth, bonds, truth, and clarity tower over all of it combined.

Love and truth always shine light on the darkest places, and we all know there is more to come, based on how we live this life, so we don't really need to worry about bringing anything to justice, do we? That's already taken care of, in this complicated design of life. All we need to concern ourselves with, is our own soul, and allow it to guide us as much as humanly possible, jagged-edges and all. Step over the sh**, whatever it may be, and continue on your journey with the new knowledge acquired; let the sh** lie behind in the dust—you have no room for it with what's ahead! Any remnants of worries should be given to something that can influence and protect everyone—a Higher Power; a Loving Creator would never leave you alone to something like that! Always allow energy to keep moving on to where it needs to go for its highest good, which is always for the highest good of all! So there, I allow it to move on. Welcome, clean-start 2019! ~Mary Anne

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