

Energies of 2017

Some thoughts for 2017 by Bonnie Schneider

Change begins with us and it's an inside job. We've all heard that statement before and when we begin living that premise then we are going to see change happening around us.

Each new year the energies change, this year 2017, there are both challenges and opportunities. We are challenged to align ourselves with the energy of the year while living our individual cycles. We have a great opportunity to unfold our life and consciousness in more expanded and inclusive ways.

The more soul conscious we are, the more we experience the challenge as well and the more aware we must be of the universal energies. When considering universal influences on our life we need to be aware of an esoteric equation – namely, that the influence will be as great as the extent of one's willingness to assume responsibility. When I say "influence" I mean both in terms of opportunities and of challenges.

If we understand the universal energies affecting us, then we will be able to:

1. make wiser choices.
2. know what opportunities there are so that we can take advantage of them in a positive way.
3. understand what is going on in the world around us. That part of humanity that is lacking soul consciousness is still being affected by the universal energies whether they realize it or not, and unconsciously acting accordingly.

We are in a time of endings and new beginnings. The esoteric meaning of an *end* is simply *change*. And the esoteric meaning of *beginning* is *completing*. So as we come to the end of a cycle we are changing the very nature of our being as humans. And as we begin this new phase of human life, the next step in our evolution, we are completing a most important step in the purpose of our existence.

This is a great time to be alive, an enormously significant time of transformations and karmic completions. The changes referred to are not taking place around us, but are in fact occurring within us – within the very fabric of our consciousness and our bodies.

- ❖ What is your response to this force of Spirit?
- ❖ Will you trust it and allow it to be expressed through your daily decisions?
- ❖ And will you take responsibility in new ways to express ever greater degrees of intelligent love in your service to others?

Your responses will determine the extent of your freedom, and your freedom will be the measure of your joy and of your participation in the current evolution of planetary life.

Principal Themes & Dictates for 2017

1. It is a time of new beginnings.
2. It is a time for new visions and new goals.
3. The Divine Plan is impressing itself more strongly on the hearts and minds of all people, especially intelligent humanity.
4. Humanity begins to resonate with the call to Initiation.
5. The Higher Mind will increasingly be developed.

6. Right human relations, ethics and social conscience are being emphasized.
7. Creative energies exist in abundance, seeking to manifest for the greater good of all.
8. We need to learn to sense the Divine Will and align ourselves with it.
9. Through group service we can assist humanity in very significant ways in its development of soul qualities and soul consciousness.
10. The service of unconditional, universal love on the material planes to all of Humanity becomes a necessity.
11. Use will, courage and strength to face challenges and accept responsibilities.
12. Plant soul seeds. 'As you sow, so shall you reap.'
13. Use higher and lower mind together to manifest Truth and Reality.
14. Perceive the beauty of the divine presence in all of the form world.
15. Follow the teachings of inner wisdom.
16. Balance karma with love in all affairs.
17. Take initiative, but be cooperative and receptive.
18. 'Not my will, but Thine be done.'

19. Let go and open up.
20. Nourish your initiate status.
21. Support and nurture humanity's initiatic quest.
22. The Divine life is within you. Express it in new, creative ways.

Negative Tendencies of 2017

The negative tendencies in 2017 for many people will be:

Re: the past –

- a.) to focus too much on the past
- b.) to regret the passing of the old ways
- c.) to try to hold on to the past

Re: the future –

- a.) to fear the future
- b.) to fall into a mental state of hopelessness and inertia
- c.) to begin a materialistic pursuit without a spiritual foundation or focus

We live with the Illusion of Separation. I am separate from others.

Truth: This is the most basic of all human illusions, and is shared by everyone who uses the physical senses and the mind to know things. This illusion is the basis of fear. This illusion is the fundamental cause of war, hatred, racism, conflicts, manipulation, as well as disregard for nature and the environment. It is also responsible for the alienation we have from our soul.

On a form level, where our senses function in order to be able to perceive and experience particulars in life, we experience how things are separate from one another. This includes experiencing ourselves

as separate from others and from the whole. We need to honour the separateness of reality, including our own, in order to come to appreciate and understand uniqueness. It is the uniqueness of each being, and our own uniqueness, that is the reason for being; it is the purpose of our existence. When we are conscious of both our personal uniqueness and our universal nature we then express ourselves creatively. In this way we fulfill our dreams and our life purpose. To attempt to be creative by only seeing our personal uniqueness, and not connected to our universality results in a sham, a false creativity, and most often a self-serving expression.

The other side of every reality is the wholeness that it is part of. This wholeness then gives a context for our uniqueness and purpose, because it is the wholeness that our purpose is to serve. We need to cultivate an awareness of both our uniqueness and wholeness if we are to relate truthfully to ourselves and to life, and avoid the illusion that separation is all that exists.

Feelings of separation are caused by some kind of fear. To overcome such feelings, the fears must be faced. Fear is inevitable in the dualistic reality that we live. It is necessary so we can experience the opposites and gain consciousness through them. This is the Law of Attraction and Repulsion working within our bodies and our relationships to bring us into mastery. Mastery is gained through reconciliation and unity of opposites. This is love.

Everything that exists is by its very nature a creative being. It does not matter whether it thinks or does not think, but all organisms in nature, all living things, are creative beings and that is because divinity is its essence and that divinity is foremost a creative reality. So the creative energy exists in everything and not just things that we call living things, because everything is living due to the fact that it exists. When something is creative it has a self-sustaining energy within it, because the creative energy is a merging of both life energy and consciousness energy.

In physics there is a principle that every living being eventually transcends itself. We transcend ourselves when we have completed any level of consciousness of being who we are. That is true of rocks; that is true of trees; that is true of a species; and that is true of human beings, individually and collectively. So things change when they transcend themselves, and that is not a change that we can label good or bad; it is simply a change, a movement to a new state of being and expression. Every changed condition or state means that now the universe has a different reality, a new vehicle through which to express itself.

It is only in the past few hundred years that we really have started to develop the mind. When you develop a new instrument you do not, at first, know how to use it properly; you use it ignorantly and selfishly. We are seeing lots of evidence of this. Until we have developed soul consciousness we are not going to be aligned with nature to any significant degree, nor with the mental tools and powers that we have developed.

Our human-spiritual constitution is our path of development and creative expression. Without this knowledge, people who want to live a more meaningful life try harder to be good, try to develop more willpower to be able to control more and work at setting and achieving goals; they might also develop an allegiance toward some external authority or devotion toward someone or something outside themselves. These are all prerequisites to the soul journey and take place within personality life. At some point we need to go beyond all of these 'improvement' strategies if we want to experience and express soul. But we won't do that without a direct knowledge and experience of ourselves as more than personalities.

Personality growth is often motivated by the idea that we can change our personalities. We cannot, and therefore our efforts are often geared toward creating illusions, without realizing that this is what we are doing. All we can really do is make choices that enable

our personality to be more open to, and expressive of, our essence, our soul. Knowing the universal laws and truths of life can help us make wise choices, less self-centred choices that would foster illusions.

If you are reading this you likely know that almost all human beings, believe the illusion that they are their personalities. Even when we begin to accept that this is an illusion, it still doesn't change how we feel about ourselves because we still identify with our form life. As a result we try to live a meaningful life by making meaning out of superficial things that often do not touch the heart. We cannot live a truly meaningful life if we believe that we are separate or disconnected from each other.

We need to wake up to our essence, which is called soul, and recognize that we are our essence and need to identify with it. When this is done meaning can finally be given to everything that happens and purpose is revealed. This transition from personality to soul identification is a long and arduous journey with many illusionary traps along the way. When we begin to identify with soul there are no immediate dramatic changes, but gradually we add real quality to our lives.

All true growth must involve soul and follow universal laws. If it does not, it is a temporary illusion. Without knowledge of soul and universal laws that govern every single aspect of our lives it is not possible to change anything or step out of an illusion – and certainly not the illusion of being our personalities. If you'd like to know more about Universal Laws and Illusions then please consider this manual "[Angels and Demons: The Laws and Truths of Life and The Illusions We Live By](#)". Understanding the laws governing a particular reality gives us the brain link to its universality and truth. Contemplating the beauty of a particular reality can give us the heart link to its universality and truth.

The seen world is created by the unseen world. We are co-creating the seen world all the time. Without knowing how we are doing that we cannot do it effectively nor in a way that contributes in the most beneficial way what is inspiring and beautiful. As a result we create unconsciously from a place of unconscious insensitivity. This is a disservice to the world. To be of service we need to create consciously and must understand the universal laws and truths that govern reality.

I hope you have enjoyed these thoughts and if you are interested in more please go to www.thesouljourney.com and see what we have to offer. May the year 2017 be all you hope it will be and more.

Blessings,
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