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Merry Greetings!

Let's begin with a hearty "thank you" - your patronage and support has enabled Talisman to continue to grow during these financially difficult times - and we are deeply grateful. Our resolve to continue to offer the highest quality and avant-garde goods and services of a spiritual/mystical nature remains a primary objective. The feedback we have received from so many of you has been amazing and positive, and you've let us know unconditionally that the shop is both wanted and needed in the community.

Well, here we are on the cusp of the New Year ... and many of us are more than happy to see 2008 depart, with all of its financial, environmental, military, political and metaphysical difficulties (ugh). And sadly, despite an exciting change in our Country's leadership, I think we are all aware that things may very well get worse before they get better. What does this all mean - why is so much changing so quickly, with abrupt endings and accelerated bad behaviors creating chaos and pain for so many? The anxiety levels for many are so high, they are palpable - leaving those who are empathic, reeling.

I don't have answers, but through personal observations and ongoing discussions with the many diverse spiritual leaders I am privileged to know, have come to some conclusions. First, as many of you are aware I have been reading tarot for over 20 years - but over the past 4 weeks, have seen a remarkable - and almost universal - energetic shift in the readings I have done. This same shift is being exemplified in astrological transits, and expressed by spiritualists from many faith paths. Free Will and Choice, the hallmarks of Fate and Destiny, are being supplanted by, dare I say, a Divine demand for personal accountability and almost laser-like focus on what is truly important and necessary ... with the useless and outdated/outgrown ideas, lifestyle choices and even people in our personal spheres being stripped away almost brutally and unconditionally. Comfort levels are being challenged, and plainly spoken - it is time to Grow Up. The past is meant to be dealt with as a learning tool, not leaned on and used as a crutch or excuse for bad behavior or habits.

Those who refuse to grow and metamorphically change, painful as it may be, are spiraling into self-destruction and despair. They will be unable to keep up with the fast pace of advancing change. And many of you have come to talk with me, feeling horrified and helpless with what you are seeing take place in your own families and places of business.

Personal accountability is key. Streamlining our lives to ensure what is necessary can be accomplished, and what is holding us back is eliminated. Metaphysically, over the past 6 months many of you have come forward to discuss encounters with angelic presence as well as frightening glimpses of dark entities. In both cases, the effect is profound. It adds to the sense of being propelled to move even faster toward introspection, evolution and determining one's life path, as the future of humankind seems more tenuous than ever before. Meditations geared toward opening one's self up to the Will of the Divine are being sought, and cleansing rituals are being practiced. Instinctively, many are seeking to elevate their energies to a higher vibration to combat what feels at times like an onslaught of negativity. On a more mundane level, there is a resurgent interest in vegetable/fruit growing, herbal and holistic medicines, canning, keeping poultry and other livestock - also learning of old-world skills such as blacksmithing, pottery, spinning wool and weaving, etc.

Am I making sense? Does this resonate with you, and what you are experiencing in your day-to-day life? Amazingly, it was almost a year ago when I sat down and wrote my "Vision Paper" - a description of a Spiritual Center I hope to create and had felt almost compelled to outline/blueprint. It was over a year ago when I glimpsed that the juxtaposition of Universal Spirituality, metaphysical healings/teachings and a necessitated lifestyle shift might occur ... we shall see. And what's next? Well, we are looking for a new home for Talisman - a space which will allow us to explore the realm of cutting-edge healings (read: cures) and spiritual experiences such as a sweat lodge, seasonal celebrations, and an expanded offering of classes and workshops. There is no rush ... when the time is right, the location will manifest. The need and the desire are certainly the catalysts for these changes. Roy and I are currently putting together an online store, I am developing proposals for a possible radio and/or public access television show, Talisman is partnering with The SGRA (a paranormal investigative group) and I'm halfway through writing a book "The Talisman Grimoire". Just a little busy, eh? Now, if only Oprah would call ... !

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Events:

Saturday, Jan. 31: **Spirit Guide Artist Jessie Shippy** - Sit for a reading with Jessie and learn about your Spirit Guide - when the guide entered your life, for what purpose and how to call upon your guide for help and strength in times of need. Also learn what your totem animals and power colors are. You will leave this reading with a detailed colored sketch of what your guide looks like. A memorable experience! 11:00 - 4:00 Only five appointments available through the day - first come, first served. Cost: \$40 (takes approx. 40 minutes)

Saturday, Jan. 31: Join the expert staff of the Smoking Gun Research Agency at Talisman on Saturday, January 31 from 4:00-8:00 pm for a special event that will explore the mysteries of paranormal phenomena. Share experiences, learn about tools used on investigations, ask questions and find out what the SGRA is all about. Free. If you have ever spent time in a "haunted" house or have an interest in these types of investigations, you won't want to miss this event. Please call to register 261-0047.

Scheduled Readers:

Starr: Angel Readings on Thursdays 4:00-7:00 pm (or by appointment) \$30/20 minutes or ask question \$1/minute

Lisa Marie: Mediumship/Tarot on Fridays 4:00-8:00 pm \$30/20 minutes

Lina: Intuitive Counseling Sessions on Sundays by appointment (261-0047) \$50/45 minutes

January 3: Mandy/Oracle Board - Whole Life Reading 12:00-5:00 \$25/20 minutes

January 10: Elpida/Coffee Ground Readings 12:00-5:00 \$30/20 minutes

January 10: Tammie Barletta, licensed Massage Therapist, from 12:00 to 5:00 \$1/minute

January 17: Tarot with Gwen 12:00-6:00 \$25/20 minutes

January 24: Herbal tarot with Donna 2:00-7:00 \$25/20 minutes

January 24: Tammie Barletta, licensed Massage Therapist, from 12:00 to 5:00
\$1/minute

January 31: Jessie Shippy, Spirit Guide Artist 11-4 \$40/40 minutes

Wednesdays 6:00-7:00 pm: **Meditation Sessions** led by Simon (\$5) **Remember:**
There is no obligation to attend these sessions regularly after initial sign-up, just drop in when the timing or the mood strikes you as right! Please, no children under the age of 12. **No meditation on Wednesday, Dec. 31!**

Again, I want to thank those of you who have patiently waited the many times I have run late ... because what is necessary in my life is to care for the four kids I have brought into the world, who do things like forget their homework assignments and lunches which must then be rushed to school before I can get to the store. Or a sports practice runs late and so I am picking someone up before I dash back from the mid-day break. If Talisman can be moved closer to home (Huntington/Shelton) so much the better, I think. We have a four year old starting kindergarten next year ... should make things, um, interesting.

And perhaps, that will be the theme and challenge of 2009 ... the Chinese Blessing/Curse that we "live in interesting times". Let's agree to keep our minds open, constantly protect by surrounding ourselves with the white light of the Divine, and realize that destruction - negative and painful as it may feel - is often what is necessary in order to birth real and lasting changes in ourselves and the world we live in.

Goddess Bless and Keep Us Safe,

Laura & Roy

PS Important! Please always feel welcome to hit "reply" button to the newsletter if you wish to comment and/or share information. If there is anything you wish to see in the store, let me know and I will do my best to get it for you. Also, if you have been inadvertently added to my store's email list because I responded to email that you were copied on - and thus your name was added to my own address list! - PLEASE reply so I can take you off ... I am so sorry this happens. This newsletter is sent bcc (blind copy) so no one can obtain your address but I know it is annoying to get even one extra email you do not want to read.