



***The Energies of
2014***

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We all belong to and participate in the one Soul of Humanity. It is through humanity that Spirit, or the divine, is attempting to evolve itself. It is through the development of consciousness that this evolutionary process takes place. So we have a huge part to play if we choose to be conscious and part of the meaning and purpose of our existence.

This divine expression unfolds cyclically. The annual influences tell us what opportunities exist for us collectively so that we can respond creatively to the divine impulses seeking expression during the current year.

These annual indicators tell us something about both the life and the form aspects of expression as well as the consciousness opportunities available. The consciousness indication relates to the group known as humanity.

It is also relevant to us as individuals to explore the consciousness cycle that we are personality in, as well as the consciousness cycle of the spiritual group in which we participate.

We can immediately look to the main indicator for 2014. This year reduces to a SEVEN (2+0+1+4) the primary number symbol of consciousness itself. I would like to describe the energies of 2014 for you.

7 is the number of spirituality, mysticism, wisdom and success. In a sense 7 is a point of completion. It is the final stage of a consciousness cycle, just as it is the day of rest and contemplation following the 6 days of creation, or the six years of dharma, known as duty. It is a stage of adjustment - putting things into meaningful perspective; taking that which has been done during the past 6 years and tying it together as a foundation for the fervent, powerful work of the 8 that comes next year (2015).

We need to heed the advice of the 7 of 2014 and look back. We need to ask: How are we doing collectively? But also: How are we doing personally? The collective is the result of the accumulation and the projection of the personal, so we need to do our work at the personal levels in order to affect the collective in a positive way.

The seventh of the zodiacal hierarchies is Libra, "which marks the turning point between spirit and matter." In a special way Libra governs 2014. It is about redemption and rebirth.

Here are tests to help us learn actually to live the ideal of the greatest good for the greatest number while also appreciating our unique gifts and capabilities. Our individuality teaches us diversity, that each makes a difference, each has value.

Libra is conventionally pictured as blindfolded because the action of justice is impersonal. That is because true justice is of the Soul. Libra is engaged by the Lords of Karma (this year) to direct intensified impulses to earth and its inhabitants.

Only by going within, to our Souls, will we be able to respond to these impulses appropriately.



The number 7 has always been considered the most sacred number. The word for seven comes from the Greek 'septos', which means holy or sacred.

7 can be seen to be a number of rest, in a way. But it is not a rest equated with inertia, but a rest from doing in order to emphasize being. This means to take the time to reflect, contemplate, go deeper, meditate.

In a deep sense, it is a time for "repentance", which means a time to re-think the past in order to set the stage for atonement or attunement - becoming one, becoming whole in consciousness.

7 is a number of faith, leading to spiritual wisdom. It calls us into a deeper knowing, a knowing that results from attunement. Faith is knowing with the heart, because the heart, with Love, can become one with the intangible, the numinous, the divine presence.

There is a negative side to this 7 as well. The quality of one's own consciousness, or a group's consciousness, will determine whether or not the positive or negative side will be experienced more.

When the orientation is negative, faith will be lacking and fear will be present. Instead of consciousness being used, there will be much more control by the unconscious or subconscious. This often results in worry and nervousness, being isolated or cut off from others, and being cynical. There is also a tendency toward depression on the negative side.

One negative side to raising consciousness is using drugs, prescription or otherwise - that is, trying to get desired effects without changing consciousness or becoming more conscious. It is a retreat into the hidden, and sometimes, dark forces. While drugs represent this retreat, so does lower psychism, which is also one of the dangers of the year's energies.

You see, the 7 always seeks perfection. True perfection can only be achieved through expanding consciousness. But even if a person refuses to do that work, the impulse toward perfection is still going to be present, so artificial and gimmicky ways to try to obtain it or simulate it will be very tempting.

For anyone seeking perfection under the 7 influence, the primary activity is meditation. This is because meditation is not really an activity, but a state of being that takes one into the depths and heights of life and consciousness.

While the year's vibrations definitely hold great promise for those who use their Soul energies consciously through the higher mind, the intuition and the heart, it also supports those who are inclined to use the lower rational mind. 7 is a mental vibration, and of all the different aspects of our human constitution it is most supportive of mental activity - higher and lower.



So, the 7 does urge one to understand the facts and figures of real life situations. It favors analysis of what can be analyzed. But always, on whatever level, it prefers quality to quantity, and therefore seeks meaning and relates all things, at least potentially, to the Soul or essence.

During the year pursue group consciousness, connectedness to a spiritual group, a group that is working for the greater good and is consciously supporting spiritual principles.

For those on the Path, GROUP CONSCIOUSNESS is the key expression for 2014. In your meditations, link up with your spiritual group around the world. Be one with those who are seeking to grasp the divine vision, to touch the creative archetypes and to share and express those realities in consciousness and in form.

The second key word for those on the Path this year is MIND. Cultivate and use the mind - lower and higher, and make a serious attempt to bridge the two aspects of mind so that the thought-form making mind is duly impressed by the higher mind and soul. The best way to do this is through meditation.

If you do not do these two things, you will most likely be tempted to retreat into a spiritually separative existence, with possibilities of depression and emotional dissatisfaction.

As I said, Heart is also a 7 total. Therefore, the way to spiritual wisdom and to success, which the 7 indicates, as well as the way to enlightened mind, must include the Heart - which is the loving aspect of the Soul, and it implies impersonality.

What I mean is that the 7 is objective and impersonal, as is the mind, and as is the Heart. Often people think that being impersonal is being distant and cold. Impersonality in a spiritual way is not referring everything to yourself personally, not making everything about you, but seeing life from an objective impersonal way so that you can make objective, conscious decisions, for the good of all.

Many people equate Heart with the heart chakra in the astral or emotional body, which of course is emotional. But Heart, with a capital H, is the symbol for the unconditional, impersonal and compassionate Love of the Soul.

As we have seen, the 7 is somewhat focused on the past. In a positive way, it contemplates the past and brings it into the present to perceive lessons learned resulting in consciousness expanded.

Some negative associations of 7:

7 - Sly, deceitful, sarcastic, fearful, separative, judging, isolationist, aloof, melancholic, living in the past, stubborn, confused, emotionally repressed, either says nothing or doesn't stop talking.



Since 7 is connected to mind and the principle of intelligence, there is opportunity this year, when we live intelligently, when we follow the laws of Nature and Life; to have great abundance flow through our lives. I say “flow through”, because the law of economy and abundance does not support hoarding, but sharing to fulfill need.

However, don't expect great financial returns this year. If we focus on the quality of our relationships, and assure that they are what they need to be, then we can expect greater financial abundance in 2015 which is governed by the 8.

With such mental activity and reflection indicated, it stands to reason that decisions will have to be made - decisions about the relationship between the past and the future, where we are going as a result of where we have been and what we have learned.

When each person reaches adulthood, there is a crossroads where a decision has to be made about which path to take: the broad left path of materiality where there is trial and error, or the right-hand path of evolution and Divine Wisdom. If one does not listen to the inner voice this year, one will likely follow the materialistic path - which is perfectly fine if that is where one's consciousness is. It is not so fine if that's what happens out of default.

Summary and Seven:

2014 is the year of the Soul - the individual Soul, the Group Soul and the Soul of all things.

The Seventh Day doesn't refer to a cessation or stopping of activity but to the emergence from chaos into a higher and a more perfect order.

Here we find the true work of the 7. This number does not enter into the turmoil of experience when something begins but it becomes operative when the time is ripe to establish new conditions and to supercede the old by a new and higher series.

2014 is a year of quality. The only way we can assure superior quality is through relating to the soul and bringing soul into all experiences.

There is almost no end to the significance of the 7, it is so fundamental to life, consciousness, and our development. Let us look one more time because it reveals the great power of the 7 energy:

7 Consciousness:

The whole point of life is to fulfill its purpose. The whole point of your life is to fulfill the purpose for which you came into this body. As you discover the purpose of your relationships you gain insight into your own purpose. As you let go of fulfilling your own personal will through dedication and discipline, and as you involve yourself in interpersonal relationships, you will discover the divine Will operating within you as a



subtle but vital loving power. You will then protect and defend this power by yielding to it rather than using it for personal power or gain. You will defend it further by right speech, defining goodness appropriately and expressing the reality of the Divine Spirit rather than the illusions and attachments of the human spirit.

CONCLUSION

2014 holds such wonderful promise for everyone, but especially for those who are on a non-dogmatic spiritual path and who are open-minded, seeking and evolutionary in their aspirations and service. For this same reason I suspect that many on the path are going to get burned, due to a lack of dedication and discipline. I suppose many may just lose out on the opportunity available due to inertia, but for a certain number it will likely be more detrimental than that. The greater the opportunity, the greater the opposite effects when the opportunity is not taken.

The primary opportunity is, of course, the opportunity for consciousness expansion. Decisions have to be made in this regard. What are you going to do to ensure this expansion for you. It must include group. It must include meditation. It must include mental work. Make your decisions as soon as possible in the New Year and then follow through, making adjustments and changes in your life and thinking as your Soul contact suggests.

We are about to enter the most sacred year of this decade. Let us resolve to live it with heartfelt dedication to that which is true and eternal, to the heart and soul of life. Let us, in all our endeavors, attempt to bring out and reveal the good, the beautiful and the true, so that the underlying oneness of life becomes a living, breathing, vibrant reality for all of us. This reality must be carefully and conscientiously expressed in words.

And let us support each other as spiritual brothers and sisters; let us encourage each other. As we come together with like-minded people in the year ahead, may our experiences during those times be the inspiration needed to create more of what we desire to manifest on this earth. May your year be a blessed one, and may all people and all beings be blessed throughout 2014.

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