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POTENTIAL CODE WORDS FOR YOUR EXPERIMENTS IN ENHANCING YOUR LIST FOR LIFE

vorfreude: (n.) the joyful, intense anticipation that comes from imagining future pleasures

numinous: (adj.) describing an experience that makes you overwhelmed yet fascinated, awed yet attracted -- the powerful, personal feeling of being viscerally inspired

ostranenie: (n.) encouraging people to see common things as strange, wild, or unfamiliar; defamiliarizing what is known in order to know it differently or more deeply

smultronställe: (n.) lit. "place of wild strawberries"; a special place discovered, treasured, returned to for solace and relaxation; a personal idyll free from stress or sadness

rasasvada: (n.) the taste of bliss in the absence of all thoughts

firgun: (n.) the act of sharing in or even contributing to someone else's pleasure or fortune, with a purely generous heart and without jealousy

namascray: (n.) The crazy in me recognizes and honors the crazy in you.

"Vorfreude" is a German word. "Numinous" is English. "Ostranenie" is Russian. "Smultronställe" is Swedish. "Rasasvada" is Sanskrit. "Firgun" is English.

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| The worse the state of the world grows, the more intensely I try for inner perfection and power. I fight for a small world of humanity and tenderness." |
| - Anaïs Nin, from a diary entry written in June 1942 |
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| THE WAY OF ABUNDANCE |
| "The Way of Abundance is all too often misconstrued as a shallow sense of 'getting what one wants,' 'eliminating the negative,' or 'being free from pain.' Even the often-touted 'manifesting your dreams,' offers a psychological disposition that generally remains fixated around manifestation as 'the project of me.' |
| "But the 'project of me' can never be enough, for it does not meet 'the other,' and real living involves meeting. The touch and contact with all of life, the full freedom of non-separation, the completeness of full relationship, and the radiance of compassionate ecstasy are what we are inherently hungry for." |
| —Rick Jarow, Alchemy of Abundance: Using the Energy of Desire to Manifest Your Highest Vision,
Power, and Purpose |
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| 3% OF THE GREAT MYSTERY |
| The ever-evolving truth is far too complicated and fluid and slippery and scrambled and gorgeously abundant for one human being to completely master. |
| I'm lucky to have gotten my percentage of mastery up to about 3%. On a good day, that's how much I understand of the Maddening and Delightful Mystery we are embedded in. |
| Here's a hypothesis that's a cornerstone of my 3%: It's smart and healthy to joyfully rebel against everyone who assuredly tells me that they know the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. |
| How well do you understand the Great Mystery? What's your percentage? |
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| SPIRITUALITY AND POLITICS |
| "Those who say spirituality has nothing to do with politics," declared activist Mohandas Gandhi, "do not know what spirituality really means." |
| What do you think he was driving at? I'll tell you what I think. Since he used the term "spirituality," not "religion," I surmise that he wasn't referring to belief systems like Hinduism, Buddhism, Christianity, Judaism, or Islam. |
| Rather, he was talking about being guided by love, seeking the highest good for as many people as possible, and opening one's heart to the interconnectedness of everything. *That* was the influence he wished to bring to politics. |
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| FOUR RETROGRADE PLANETS |
| People ask me what they should do now that Mars, Saturn, Neptune, and Pluto are retrograde. Here's one answer: stick to drinking low-fat water; avoid the high-fat H20 whenever possible. Likewise, inhale only the kind of oxygen that's low in cholesterol, and don't allow your eyes to take in fatty landscapes or other calorie-rich sights. |
| As usual, it's best not to host and entertain too many fears, but if you really need to do so, try to invite in only the organic, gluten-free fears. |
| (P.S.: This is my satirical way of the traditional astrologers who wrongly tell us that retrograde planets mean trouble. They don't!) |
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| MORE PRONOIA RESOURCES: |

You have the power and ingenuity necessary to outwit and outflank fake magic, seductive

delusions, well-disguised pretending, and clever mirages.

Women in Mexico obtain equal participation in Congress.

tinyurl.com/yahdywfr

The fossil fuel industry is weaker than ever. From Wall Street to the pope, many increasingly see fossil fuels as anything but a sure bet. That gives us reason to hope.

tinyurl.com/y88tgnuy

Starfish on California coast, nearly wiped out by mystery illness, make stunning recovery. tinyurl.com/yb9jxgee

(Note: I endorse these because I like them. They aren't advertisements, and I get no kickbacks.)

Please tell me your own nominations for PRONOIA RESOURCES: Truthrooster@gmail.com.

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CANCER (June 21-July 22):

I pay tribute to your dizzying courage, you wise fool. I stage-whisper "Congratulations!" as you slip away from your hypnotic routine and wander out to the edge of mysterious joy. With a crazy grin of encouragement and my fist pressed against my chest, I salute your efforts to transcend your past. I praise and exalt you for demonstrating that freedom is never permanent but must be reclaimed and reinvented on a regular basis. I cheer you on as you avoid every temptation to repeat yourself, demean yourself, and chain yourself.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):

I'm feeling a bit helpless as I watch you messing with that bad but good stuff that is so wrong but right for you. I am rendered equally inert as I observe you playing with the strong but weak stuff that's interesting but probably irrelevant. I fidget and sigh as I monitor the classy but trashy influence that's angling for your attention; and the supposedly fast-moving process that's creeping along so slowly; and the seemingly obvious truth that would offer you a much better lesson if only you would see it for the chewy riddle that it is. What should I do about my predicament? Is there any way I can give you a boost? Maybe the best assistance I can offer is to describe to you what I

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

Psychologist Paul Ekman has compiled an extensive atlas of how emotions are revealed in our faces. "Smiles are probably the most underrated facial expressions," he has written, "much more complicated than most people realize. There are dozens of smiles, each differing in appearance and in the message expressed." I bring this to your attention, Virgo, because your assignment in the coming weeks -- should you choose to accept it -- is to explore and experiment with your entire repertoire of smiles. I'm confident that life will conspire to help you carry out this task. More than at any time since your birthday in 2015, this is the season for unleashing your smiles.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):

Lucky vibes are coalescing in your vicinity. Scouts and recruiters are hovering. Helpers, fairy godmothers, and future playmates are growing restless waiting for you to ask them for favors. Therefore, I hereby authorize you to be imperious, regal, and overflowing with self-respect. I encourage you to seize exactly what you want, not what you're "supposed" to want. Or else be considerate, appropriate, modest, and full of harmonious caution. CUT! CUT! Delete that "be considerate" sentence. The Libra part of me tricked me into saying it. And this is one time when people of the Libra persuasion are allowed to be free from the compulsion to balance and moderate. You have a mandate to be the show, not watch the show.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

Emily Dickinson wrote 1,775 poems -- an average of one every week for 34 years. I'd love to see you launch an enduring, deep-rooted project that will require similar amounts of stamina, persistence, and dedication. Are you ready to expand your vision of what's possible for you to accomplish? The current astrological omens suggest that the next two months will be an excellent time to commit yourself to a Great Work that you will give your best to for the rest of your long life!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):

What's the biggest lie in my life? There are several candidates. Here's one: I pretend I'm nonchalant about one of my greatest failures; I act as if I'm not distressed by the fact that the music I've created has never received the listenership it should it have. How about you, Sagittarius? What's the biggest lie in your life? What's most false or dishonest or evasive about you? Whatever it is, the immediate future will be a favorable time to transform your relationship with it. You now have extraordinary power to tell yourself liberating truths. Three weeks from now, you could be a more authentic version of yourself than you've ever been.

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

Now and then you go through phases when you don't know what you need until you stumble upon it. At times like those, you're wise not to harbor fixed ideas about what you need or where to hunt for what you need. Metaphorically speaking, a holy grail might show up in a thrift store. An eccentric stranger may provide you with an accidental epiphany at a bus stop or a convenience store. Who knows? A crucial clue may even jump out at you from a spam email or a reality TV show. I suspect that the next two weeks might be one of those odd grace periods for you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

"Reverse psychology" is when you convince people to do what you wish they would do by shrewdly suggesting that they do the opposite of what you wish they would do. "Reverse censorship" is when you write or speak the very words or ideas that you have been forbidden to express. "Reverse cynicism" is acting like it's chic to express glee, positivity, and enthusiasm. "Reverse egotism" is bragging about what you don't have and can't do. The coming weeks will be an excellent time to carry out all these reversals, as well as any other constructive or amusing reversals you can dream up.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):

Poet Emily Dickinson once revealed to a friend that there was only one Commandment she ever obeyed: "Consider the Lilies." Japanese novelist Natsume Sōseki told his English-speaking students that the proper Japanese translation for "I love you" is *Tsuki ga tottemo aoi naa*, which literally means "The moon is so blue tonight." In accordance with current astrological omens, Pisces, I'm advising you to be inspired by Dickinson and Sōseki. More than any other time in 2018, your duty in the coming weeks is to be lyrical, sensual, aesthetic, imaginative, and festively non-literal.

ARIES (March 21-April 19):

Your key theme right now is growth. Let's dig in and analyze its nuances. 1. Not all growth is good for you. It may stretch you too far too fast -- beyond your capacity to integrate and use it. 2. Some growth that is good for you doesn't feel good to you. It might force you to transcend comforts that are making you stagnant, and that can be painful. 3. Some growth that's good for you may meet resistance from people close to you; they might prefer you to remain just as you are, and may even experience your growth as a problem. 4. Some growth that isn't particularly good for you may feel pretty good. For instance, you could enjoy working to improve a capacity or skill that is irrelevant to your long-term goals. 5. Some growth is good for you in some ways, and not so good in other ways. You have to decide if the trade-off is worth it. 6. Some growth is utterly healthy for you, feels pleasurable, and inspires other people.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20):

You can't sing with someone else's mouth, Taurus. You can't sit down and settle into a commanding new power spot with someone else's butt. Capiche? I also want to tell you that it's best if you don't try to dream with someone else's heart, nor should you imagine you can finetune your relationship with yourself by pushing someone else to change. But here's an odd fact: You *can* enhance your possibility for success by harnessing or borrowing or basking in other people's luck. Especially in the coming weeks.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20):

You wouldn't attempt to cure a case of hiccups by repeatedly smacking your head against a wall, right? You wouldn't use an anti-tank rocket launcher to eliminate the mosquito buzzing around your room, and you wouldn't set your friend's hair on fire as a punishment for arriving late to your rendezvous at the café. So don't overreact to minor tweaks of fate, my dear Gemini. Don't overmedicate tiny disturbances. Instead, regard the glitches as learning opportunities. Use them to cultivate more patience, expand your tolerance, and strengthen your character.

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| Send your secrets for how to increase your capacity for love to: Truthrooster@gmail.com . |
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