

the suffering of others."

I suggest we take this Vow a step further and say, "My quest for illumination is incomplete, and my enlightenment meaningless, unless I am also in some specific way devoted to the goals of easing the suffering of others and helping them experience joy and pleasure and liberation and meaningfulness."

A cornerstone of this Extended Version of the Bodhisattva's Vow is that we are committed to providing the fundamental needs of all humans beings—their food, shelter, medical care, money—so that they have the ability to expand into joy and pleasure and liberation and abundance.

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WHAT KNOWLEDGE CAN'T EAT

Malidoma Somé writes: "In the culture of my people, the Dagara, we have no word for the supernatural. The closest we come to this concept is 'Yielbongura,' translated as 'the thing that knowledge can't eat.'

"This word suggests that the life and power of certain things depend upon their resistance to the kind of categorizing knowledge that human beings apply to everything."

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LET US PRAY TO BE LIBERATED INTO BOUNDLESS MERCY AND LOVE

"Let us pray, not to tribal gods who provide only false and prideful triumphalism and xenophobia, good against evil, them against us, but to the dancing spirits within as they hold nameless truth in their generosity. Let us pray to be liberated into boundless mercy and love."

—Richard Grossinger

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ARE YOU THE HERO OF YOUR OWN LIFE?

How's your fight for freedom going? Are you making progress in liberating yourself from your unconscious obsessions, bad habits, and conditioned responses?

Do you find that you're getting more skillful at minimizing your suffering? Are you turning out to be the hero of your own life?

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FINDING YOUR TRUE HOME

Hermes Trismegistus: "Find your home in the haunts of every living creature. Make yourself higher than all heights and lower than all depths. Bring together in yourself all opposites of quality: heat and cold, dryness and fluidity.

"Think that you are everywhere at once, on land, at sea, in heaven. Think that you are not yet begotten, that you are in the womb, that you are young, that you are old, that you have died, that you are in the world beyond the grave.

"Grasp in your thought all this at once, all times and places, all substances and qualities and magnitudes together. Then you can apprehend God."

—Hermes Trismegistus

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PANDEMIC GRACE

Me on my walks around the neighborhood and in the wild, always ready to cast love spells on maskless narcissists who are oblivious to the desirability of social distancing during a pandemic: tinyurl.com/y8buz2dz

My magical intention is to draw out their dormant empathy and concern for the welfare of others.

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Me and my quarantine pod: tinyurl.com/y8yr6tp4

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OUR NON-HUMAN RELATIVES

Robin Wall Kimmerer writes: "As a scientist, I have been trained to refer to our relatives, the plants and the animals, the water and the Earth herself, as 'it.

"In Potawatomi languages, we characterize the world into those who are alive and the things which are not. So we speak a grammar of animacy. And that's because in the beautiful verb-based language, a language based on being and changing and agency, the whole world is alive."

Kimmerer says she was driven to study botany because of the central question in her heart: "Why is the world so beautiful?"

hold out hope that in the next 12 months you will launch plans that ultimately enable you to have all the money you need. 2021 will be a favorable time to formulate and set in motion a dynamic master plan for financial stability.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20):

One of your main themes for the next 12 months comes from Leonardo da Vinci. He wrote, "To develop a complete mind: Study the science of art. Study the art of science. Learn how to see. Realize that everything connects to everything else." If you use da Vinci's instructions as a seed for your meditations, you'll stir up further inspirations about how to make 2021 a history-making epoch in the evolution of your education. I hope you will treasure the value of "learning how to see" and "realizing how everything connects to everything else." They should be at the root of your intention to learn as much as you can.

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WHAT'S YOUR LONG-RANGE FUTURE?

Would you like some inspiration as you muse and wonder about your upcoming adventures in 2021?

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CANCER (June 21-July 22):

An extensive study by psychiatric researchers suggests that well more than half of us experienced a potentially disabling trauma in childhood. You're in the minority if you didn't! That's the bad news. The good news is that 2021 will be a time when you Cancerians will have more power than ever before to heal at least some of the wounds from your old traumas. You will also attract extra luck and help to accomplish these subtle miracles. To get the process started, make a list of three practical actions you can take to instigate your vigorous healing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):

Leo author Isabel Allende says, "We are in the world to search for love, find it and lose it, again and again. With each love, we are born anew, and with each love that ends we collect a new wound. I am covered with proud scars." I appreciate Allende's point of view, and understand that it's useful, even inspirational, for many people. But my path has been different. As a young man, I enjoyed my endless quest for sex and romance. It was thrilling to keep leaping from affair to affair. But as I eventually discovered, that habit made me stupid and superficial about love. It prevented me from having to do the hard psychological work necessary to continually reinvent intimacy—and become eligible for deeper, more interesting versions of love. I bring this to your attention, Leo, because I think 2021 could be your time for a personal rebirth that will be made possible by deep, interesting versions of love.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

Occultist Israel Regardie (1907-1985) was an accomplished author and influencer. To what did he attribute his success? I'll let him speak for himself: "Nothing in the world can take the place of persistence. Talent will not; nothing is more common than unsuccessful people with talent. Genius will not; unrewarded genius is almost a proverb. Education will not; the world is full of educated derelicts. Persistence and determination alone are omnipotent." I hope you will write out this quote and tape it to your bathroom mirror for the duration of 2021, Virgo.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):

The Kabbalistic Tree of Life is a mystical symbol of the hidden structure of creation. At its heart, in the most pivotal position, is the principle of beauty. This suggests that the wise teachers who gave us the Tree did not regard beauty as merely a luxury to be sought only when all practical business is taken care of. Nor is it a peripheral concern for those who pursue a spiritual path. Rather, beauty is essential for our health and intelligence. In accordance with astrological omens, I invite you to take a cue from the Tree of Life. During the next 12 months, give special attention to people and things and experiences and thoughts and feelings that are beautiful to you. Meditate on how to nurture them and learn from them and draw inspiration from them.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

According to motivational speaker Les Brown, the problem for many people is not that "they aim too high and miss," but that "they aim too low and hit." I'm conveying this to you just in time for the Reach Higher Phase of your long-term astrological cycle. According to my analysis, you'll generate good fortune for yourself if you refine and expand your personal goals. Here's a key detail: Don't borrow anyone else's standards of success. Home in on your own unique soul's code, and give it fuller, deeper, wilder expression.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):

One of my primary pleasures in reading books is to discover thoughts and feelings I have never before encountered. That's exciting! But it's hard to force myself to keep plowing through an author's prose if it's full of stuff that I already know about from my own life or from books, movies, and other art. Russian author Fyodor Dostoevsky's novels fit the latter description. I realize that many people love his fiction, but for me it is monumentally obvious and boring. What about you, Sagittarius? Where do you go to be exposed to thrilling new ways of looking at the world? Judging from the astrological omens, I conclude that this quest will be especially fun and crucial for you in the coming months.

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HOMEWORK:

What's the biggest and best lucky break you'd love to attract in 2021?

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