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BENEVOLENT SHOCK OF THE NEW

Your old self is the fuel you will use to burn your old self to the ground. This bonfire will liberate your new self, which has been trapped in a gnarly snarl deep inside your old self.

It's only at first that you'll feel freaked out by the flames. Very quickly a sense of relief and release will predominate. Then, as the new you makes its way to freedom, escaping its cramped quarters and flexing its vital force, you will be blessed with a foreshadowing of your future.

The intoxication that follows will bring you clarity and peace of mind.

IF YOU HAVE NOT HAD A GOOD FATHER

"When one has not had a good father, one must create one," said philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche. What does that mean? How might you go about "creating" a good father?

Well, you could develop a relationship with an admirable older man who is an inspiring role model.

You could read books by men whose work stirs you to actualize your own potentials.

If you have a vigorous inner life, you could build a fantasy dad in your imagination.

Here's another possibility: Cultivate in yourself the qualities you think a good father should have.

Your ideas? Tell me at Truthrooster@gmail.com

Even if you actually had a pretty decent father, I'm sure he wasn't perfect. So it still might be interesting to try out some of these ideas.

YOU TASTE DELICIOUS

You taste delicious Animals understand you Your importance is unusual

The funny faces you make are interesting to look at You fight for power in all the right ways

Ecstatic gratitude is pouring out of you I see the best in you Your divine attitude

You have strong feet and a pioneer heart

No one can overflow as well as you can

You are famous with God You are famous with me

You are famous with the snakes and birds and roses and pines and oceans and earth and sky

A lost tribe salutes you from the other side of the veil

You remind me of a star

Hear this poem as a song sung by me: bit.ly/1K2GS7D Another version of the song, this time sung by the inimitable Adrienne Mehri Shamszad: tinyurl.com/ojnex3n PERFECT AGREEMENT? There's not one person on the planet, even my greatest teachers, with whom I agree on every subject. I conclude that perfect accord is impossible, and that's a good thing. A LESS BORING EVIL A Less Boring Evil, Part 1 "Rudolf Steiner believed that evil was comprised of two forces that were opposed to each other in many ways, though with a tendency to form an alliance. "One force, associated with Lucifer, represents grandiosity, arrogance, and self-indulgence. The other, associated with Ahriman, is manipulative, acquisitive, and ultimately sterile. We owe art to Lucifer and technology to Ahriman. "They have both played a necessary and constructive role at different stages of the evolution of consciousness, enabling human beings to find a path of development towards love, wisdom, and freedom. "Thus, for Steiner, 'the task of evil is to promote the ascent of humans.' Because there are two forces of evil, not just one, good is not seen as being opposed to evil. The forces of good, associated with Christ/Magdalen, balance, redeem, and heal the two evil forces.' -Fraser N. Watts, "The Spiritual Psychology of Rudolf Steiner," an essay in "Beyond Therapy: The Impact of Eastern Religions on Psychological Theory and Practice" A Less Boring Evil, Part 2 "Rudolf Steiner saw Christ as the human mediation between the demonic Ahriman and the satanic Lucifer. Ahriman is the unit crushed into the uniform, the destruction of individuality in sameness. He is the spirit behind Stalin, or Orwell's nightmares of Big Brother. "Lucifer is the opposite, the individual raised to a cosmic egotism where there can be no other one, not even God. The Ahrimanic evil is the state that crushes all diversity. The Luciferic evil is the overweening pride of the scientist who believes he can control evolution. "The Christ is neither the unit and the uniform, nor the alone, but expresses the crossing of the -William Irwin Thompson, "Imaginary Landscape: Making Worlds of Myth and Science" **BREAK ALL SPELLS** You break all spells that keep you asleep to your own magic. ~ Chani Nicholas ++++++++++++++++ MORE PRONOIA RESOURCES: For more about the good news stories below, plus links to the articles that provide full evidence, go 1. India increased its already massive 2022 clean energy target by 28%. It plans to add 150 GW of wind and solar in the next four years.

- 2. Ireland became the world's first country to divest from fossil fuels, after a bill was passed with
- all-party support in the lower house of parliament. 3. Spain committed to shutting down most of its coalmines by the end of the year, after the government agreed to early retirement for miners, re-skilling, and environmental restoration.
- 4. The Journal of Peace Research said that global deaths from state-based conflicts have declined for the third year in a row, and are now 32% lower than their peak in 2014.
- 5. After a decade long effort, Herat, Afghanistan's deadliest province for landmines, was declared free of explosive devices. Nearly 80% of the country is now mine free.
- 6. Following the collapse of ISIS, civilian deaths in Iraq decreased dramatically. 80% fewer Iraqis

were killed in the first five months of 2018 compared to last year.

- 7. Ethiopia and Eritrea signed a peace treaty, signaling the end of a 20-year war, and reuniting thousands of families.
- 8. Malaysia abolished the death penalty for all crimes and halted all pending executions, a move hailed by human rights groups in Asia as a major victory.
- 9. Honduras had the highest homicide rate in the world in 2012. Murders have decreased by half since then, more than any other nation.
- 10. Crime and murder rates declined in the United States' 30 largest cities, with the murder rate for 2018 was 7.6% lower than 2017.

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FREE WILL ASTROLOGY Week beginning March 21

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ARIES (March 21-April 19):

During the coming weeks, everything that needs to happen will indeed happen only if you surprise yourself on a regular basis. So I hope you will place yourself in unpredictable situations where you won't be able to rely on well-rehearsed responses. I trust that you will regard innocence and curiosity and spontaneity as your superpowers. Your willingness to change your mind won't be a mark of weakness but rather a sign of strength.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20):

In the animated kids' film *Over the Hedge*, ten talking animals come upon a massive, towering hedge they've never seen. The friendly group consists of a skunk, red squirrel, box turtle, two opossums, and five porcupines. The hedge perplexes and mystifies them. It makes them nervous. There's nothing comparable to it in their previous experience. One of the porcupines says she would be less afraid of it if she just knew what it was called, whereupon the red squirrel suggests that from now on they refer to it as "Steve." After that, they all feel better. I recommend that you borrow their strategy in the coming weeks. If a Big Unknown arrives in your vicinity, dub it "Steve" or "Betty."

GEMINI (May 21-June 20):

I urge you to locate a metaphorical or very literal door that will give you access to a place that affords you more freedom and healing and support. Maybe you already know about the existence of this door—or maybe it's not yet on your radar. Here's advice from Clarissa Pinkola Éstes that might help. "If you have a deep scar, that is a door," she writes. "If you have an old, old story, that is a door. If you love the sky and the water so much that you almost cannot bear it, that is a door. If you yearn for a deeper life, a full life, a sane life, that is a door."

CANCER (June 21-July 22):

Musician Carole Kaye is the most famous bass guitarist you've never heard of. Over the course of five decades, she has plied her soulful talents on more than 10,000 recordings, including gems by Frank Zappa, Stevie Wonder, Frank Sinatra, Simon and Garfunkel, and the Beach Boys. Twenty-seven-time Grammy winner Quincy Jones has testified that Kaye has written "some of the most beautiful themes I've ever heard in my life" and that she "could do anything and leave men in the dust." I trust this horoscope will expand the number of people who appreciate her. I also hope you'll be inspired to become more active in spreading the word about the gifts that you have to offer the world. It's high time to make sure that people know more of the beautiful truth about you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):

"When you want happiness, what are you wanting?" asks aphorist Olivia Dresher. The repeat of an event that made you feel good in the past? A sweet adventure you've thought about but never actually experienced? Here's a third possibility. Maybe happiness is a state you could feel no matter what your circumstances are; maybe you could learn how to relax into life exactly as it is, and feel glad about your destiny wherever it takes you. In my opinion, Leo, that third approach to happiness will be especially natural for you to foster in the coming weeks.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

There are old traditions in many cultures that pay special attention to the first brick or stone that is laid in the earth to initiate the construction of a future building. It's called a cornerstone or foundation stone. All further work to create the new structure refers back to this original building block, and depends on it. I'm pleased to inform you that now is a favorable phase to put your own metaphorical cornerstone in place, Virgo. You're ready to begin erecting a structure or system that will serve you for years to come. Be sure you select the right place for it, as well as the best building materials.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):

Born under the sign of Libra, Ivan Kharchenko (1918–1989) was a military officer and engineer for the Soviet army. His specialty was disarming explosive devices before they detonated. Over the course of his career, he defused an estimated 50,000 bombs and mines. Let's make him your patron saint for the coming weeks. Why? Because I suspect you will be able to summon a metaphorical version of his power: an extraordinary capacity to keep volatile situations from blowing up. You'll be a virtuoso at waging peace and preventing strife.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

There was a time, less than a century ago, when pink was considered a masculine color and blue a feminine hue. In previous eras, many European men sported long hair, wore high heels, and favored clothes with floral patterns. Franklin D. Roosevelt, one of America's most prominent twentieth-century presidents, sometimes wore skirts and feather-bedecked hats as a child. With these facts as your keystone, and in accordance with astrological omens, I encourage you to experiment with your own gender expressions in the coming weeks. It's prime time to have fun with the way you interpret what it means to be a man or woman—or any other gender you might consider yourself to be.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):

According to estimates by population experts, about 109 billion humans have been born on planet Earth over the millennia. And yet I'm quite sure that not a single one of those other individuals has been anything like you. You are absolutely unique, an unmatched treasure, a one-of-a-kind creation with your own special blend of qualities. And in my prophetic view, you're ready to fully acknowledge and celebrate these facts on a higher octave than ever before. It's high time for you to own your deepest authenticity; to work with extra devotion to express your soul's code; to unabashedly claim your idiosyncratic genius.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

We don't know as much about European history between the sixth and ninth centuries as we do about other eras. Compared to the times that preceded and followed it, cultural and literary energies were low. Fewer records were kept. Governments were weaker and commerce was less vigorous. But historians don't like to use the term "Dark Ages" to name that period because it brought many important developments and activities, such as improvements in farming techniques. So in some ways, "Lost Ages" might be a more apropos descriptor. Now let's turn our attention to a metaphorically comparable phase of your own past, Capricorn: an era that's a bit fuzzy in your memory; a phase about which your understanding is incomplete. I suspect that the coming weeks will be an excellent time to revisit that part of your life and see what new evidence and insights you can mine.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

Why do some American libraries ban certain books, ensuring they're unavailable to local readers? The reasons may be because they feature profanity or include references to sex, drug use, the occult, atheism, and unusual political viewpoints. Marjane Satrapi's *Persepolis* is one of the most frequently censored books. Others are Maya Angelou's *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings, Beloved*, by Toni Morrison, and *The Kite Runner*, by Khaled Hosseini. In my astrological opinion, these are exactly the kinds of books you should especially seek out in the coming weeks. In fact, I suggest you commune with a variety of art and ideas and influences that are controversial, provocative, and intriguing.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):

At the age of 97, Piscean cartoonist Al Jaffee is still creating new material for the satirical *Mad* magazine, where he has worked since 1964. There was one 63-year stretch when his comic stylings appeared in all but one of *Mad*'s monthly issues. I nominate him to be your role model during the next four weeks. It's a favorable time for you to access and express a high degree of tenacity, stamina, and consistency.

HOMEWORK:

What's the thing you lost that should stay lost? What's the thing you lost that you should find? FreeWillAstrology.com.

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