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I hereby renounce and dissolve any denunciations that I may have inadvertently or carelessly hurled toward this Beautiful World when I was under the sway of bad ideas, delusional attitudes, or unloving influences.

PRONOIA FOR EVERYONE

By aligning my passion with the protests, I'm expressing rage and grief about decades of police brutality toward African Americans—as well as White America's centuries-long harm against black lives and black culture.

What also animates me is my love for African Americans and my longing for them to be free to live their lives in peace, prosperity, and grace. I am inspired by joyous gratitude and celebration for their gifts and the blessings they offer.

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CALLING FORTH OUR DEEPEST LONGINGS TO CARE FOR EACH OTHER

I have begun publishing on $\underline{\text{Medium.com}}$. Here's a piece I recently posted, "Calling Forth Our Deepest Longings to Care for Each Other": $\underline{\text{tinyurl.com/CareForEachOther}}$

PRAYER FOR STORIES THAT REDEEM

I pray to the ancestors with their medicine stories I pray to the descendants with their elixir stories I pray to the tale-tellers alive now who subterfuge their way free of the dead stories that numb and pound and sicken

I pray that they will reforge me into a magnet for visions of unbuyable wonder and dreams of pregnant rapture and fables from beyond the brain

May they craft me into a sweet vessel for creation myths that are alive with mist and smoke and whispers unknown to the Internet

May they massage me into a blissful mess of receptivity so I can always detect the dramas and comedies and parables owned by the solar system and copyrighted by eternity

I pray to the chroniclers who rebirth killed history I pray to the narrators who remember stolen memories

I pray to the journalists who track down the taboo conversations that women and children have explored in the middle of the night for the last four thousand years

I pray to the compassionate liars who disinter insurrectionary enchantments and restore their dazzling dark joy

May those agitators and awakeners

and animators mark me with signs that my creature teachers will recognize in the propaganda-free future

May they infuse me with resurrected confusions that sensitize me to the prematurely solved mysteries that I need to crack open again

May they make it easy for the medicine beasts, the talking animals, the earth's real gods, to welcome me as one of their own

SONGS TO INSPIRE ACTIVISM

"You Can't Kill Light, You Can't Kill Love," by Monica Pasqual: tinyurl.com/yd8oaovz

"Lions," Skip Marley: tinyurl.com/y5zl65xz

"Resilient," Rising Appalachia: tinyurl.com/yc6s9axx

HEART ADVICE FOR DIFFICULT TIMES

"When there's a big disappointment, we don't know if that's the end of the story. It may be just the beginning of a great adventure."

-Pema Chödrön, When Things Fall Apart: Heart Advice for Difficult Times

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YOUR PRIMAL LONGING

Recently I wrote about the pleasures that can come from cultivating a robust relationship with one's primal longing. "What is a 'primal longing' exactly?" a reader asked me.

I replied: Your primal longing is the deepest yearning you have; the essential desire that brought you here to earth; the reason why you're alive; the goal that's most important for you to strive for this lifetime; your core driving force.

BLESSING IN THE CHAOS

To all that is chaotic in you, let there come silence.

Let there be a calming of the clamoring, a stilling of the voices that have laid their claim on you, that have made their home in you,

that go with you even to the holy places but will not let you rest, will not let you hear your life with wholeness or feel the grace that fashioned you.

Let what distracts you cease.
Let what divides you cease.
Let there come an end to what diminishes and demeans, and let depart all that keeps you in its cage.

Let there be an opening into the quiet that lies beneath the chaos, where you find the peace you did not think possible and see what shimmers within the storm.

-Jan L. Richardson, "Blessing in the Chaos"

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MORE PRONOIA RESOURCES:

In the June 2 elections, there were historic wins for black and Hispanic women in multiple states. tinyurl.com/y8myabeu

In a major reversal, NFL commissioner Roger Goodell admitted that their organization was wrong for not allowing NFL players to peacefully protest police brutality against Black people during the national anthem. https://drugpud

How to Support the Struggle Against Police Brutality: tinyurl.com/AgainstBrutality

A Practical Guide to Defunding the Police: tinyurl.com/DefundingCops

Black Lives Matter is an organization that works to undo systematic racism toward African Americans. Three organizing rules are at the heart of its philosophy. They are:

- · Lead with love.
- · Low ego, high impact.
- · Move with the speed of trust.

(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: <u>Truthrooster@gmail.com</u>.

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20):

According to novelist Octavia E. Butler, "Positive obsession is about not being able to stop just because you're afraid and full of doubts." That's what I wish for you in the coming weeks, Gemini: positive obsession. It's also what I expect! My analysis of the astrological omens suggests that you will have the pluck and craftiness necessary to veer away from murky, disturbing versions of obsession. Instead, you'll embrace the exhilarating kind of obsession that buoys your spirit in moments of uncertainty. I foresee you making progress on your most important labor of love.

CANCER (June 21-July 22):

William Thomson, also known as Lord Kelvin (1824–1907), was a Cancerian physicist and mathematician who contributed to the understanding of thermodynamics and other areas of scientific and engineering knowledge. Despite his considerable intelligence, however, he was myopic about the possibility that humans might one day fly through the air while seated inside of machines. In a 1902 interview—a year before the Wright Brothers' breakthrough experiment—he declared, "No aeroplane will ever be successful." I suspect you could be on the verge of passing through a Lord Kelvin phase, Cancerian. You may at times be highly insightful and at other times curiously mistaken. So I urge you to be humbly confident and confidently humble!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):

Author Marianne Williamson tells us, "Spiritual growth involves giving up the stories of your past so the universe can write a new one." And what exactly does it mean to "give up the stories of your past"? Here's what I think: 1. Don't assume that experiences you've had before will be repeated in the future. 2. Don't assume that your ideas about the nature of your destiny will always be true. 3. Even good things that have happened before may be small and limited compared to the good things that could happen for you in the years to come. 4. Fully embrace the truth that the inherent nature of existence is endless transformation—which is why it's right and natural for you to ceaselessly outgrow the old plot lines of your life story and embrace new ones.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):

Philosopher and astrologer Marsilio Ficino wrote, "Mortals ask God for good things every day, but they never pray that they may make good use of them." I hope that in the coming weeks, you Virgos will disprove that cynical view of human beings. As I see it, you will be more likely than usual to actually receive the blessings you ask for. And I hope—in fact, I predict—that when you receive the blessings, you will then aggressively seek the help of God or Life or your deepest wisdom to make good use of them.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):

I was hiking under a blue sky in a favorite natural location: the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, just north of San Francisco, where sublime vistas provide views of ocean and mountain. Although I was in a good mood, at one point I spied empty Budweiser cans amidst the wild jewelflowers. "What kind of nature-hater was so careless as to despoil this wonderland"? I fumed. For a few moments I was consumed with rage and forgot where I was. By the time I recovered my bearings, the bobcat and red-tailed hawk I'd previously been observing had disappeared. That made me sad. My anger was justified but wasteful, irrelevant, and distracting. It caused me to lose touch with some glorious beauty. Don't be like me in the coming days, Libra. Keep your eyes on the prize.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

"I have more memories than if I were a thousand years old," wrote poet Charles Baudelaire. Was he bragging or complaining? Did the weight of his past feel like a burden or did it exhilarate him

and dynamize his creative powers? I'm hoping that in the coming weeks your explorations of your past will feel far more like the latter—a gift and blessing that helps you understand aspects of your history that have always been mysterious or murky.

YOU NEED MAGIC EVERY DAY

Every day, you have to wade through a relentless surge of soul-less facts. The experience tends to shut down your sense of wonder. $\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) \left(\frac$

Every day, you're over-exposed to cynical narratives that have been sucked free of delight and mystery. That's why you have to make such strenuous efforts to keep your world enchanted.

I like to think I can contribute to the sacred cause of feeding your sense of wonder and enchantment. In fact, that's one of my prime motivations for offering you the free weekly horoscopes you read in this newsletter.

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SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):

According to my analysis of the astrological omens, you're primed to navigate your way through a sweetly gritty, tenderly transformative, epically meaningful turning point in the history of your relationship with your favorite collaborator or collaborators. If that sounds too intense, you could at least accomplish an interesting, stimulating, educational shift in the way you fit together with your best ally or allies. It's up to you, Sagittarius. How much love and intimacy and synergy can you handle? I won't judge you harshly if you'd prefer to seek the milder version of deepening right now. Besides, you'll probably get a chance to go further later this year.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):

Actor Emma Thompson tells us, "I wish I wouldn't have to say this, but I really like human beings who have suffered. They're kinder." Adding to what she observes, I'll say that for many people, their suffering has also made them smarter and more soulful and more compassionate. Not always, but often, it's the pain they've suffered that has helped turn them into thoughtful companions who know how to nourish others. I urge you to make a special point to converse with people like this in the near future. In my estimation, you will benefit from intense doses of empathetic nurturing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):

Lake Elsinore is a city in southwestern California. Last spring, torrential rains there caused a "superbloom" of poppies. Millions of the golden-orange wildflowers covered many acres of Walker Canyon. They attracted another outbreak of beauty: thousands of painted lady butterflies, which came to visit. The magnificent explosion was so vast, it was visible from a satellite high above the earth. I wouldn't be surprised if you're experiencing a metaphorical superbloom of your own right now, Aquarius. I hope you will find constructive ways to channel that gorgeous fertility.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):

Lucumi is an Afro-American religion with Yoruban roots. Its practitioners worship their ancestors, and seek regular contact and communion with them. According to Lucumi priestess Luisah Teish, "Sometimes the ancestors deem certain information so important that they send it to the subconscious mind without being consciously asked." It's my belief that all of us, whether or not we're members of the Lucumi religion, can be in touch with the spirits of our ancestors if we would like to be—and receive useful guidance and insight from them. The coming weeks will be a time when you Pisceans are especially likely to enjoy this breakthrough. It's more likely to happen if you have an intention to instigate it, but it may come to pass even if you don't seek it.

ARIES (March 21-April 19):

During her 90 years on the planet, actor and singer Marlene Dietrich reinvented herself numerous times. She had superb insight into the nature of shifting rhythms, and a knack for gauging the right moment to adapt and transform. Good timing, she said, came naturally to people like her, as well as for "aerialists, jugglers, diplomats, publicists, generals, prize-fighters, revolutionists, financiers, and lovers." I would add one further category to her list: the Aries tribe. Make maximum use of your talent in the coming weeks.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20):

Author and theologian Frederick Buechner writes, "There is treasure buried in the field of every one of our days, even the bleakest or dullest, and it is our business to keep our eyes peeled for it." In alignment with current astrological potentials, Taurus, I'll name that as your key theme. More than usual, breakthroughs and revelations and catalysts are likely to be available to you in the midst of the daily slog—even when you're feeling bored. Make it your business to be on high alert for them.

HOMEWORK:

This devastating moment in history has the redemptive effect of calling forth our deepest longings to care for each other. Do you agree? <u>RealAstrology.com</u>

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