

2003—A “5” Year for humanity

The possibility of transformation by holding firm to the heart of meaning

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This year has flown by for me and I'm sure for you as well. 2002 was a 4 year symbolically which gave us all opportunities to get more honest about ourselves, our communities and families, our work and our world. 4 has collectively created a foundation of humanity, an inter-connected link of consciousness. In the negative, 4 has been about control and dominance for the benefit of a few. The choice is ours in which direction we proceed. In the many conversations I have had with clients and friends there has been a parallel theme; one of despair and deep concern over the state of the world, and also a growing desire to show up and serve in a profound way. There is a powerful intention to be part of saving this planet and birthing loving consciousness as *the* way of life.

This yin and yang of dark and light intensifies as we move into our 5 year. 2003 is a year of transformation and radical change. Therefore we must be infinitely flexible in order to dance with shifts and changes and face the personal myths that keep us from being who we truly are. As Margaret Wheatley said at a conference I attended this year, “as we attempt this territory we have never lived in, we must be willing to be insecure.” Since we spend much of our waking hours protecting our sense of security both physical and emotional, this is a big challenge. From where can

we draw the strength to sustain us in this time of insecurity? How can we resist the despair so present and hold to our vision? How do each of us define personal power?

We see more clearly than ever that we cannot protect our comfort while others are suffering, the price is too high and in the end, we all lose. When we confront the problems in the world, it feels overwhelming. One key is to work very consciously inside of ourselves and become aware of the places we are not being honest. If we achieve a new awareness inside ourselves, then we will see the world through new eyes and be able to look at everything with less ego and more consciousness. That translates to all avenues of our existence. It is painful to be awake because there is so much that is painfully wrong, ugly, greedy, shameful, destructive and unconscionable in this world. We must have the courage to open our eyes wide and tell the truth, for the truth shall set us free. Where in our lives are we not willing to be real yet? Be courageous and confront the tough questions, go deep enough to get to the core. Ask yourself; what have I created that blocks my fulfillment? If you blame anything outside of you, look again and love yourself for having the courage to do so.

Can you feel how much more the entire world is in conscious connection? Are you experiencing merging to a greater and deeper degree with all of humanity? Take a moment and feel the depth of change that has taken place in the past year, it is profound. We can no longer be about self as separate from the whole. We must operate from a place of self-centered awareness for the whole of life. Our relationship to the spiritual becomes incredibly pragmatic and absolutely vital. The truth is, we are radiant angels, potentially conscious beyond belief, loving above all else and therein lies our security. If we are willing to feel love inside ourselves and to hold the vision of what we know is possible for humanity, we will shift the planet. 2003 is a portal for this energy.

The symbol of 5 represents a magical gate of possibility and like all possibilities, it has requirements. 5 will both push from the past and pull from the future. The energy demands that we let go of what is old and doesn't serve us and open fully to whatever will come. To allow magic (5) in our lives and therefore in the world, we must be firmly grounded in ourselves. 5 can bring us freedom from old ways, old myths, old beliefs, old thoughts and it can also bring chaos, fear, confusion, deception. It is our choice and many will not choose to be awake yet. We must therefore be more awake with no blame or judgment and transform our personal world one step at a time so

that the world at large will change in time. 5 will confront us with our fears and ask us to break through them.

When we are insecure and fearful, we can go to cynicism, despair and blame; it won't help. We know that there are those in "power" that have a very selfish and shortsighted vision for the world. They are part of our lesson. We cannot change them, we can change ourselves. We need each other at this time in history and the 5 year can be truly magical for the bringing together of groups to effect change. 5 loves openness and willingness. 5 opens the doors of perception when it meets our excitement and passion. 5 can pull the rug out, not to put us on our butts, but so we may find our feet. We need to change the world but we can only do that when we get very honest about our own lives. We will have to sacrifice more because others have so little. We will have to love more because others don't love enough. We will have to birth more joy so that it fly's around the earth and is felt by all those in need. Your personal year may not be a 5 but everyone is affected by the 5 energy in 2003.

Your personal year will be your guiding responsibility for "earth school 2003." Check in with that frequently, there is much wisdom there. Remember that to know what personal year you are going to meet, add your day and month of

birth together, reduce each of them to a single digit and then add those together plus 5 since 2003 is a 5 year.

A 1 year is a time of new beginnings and possibilities, a year to let your warrior initiate new ground and refocus your energy for something that has meaning and energy for you. Lead others when you are sure of your path.

A 2 year is a time for relationship to be your teacher. Serve with love and openness. Recognize the power of healing that love carries. Honor your boundaries, intuitive instincts and practice the healing power of love.

A 3 year is a dynamic time for creative expression, communication and getting involved with the larger community. Allow the magical child within you to express spontaneously but not run your emotions. You will be amazed at the wisdom that comes through in action.

A 4 year asks us to build foundation in our lives. To create living structures in our work, families, homes, and our world that express the principals of divine harmony and physical truth.

A 5 year is about opening up and expanding structures and ideas. Learning to be at the center of experience while facing fears and unexpected challenges. Radical transformation requires willingness.

A 6 year brings the idea of balance and responsibility. What are you paying too much attention to, not enough? Unconditional love begins at home, in ones own heart, before it can flow to others.

A 7 year is an education in spiritual wisdom, often very hard won. We are asked to stop and take a deep assessment of life's contradictions; life and dearth, spirit and matter, and come to terms with these things for ourselves. We may also be asked to share our wisdom.

An 8 year is a time for the manifestation of ones dreams, talents, and values into form. Financial matters come up to be dealt with. This is a year of tremendous possibility providing the belief in that possibility is real.

A 9 year will be one of service and surrender. This is a year to help others with compassion and to express ones holiest passion in the creative arts. All the other years have led to this one. The more we let go, the more we are shown and given.