

Intuition and Collective Consciousness

The appearance of Spirituality and its ability to be in residence within one's life has multiple levels of influence on relationships. What appears to be, in time, often morphs in some degree into its opposite. As I mature I seek to keep this in mind as I am susceptible to its occurrence. For me I am learning how to moderate its movement between the extremes of being enthralled and running for my life.

Much of my early vulnerability to an imbalance that caused it to shift so radically over time, was that initially a first experience felt so exciting and enveloped me in such a warm and nurturing way. I was unable to resist its touch and wanted more and then so much more. It was this endless seeking of more that caused the scale to reverse itself in its attempt to reset itself back into balance. In my experience this felt like a loss and by the time the scale came back into balance the feeling was so diminished compared to when I moved among it in the extreme, that I felt that I was being rejected. This led to a disintegration of its presence.

I would like to explore this dynamic within a wonderful relationship I had a number of years back. I want to share that much of this will be shared in the present tense for in the intuitive state time is not linear; rather it is all encompassing in that the past, present and future are one. This investigation comes from a desire to understand and to master more completely the mystery of relationships. There was a time when on a weekly basis I met with a small and intimate collective of five women with me as the only man. This group had a mutual interest in helping people and when we met we would explore what were the inhibiting aspects of our culture that inhibited a broader expansion of experience that would allow for greater inclusivity of marginalized groups such as those suffering from mental illness. In this meeting we all felt a heightened feeling of trust and safety. In this nurturing and supportive setting Intuition is an active participant. We all felt that Intuition is as much a member of the collective as is any individual person. In our collective, Intuition is our guide. My gift is the ability to connect to Intuition and I discovered that within the collective this connection is much stronger than when I relate to it on my own. In each meeting after relaxing together with dinner we'd sit quietly for a few minutes then I would share a feeling, a thought, or an earlier experience and in a few moments the women would enter into the discussion and we would soar collectively into a heightened state of consciousness and awareness. Each of the members of the collective are individually highly intuitive and it is because the women are willing to trust me and to allow me to focus the collective that the intuition can manifest so powerfully and meaningfully. The visit of Intuition as a result of the collective focus is of a different nature than that which visits on the personal level.

The strength of each member of the collective is our ability to seek to integrate the awareness that is shared by the visitation of intuition into our personal lives, which in turn increases our ability to focus as a collective and to conduct greater degrees of intuition into the collective experience. The next step may be for us to develop an active collective consciousness, in which the collective evolves into a being of its own. This would require an even more evolved sense of trust and faith. The benefit of this might be the ability to work on a collective task that the collective members cannot do as individuals. It would not be just individuals working on a task together as a team does, rather it would be from a collective consciousness that the task is acknowledged and the

work required would be attuned through that awareness. It might be akin to a jazz improvisation where through no apparent direction or focus the music intuitively evolves into a most intriguing and dynamic composition.

Where this appears to be ideal, and the dream for us as collective members is that we can evolve into a willingness to experience such a being of oneness, there must be an awareness of the hidden dangers that led to the failures of those who have come before who have attempted this very same experience. This desired experience is not in an artistic expression, rather it is in response to the pain and suffering of humanity itself and would attempt to heal the wounds of a spiritual nature that drive people who have achieved power to hurt those weaker.

We are developing the awareness that in our collective endeavor to form into a healing force we walk against the flow of a river; a river of the way things have been for humanity since the beginning. This river is powerful and is sentient. It has a way of being that has for it been successful and it has thrived for eons. Humanity struggles to grasp its true form or function as on some level everyone is deeply influenced by it. In the attempt to be free of its grasp people have sought spiritual experiences and in this seeking have met up with an ally that names itself as Intuition. In our union we were learning from Intuition that while it comes into this world as light in the dark and it illumines the mystery and pathways appear that were hidden, doors open that were closed, and the barren becomes fertile yet...there is a contradiction.

When this force, intuition, is concentrated in an individual people are amazed and view the person as having the traits of a higher being, perhaps as an angel, a prophet, a messiah, or at least a guide. The person attracts many followers, aspirants, and disciples. Intuition manifesting in such a person is incredibly attractive to the seeker. Yet, we live in a world that is enmeshed and framed by Duality. Therefore is there not Intuition's twin? In our meetings we are enthralled within the embrace of Intuition. Yet, when we leave and move beyond the collective to our individual lives we find that we have not left the world of duality. For me and the others we carry in our nucleus the core of an expanded consciousness and it is our work to integrate it into our relationships. This is not an immediate happening. We have experienced growth in our relationship to each other and yet we face challenges especially in how as we grow this maturing challenges others in their ability to continue to relate to us.

With the introduction by Intuition of the contradiction, I look in greater depth and I sense hidden behind even the most empowering influence of Intuition a force that acts to disrupt relationships. In exploring the dynamics of when Intuition manifests through a human being, a spiritual force in name and form I feel from Intuition the need to be wary. It seems that Intuition is relating history that seems at times in the past, but could be in the present when it was open to seeking the opportunity to create heaven on earth and entered into a person to carry this effort into human reality. Yet absurdly, Intuition was surprised to see that it could also create hell on earth. As the adored person becomes more broadly known and with the focus of followers being directed to the person the intensifying spiritual presence often excites violence, as was experienced by Jesus. In the situation of the Jewish and the Muslim religions this focus of Intuition initiated an eruption of violence on others.

In the time of Moses the Chosen People erupted into violence upon crossing the River Jordan into the Promised Land. After the ascendance of Jesus the Romans attacked

the Christians for three hundred years until such time when Christianity became the state religion of Rome. Then as the Romans did, so did the Christian Church do as it persecuted and sought to destroy all the native religions of the lands that Christianity was brought into. Another example of the violence that came from enlightenment, the result of concentrated intuition, was Islam. With the coming of the Prophet Mohammed war raged as Islam was brought by the sword to other lands. Even in modern time, with the coming of Gandhi and the teachings of non-violence in India the result was for the Hindus and the Muslims to war on each other. Some thing is wrong with this scenario. How can enlightenment, the coming of the "Teachings" result in the creation of warfare? Even in our small collective, at times this phenomenon manifests when there is a disruption of the focus of unity. As important, as the phenomenon is brought to the personal level, it at times forcefully influences one's personal relationships in a similar way. It seems incredible that such a disruptive force can manifest out of such beauty.

What then is Intuition? Well Intuition began to share what we were beginning to sense that it is more than it seems. Intuition related that there are many levels or dimensions of intuition as it has numerous sources from which it can manifest. We wondered about this and felt that intuition is not of this world; rather it comes from some other source to the fortunate few. Then as Intuition was suggesting that should it come from numerous otherworldly sources would it not have varying affects upon those who receive it depending upon which source? What then are these purported sources of intuition?

We started with what we believed and that was that intuition comes from G-d. It is in the clarity and brilliance of the insights and direction that comes from intuition that leads us to imbue Intuition with the attributes of G-d. We saw that once we imbued Intuition with these attributes then intuition becomes tremendously influential within us. We shared together that other people believe that intuition can come from Angels and still others believe that there are beings from others Universes that visit this earth and communicates to people through channeling/intuition. No one really knows for sure, except those who believe they know, like us? Perhaps we are all right. What does seem clear is that there are different levels or kinds of intuition. Some intuition only seems to influence the individual. Other intuitions become doctrine for multitudes. It would seem then that there are intuitions of various natures, some of which enhance one's personal life and other's that draw people into new sets of values that in the long run can be quite destructive. What Intuition was suggesting was that it would be important for those capable of receiving intuition to learn to differentiate between various types of intuition so that they have some degree of free will in deciding how much to allow their intuition to influence their lives and in choosing whether or not to share the intuition with others.

I know that we have such an incredibly strong need to belong and to be relevant that we are susceptible to the influence of powers that offer us such importance and meaning. There is a feeling of acceleration that can cause us to not heed these warnings; viewing the warnings as a lack of faith, which would block the free flow of the very intuition that provides us with such meaning. With this in mind I began to explore with the ladies that we might benefit by slowing down and to heed Intuition's warning.

We discussed the possibility that if we doubt the nature of our intuition that this may result in Intuition withdrawing. I shared that for myself that I personally would then have to doubt the beneficence of such an intuition that would withdraw because some one

had the common sense to slow the relationship down in order to feel comfortable that it was developing into a healthy experience, not just for one but for all the members of the collective. The proof of the health of the relationship for me would not be just in the feeling that the collective experiences in the presence of the being of Intuition. Rather the proof would be in the improvement in my personal relationships outside of the collective experience. I shared that I was vulnerable to experience the collective consciousness as it created an elevated feeling of being tuned in and on the right track. I reflected that in the past when I had engaged in this manner that while simultaneously while soaring on the connection I was overwhelmed that in my personal life that such an experience can change me to such a degree that it could at times weaken my personal relationships. The women were supportive of me and they communicated that they can relate to my experience. As we explored this further we took a deep look into how the forces within the collective are seductive and drew us into an altered state. As they shared some of their experiences with Spirituality we were able to see that it had resulted in such a way that priorities changed and this was difficult for the people with whom they were relating on an intimate level. and they can become detached to such a degree that they can no longer able to interact with those they used to feel comfortable with.

With this caveat in place, with the ability to assess the consistency between the teachings and the actual real life living of those teachings, we decided that with caution that the experience of entering into our collective consciousness and its lessons may in deed lead to the healing of the wounds of humanity. With this in mind, our group consciously does not seek to associate our experience with anyone person or groups of people within our collective. Our trust in our Intuition diminishes on one level with its warning and is sustained on another level because of it leading us into a greater and more balanced view of where it comes from. In time we will determine the cohesiveness of our relationship through the development of our joint consciousness.