

Intuition, Transformation, and Politics: Seeing Through the Smokescreen of Spin

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I am not a particularly political person, as I've never understood why, when discussing politics, friends and loved ones can become so hotly divided against each other by identifying with ideologies. And then, I've never seen much real improvement in society by either party, since resisting and one-upping each other seems to be their main business. I'm not too patriotic either, in the old way where we boast egotistically of our greatness at the expense of other nations. And yet, I have always felt proud of the experiment in consciousness that is the United States. The work of our Founding Fathers, and of the matriarchal Iroquois Nation before them, moves my soul.

I believe America has an underlying spiritual purpose: to serve as a kind of laboratory for new consciousness and enlightenment. With that comes a global role to play as a catalytic, encouraging evolutionary force, not as the know-it-all boss of everyone. I am fascinated watching the process of our national spiritual growth unfold, wondering if we will be strong enough morally, with lessening ego, good enough hearts, and a broad enough vision, to play our part in the world community. I know that what we're living through now — this exaggerated domination-victimization reality — is a phase in a global transformation process, something necessary to break through to reach a more enlightened way of living. And I know we cannot do it alone, cut off from other peoples by arrogance and ignorance. It's going to require balanced cross-cultural, international giving and receiving.

The Inner Blueprint and Outer Reality

Like anyone on a spiritual path, I seek to live increasingly without fear and separatist thinking, and more from an awareness of unity and respect for life (of course, it's a grand work in progress!). To do this, I practice measuring what I experience in my outer reality against what I know of how the internal universal laws function, to see what has natural harmony and actually works, and what doesn't. With politics, this is a challenging task. The physical mechanics and goings-on of government and leaders are so obscured by emotional opposition, smokescreens of media spin, corruption, and outright lies, that I've had a tendency to tune it out rather than make the effort to use my intuition to sort through the heaps of grain and chaff. I know I'm not alone in these feelings of overwhelm, confusion, and helplessness. But if we are to contribute to healing ourselves collectively, and healing the damage we've already done to our planet, we must look deeper, underneath the external physical dynamics.

In my work as an intuitive counselor and trainer, I have found that trying to solve problems and create change by working only in the world of form takes an unreasonable amount of energy, time, will power, effort, and cleverness. This way of doing things is too slow and ineffective these days — especially in arenas that are extremely polarized, as in politics.

Today it's more efficient to use intuition to feel into the underlying "inner blueprint" patterns in the thought and energy worlds, and shift things there first via imagination and focused attention. When we do that, the external world of form changes rapidly to match the internal template — and we get great timing without snags. If we try to change the external without changing the internal first, the changes will fade, revert, and the old pattern will repeat.

Today, we're experiencing a profound change in the inner energy-and-consciousness realm — a totally new inner blueprint for reality is being patterned — while the external world still tries to maintain and align with the old inner blueprint. This causes tremendous stress, since universal law says: the world of form coalesces out of the higher frequency inner energy-and-consciousness pattern and effortlessly takes the appropriate, just-right physical shape — if nothing is in the way. If there are blocks — contractions and fixations in thought and emotion, resulting from fear — the physical form will include those blocks and snags. With the amount of resistance to change today, the just-right shape of the new reality is struggling to break through rather than to simply drop in.

I am interested in looking below the surface of the way politics functions to find trends and see what might be shifting as the energy in the world shifts. What's really true? Where are the false notes? How can we dissolve impasses and blind spots? And what shape might politics eventually take?

The World Is Accelerating and Perception is Changing Drastically

We, our collective reality, and the planet, are evolving — whether we like it or not. We're moving from an old paradigm to a new paradigm. In a nutshell, the frequency of the physical world is increasing, which is causing us to undergo a transformation process, or a leap in perception that shoots us into a different organizing model for the way reality, perception, and energy function; we're gradually entering a new world as a new kind of human being.

A big part of this process requires a dramatic clearing of fear and old thinking — the "impurities" that block the flow of heightened energy and cause distorted physical results. The acceleration itself is prying these things loose because the energy today is stronger than our resistance. It's as though Pandora's Box is being opened societally, as well as personally. This means old deeply ingrained habits and fears that were previously stored in the subconscious mind, and invisible, are now rising to the surface and acting out in our lives and in the news.

We see it everywhere — the many scandals, taboos, hatreds, denials, excuses, abuses, secrets, and lies that have already been exposed. Societal structures that rely on ego (identity associated with left brain perception and separation), hoarding, will power, and control are beginning to crumble. Our systems are in a rapid evolutionary mode, trying to shift to a way of functioning that is more efficient for the new levels of energy and consciousness we're embodying. What's worked in the past, what's traditional, is certainly not "bad," it's just that much of it won't function for long in the accelerated energy climate

that is becoming the new normal — unless we re-view and re-invent it from the new paradigm point of view. The new outer form must match the new inner energy blueprint.

Two things happen when the acceleration of energy and consciousness opens subterranean vaults of fear and exposes outdated thinking. First, what was already fear-based — for example, behaviors developed to fight and avoid fear, and behaviors that heighten fear — become more intense, exaggerated, and prevalent. We move around in an atmosphere constantly tainted by anxiety and it is always foremost on our mind, even when we sleep. The result is that life is fragmented, ultra-fast, unpredictable, and chaotic. We are always on edge.

The second thing is that life temporarily becomes more polarized. Consciousness is moving toward an experience of oneness, awakening to a unified field of energy, and our attachment to our old way of seeing the world — as mainly dualistic and linear, with great amounts of separation — strengthens in its resistance. The compartmentalized, analytical left brain doesn't understand how things can function in unity, so it causes us to lock down into what we already know. This has the effect of increasing warlike behaviors, and opposition thinking becomes so intense that the two sides of any polarity seem even farther apart and less able to understand each other and how they are versions of a larger, more comprehensive reality.

Old Paradigm Thinking: Polarization and Preservation

Many good people who focus mainly on the material world of form — which looks so dismal right now — are caught in this intensification of fear-generated oppositional thinking. When this happens, the ego takes charge. It causes these people to be afraid of change and loss, and to want to preserve what's familiar. For this reason they are retracting into increased avoidance and aggressive-defensive behaviors to try to maintain comfortable habits and material security.

There are always two poles to oppositional thinking: one is fight-motivated and one is flight-motivated. Whether counter-phobic or phobic, both produce detrimental results. Inherent in these change-resistant stances are ideas based on linear, or old paradigm, perception: for example, that we are separate and inherently inimical to each other.

Counter-phobic thinking fights fear with attack or control. Its adherents might deal with separatism by striving to be fortified and superior. This might result in associating the patriarchy's hierarchical power structures with morality and safety, or equating security with wealth and material possessions. Here the ego masquerades as the dictator-conqueror. For example, greed can be disguised as free enterprise, or terrorism as righteous religion, or hate speech and character assassination as journalism.

On the other hand, phobic thinking identifies with, succumbs to, or runs away from fear. Its adherents might deal with the inimical nature of separatism by refusing to think about it and postponing confrontations, fantasizing about ideal realities, feeling that conditions are unfair, or that they're underprivileged and too helpless to overcome personal challenges and

succeed. With this point of view the ego masquerades as an apathetic or passive victim, or an idealistic dreamer. It might blame others or feel someone else should provide unconditional support.

The Role of Fear in Politics

With fear in the driver's seat these days, politics is an arena where oppositional thinking shows up in a glaring way. When self-preservation is at stake conservative and liberal positions become more extreme and defensive. Both sides become entrenched in beliefs about right and wrong.

The two main parties began, however, with clear, spiritually true points of view that may seem opposite — though they are actually quite complementary. Today their differences are exaggerated and less recognizable. This is because most of the focus of both parties is no longer to represent their original ideals, but to survive and resist the opposing party.

Let's touch back into those original ideals. Since I wasn't sure what the two groups actually stand for these days, I had to look it up online. The following definitions are right out of Wikipedia:

The conservative mindset values individual rights, personal responsibility, free markets, limited government, and traditional values. It believes the role of government is to provide people the freedom necessary to pursue their own goals and solve their own problems. Studies show that the conservative mindset is more oriented to guarding against negative outcomes and protecting people from harm. It is avoidance based and seeks to regulate society via restraints in the interests of social order.

The liberal mindset feels government action should achieve equality and opportunity for all, that government should alleviate social ills and protect civil liberties and human rights. Liberal policies generally emphasize the need for government to solve problems. Studies show that the liberal mindset is more oriented to providing for people's well-being. It is approach based (focused on advancing positive outcomes) and seeks to regulate society via activation in the interests of social justice.

Today, with fear so palpable in the world, it's as if the political parties have become caricatures of themselves, embodying old paradigm, aggressive-masculine-yang and passive-feminine-yin postures.

There is a positive side to the values of each party (their original ideals), and a shadow side that appears as fear increases. Here is my admittedly very broad intuitive insight about what happens to the two mindsets as fear takes over:

The conservative mindset seems to relate to the counter-phobic stance I mentioned previously. It sees the world as mainly physical and its adherents identify themselves as mainly individualistic and nationalistic. They are realistic. As fear heightens, this

mindset can become more isolationist, materialistic, organized, and defined by beliefs and boundaries. It can cause an avoidance of the unknown and an obsessive drive for power and superiority. It can lead to domination, aggression, and narcissistic behavior. Eventually it can paralyze the ability to adapt and innovate. We might say this kind of consciousness is similar to left-brain dominant perception.

The liberal mindset seems to relate to the phobic stance I mentioned previously. It is focused on possibilities, dreams, and visions, and its adherents identify themselves as idealistic, global citizens. They feel connected to varied populations of people and empathically feel the plight of underprivileged or suffering groups. Because they're accepting, they can act as knee-jerk rescuers who don't hold people to high standards. As fear heightens, this mindset can be too conceptual and content to live in fantasies, too permissive, and overwhelmed. It can lack clear boundaries and accountability. This can lead to victim consciousness and passive-aggression and can also paralyze the ability to adapt and innovate. We could say this consciousness relates to right-brain dominant perception.

What's interesting is that both mindsets, when in fear, tend to attract domination and victimization. The counter-phobic mindset that needs to feel superior calls forth the same mindset expressed in a different way. A good example is how nationalistic patriots can be obsessed with fundamentalist extremist terrorists, and vice versa; they both want to dominate the other dominators. This mindset also calls forth its opposite — the needy, poor, uneducated, and unwashed. On the other hand, the phobic mindset that can easily believe it is being victimized, must have dominators to validate its passive identity. Like attracts like, so victims gather together to reinforce the rightness of being wrong, or wronged.

The more fear heightens and motivates both mindsets, the more they function from the ego's reactionary facts vs. the soul's evolutionary wisdom.

New-Paradigm Thinking: Non-Polarization and Evolution

Not everyone contracts and resists the new high-frequency energy and consciousness, however. Not everyone reacts with fear. Without fear, there is no polarization or opposition; there is complementarity instead. A growing number of people are living from the essential internal reality of the soul today, allowing forms and reality to evolve as the energy and consciousness of the planet evolve. These people are working with the acceleration process, adapting to each new wave, opening to the benefits and revelations. They are clearing old fears, inventing new systems, and developing a worldview based on connection and compassion. They are not polarizing into adrenaline-based fight or flight responses.

This group uses intuition to feel through surface disturbances into the nonphysical world where harmonious evolution is progressing effortlessly, and attempts to bring this innate harmony into the forms of everyday life. The result is an equal valuing of both physical and nonphysical life, and of individual and collective consciousness and rights.

When it comes to politics, these people may arise from any political party, but I suspect a large number are moderates, or possibly women and young people. They are neither conservative nor liberal, and are not really opposing anything. Instead they are working to stabilize the experience of being unified in new paradigm consciousness, which includes the full spectrum of the soul's identity — from “I am Me” to “I am Us.” This consciousness emerges from the integrated use of both sides of the brain, and includes all positions and all polarities. It is “both-and” instead of “either-or” and can find harmonious ways to balance and integrate such oppositions as man vs. nature, or technology vs. hands-on experience, or corporate power vs. individual creativity.

This is a “movement” and it is unlike third parties that have arisen in recent years based on special interests or specific causes. In fact, it isn't a party at all; the derivation of the word “party” comes from the Latin, “to divide into parts.” It instead is a movement that unifies the positions now separated and claimed by conservatives and liberals.

It will show conservatives and liberals as holding two parts of a more universal philosophy — a third way — that is the greatly expanded *modus operandi* of the new paradigm. This group will be at the forefront of helping politics evolve beyond the two-party system, beyond the three- or four- or five-party system, to a spherical one based on the circle, or the round table council. Perhaps soon we will understand how to harness the soul-infused group mind to bring through policies and innovations that align continuously with planetary evolution — without resistance or opposition.

The world currently seems to be dividing between people who want to maintain the materially based status quo (and who are not fully in touch with the nonphysical realms), who are divided against each other into conservative and liberal positions, and those who are unifying the physical and nonphysical worlds to reveal a new integrated reality, who don't take sides, and who want conscious evolution. These two groups — the old paradigm and new paradigm people — function at different frequencies that are progressively growing farther apart in vibration.

What's Next? Ego Death!

So, politics is functioning in an old paradigm manner; it is divided within, and ego in its various guises is in charge of both poles. The more our old paradigm political parties — both conservative and liberal — polarize against each other, the less they see, hear, or understand the whole picture. They begin to live in totally separate realities where they manufacture their own facts to support their own views and neither side believes anything the other one says. Stalemate! It's like not seeing Magellan's ships.

Those who live within the morphological field of oppositional consciousness are thus partially blind; they see life through a filter that misses many important emerging trends. And, sadly, this mass hypnosis doesn't encourage people to let go and enter the unknown to be renewed, nor to face and heal deep underlying emotional pain, nor to grow by allowing one's beliefs and worldview to change. This just adds to the world's “density” and

inability to change.

The higher frequency reality we are entering is based on unification, fluidity, compassion, cocreation, and evolution. What resists change and flow, what is too isolated and self-protective, or what is too apathetic and disempowered, acts like a dam that will eventually break under the flood of intensifying energy waves. The evolution process in politics is the same as that affecting individuals. It's about removing those "solid," locked in places: fixed beliefs, negative emotions, dependence on the past, or projection into fictitious futures. It's about ego death — learning to work with the whole brain rather than just the left hemisphere. What doesn't match today's fast frequency must be dissolved, or eventually there will be explosive, traumatic releases.

Politics needs to experience political ego death. Not maintaining oppositional thinking means the ego dies — and then who are you if you're not defined by your beliefs, material accomplishments, roles, and possessions? Or by your dreams and ideals? It is the dread of this loss of the limited identity that allows the ego to rule and keep us separate. What better way to avoid letting go than to actively engage in a battle with trumped up rivals? No one has to lose their point of view or identity by being defeated in the "battle," or even through compromise — this is just the left brain's partial way of perceiving. The soul would ask: Who are we if we integrate the other side's ideas with our own? Then what might want to occur naturally? Might our worldview increase exponentially? Might we discover a self that is so much greater than our ego could ever imagine?

It is the collapse of the ego that is what both sides are really fighting against, much more than they are fighting each other. The battle against each other is just an ego strategy to keep itself alive and in charge.

As new paradigm thinkers stop opposing conservative and liberal positions and move into unitive consciousness, it drains validation and energy from the conservative and liberal identities. Since the two parties define themselves largely by their resistance to each other, when resistance dissolves, some of their identity dissolves and the ego feels threatened. In the short term, this may heighten efforts to generate more drama and fear, to keep the old ego-identity going. There could even be the possibility for a revolution of some sort. But in general, this effort will soon exhaust both sides.

I sense that chronic resistance and constantly seeking dominance will create a powerful experience of sacrifice and depletion. There may be a greater prevalence of people in politics becoming ill, or dying of natural causes or assassinations, or just dropping out from disillusionment. The old methods won't function, results will diminish, and the focus on secrecy, surveillance, and control will seem ridiculous and boring to the general public; the whole idea of oppositional politics will suddenly seem so antiquated. The same thing will be true for terrorism. The new paradigm consciousness does not value winners and losers. Transparency will become the new norm.

Penetrating through the Mass Hypnosis; There Is No “Battle”

Even with intuition, it can be difficult to see the truth through the dust storm of propaganda blown into our atmosphere by both parties. Those in power are often masters at deflecting views they don't like with wide-brushstroke putdowns, and those who craft lies and perpetrate secrets know the art of mixing just enough truth with the lie to fool people into not looking any further. Because the views of investigative journalists may be watered down by the censorship of their media outlets or because their stories don't contain the whole of a complicated explanation, their entire exposés can be rejected as bunk. And then, of course, there are paranoids who can find conspiracies under any innocent rock and make outrageous claims that fly at high speed across the Internet. All this creates a crazy mix of uncertainty, because intuitively we do sense when things are “off” but we're not practiced at seeing below the surface to find out why.

To add to the smoke and mirrors, many people are all too ready to be mollified by stereotypical heroes, or to condemn those who vary from the norm. They just want things to be simple, defined, and black and white — with no more foggy shades of grey. Why were so many people happy to believe in OJ Simpson's innocence because he was a football hero, or in Reagan because he was a handsome, charming movie star, or in Bush because he strutted around on an aircraft carrier in a flight suit? Why do so many people want to believe Barak Obama isn't American, or that he is “black” when he is actually also half “white”?

A politically savvy friend of mine who walks the territory between parties, wrote this to me: “Why are people so quick to believe that politicians have their best interest at heart? Why do people willingly hand over private information (personal identification, etc.) to corporate interests or government institutions? To play ball when the government tries to tell them what they can and cannot put in their bodies? Or when, where, and how they can start a small business?”

Is courage and common sense being programmed out of us? Are we allowing ourselves to be distracted by busy lives, the addictive oxytocin-dopamine effect attributed to texting, the hype of media pundits, and a desire for designer label everything because we don't want to go inside to see who we really are?

The more a group can create fear in the public, polarizing us against a host of dangerous enemies, the more unthinking and paralyzed we'll be, and thus open to being programmed by super-confident “know-it-alls.” When people are scared by uncertainty and not thinking for themselves, when they unconsciously merge with old paradigm thinking and feel reassured by its definiteness, they can easily go into trance, repeat cleverly crafted media sound-bytes and false accusations, and succumb to the deflection of attention from what's real in the larger, changing paradigm. This can be dangerous. Men and women who are cut off from their body, heart, and intuitive nature — or from the healthy guidelines that come from universal truth — can easily find it logical, viable, or necessary to sacrifice the few for the “greater good.”

As people learning to improve our intuitive ability, we should not be so fooled by these things. Where is our radar? How many of us are feeling into the underlying inner blueprints, paying attention to our truth and anxiety signals?

What We Can Do

If we want to see through the smokescreens that confuse us today, we have to be perceptive about which strategies and structures align with evolution and which come from fear in its many guises. We need to embody the universal, fair morality of the heart and be people who refuse to abuse or disrespect others in any way, and who refuse to be abused or disrespected.

Because many of the people who are aligning with the new paradigm don't realize what they're really doing, they are not taking a strong stand for the new truth, or for new forms of societal and global influence. The danger is that those of us who are not oppositional will be hypnotized into not participating in the destiny of our country, in the American experiment in enlightenment. To ensure transformation with the least violence and damage, we must not be apathetic now, nor can we be angry, blaming, and mean. We can be thought leaders and innovators, not resisting anything but simply showing the way into newness.

We can pay attention and act from wisdom, not to resist what fear-mongers are doing, because that puts us in their mindset, but simply to strengthen our own field of truth and bodily conviction about the way we individually, and thus societally, can burn through this current period of chaos. The courage to do this helps us find clarity.

With clarity, we can easily experience how any one of us — in any country — can have great influence, without ego. We can examine our systems of thought and views about governance impartially. Do they reliably produce outstanding, healthy, growth-oriented results based on clear-mindedness and open-heartedness? Or are they based on partial understanding of universal law, and do they repeatedly produce resistance, domination, new fear, or even violence and hatred? What is beyond the either-or reality; what is the third way?

Meanwhile, I hear people talking about leaving America to live elsewhere if the degenerative cycle here continues. As I've said, I think dissolution is good, and part of a larger clearing process — in spite of feeling sick over the extent to which our standards are being lowered, how easily we can be drugged by reality TV and the celebrity culture, and how we can be manipulated into maintaining a dualistic view of life. To not have the emergence of the ugly side would be suppression and denial, and I wouldn't want to live in a country where that's possible. I know it's a necessary part of evolution and not really negative at all in the long run. So I'm here for the duration, and I'll keep plugging away, no matter what.

It's important to remember that this is a global process, so no matter where we go, the same clearing process will be happening. It also means that people everywhere are waking

up to a new way of being and are beginning to understand what the new paradigm will feel like. Truth does emerge everywhere at once, where there are openings. Clear people simply need to hold their minds and energy steady, and stay in the midst of the confusion, to act like tuning forks that help stabilize the frequency of the new reality.

We must not be so attracted to the siren call of righteous battle; instead we can eclipse that oppositional reality by creating a field of harmonious consciousness around us that includes all sides of any issue, and the possibility for win-win-win solutions. This holistic field of thought telepathically educates others about new paradigm consciousness, and drains away the urge to fight and destroy. Solutions can become effortless in the blink of an eye when both inspiration and permission (right brain perception) and focused, sane boundaries (left brain perception) combine. We can:

- Use our intuition! Make some time, penetrate below the surface, look past the rhetoric, and SEE. Be quiet and know from the heart, soul, and mind. That way we understand the big picture as well as the details.
- Embody greater transparency personally, and ask for it from our organizations.
- Realize that working first at the inner energetic level, on the inner energy blueprint of something, is the most efficient and rapid way to shift the outer form.
- Have the courage to not take sides, to be a unique thinker. How might we take a stand for the soul's new both-and reality? Can we be peaceful "Warriors of Innovation" that pierce the veil with clear vision and action?

Now's the time to join with people on our wavelength to see how new cooperative, cocreative, multifaceted solutions might emerge to truly make progress toward national and global enlightenment.

