

## CLEAR AND FOGGY VISIONS

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Just a few words about this visionary two-week time period we are in between the solar eclipse (New Moon) that just took place on November 13th and the lunar (Full Moon ) eclipse that will take place on November 28th. I pointed out in earlier blogs that double eclipses back-to-back in a two-week period is a rare and auspicious event. Traditionally this is a time for visions and vision, being able to see through the fog of the future at least something of what is in store for us, like, for example, where we may be headed.

And I went into some detail that “having a vision” was not some pie-in-the-sky image that pops up in our mind, but rather a vision is a super-intense moment or time in which we are impressed or imprinted with meaning, meaning that will take time for us to absorb, and to read back out from our own mind into our consciousness and understand.

We usually know that we have had a visionary time only after the vision has passed and we come out of that time into more ordinary waters. It is then that we have an “aha!” experience and begin to understand that we just went through something meaningful, if only in contrast to how relatively ‘bland’ or normal we once again feel. We have come out of it. But as the old Dylan tune says, “Something is happening here, but you don’t know what it is, do you, Mister Jones?”

What remains is for us to mine the visionary experience by recalling it to mind, again and again, trying to make sense out of it, realizing its meaning to us as best we can. And now I have to insert my standard piece of advice, so forgive me if you have heard this ad nauseam:

What we remember of these little visions that life offers us or what we can “gather” from them depends entirely on our ability to be aware of them and not to just sleep right through them in our busy day-to-day distractions. I apologize for always harping on this awareness theme, but aside from a few spontaneous visionary events that each life affords, if we want to share in the continuous stream of insights and vision that the cosmos offers us, we have to be a little bit awake. And if you think you are just going to spontaneously wake up one day, I wish that were true. Think again. It takes some effort to develop the awareness we need to monitor our inner changes, even if these two-week eclipse times make it easier to see into ourselves.

For myself I refer to this as “all the difference in the world,” and what I mean by it is that the difference between someone with no awareness of what is happening to them and someone who is more tuned in can be very, very small, like: a little effort to develop some awareness, but, and here is the point, this may well be all the difference in the world. In other words, waking up to our own inner vision requires some effort.

The difference between being aware of our life changes and just sleeping through them is not like a switch that we one-day just turn on, but is more like the dawn, when the Sun comes up gradually, and by degrees. Even a little effort on our part can bring corrected vision; waking up is a continuous and continuing experience. And it is addictive, in that no other remedy I know to ignorance (ignoring) is as effective as awareness. Enough said. Now, back to these two eclipses.

It is looking like this particular pair of eclipses and the time between them that they bookend is particularly rich in meaning. I am putting aside all the national and world events just now and focusing on this inner vision these eclipses can provide.

Look for a change of direction in the life path itself, not just some cosmetic adjustment or attunement. By "life path" I mean how or the way we go through life, our life path. On the outside this may be career oriented, and on the inside I am pointing to a change in attitude or approach which, of course, eventually means the outside will change as we change. In other words, if we look carefully, we may be changing our bearing. Even the slightest change at the core is massively reflected by changes at the surface.

Anyway, you get the idea. We have an opportunity here to change our direction. I hope this is useful to some of you.