
LAZARIS

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Twice yearly The Bodhi Tree Bookstore publishes *The Bodhi Tree Book Review*, and we are delighted to share this extraordinary conversation between Lazaris and Stan Madsen, an owner of The Bodhi Tree Bookstore, from the most recent issue. Here are remarkable insights on joy and happiness, the Great Awakening, the New World – and on the Magicians and Mapmakers who will create it. Enjoy! It is a magical interaction to read over and over again ...



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LAZARIS: All right. Well, well, certainly so. It is a pleasure – it is a joy – to talk with you. And you have a number of questions. Let us begin.

BODHI TREE: You say it is a joy. When you talk of success, abundance, and prosperity, you seem to talk of joy as well. Why is joy so important when it comes to such things?

LAZARIS: Joy is the healer. Joy can be the engine of change, growth, and evolution. It is a wondrous ingredient that can bring so much to the mark and measure of life. We would suggest that joy, though often still an elusive emotion, can add richness to your life. With joy you are able to live a life ripe with love and caring.

More precisely, we suggest that joy can add dimension to your dreams and bring light to the futures you strive to create. Joy adds precision to all that you do. As well, it can lift love, gratitude, and self-forgiveness to new heights – to transcendent heights.

We would suggest that with the infusion of joy into your reality you can awaken the wonder locked deep inside you, and you can discover the innocence and wisdom, the courage and curiosity, and the aliveness and allure that you continually seek. You can uncover your convictions and the perseverance to achieve what you seek.

In so many ways, joy can be the key to opening gateways to the future – to the positive future of dreams and visions – and to the New World that is now destined to be.

BODHI TREE: You speak of the New World now destined to be. I know you also talk of a Great Awakening that is happening in our current world. Could you say more about this?

LAZARIS: Certainly so. When we speak of the New World, we are not meaning a “New World Order” – we are not meaning a new order to your existing world.

When your soul calls you, it calls you to embrace a love ... a love that weeps at the inhumane and the unjust, and in the next moment rejoices at the smallest act of human kindness ... a love that in one moment perceives the possible and the hope in everything and then grieves at the unwillingness or the inability to respond to the possible and to the hope.
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Nor are we meaning a “one world government.” Not at all.

Rather what we mean is that you are in the midst of an extraordinary evolution – a conscious evolution. It involves an evolution of consciousness that has always been happening. Concurrently, we would suggest, it involves an evolution of the human species. It is an uplifting evolution to a new kind of human being. As well, you are consciously engaged in the evolution of your world.

Out of it all, we suggest, you are actively and consciously participating in a phenomenal evolution of consciousness, of species, and of world. You are the mapmakers and the magicians, we frequently point out, who are charged with the midwifery of this evolution and of birthing the New World.

In this, we do not mean that you as human beings will only be a better version – a new, improved version – of what you have been or are. We do not mean that the world will be a better version of what was, either. No, that is not what we mean. The New World is not just a reformed past or a better present. It is new. It is new, we would suggest. It is new as in having never been before.

As part of this evolution ... to facilitate it ... there is a Great Awakening happening. More technically, there is a tri-polar energy on the horizons of your bi-polar world. That tri-polar energy is seeking to become a uni-polar force.

What this means is that the domain of spirituality is waking up. The field of play – Gaia, your Earth – is waking up. And the complexity of human individuality is waking up. In that sensing, these are the tri-polar energies. As they wake up, we would suggest, the resonance of each lifts and shifts.

In that lifting and shifting, interference patterns occur. And out of this interference a new resonance – a new octave of consciousness – emerges. There is an awakening happening around you. And it is great; it is grand.

BODHI TREE: What do you mean when you say the domain of spirituality is awakening?

LAZARIS: So often we have pointed out that everyone seeks. Even when they cannot put words to their quest, everyone seeks. People seek the spiritual. It sounds too simple when we say the words; it sounds so obvious to those who frequent the Bodhi Tree. Seemingly simple or obvious, it is nonetheless true.

To seek your spirituality is to search to discover your relationship and then to develop your partnership with God or with Goddess – or as we say, with God/Goddess/All That Is. This search is not without challenge.

The spiritual awakening, in the sense of our meaning, is a stirring of this exploration. People within the New Age or alternative consciousness and within the more traditional spiritual endeavors will find themselves longing to more deeply explore their sense of divinity and to more thoroughly understand their experience of tradition. Truth, so often seeming absent in your current world, will emerge more viable and more valuable. Truth will begin to matter in new ways and with greater impact.

We would suggest that people will search for more love and for more caring. They will reach for more healing. No matter how much people love – and many love incredibly and beautifully – there is always room for more loving and more healing; there is always room for more caring. And these energies within the hearts and minds of people will toss and turn. They will stir. They will wake up as the domain of spirituality awakens.

Additionally, with this mysterious awakening, people will yearn for a more profound sense of dignity and freedom. They will seek, long, and yearn for greater connection to themselves and with each other.

All of these are symptoms of an awakening. More, they are evidence of an evolution.

BODHI TREE: Thank you for that. What you explain is so beautiful ...

LAZARIS: Yes. It is beautiful. And it can be real as well. It is happening all around you.

People's souls are waking up, and so many people are discovering once again or for the first time that they have soul. We know to you and those as yourself who are conscious of their soul and of their soulfulness it may seem as if we are stating the obvious. But in your world where so many have forgotten what really matters in life and in living it, where so many who have lost touch with their thoughts and feelings, and where so many feel distant, separate, and alienated from themselves and from each other, discovering that they have soul is not obvious. It may be painful and frightening, but it is not obvious.

BODHI TREE: Why would it be painful or frightening?

LAZARIS: When soul wakes up ... when a person begins to suspect and then know that they really do have soul ... it can be disconcerting. We would suggest that for many such a suspicion and discovery flies in the face of the structured order – the logic and reason – of their current world.

We would suggest that for so many “soul” is nothing more than a word in a child’s prayer said as they lay themselves down to sleep. Even those who have a weak or strong connection with some sense of the divine often sense “soul” as a lofty concept or a wistful state somewhere other than here. In this sensing, many have an alienated, formal, or stiff relationship with their own soul.

As we were saying, when soul awakens it causes desires to awaken as well. Dormant desires, lost or forgotten desires, and unknown desires awaken. We suggest that can be painful and frightening.

BODHI TREE: What are some of these desires that awaken?

LAZARIS: When your soul calls you, it calls you to embrace a love ... a love that weeps at the inhumane and the unjust, and in the next moment rejoices at the smallest act of human kindness ... a love that in one moment perceives the possible and the hope in everything and then grieves at the unwillingness or the inability to respond to the possible and to the hope.

We say it this way: Your soul calls you to adventure. It calls you to discover more of your Higher Self and of God/Goddess/All That Is. And it calls you to allow them to more fully and more intimately discover you. Soul calls you to reveal more of what truly matters to you, and it awakens a deeper sense of the feminine and masculine inside of you regardless of your gender.

When your soul awakens and calls, it asks or gently demands that you awaken greater love, enchantment, beauty, and solitude in your life and in your world. As well, we would suggest, it gently calls you to discover more of your self and of your Self. It calls you to focus on who you are becoming more than upon who you have been.

BODHI TREE: Yes, I see how that would be frightening and how that could be painful. What can we do?

LAZARIS: You are already doing it. As more and more such as yourself and such as those who visit metaphysical stores such as the Bodhi Tree work to wake up – to wake up even more than they already have – and as

they work to be conscious and to be more and more conscious, the journey of soul with its adventure and the journey of awakening leading to the New World becomes less frightening and off-putting.

It may sound like a cliché, but it is nonetheless true. As such a journey is less frightening for one and then a few, it becomes less frightening for many.

BODHI TREE: What you are saying sounds like something Rupert Sheldrake would say of morphogenic fields.

LAZARIS: Exactly!

BODHI TREE: Is this what you mean when you say that you work with the mapmakers and magicians of the current age? Is this what you mean when you talk of the role of being mapmakers and magicians?

LAZARIS: Oh, there are so many ways we could answer you. Let us suggest this: You are the mapmakers who, by your nature and your grace, go out ahead of the consensus of which you are still a part. You go out ahead, neither in some gauze of personal arrogance, nor in some fashion of spiritual arrogance.

We would suggest that you go out ahead to chart the course to make the new pathways upon the journey. You go out as a Fool to awaken, explore, and achieve. You go forth to give, receive, and to be with commitment. Taking a stand and standing tall upon your truths, you go forth to create more loving and more healing in your reality and in the reality of those you love and of those for whom you care. You work to create more loving and healing in your world’s reality, too.

You, as mapmakers and magicians, search for new horizons. You search for vision – elegant vision. You search for the luminous dream and the optimal future. Searching is not enough: You want more.

You want to find that vision, and then you want to live it. You want to find your destiny and fulfill it. In this sensing, you are taking a giant’s step from envisioning to living your vision – from seeking to living your destiny.

This is what we mean when we say we speak to the mapmakers; this is what we mean when we say we speak to the magicians of the current age.

BODHI TREE: There are so many questions that I would like to ask. Maybe this ... What are some of the characteristics or attributes of a mapmaker?

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LAZARIS: Again, our answer could be endless. But we will refrain from that temptation. We would suggest these specific qualities or characteristics of a mapmaker. They are attributes to be sure.

A mapmaker is strong and powerful – strong enough and powerful enough to be vulnerable and gentle. They are passionate and compassionate – with enough passion and compassion to be empathic without being swallowed up by sympathy or pity.

We suggest that the mapmaker is fluid and flexible – fluid and flexible enough to be willing to change and grow, fluid and flexible enough to be able to transmute and transform their reality. In this sensing, they are also humble – humble enough to transcend their limitations and entanglements. By this we mean that they are humble enough to allow themselves to be lifted, if they cannot lift themselves, out of what was into the present – and willing to be lifted even further into what will be.

Love and courage are key to the mapmaker, and a mapmaker loves courageously. He/she loves enough, not perfectly or totally, but enough. A mapmaker loves enough to dream and hope and has courage enough to create those dreams coming true. More than dreaming dreams, the mapmaker is loving and courageous enough to be willing to live those dreams.

The mapmaker is committed – committed enough to stand up and to stand tall. They stand up and are willing to be counted as they stand upon their own beliefs and truths.

And in all this, we would suggest the mapmaker is spiritual enough and beautiful enough to allow their spirituality to be a primary priority ... and maybe even their first or highest priority.

BODHI TREE: Well, I began by asking about joy and look where it led us. Let me return to joy as we conclude. I think we all want more joy in our lives. But what is joy? It's got to be more than just more happiness. How do you define joy?

LAZARIS: Perhaps the most elegant way to understand joy is to compare it to happiness. They are intricately linked. Happiness is meeting your needs while joy is fulfilling your preferences. While happiness is a relaxing feeling of contentment or satisfaction that comes with achievement and accomplishment, joy is the exciting feeling of exhilaration and inspiration that comes when you reach beyond your achievements and accomplishments to challenge your strength, your power, and your talents.

In this sensing, happiness provides the safety and security that allow love to seed, sprout, root, and grow. Joy provides the freedom to reach beyond safety into

the future and into the realm of the possible where love can, more than grow, blossom and come into full bloom.

While happiness accompanies success, joy leads success into the Unknown in search of new dimensions of success and new kinds of success. In that, we suggest that happiness emerges from finding solutions while joy emerges from creating resolutions.

Joy is a masculine energy. This surprises most people because they erroneously assume that such a beautiful feeling must be feminine. Joy is a dynamic energy with even more dynamic force. But in your world where male chauvinism has not only diminished and denied feminine energy, it has imprisoned the true or pure masculine energy.

People look to their feminine side and do not find joy there. Not thinking it could be a masculine energy they either assume they do not have any joy and should settle for what happiness they know. Or they conclude that joy will come if they would only feel more and more happiness. It does not come that way. Joy is a powerful and dynamic masculine energy with phenomenal force. As we say, joy is the healer. Joy is the engine of change, growth, and evolution.

BODHI TREE: Thank you. It's been fun talking with you.

LAZARIS: It is always a pleasure and a joy. And so we close. And we close with love ...

With love and peace ...

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There were three Lazaris tapes referenced in this article, and these are recommended to go along with the information in this interview: They are:

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