

SPARK 096

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DISTINCTION: For 40,000 years human beings knew that children do not become adult except through formidable initiation processes. We seem to have forgotten.

NOTES: Authentic initiation processes are activation processes for bringing a person into the wisdom of responsibility and consequence. When you are about 15 years old you are structurally capable of taking responsibility. The child part of you wants to avoid responsibility and keep making messes without facing the consequences. If nothing is done to change this then the child part of you will remain in control for your entire life and you can only create what a child can create. Authentic adulthood initiation processes are formal, irrevocable procedures through which the child part of you is permanently taken out of power. Of necessity true initiation work is incomprehensibly difficult, *and*, without formal initiations into adulthood the child part of you will continue to run your life.

Without realizing it you assume that becoming an adult happens automatically when you turn 18 or 21 years of age. It does not happen. Your mistake comes from a lack of understanding about what an adult is. Being adult includes a changed relationship to responsibility. No longer is responsibility a burden to be avoided as in the childish perspective. Adult responsibility is a new agreement between an individual and the universe after which the adult's life is about serving something greater than themselves. An adult takes responsibility for attention, center, presence, purpose, outcome, space, time, energy, money, feelings, thoughts, possibility, consequences, the Box, the greater community, and responsibility for responsibility. You do not know what most of this means because Western society is not founded in adulthood. Not knowing about something does not protect you from that thing seriously influencing your life. Think of the Roman Empire crumbling because of lead water pipes. Think of Madame Curie dying of radiation poisoning.

The necessity for initiation work may have faded from modern culture due to confusion between the purpose of an ancient rite of passage and the kind of initiation needed today. This difference can now be explained. An ancient rite of passage produces adults who are hermetically sealed into the traditions of their culture. By sensing themselves as their culture they think and behave so as to duplicate procedures long proven to assure the survival of the tribe. But modern culture is different from ancient cultures. Producing adults welded into the culture *as it was* is not sustainable for us because modern culture is rapidly evolving. Modern initiation work produces adults connected to Principles and Archetypes that are greater than the culture. By sensing themselves as consciousness in action modern adults can create ever new ways of being and doing things that will continue to evolve the culture. This difference in rites of passage is significant. It means that using ancient rite of passage components will not necessarily produce men and women able to function in a modern culture. Modern components are necessary.

Modern initiation work deals directly with your Box. The Box defended you through childhood, but by 15 years of age the thing that once protected you has now become

your prison. Like a mature butterfly still cramped in its chrysalis, it becomes appropriate to expand the Box. Modern initiation work involves carefully timed shocks of pressure and vacuum, plus exposure to a wide range of diverse influences. The initiations ignite internal archetypal structures that are mature but dormant until awakened and stabilized one at a time. Initiation work includes clarification about Bright and Shadow Principles, forces of nature that shape your destiny and your hidden purposes. And modern initiations teach about matters of importance to the four bodies (physical, intellectual, emotional and energetic) including relationship, communication, healing, intimacy, harmony with nature, and the ability to safely journey in upper, middle and under worlds.

EXPERIMENTS:

SPARK096.01 This will be a long-term experiment, spanning at least two years of your life, but more likely it could start now and never end. The experiment is this: start on your own initiatory journey. There can be no guaranteed standard design for an initiatory journey that is also authentic. Authenticity is not standardizable. The path of initiation must be unique so as to ignite each person's unquenchable inspiration for providing their unique contributions to humanity.

Your journey is hindered before you even begin because Western culture is childish. Children are accustomed to making messes and not having to clean them up. Western civilization is a culture of children because we make messes (for example nuclear waste, depleted natural resources, the national debt, greenhouse gasses, children on Ritalin, plastic packaging materials, and so on) and think that somebody else will clean them up. Since Western culture does not contain true knowledge about transforming from childhood into adulthood it will be necessary for you to build a foundation of understanding within yourself by studying researchers at the edge of the culture. For starters try reading:

From Magical Child to Magical Teen by Joseph Chilton Pearce

Original Wisdom by Robert Wolff

Of Water and The Spirit by Malidoma Patrice Somé

Gifts of Unknown Things by Lyall Watson

Radiant Joy Brilliant Love by Clinton Callahan

In Search of the Miraculous by Peter D. Ouspensky

Autobiography of a Yogi by Paramahansa Yogananda

Because initiation involves upgrading ways that you think, feel, act and are, it is deceptive to think that you can design and manage initiation for yourself by yourself. This would be like trying to midwife your own birth. The suggestion is to undertake initiation with a guide. If you are not guided by someone familiar with where you are trying to go then your perspectives come from the place you are leaving. This is like driving a car by looking into the rearview mirror. A guide is someone more experienced and further advanced in their own initiations than you are, *and*, who is responsible and clear enough to serve as a guide. Since authentic initiation is not sponsored by Western culture your guide will need to be someone with access to a greater context than Western culture. This does not mean that you should commit to

the first Tantric Shaolin Kabbalistic American-Indian Tibetan-Buddhist Psychic Sufi Shaman Kundalini Priest Healer from Africa who comes along.

The reason I can encourage you to begin your own initiatory journey now even if you have not found a guide yet has to do with the “law of precession.” This law says that as soon as you start making authentic efforts the universe provides sideways coincidences to make your efforts more productive – including providing an appropriate guide when you are ready. The universe supports you because this is a responsible universe and it seems to want responsible adult men and women to interact with.