

Beware Of False Prophets

"The great leaders of humanity have a lot of personal power because they have great faith. But, their faith comes from their heart, not the head...The kind of faith that comes from the head is blind faith because it comes from knowledge, from false beliefs, from fear."

The Four Agreements: Companion Book by Don Miguel Ruiz with Janet Mills

At the beginning of Spring, our hearts and minds often envision a new path of spiritual advancement. It is not surprising that Aries reflects a golden light upon our Path of Destiny and pushes us slowly, but impetuously, into new domains and understandings. As Mother Earth begins to unfold Her secrets and comes out of hibernation, so do we begin to uncover new truths about ourselves and the universe around us. In March, after a particularly strong equinox we are being catapulted into a new energy drive appropriately entitled "Spiritual Warriors on the move." This "movement" of the divine expression has been glimpsed before this time in the works of many teachers. You will have heard Dan Millman, Tony Robbins, Deepak Chopra, Stuart Wilde and the irrepressible Don Miguel Ruiz, to name but a few, speak of these Warriors/Wayshowers many times before. Throughout history these warriors have been titled righteous, rainbow, good knight or warriors for peace. Let us explore why each Spiritual Warrior must be guided at this time by their own inner Heart of God.

Alice Bailey spoke of "the will to do good," in her work, *The Externalization of the Hierarchy*, as being integral to the path of the spiritual warrior. This "will" is mandated as part of the souls' contract with the Creator and can be enhanced through a life lived consciously and morally. Today, as never before, we have guides, teachers, shaman and visionaries guiding us through the basic training necessary for perfecting the earthly life. Everytime you turn around, there is someone willing to teach you how to think like a master, speak like one and perform spiritual acts conversant with such prophets as: Jesus, Buddha or St. Germaine. One of my teachers actually referred to his disciples as saints and angels! The positive will is a great tool in attaining personal stamina, clear-sightedness as well as directing each person in the discrimination of information they may or may not believe. The beauty of this time in spiritual history is our ability to be one with the greater good. We actually can glimpse heaven at this time in a way mankind could not, during the last ten thousand years. How then should we pick our teachers and guides as we progress past guided meditation into spiritual activity; into an elevated belief in the role of collective individuals brought forward to carry out the Will of God?

Over the years, I have been privileged to meet some of the guiding forces that shape our holistic circuits. Some speak to the Indigo Children, some to men and women finding their own path to the spiritual Round Table for our time and others challenge diehard enthusiasts that want to grow but, cannot imagine ever working in teams. Now, I believe in a collective truth that represents all possibilities of teaching for this time. Or, as Dr. Homer Curtiss spoke of, "the Diamond Heart of God," that is opened through inner work and outer activity. As we pass into the lower realms of wisdom - not to be confused with higher education or knowledge gained in universities - it seems many are ready to show us the way. I see a great deal of dogmatism, relentless discipline and "you have to do it this way," at this level of learning. It is the "zealot" level of communication between enlightened peoples. The terms zealot and enlightened people don't mix well for long periods of time so, we can see a decided wheat separated from the chaff concept going on here. Needless to say, zealots seem to tire out their communities quickly and bleed them dry of money, enthusiasm and wonder. Often headed by a charismatic leader, these groups usually exist to serve a hierarchy, not unlike a feudal system where gods and goddesses are few and workers, many. When will we learn?

Next, we have the teacher-wayshowers who seem to understand that the God-Plan is within all of us but, they still need to elucidate every step, inch by inch, that we take. There are many such teachers writing at this time. Their books all look alike.. The themes are similar and it often appears they must go to the same publishers' conventions. While I do believe in concurrent messages from God being revealed to many, some of the same concepts are repeated over and over; often by authors who have never previously ventured into new metaphysical fields. For instance, you have the forensic medium writing about wisdom schools when he or she has never addressed such a notion before. Thank goodness for ghost writers and other metaphysicians! I call this level of knowing, "elementary," as we are still not using our own hearts to interpret what is being given. Again, the leaders here are charismatic, often claim to be experts and jump on the bandwagon of the latest "craze" sweeping the celestially informed. They also tend to need more physical comfort and higher salaries to boost their self-esteem. They also cannot teach or delegate from a position of empathy and support.

Now the next group of teachers, who I will call "The Enlightened Ones," do not espouse popular belief, dance to anybody else's tune and frequently bug everyone with whom they come in contact. Their lives reflect their truth and differing opinions are welcome but, students have to "walk their talk," here. Everybody knows about these gadflies. They support unknown directions to God or act in ways not understood by the norm. When their time arrives, they are venerated for being cool but, no one really knows how to follow their lead. It is truly God-inspired. Most of us admire them from a distance but, rarely have their level of get-up-and-go. They live their lives as meaningfully as possible, never stating they are gods on earth. Good examples of such enlightened personalities might be Ralph Nader, Paul Newman, Billy Graham and Oprah Winfrey. Spiritually advanced you say? But, how can this be?

They are political, wealthy, speak their minds and have earned our grudging respect without our ever trying to figure what has powered their lives from the beginning. Maybe they are prime examples of the New Warrior to come. Living their lives fully, enjoying the many passions earth has to offer; instigating new ideas and launching companies designed to create more champion-like behavior among ourselves and our children. They are indeed warriors who walk utilizing the will-to-good, rarely inflicting intended damage, physically or spiritually upon others.

The image of these new saints is one I can really grasp within myself. Wayne Dyer, in his classic work, *Real Magic*, may offer a glimpse into the new reality we are being shown everyday on this ever-changing path to the Elysian Fields.

"Without exception all of our greatest teachers, and those who have made the greatest impact on humanity, have been spiritual beings. They did not limit themselves to the five senses in any way...These spiritual masters were all miracle workers. They were here to teach us about the incredible power that resides within each of us."

As we approach the holy days of May Day, Wesak and Midsummer, I am reminded that the greatest prophets are ones who mobilize armies containing captains of their own destinies, bringing them together to further causes that may end starvation, ignorance, intolerance and mass extermination by disease, famine or gross neglect. As Jesus emerged from His tomb, after a brutal crucifixion, it was still His plan to keep the disciples honest, raring to get their show on the road and making them see that we can indeed triumph over a world gone mad, even if it is for a second or two or three...In these days of teachers, gurus and prophets, false or otherwise, remember, the message of the god-man has always been the same. Use your will-to-good to expand your intimate knowing of God through moments of sharing, wonder and abiding love. I have always loved the idea that angels walk amongst us and we are unaware when they may come to call. Keep your House of God or Spirit in order, pay attention to moments of exultation and have but one God/Goddess before you. Beware of false prophets, for they rob you of your chance to experience heaven on earth. You are God's special child and for you, the path to glory will reveal itself minute to next through your moments of bliss. Keep those shoes a-walkin'...

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