

Inner worlds and actions: cause and effect

Usually when people embark upon a mission to learn and practice magic, they give little or no thought to what the long-term consequences of their actions will be. We have all been there in one form or another and most develop beyond that, but some do not. Some people do magic to get what they want and to control their universe, some people do magic to affect the world according to their agenda, some do magic because that is how they breathe and some people have no clue why they do it, just that they are driven down a particular path and they go with the flow. All of these, plus many many more reasons for doing magic have positive and negative effects on the individual and the worlds around them. I say worlds because magic not only affects the outer world, its ripples pass through all the worlds in one way or another.

Any act of magic will have an affect through the worlds to a greater or lesser degree, because magic can act like a tuning fork of the universe: it is the vibration that affects change far beyond our understanding of the original action and allows us to perceive and interact with power. Our very limited understanding of the universe prevents us from seeing the vast multi layered highways of consciousness, power and substance, how they interact and how their interactions trigger more highways, patterns and expressions. Just as we are all moving faster and away from ground zero of the big bang, so magic expands and accelerates from its initial action.

That is why when you do a simple magical act the first time, it is weak. But over the years, as your consciousness strengthens and your ability to perceive subtler 'vibrations' from the tuning fork of the universe strengthens, so the re-visited act gets more and more complex. What is actually happening in such instance is that as the initial magical act expands and gets 'faster' as it moves away from the point of origin, so it grows, and as the magician re-visits that 'highway' of the magical act, they interface with an increasingly faster, more diffuse, more complex line of magic than they had originally initiated. Its power becomes less dense and therefore more accessible to our range of understanding.

My personal deepest experience of that is with the lighting and tuning of the candle flame. The intent to light a candle to prepare the space for a ritual act developed from that simple stance, to an act of bringing into physical manifestation an elemental expression that lights through all worlds and all times: it becomes the light of Divinity within everything. And that is the biggest clue to all magical acts: in its true expansion, all magic is an expression of the power of Divinity. By Divinity I do not mean deity, but the unexplainable ultimate conscious power of the Universe. So when you start to meddle with such power, it bodes well to use a bit of foresight and common sense.

So let's bring it a bit closer to home and look at it in more practical terms. The inner and outer worlds are not separate realms; they are intricately interwoven like a bolt of fine linen. Anything you do energetically in one realm affects many others. It's that simple. The action/reaction seesaw between the worlds is a strange and interesting one, and the way it all balances is very curious. Small focused actions create massive energetic responses. Large diffuse actions create little response. The more condensed the power, the heavier the result has to be to balance the seesaw. A beautiful pattern example of that is the Tree of Life. The first 3 spheres balance out the rest of the 7 spheres, that is because the first 3 spheres have a denser 'Divine' power than the

other seven which are basically continued expressions of the first three. The tree is a good expression of the acceleration of magical/Divine power as it expands, changes frequency and becomes more diffuse and complex. The tenth sphere is the fully externalized expression of power, i.e. our world.

So 'inner power' is denser energetically but has no physical expression of itself in our understanding of the laws of physicality, whereas 'outer' power is more diffuse, has less density energetically but has a stronger physical expression that we can perceive. Thus a small amount of inner power is balanced by a much bigger expression of outer power.

The other thing that becomes obvious from a magical point of view is that there is not just inner and outer, there are many other layers of power expression in between that all interact with each other. In magical terms pure Divine power is on one end of the seesaw and all expressions that come from that power are on the other. On the Tree of Life, it translates to three expressions of Divinity that have issued from the pure inner power on one end of the seesaw and life/death/all of creation is on the other. Did you get that??

That translates in magical practical terms thus: a conscious interaction with a small amount of inner power creates a much bigger expression or reaction in the outer world. The closer to the source of the inner power you get, the more profound and powerful that interaction becomes, with long term consequences for the physical world. But it also depends upon the frequency that the magician is 'vibrating' at (remember the tuning fork of the universe?). So if you go back to the lighting of the candle it would go something like this.

The magician lights a candle with intent to tune a sacred space. The magician is in the early days of magical work, so he has not consciously interacted much with that 'tuning fork/magic, therefore his 'vibration' is currently tuned to physicality more than anything. Therefore, he does not perceive the real power behind the magical action – he cannot perceive the density of inner power in its pure form.

As the magician continues to interact with the magic away from the physicality, i.e. in vision (no physical act), so his vibration begins to change as he moves his consciousness into nonphysical realms. This allows him to perceive nonphysical power and with that perception comes more understanding which leads to more interaction in the inner worlds.

The more he practices lighting the candle, the more he begins to perceive the power as it moves away from the initial point of action, and the diffuse complexity of that power expression is seen and interacted with. This in turn builds momentum in the vibrational change of the magician, so it becomes a conscious interaction between the ever-expanding magical inner power and the magician.

Through that interaction, the consciousness of the magician begins to flow with that highway of power expression, and there comes a point whereby the magician can revisit or observe the initial expression of inner power triggered by the very first lighting of the candle with intent. The magician is now vibrating at a frequency where he can fully perceive its power to the best of human ability. Hence the act becomes more and more profound, greater power is perceived, and

the direct long-term energetic consequence of the action is now observable. This is why magicians who work deeply in the inner realms do less and less magic as they mature, but when they do initiate a magical action, its long-term affects can be considerable.

Justice, Balance and Karma

The minute one begins to walk a magical path and starts to interact and influence the ‘tuning fork of the universe’ that person takes on the responsibility of justice/karma. Why? because a magical action has consequence and you bare responsibility for that.

These are words that do not often pop into the heads of people first walking a magical path, as the focus of intent is more often directed towards the acquisition of power, skill and peers. I have had interesting conversations with elderly occultists regarding the subject of justice/karma and I think the misunderstandings that often arise in conversations comes from the lack of understanding of those two words: karma and justice.

In our Christianised culture, we perceive justice as being ‘punishment’, the need for the perpetrator to be remorseful and the victim to forgive. This is all a perversion of true justice and is an imbalance of the power expressed upon the Tree of Life as the sphere of Chesed/mercy. Mercy and forgiveness are emotional expressions of power that have no counterbalance of practical learning through bitter experience/impact/loss (Geburah). The Christian religion expresses the power of Tiphareth only through Chesed, so the pure power of Tiphareth has to naturally balance itself in humanity through raw expression of Geburah; the result is the vicious side of this religion. If it is not consciously engaged by humanity, then the scales of the Universe will engage it instead. The result of that unfocused raw power flowing through humanity is the genocides, inquisitions, self-inflicted cruelty, oppression etc etc. This unbalanced religious expression has permeated every facet of our western culture and it leads to spiritual immaturity, long term destruction and degeneration. The deeper esoteric wisdoms of justice, although depicted in some form in every court house, the blindfold goddess of justice with the scales and the sword, is dismissed out of hand.

Justice is about power in and power out. The scales, like the Tree of Life, have to be kept balanced so that the practitioner can handle power safely without getting blown up. The deeper into magic or spirituality you go, the stronger the need for justice in your life is. If you live completely within the physical realm, then the sword of justice is slow and diffuse. The more you reach through the inner worlds through magic or spirituality, the more focused, pronounced and densely powerful the sword of justice becomes. When you take on specific magical responsibilities as an adept, then the scales become very finely balanced indeed and knowingly taking a false step will result in swift results. The lesson of the unfolding energy will be sharp and to the point. And it will not come in the form of punishment, but in the form of bitter understanding through experience.

Justice is not about morals, it’s about responsibility. If you do something that you know damages, hurts or deprives someone, then your ‘power-scales’ are at a deficit. As a magician, when you interact with the inner worlds, you automatically engage the rule of magical justice, known as the rule of Ma’at in ancient Egypt. Universal consciousness will place things in your

path to teach you why your actions were unbalanced, so that you learn from bitter experience. That is a lesson that is hard to forget. Then, once the learning is in place, the energetic scales must be rebalanced. This is achieved by putting you in a situation whereby you observe an energetic 'debit', and you are given an opportunity to put your own action or energy into that debit to turn it into a credit. If there is no learning from the bitter experience, and the magician digs in and refuses to engage with the situations and continues on their unbalanced path knowingly and by choice, then they begin to shut down magically and/or implode either emotionally, physically, or both.

The deeper you go into inner magic, the more profound the effects of justice are. If you reach through the inner worlds in an unbalanced pursuit of power and you are not ready from an inner point of view to handle such power, you will blow yourself up. Cause and effect... put hand in fire, hand get burned. This will manifest either as literally going mad from the power or being shut down magically. If you are totally incapable of handling large amounts of power, or powerful contacts, then the inner safety switch is thrown, and you are left in the dark. This is done by the deeper part of you and is for your own good: you literally blow a fuse and end up in the dark (i.e. no magical contact).

If you have the potential to handle vast amounts of power/contact and you go after that power in an unbalanced way, then you will be treated to a very hard lesson. The two possibilities are going mad or dying. Because you potentially have the ability to hold power, the inner fuse does not flip and the power flows into an unbalanced vessel and tips it over. It's all about personal responsibility, and cause and effect; it's not about punishment.

This has been one of the biggest misunderstandings regarding the role of karma. Some people perceive the laws of karma to be based around an idea that your life is pre-ordained, nothing can be changed and any shit in life you get is because you were bad in another life. That is not true and is a total misunderstanding of the law of karma. The law of karma is the same as the law of Ma'at or justice: everything is to be kept in balance or chaos occurs. The law of karma is about understanding the natural consequences of actions.

So in magical practice, if you curse or attack someone, you are put into a dance of rebalancing the scales with them. If you magically interfere with nature for conditional human ends, then the results of that action will be set in motion and there is nothing that you can do to stop it. One you realize that your simple thoughtless action is spreading out and causing untold damage, you cannot say sorry and stop it. You will have to observe the long unfolding of that action. And because your energy went into the initial action, your energy will be drawn upon throughout the unfolding of the action until it has run its course. This connection of energy to an action is that part that most people do not understand. This connection of energy will manifest in many ways, and the more profound the magical action, the more energy it will draw from you until it has fully run its course. With so much of your energy going in a justice direction, it will leave you energetically in deficit. This will manifest as inner weakness that will make you vulnerable to an endless list of imbalances, both energetic and magical.

If you try to compensate for such imbalance by using magic to draw more energy to you, or to enlist the help of beings, or to counteract the imbalance, then the imbalance will get longer and

more pronounced as you draw more and more beings and power to your unbalanced orbit. The best advice is either; hunker down, accept the results of the energetic deficit and learn a hard lesson.

Or you can consciously engage the unfolding alone and offer yourself unconditionally in service to help re balance the scales. Working unconditionally allows the energy to flow where it needs to and puts you in situations that will truly give you an opportunity to rebalance things. Often we can make things much worse by actions that we think will bring about rebalance but actually do not. This is because our understanding is often short sighted, and working blind with justice will side step such lack of understanding. This is why the statue of Justice is blindfolded: it is the sum total of cause and effect that move the scales.

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