

ADVANTAGEOUS - Spiritual Theme of the Month

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BENEFIT: The spiritual definition of Service is: "Seeking opportunity for one's own benefit." This cannot be said any clearer. And it is a real and true guide for my work here. If I do not fulfill on my service, there is <u>no</u> benefit at all. If I do it all for someone else, then only they benefit. But when I am of service to people, while living that definition, we all benefit. Once everyone involved realizes they must know what is important for them, the 'needs' are both manifest and fulfilled. This is the way of Spirit and it is what I am evolving towards. If I do not know what's-in-it-for-me however, I will eventually get stuck in limbo. This is nothing to be afraid of, but rather something I must always stay alert to. The reality is, it is not 'greedy' to think how I will benefit in my involvements — When it is time to regroup my life, it will be around the feelings & thoughts of what I have achieved and accomplished for myself. This will be a key measure of my growth and just how much I made-the-grade. It is profoundly satisfying when I commit to my service and people are willing to have an exchange for it.

LOYALTIES: No matter how I dress it up, without being clear in my loyalties, I will become a usable instrument for others. Sometimes it can work for me, but most times it really doesn't . . . I suppose it's how I grow, but it is a rough "way." I must remember, There can be growing pains in my life, but there is a difference between 'pain' and suffering . . . "suffering" is optional. When my loyalties are in order, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, I can do what I have come to do, abundantly, while inspiring others to do the same. As a matter of fact, it's delightful to help people while I am helping myself. But one thing is indisputable, there will always be people still figuring out precisely where they begin-andend. I will respect them, I will honor their process, but I need not get caught in their lessons. The "lesson" may or may not be exactly what they need, but more likely than not it will be detrimental to me. The higher perspective is that of the soul, A Soul's Perspective — No one thinks my thoughts, no one breathes for me, and no one is going to raise my state-of-consciousness but me. This is my part and no matter how many people may help me along the way, it is wholly my responsibility to do justice to my purpose. In short, I am here to learn my lessons (not someone else's).

OF SERVICE: Here is the the feeling of what it's all about: Doing what I was born to do . . . and doing it abundantly! I allow that feeling to penetrate me; to fill me; to free me. By organizing myself to be of service, while fulfilling my purpose, I am a light in the world. I do not mean this as an outer cause . . . I do mean it as a fact. I love being me, while inspiring others and exchanging for my service. I radiate, like a bright star in the cosmos when I do so. It matters little if I am mopping floors or building them. When I am aligned in this way, I am a powerhouse — I will intuitively and naturally find myself at the right time, at the right place, doing what needs to be done. It's not a forceful feeling, it is a peaceful easy feeling. It is literally changing a 'job' into an opportunity. I see 'work' as a vehicle to carry out my purpose. It starts with a new attitude . . . one that I can resolutely maintain . All that's required is 'Decision,' and a willingness to step into my destiny.

With a refreshed attitude, I free myself and others, as a way of life and lifestyle.

POWERFUL: I have heard the expression "win, win, win" many times and I have come to realize it means much more than what I used to think: 'Win' for me, 'Win' for people, and 'Win' for Spirit. In other words, we all win. This is how I become powerful — I am part of the whole, and yet still have my own individual personal path. I become more powerful when I make my "involvement" and "growth" genuinely elegant. This is where minding my business becomes very important. In order to truly succeed in achieving my needs here, I need to know and respect what is me and not me. It can be surprisingly easy to fall into other people's lessons; I could even use the word, "trap." Each person is powerful in their own right. But . . . there are those who will 'say' all the right things, and even come across as authoritative and authentic, but underneath it will all be a facade. The reality is, they want to be taken-care-of and catered to. I can know this vibration by the 'broken record' that they play over and over. There is no real growth because there is no personal responsibility or follow-through; they are like birds in a cage, waiting for seeds, water and a bird bath . . . and then they complain about it. They are not claiming their personal power so that power becomes "wasted" or "abused." It is better to be a free bird and do things my myself. But this is what I do to myself when I stop evolving past old habit; I get stuck in moral issues like it's "Groundhog Day" all over again. As a soul, I am here to free myself. This is my mission. I cannot afford to get sucked into someone's petty games or personality issues. This is a "saving" vibration and it means I no longer see people as a soul, but am blinded by their superficial facades. The solution of course is to be consistent and keep moving forward; to turn all of life's situations to my advantage. If I am going to graduate I need to allow people to have their opportunities. After all, my opportunity is full-time.

FRUITFUL: "Everything I touch turns to gold." That's what the statement is all about, bridging simultaneous inner and outer success. It is consistently having the 'golden touch. While that may sound a little redundant or obvious, it is an important point for me to not lose sight of. Ultimately, it is me that is either the asset or the liability. It is me, that plants the *fruitful* orchard, or grows weeds. I am the key, the central figure in the solution or the source of the problem. In other words, what comes from my "touch" will be based on what is happening inside; I am either fruitful or barren within? So what could more aptly suit me than all that is, has been and will be in my life? When some 'wrong' or 'evil' befalls me, I ask myself, "How can I turn this to use." Notice I did not formulate this as a question. Rather, it is a statement of direction much like that of an order given to a soldier; there is no doubt or hesitation, simply action. I have often wondered what I would be doing if I truly attained my full potential, in every situation. This is how I regroup and it is the vibration of purpose. I did not come to be in the "back seat" of my life or caught in some barren concept of being inferior. I am here to be infront with my life and my contributions to the world, with spirit, and that is always advantageous.