

2012, Sept 8

Saturday History Call

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Opening Meditation: Cathy

May we always seek wisdom for the benefit of all concerned.

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Rainbird: with her shaman elder friends today.

Housekeeping: Tara

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Hard News:

T: the smoking gun is 9/11; there are hints about this showing up in Main Stream News

- Ed Schultz is doing it on another internet radio program: his status as a MSNBC announcer gives him lots of clout!
- also Mike Papantonio is on the Ed show; Rachel, Laurence
- A study shows that people who watch Fox News are less informed than people who watch no news at all!
- The smoking gun to the smoking gun is Valerie Plame!

Camp Loveway: Valerie Plame was on CL program

- She wants to know is why Karl Rove is not in shackles and why he showed up at the DNC?
- This has to do with the Koch brothers, Shelley Adelson and some other shadowy ones; these Khazars who think they are the chosen people in what used to be called Palestine.
- Valerie talked of the movie "Fair Game"; to this day, she is still fair game and Karl Rove is guilty of high treason, and the gov't has not been held accountable. Didn't happen on Obama's watch, yet it is:
- BO said he would tell us the truth; he spoke of the health care act and how it would happen.
 - The larger picture is about cleaning out the house of the people [Congress, Senate]
 - when all is done, there will be 64 good members left - it is St. Germain's work to do this.
- As we approach 9/11 again, Ground Zero is still a crime scene, but there is a new building there -
 - she said people do not know it is still a crime scene.
 - She brought up the toasted cars that Judy Wood always talks of; also the Hutchison Effect of things being cooked from the inside out - so far, only Judy Wood has spoken of this.
- Teran & the others shared with Valerie Joseph Campbell's way of story telling, and she talked of travelling in the Middle East and people sitting around camp fires talking of what they have seen - which does not get shared on main stream news. Almost everyone there has had a ship experience of some kind.
- There is a story about the Quiche Foundation; these ones are about free energy. There is a story that Obama has said they are not going to work with this Foundation: this Fdn is tied in with Iran and the star ships they are building, and the anti gravity technology that will help us. Not sure of this.
- There is some kind of unveiling in Belgium today - anti-gravity technology that can help the world. Does not matter if gov'ts get involved - would be nice, but Mother's children are in the "gimme, gimme, gimme" mode.
- Valerie Plame said people should be enraged regarding voter suppression in any way shape or form - Rama's mother marched with Tara, MLK, John Lewis in the early 60s for voting rights.
- The Sirian Commander is leading us through this, and we are called to active duty by our cells, our selves. As we "Be Love Now", the next minute changes
- Valerie Plame and Joe Wilson do Tibetan throat singing as a meditation; this brings in the energy from before the gods showing up: "anima and "animus".
- This man will be re-elected - how it is done is up to Rama's granny, the one with the 4 paws!

T: On Alex Witt today, saw that Harry is going back to Afghanistan to be a helicopter gunship pilot!

He is supposed to take over the throne, not his brother - someone might like to see him gone!

R: has spoken to Ed and Rachel about the crime stories on MSNBC - has to do with FCC rules, and that is all they would say.

T: Two weeks ago, they played a piece from Thom Hartmann in which he listed the names of those who met during Obama's inauguration on Jan 20, 2009, when they decided to obstruct any and all of the president's efforts to pull the US out of the economic disaster that Bush put the country

into.

This is high treason

- They are doing all they can to put people out of work: teachers, police, etc
- War crimes: voter obstruction; against the health care act & people are dying because of it.
- **Those present at the Jan 20, 2009 meeting in the restaurant in Washington, DC:**
Paul Ryan [Opus Dei = kills for the Pope]; Eric Cantor; Kevin McCarthy; Pete Sessions [not nice to Islamic people across the US]; Jeb Henslerling; Pete Hookstra; Dan Lundren; Jim DeMint; John Kajle; Tom Coburn; John Ensign; Bob Corker; Frank Luntz; Newt Gingerich ["Tonight, we sow the seeds of 2012."]

Right, Left and Center: Robert Scheer cried his eyes out listening to Barack; last time he heard such was from JFK. Said he will take us through the doorway and change the story -

- one in 8 people in any US city goes hungry every single day!
- People are living under cities in the drainage pipe areas: 400 alone under the Las Vegas strip.
- The drains go for hundreds of miles under each city.

R: Crazy Steve, a homeless guy in Santa Fe, sells devices to art stores - some are multi-dimensional things.

- He went via all these pipe locations to Los Alamos and saw, through a port hole, some greys working with scientists: they were not happy.

T: that another summer storm coming from the Bermuda area: 8 foot rip tides that can take people out in a second - 3 have already been saved today alone.

- The entire eastern seaboard has these rip tides - don't go in the water.
- Moving from a tropical storm to New Jersey, NYC, and Connecticut

Audio: Alex Witt, with Ed Rendell as guest

- The idea of the treasonous behaviour of these men listed above is getting into the main media

T: reading about the Constitution

The Citizen's Rule Book is the book she is referencing

Preamble of the Bill of Rights

The Articles are the Common Law

Art. 1 - religious freedom, freedom of speech,

2 right to bear arms

3 quartering soldiers

4 no search & seizures -

5 grand jury, double jeopardy, losing property without due process

- Her point is that from the beginning of this term, the intent was to put all of the old regime back into place with the old law - led by the Black Widow, Hillary Rodham Clinton

[in early Dec, will be on BBS for 3 years; we are broadcasting UNIVERSAL LAW]

- Common Law is HEBREW LAW

5 Speedy and public trials; impartial jury; assistance of counsel [DOES NOT SAY ATTORNEY]
and there are no lawyers

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- Barack Obama in first term has begun the up-chucking that has to do with healing - comparison to Rama & his 54 years of smoking weed, and now healing from that. Obama has over 100 years to deal with
- At the barbaric stage, when we destroyed everything - in Atlantis, the laser from the great crystal blew a hole in the ozone layer, and the xenon gas disappeared. From that time on, we were breathing

radio active air - and the Orion war went on for 5 years

7 right to trial by jury -

- the 10 Commandments are the basis of Common Law which is based on Hebrew Law.
 - The Hebrew Law is the problem: **Hebrew Law misses Mother/ god as a woman/Divine Feminine**
 - The language is connected to Atlantean language, which is connected to the Solex Mal which is connected to Sekhmet who is black.
 - The Hebrew Law is Old Testament Law; T looks up Hebrew Law, with the reminder that the fundamentalists living on C Street are doing the old, male, Jehovah law, in Deuteronomy & Exodus.

Deuteronomy, Chapter 5 - Moses speaking to people - listen to Jehovah's law and obey them

- George Bush represents 100 years of the old law, passed on to Romney and Lyin' Ryan!
- Moab and Akhanatun's bodies are buried in the Pisca Forest in Florida
- Blue moon was a heart fire dragon, water dragon, wood dragon.
- The burning bush was not burning, but was the heart fire

1 I am Jehovah [Old Testament god of thunder, anger] your god who rescued you from slavery in Egypt.
You shall never worship any god but me.

- Most of the people in Egypt who were pharaohs were black; Hebrews had darkish skin but had Caucasian blood in their veins. The Arab slaughtered 140 million black people!!!
- Akhnaton was the same soul as Moses and that body did not die until it got to the west
- His real mother sent him in a reed basket down the Nile; Tara as princess picked up the basket and raised him and taught him Mosaic Law.

I am the lord your god; I am a jealous god - I will

2 Thou shalt not bear false witness

3 Do not take my name in Vain [keep the tongue pure] when you curse another, not what we are talking about . Bush Jr said the Constitution was nothing but a F piece of paper : THAT is taking a sacred object in vain

4 Keep the Sabbath day holy - no work shall be done that day by you, or any of your household.

Why do you keep the Sabbath? Because you were slaves in Egypt and your god brought you out

5 Honour your father and your mother

6. You must not murder. [which is different from killing]

7. You must not commit adultery

8. You must not steal

9. You must not lie

10 You must not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor envy him for his home etc etc etc

- These laws were given from the heart fire of the dragon - Moses/Akhnaton speaking - they were written on blue telonium plates

T then goes to **Keys of Enoch**: we are the only ones who are going to heal this.

Audio: Kadosh, Kadosh, Kadosh

- The colob, a 72 hour adjustment, May 9, 10, 11 of 2009;
 - on May 9th, BO was the guest at the White House Correspondents dinner and told the jokes: called up Michael Steele, Hillary kissed him on the cheek when she came back from Mexico and said if he wanted anything done, he could do it himself!
- The colob is in the central sun

Music:

T: NESARA represents getting out of the Old Testament: thou shalt not worship false images [{\$}

• **we are coming into the New Testament.**

- Desmond Tutu is going to change the church which skewed the Old Testament - as per **The Secret Places of the Lion**.
- Mother came & hung out with us; had she not, the planet would have gone super nova.

Old Testament: 1010 BC - 1070 BC - David - but he was also Ahmose I 1580 BC - 1558 BC

970 BC - 931 BC - Solomon - but he was also Ahmunhotep 1st from 1558 - 1545 BC

- We are ending the money system which is steeped in slavery, whether we like it or not.
- We are ending the dogma of the church,
 - Nada, KOS, Natasha [KOS wife - they have been separated for a while, and Natasha knows that Nada is KOS' twin flame] told Rama Greece is going down.
- The 4th Reich is a carryover of 13,000 years of the dark priests of Atlantis and Egypt, and is a carryover from the 3rd Reich of Hitler.

• We are going to the Gnostic form of life, too - Universal Laws that fit in with any religion

1. Be calm
2. Be loving unto others
3. Be gentle
4. Be peaceful
5. Be merciful
6. Give tithes [his name is Yeshu Pistis Sophia]
- 7
8. Be devoted to Deity
9. Be good that you may receive the mysteries of the light

Audio: Chris Matthews story of Barack Obama, originally aired on MSNBC,

Audio: about the development of Universal Human Rights

and the discussion of those who still fight for human rights that exist in words only: human rights are how we act every day and treat each other

Go to Humanrights.com for the story of the development of human rights & more information - September 21st is Universal Day of Peace

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The mission of the foundation is to promote personal growth toward Divine Consciousness within individuals and in relationships, to one another while seeking harmony in the world

Music: Give Yourself to Love

Pete Seeger - where have all the flowers gone,
and some background on the song by those singing it.

Astrology: Richard

Have had a challenging week with the energies

- 2 interesting things this week: goes along with the numerology
 - the North Node is finally moved into last degree of Scorpio - henceforth, the next part of transformation begins: Often suggested that Scorpio is ruled by Pluto and Mars - so early next month, Mars crosses over the NN direction - so this is building
 - Venus entered Leo - so anyone with Cancer is under the beneficial influence of Venus, now our Leo brothers and sisters will experience the benefits of Venus

Uranus directing from Aries - a creative energy

Chiron - a healing energy

20th will be potent, too - there is a T square there

T: International Day of Peace is on the 21st - influence???

Ri: T-squares are challenging; however, Uranus is Divine Will governing everything

- there should be some major awakening going on about how people see how the world works

T: could be that people getting to think with their hearts

Ri: on the 18th Pluto goes direct - all this is leading up to the equinox on the 22nd

- The whole month of September is tricky & challenging: not as bad as June, July, Aug as Carl said

T: brings up the article Richard sent about Greece going down

Ri: we are in a lunar cycle - he is still looking for more signs of real leadership: the leaders are very, very challenged due to the economic situation - they should be affected in their conscience -

- it has to be very difficult for the world leaders and the bankers - quivering in their boots because they know that their system is collapsing, and we know that it is just a matter of time as we keep the pressure on them and do the loving thing - this is where Venus will affect these people

Ri: references a program on Democracy Now this week: an interesting play between 2 guys about issues, politically speaking, that they approached reasonably well but came up with no solutions

- one man was saying Obama was evil; Michael Eric Dyson trying to counter him, and had no luck.

T: Need to continue emphasizing the positive - no room left for the negative!

Audio: Robert Reich On Tavis Smiley's show: see link below - Reich's new book: *Beyond Outrage*

<http://www.pbs.org/wnet/tavissmiley/interviews/#top>

Interview: September 5, 2012

The former labor secretary and *Beyond Outrage* author discusses the upcoming unemployment report and his sense of mistakes made by the past two presidential administrations.

Robert Reich has served in three national administrations, including as labor secretary under President Clinton, and was named by *The Wall Street Journal* as one of America's Top 10 Business Thinkers. He's also a best-selling author, prize-winning professor, media commentator and playwright. Now a public policy professor at UC Berkeley, he's been on the faculty of Harvard's John F. Kennedy School of Government and Brandeis University. The Rhodes Scholar and Yale Law School grad is the author of 13 books, including *Beyond Outrage*, in which he urges Americans to find common cause in fixing the poor economy.

T: her son Micah has told her about a doctor called

- **Dr Maxwell Narty** - sychrometry.com - does not do allopathic or alternative medicine
- has discovered that there is no such thing as disease: not genetic; as we can change our understanding, we can change things. He has been a homeopath since 1951:
- Working on a concept called Root Cause Therapeutics which is recognized in DC as intellectual patent
- it is about cell nourishment, not about nutrition - has to be on all levels of the body physical, intellectual, emotional, spiritual

Caller: does Obama have to make disclosure before things move on? like disclosure about the galactics?

T: on the 22nd, we will have all kinds of secrets disclosed: Area 51 - UFO secrets to be revealed at a Smithsonian related museum - the National Testing Museum in Las Vegas.

- These are secrets not yet revealed - one of the museum's ongoing lecture series.
 - Nick Pope will also be there [used to man the UFO desk for UK gov'ts
- Will discuss why both countries got out of the UFO business

There is also the question of timing: people getting more curious, more able to hear

Now every 20 days, another year passes!

Caller: Rama mentioned Mehren T. Keshe - a Iranian nuclear physicist - the flying saucer he developed brought down the drone - would that be so?

R: He is on the money

T: there are things Obama has been forced to do and say, as Suzy Ward says - this is not cool, and on the other side, Ahmadinejad is laughing!

- The President has the Ashtar Command at his back: there will be no 13,000 year old scarecrow getting into the white house.

Caller: all the electronics can be fried by those ships being made!

T: which will stop what is going on in Syria!

R: never needed the oil in the first place

T: the real Lucifer is now Luciferia and he has come back to love a long time ago

- the old 10 commandments are no longer in existence - Lucifer's father was Jehovah

Caller: VATIC project: foreign troops coming to New Mexico

T: the Chinese and the Russians have been in US for decades - this is not new

Caller: talking of UN troops - not so friendly

T: neither are the Chinese or the Russians!

Caller: would trust the Chinese and Russians over the UN troops;
their mission in New Mexico: not sure

T: sounds like Faction 2, drumming up confusion and making Obama evil

Reading: from Melissa Harris-Perry on Sept 2 / 12 about Barbara Jordan

[Good Look: Remembering Barbara Jordan](#)

By [Jamil Smith](#) Sat Sep 8, 2012 8:44 AM EDT

This week's Good Look features Melissa's [Sunday Footnote](#), in which she remembered the late Rep. Barbara Jordan of Texas, [who delivered the Democratic National Convention's keynote address](#) in 1976, becoming the first African American woman to do so. I was reminded of Jordan's speech when I saw another woman address this year's convention, one without elected office, but with similar social

ostracism as the gay, black Congresswoman with multiple sclerosis.

On Wednesday night, [27-year-old Benita Velez](#) became the first undocumented immigrant to address a national party convention. In her speech, she defended her inherent American character and identity while also expressing an optimism about how we all can contribute, politically, socially, and economically.

Paraphrasing something Georgetown professor Michael Eric Dyson once told me in an interview about the struggle for racial equality, it's all about being put on a level playing field, not gaining some sort of retributive advantage (as those with the built-in advantages would have us believe). Given the venue in which Velez made her remarks, it's fitting to quote something Jordan said about the Democratic Party:

We believe in equality for all and privileges for none. This is a belief -- this is a belief that each American, regardless of background, has equal standing in the public forum -- all of us. Because -- because we believe this idea so firmly, we are an inclusive rather than an exclusive party. Let everybody come.

At their 2012 convention, Democrats lived up to that, to an extent (I still needed to see a speaker who wasn't cisgender, for example). And outside of the venue where Velez spoke, [there were still undocumented immigrants protesting](#) for the very pathway to citizenship, screaming and blocking traffic to be a full part of this nation. In that regard, even for Democrats, the struggle continues.

Join us for a full breakdown of the Democratic convention, and much more, at 10am on msnbc!

Footnote: Melissa Harris-Perry shares the 1976 keynote DNC speech given by Barbara Jordan.

T: looked up Ophiuchian Astrology: we start Virgo on Sept 16, according to the Ophiucian

- It means "I analyze" until October 30th - Virgo is application to detail, crossing Ts and dotting Is.
- The next day Sept 17 is Rosh Hashanah - and it ends on Sept 26 on Yom Kippur
- by the time we get to October, likely lots will be changed
- Halloween: 4 years since they arrested the 10,000 banksters who went bye-bye by Nov 8th
- DST end on Nov 4th; election day is on the 6th
- Nov 11th is Veterans Day **and** 11-11-12
- Nov 22 is Thanksgiving Day - 49 years since MLK was killed.

Caller: astrology question: she and Rainbird went to an event with Golden Eagle

- Sept 22nd is a Galactic Harmonic Convergence Day.
- Equal to what happened in 1987, but at the galactic level - do you know about this?

T: tells the caller:

- in first part of this call, went to Deuteronomy, Ch 5 and read the Ten Commandments: thou shalt not, thou shalt not etc; then read the 2nd commandment on the telosonium plates: thou shalt not have strange gods before thee: like money, Khazars, archons, & so on
- Then she re-reads from the Keys of Enoch, 2nd Commandment: The keys of the Universe to come say that this universe shall be drawn into the spirals of light. Light will attach itself to light like two conic sections synchronized into a spiral - [picture of the DNA]
- She read first the old 10 Commandments, and that Greece is going to be gone: thou shalt not

have strange gods before thee, and this system is strange

- Metatron showed me . . . containing 6 billion years
- . . . moving our galaxy . . . Does all this make sense?

Caller: yes, this makes sense. In the native tradition, they go to sweat lodges using water on hot stones for cleansing and come out like swirling rainbows of light

T: Metatron showed me how this model of . . . is stored as eternal memories

Reading: Astrology Report for September by Dorene Carrel

[SEE BELOW]

Caller asking about the UFO exhibit

T: National Atomic Testing Museum in Las Vegas- Saturday, Sept 22, 2012

- countries involved: USA and England
- Russia has already announced to its people that UFOs are real - so have many, many others
- UK & USA are the last of all the countries to announce

Go to www.huffingtonpost.com/2012/09/01/ufo-secrets-revealed Sunday, September 2nd

T: Nostradamus - she was N; N was identical same soul as Leonardo de Vinci - they didn't like each other when they met, N was young, Leonardo was old.

Information from University of Metaphysical Sciences

<http://www.umsonline.org/ReadingMaterial.htm>

Born Dec 14, 1503 - St Remy, France - he dealt with "judicial Astronomy" - see below.

astrology

late 14c., from L. astrologia "astronomy, the science of the heavenly bodies," from Gk. astrologia "telling of the stars," from astron "star" (see [astro-](#)) + -logia "treating of" (see [-logy](#)). Originally identical with [astronomy](#), it had also a special sense of "practical astronomy, astronomy applied to prediction of events." This was divided into natural astrology "the calculation and foretelling of natural phenomenon" (tides, eclipses, etc.), and judicial astrology "the art of judging occult influences of stars on human affairs" (also known as astromancy, 1650s). Differentiation between astrology and astronomy began late 1400s and by 17c. this word was limited to "reading influences of the stars and their effects on human destiny."

<http://www.etymonline.com/index.php?term=astrology>

T asked for the definition of **Judicial Astrology**, as N worked in this area.

The last line of the reading was "Judge the Nostradamus prophecies for yourself; go to www.sacred-texts.com " to find his actual words [as opposed to all the commentaries on what he wrote]

Audio: Max Keiser Report Episode 338 September 8, 2012

Every week Max Keiser looks at all the scandal behind the financial news headlines.

In this episode, Max Keiser and Stacy Herbert discuss uncertain futures for banks in Italy and business purgatory for citizens unable to retire in America. They discuss Monte dei Paschi Bank in Italy, which survived the Borgias and the pestilence only to crumble when faced with the fraud and low interest rate world engineered by Alan Greenspan. In the second half of the show, Max Keiser talks to Bill Still about his latest film – Jekyll Island.

<http://rt.com/programs/keiser-report/episode-338-max-keiser/>

Reading: Greed and Debt: The True Story of Mitt Romney & Bain Capital by Matt Taibi

[SEE BELOW]

Closing: Rainbird

Mediation: The Ninth Initiatory Gateway of Light

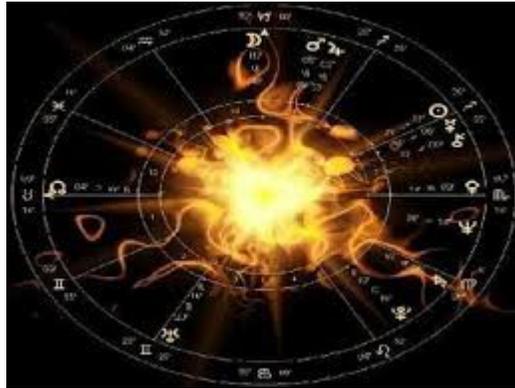
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Astrology Report For September 2012



By Dorene Carrel

The planetary focus for September features Pluto turning direct, along with the second of seven exact Uranus/Pluto squares. This combination brings power issues to the surface for dynamic change and eventually more sustainable resolution. Later in the month, a Venus/Mars square intensifies male/female polarities that can bring relationship conflicts. We are still under the August New Moon in Leo, with the themes of creativity and renewal.

An important transition occurred on August 31 when the Moon's North Node moved from Sagittarius into Scorpio, where it will remain until February 2014. The North Node represents our path of greatest growth. This placement will enhance the Pluto themes of death/rebirth and greater transformation of unconscious patterns. Moving from fire to water means changing the focus from independent actions towards those involving more cooperation. In Scorpio we are slowing down and paying more attention to going deeper, intuition, sensitivity and emotional flow.

On September 4-5 a series of positive Mercury aspects to Pluto, Chiron and Mars make this a good time for deeper mental activity and healing through communications. A good time for writing and speaking activities occurs September 7-10, when the Sun aligns with Mercury and both square Jupiter. However, there may be something important that we are not seeing at this time. We also need to watch out for being too opinionated, inflexible and overextending ourselves.

The New Moon occurs on September 15 at 23 Virgo 37. This lunation emphasizes the Virgo qualities of being efficient, pragmatic, thorough and detail-oriented. It also aligns with Mercury (ruler of Virgo), which will bring a strong mental focus to our communications and the areas of work, health and service. On a higher level, Virgo represents the feminine Goddess energy, which is in the process of anchoring more deeply into our civilization. The Sabian Symbol and keynote for this degree is "Mary and her little lamb; the need to keep a vibrant and pure simplicity at the core of one's being as one meets the many tests of existence." The text goes on to describe the essential quality as one journeys on "the Path" as "a pure, spontaneous, fresh and nonviolent approach to all encounters." This month we can more consciously practice honoring this feminine quality through our communications. A good resource for this practice is a book entitled *Nonviolent Communication*, by Marshall Rosenberg.

On September 17 Pluto turns direct at 7 Capricorn, which is followed the next day by an exact square aspect between Uranus and Pluto. This aspect will occur seven times between 2012 and 2015, marking significant surges of social unrest and major change on all levels. The Occupy Movement signaled the transition into this transformational cycle as Uranus moved into Aries late last year. On a personal level, we are challenged to embrace change, take responsibility and become more authentic.

On September 20, Mercury will form a t-square with Uranus/Pluto, which increases the intensity and tendency for manipulation or angry outbursts. During these few days, it is best to watch our thoughts and words to see if they match our true intentions. We are now being challenged to break through old mental patterns to view our lives from a newer, outside-the-box perspective. The Autumn Equinox in Libra arrives on September 22, helping us strive for balance on all levels.

September 24-27 may represent a difficult period for relationships as Venus in Leo and Mars in Scorpio make challenging aspects with Uranus and Pluto. Sudden clashes may erupt caused by an imbalance between independence and closeness in relationships. Mars is currently aligned with the North Node in Scorpio, helping us to achieve more depth of understanding and balanced use of power.

The Full Moon occurs on September 29 at 7 Aries 22. This Harvest Moon makes challenging aspects with both Uranus and Pluto, and also forms a cardinal grand cross with the dwarf planet Ceres in Cancer. The trend towards accelerated and powerful change continues as we are encouraged to live more in the present and take courageous actions. Ceres suggests we can play a strong supportive role by caretaking and nurturing ourselves and each other as we take these important steps. The Sabian symbol keynotes for these Aries/Libra degrees seem to echo the role of Ceres: a “protection and spiritual guidance in the development of consciousness” and “the need to realize that even through the most empty hours a spiritual power is ever ready to welcome and warm up the wayward consciousness returning to center.” In October Saturn enters Scorpio.

Blessings for a wonderful autumn!

<http://sambranco.blogspot.ca/2012/09/astrology-report-for-september-2012.html>

2012, Aug 29 **Greed and Debt: The True Story of Mitt Romney and Bain Capital**

How the GOP presidential candidate and his private equity firm staged an epic wealth grab, destroyed jobs – and stuck others with the bill

By [Matt Taibbi](#)

<http://www.rollingstone.com/politics/news/greed-and-debt-the-true-story-of-mitt-romney-and-bain-capital-20120829>



Mitt Romney illustration Illustration by Robert Grossman

The great criticism of Mitt Romney, from both sides of the aisle, has always been that he doesn't stand for anything. He's a flip-flopper, they say, a lightweight, a cardboard opportunist who'll say anything to get elected.

The critics couldn't be more wrong. Mitt Romney is no tissue-paper man. He's closer to being a revolutionary, a backward-world version of Che or Trotsky, with tweezed nostrils instead of a beard, a half-Windsor instead of a leather jerkin. His legendary flip-flops aren't the lies of a bumbling opportunist – they're the confident prevarications of a man untroubled by misleading the nonbeliever in pursuit of a single, all-consuming goal. Romney has a vision, and he's trying for something big: We've just been too slow to sort out what it is, just as we've been slow to grasp the roots of the radical economic changes that have swept the country in the last generation.

The incredible untold story of the 2012 election so far is that Romney's run has been a shimmering pearl of perfect political hypocrisy, which he's somehow managed to keep hidden, even with thousands of cameras following his every move. And the drama of this rhetorical high-wire act was ratcheted up even further when Romney chose his running mate, Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin – like himself, a self-righteously anal, thin-lipped, Whitest Kids U Know penny pincher who'd be honored to tell *Oliver Twist* there's no more soup left. By selecting Ryan, Romney, the hard-charging, chameleonic champion of a disgraced-yet-defiant Wall Street, officially succeeded in moving the battle lines in the 2012 presidential race.

Like John McCain four years before, Romney desperately needed a vice-presidential pick that would change the game. But where McCain bet on a combustive mix of clueless novelty and suburban sexual tension named Sarah Palin, Romney bet on an idea. He said as much when he unveiled his choice of Ryan, the author of a hair-raising

budget-cutting plan best known for its willingness to slash the sacred cows of Medicare and Medicaid. "Paul Ryan has become an intellectual leader of the Republican Party," Romney told frenzied Republican supporters in Norfolk, Virginia, standing before the reliably jingoistic backdrop of a floating warship. "He understands the fiscal challenges facing America: our exploding deficits and crushing debt."

Debt, debt, debt. If the Republican Party had a James Carville, this is what he would have said to win Mitt over, in whatever late-night war room session led to the Ryan pick: "It's the debt, stupid." This is the way to defeat Barack Obama: to recast the race as a jeremiad against debt, something just about everybody who's ever gotten a bill in the mail hates on a primal level.

Last May, in a much-touted speech in Iowa, Romney used language that was literally inflammatory to describe America's federal borrowing. "A prairie fire of debt is sweeping across Iowa and our nation," he declared. "Every day we fail to act, that fire gets closer to the homes and children we love." Our collective debt is no ordinary problem: According to Mitt, it's going to *burn our children alive*.

And this is where we get to the hypocrisy at the heart of Mitt Romney. Everyone knows that he is fantastically rich, having scored great success, the legend goes, as a "turnaround specialist," a shrewd financial operator who revived moribund companies as a high-priced consultant for a storied Wall Street private equity firm. But what most voters don't know is the way Mitt Romney *actually* made his fortune: by borrowing vast sums of money that other people were forced to pay back. This is the plain, stark reality that has somehow eluded America's top political journalists for two consecutive presidential campaigns: Mitt Romney is one of the greatest and most irresponsible debt creators of all time. In the past few decades, in fact, Romney has piled more debt onto more unsuspecting companies, written more gigantic checks that other people have to cover, than perhaps all but a handful of people on planet Earth.

By making debt the centerpiece of his campaign, Romney was making a calculated bluff of historic dimensions – placing a massive all-in bet on the rank incompetence of the American press corps. The result has been a brilliant comedy: A man makes a \$250 million fortune loading up companies with debt and then extracting million-dollar fees from those same companies, in exchange for the generous service of telling them who needs to be fired in order to finance the debt payments he saddled them with in the first place. That same man then runs for president riding an image of children roasting on flames of debt, choosing as his running mate perhaps the only politician in America more pompous and self-righteous on the subject of the evils of borrowed money than the candidate himself. If Romney pulls off this whopper, you'll have to tip your hat to him: No one in history has ever successfully run for president riding this big of a lie. It's almost enough to make you think he really is qualified for the White House.

The unlikeliness of Romney's gambit isn't simply a reflection of his own artlessly unapologetic mindset – it stands as an emblem for the resiliency of the entire sociopathic Wall Street set he represents. Four years ago, the Mitt Romneys of the world nearly destroyed the global economy with their greed, shortsightedness and – most notably – wildly irresponsible use of debt in pursuit of personal profit. The sight was so disgusting that people everywhere were ready to drop an H-bomb on Lower Manhattan and bayonet the survivors. But today that same insane greed ethos, that same belief in the lunatic pursuit of instant borrowed millions – it's dusted itself off, it's had a shave and a shoeshine, and it's back out there running for president.

Mitt Romney, it turns out, is the perfect frontman for Wall Street's greed revolution. He's not a two-bit, shifty-eyed huckster like Lloyd Blankfein. He's not a sighing, eye-rolling, arrogant jerkwad like Jamie Dimon. But Mitt believes the same things those guys believe: He's been right with them on the front lines of the financialization revolution, a decades-long campaign in which the old, simple, let's-make-stuff-and-sell-it manufacturing economy was replaced with a new, highly complex, let's-take-stuff-and-trash-it financial economy. Instead of cars and airplanes, we built swaps, CDOs and other toxic financial products. Instead of building new companies from the ground up, we took out massive bank loans and used them to acquire existing firms, liquidating every asset in sight and leaving the target companies holding the note. The new borrow-and-conquer economy was morally sanctified by an almost religious faith in the grossly euphemistic concept of "creative destruction," and amounted to a total abdication of collective responsibility by America's rich, whose new thing was making

assloads of money in ever-shorter campaigns of economic conquest, sending the proceeds offshore, and shrugging as the great towns and factories their parents and grandparents built were shuttered and boarded up, crushed by a true prairie fire of debt.

Mitt Romney – a man whose own father built cars and nurtured communities, and was one of the old-school industrial anachronisms pushed aside by the new generation's wealth grab – has emerged now to sell this make-nothing, take-everything, screw-everyone ethos to the world. He's Gordon Gekko, but a new and improved version, with better PR – and a bigger goal. A takeover artist all his life, Romney is now trying to take over America itself. And if his own history is any guide, we'll all end up paying for the acquisition.

Willard "Mitt" Romney's background in many ways suggests a man who was born to be president – disgustingly rich from birth, raised in prep schools, no early exposure to minorities outside of maids, a powerful daddy to clean up his missteps, and timely exemptions from military service. In Romney's bio there are some eerie early-life similarities to other recent presidential figures. (Is America really ready for another Republican president who was a prep-school cheerleader?) And like other great presidential double-talkers such as Bill Clinton and George W. Bush, Romney has shown particular aptitude in the area of telling multiple factual versions of his own life story.

"I longed in many respects to actually be in Vietnam and be representing our country there," he claimed years after the war. To a different audience, he said, "I was not planning on signing up for the military. It was not my desire to go off and serve in Vietnam."

Like John F. Kennedy and George W. Bush, men whose way into power was smoothed by celebrity fathers but who rebelled against their parental legacy as mature politicians, Mitt Romney's career has been both a tribute to and a repudiation of his famous father. George Romney in the 1950s became CEO of American Motors Corp., made a modest fortune betting on energy efficiency in an age of gas guzzlers and ended up serving as governor of the state of Michigan only two generations removed from the Romney clan's tradition of polygamy. For Mitt, who grew up worshipping his tall, craggily handsome, politically moderate father, life was less rocky: Cranbrook prep school in suburban Detroit, followed by Stanford in the Sixties, a missionary term in which he spent two and a half years trying (as he said) to persuade the French to "give up your wine," and Harvard Business School in the Seventies. Then, faced with making a career choice, Mitt chose an odd one: Already married and a father of two, he left Harvard and eschewed both politics and the law to enter the at-the-time unsexy world of financial consulting.

"When you get out of a place like Harvard, you can do anything – at least in the old days you could," says a prominent corporate lawyer on Wall Street who is familiar with Romney's career. "But he comes out, he not only has a Harvard Business School degree, he's got a national pedigree with his name. He could have done anything – but what does he do? He says, 'I'm going to spend my life loading up distressed companies with debt.'"

Romney started off at the Boston Consulting Group, where he showed an aptitude for crunching numbers and glad-handing clients. Then, in 1977, he joined a young entrepreneur named Bill Bain at a firm called Bain & Company, where he worked for six years before being handed the reins of a new firm-within-a-firm called Bain Capital.

In Romney's version of the tale, Bain Capital – which evolved into what is today known as a private equity firm – specialized in turning around moribund companies (Romney even wrote a book called *Turnaround* that complements his other nauseatingly self-complimentary book, *No Apology*) and helped create the Staples office-supply chain. On the campaign trail, Romney relentlessly trades on his own self-perpetuated reputation as a kind of altruistic rescuer of failing enterprises, never missing an opportunity to use the word "help" or "helped" in his description of what he and Bain did for companies. He might, for instance, describe himself as having been "deeply involved in helping other businesses" or say he "helped create tens of thousands of jobs."

The reality is that toward the middle of his career at Bain, Romney made a fateful strategic decision: He moved away from creating companies like Staples through venture capital schemes, and toward a business model that involved borrowing huge sums of money to take over existing firms, then extracting value from them by force. He decided, as he later put it, that "there's a lot greater risk in a startup than there is in acquiring an existing

company." In the Eighties, when Romney made this move, this form of financial piracy became known as a leveraged buyout, and it achieved iconic status thanks to Gordon Gekko in *Wall Street*. Gekko's business strategy was essentially identical to the Romney–Bain model, only Gekko called himself a "liberator" of companies instead of a "helper."

Here's how Romney would go about "liberating" a company: A private equity firm like Bain typically seeks out floundering businesses with good cash flows. It then puts down a relatively small amount of its own money and runs to a big bank like Goldman Sachs or Citigroup for the rest of the financing. (Most leveraged buyouts are financed with 60 to 90 percent borrowed cash.) The takeover firm then uses that borrowed money to buy a controlling stake in the target company, either with or without its consent. When an LBO is done without the consent of the target, it's called a hostile takeover; such thrilling acts of corporate piracy were made legend in the Eighties, most notably the 1988 attack by notorious corporate raiders Kohlberg Kravis Roberts against RJR Nabisco, a deal memorialized in the book *Barbarians at the Gate*.

Romney and Bain avoided the hostile approach, preferring to secure the cooperation of their takeover targets by buying off a company's management with lucrative bonuses. Once management is on board, the rest is just math. So if the target company is worth \$500 million, Bain might put down \$20 million of its own cash, then borrow \$350 million from an investment bank to take over a controlling stake.

But here's the catch. When Bain borrows all of that money from the bank, it's the target company that ends up on the hook for all of the debt.

Now your troubled firm – let's say you make tricycles in Alabama – has been taken over by a bunch of slick Wall Street dudes who kicked in as little as five percent as a down payment. So in addition to whatever problems you had before, Tricycle Inc. now owes Goldman or Citigroup \$350 million. With all that new debt service to pay, the company's bottom line is suddenly untenable: You almost have to start firing people immediately just to get your costs down to a manageable level.

"That interest," says Lynn Turner, former chief accountant of the Securities and Exchange Commission, "just sucks the profit out of the company."

Fortunately, the geniuses at Bain who now run the place are there to help tell you whom to fire. And for the service it performs cutting your company's costs to help you pay off the massive debt that it, Bain, saddled your company with in the first place, Bain naturally charges a management fee, typically millions of dollars a year. So Tricycle Inc. now has two gigantic new burdens it never had before Bain Capital stepped into the picture: tens of millions in annual debt service, and millions more in "management fees." Since the initial acquisition of Tricycle Inc. was probably greased by promising the company's upper management lucrative bonuses, all that pain inevitably comes out of just one place: the benefits and payroll of the hourly workforce.

Once all that debt is added, one of two things can happen. The company can fire workers and slash benefits to pay off all its new obligations to Goldman Sachs and Bain, leaving it ripe to be resold by Bain at a huge profit. Or it can go bankrupt – this happens after about seven percent of all private equity buyouts – leaving behind one or more shuttered factory towns. Either way, Bain wins. By power-sucking cash value from even the most rapidly dying firms, private equity raiders like Bain almost always get their cash out before a target goes belly up.

This business model wasn't really "helping," of course – and it wasn't new. Fans of mob movies will recognize what's known as the "bust-out," in which a gangster takes over a restaurant or sporting goods store and then monetizes his investment by running up giant debts on the company's credit line. (Think Paulie buying all those cases of Cutty Sark in *Goodfellas*.) When the note comes due, the mobster simply torches the restaurant and collects the insurance money. Reduced to their most basic level, the leveraged buyouts engineered by Romney followed exactly the same business model. "It's the bust-out," one Wall Street trader says with a laugh. "That's all it is."

Private equity firms aren't necessarily evil by definition. There are many stories of successful turnarounds fueled by private equity, often involving multiple floundering businesses that are rolled into a single entity, eliminating duplicative overhead. Experian, the giant credit-rating tyrant, was acquired by Bain in the Nineties and went on to become an industry leader.

But there's a key difference between private equity firms and the businesses that were America's original industrial cornerstones, like the elder Romney's AMC. Everyone had a stake in the success of those old businesses, which spread prosperity by putting people to work. But even private equity's most enthusiastic adherents have difficulty explaining its benefit to society. Marc Wolpov, a former Bain colleague of Romney's, told reporters during Mitt's first Senate run that Romney erred in trying to sell his business as good for everyone. "I believed he was making a mistake by framing himself as a job creator," said Wolpov. "That was not his or Bain's or the industry's primary objective. The objective of the LBO business is maximizing returns for investors." When it comes to private equity, American workers – not to mention their families and communities – simply don't enter into the equation.

Take a typical Bain transaction involving an Indiana-based company called American Pad and Paper. Bain bought Ampad in 1992 for just \$5 million, financing the rest of the deal with borrowed cash. Within three years, Ampad was paying \$60 million in annual debt payments, plus an additional \$7 million in management fees. A year later, Bain led Ampad to go public, cashed out about \$50 million in stock for itself and its investors, charged the firm \$2 million for arranging the IPO and pocketed another \$5 million in "management" fees. Ampad wound up going bankrupt, and hundreds of workers lost their jobs, but Bain and Romney weren't crying: They'd made more than \$100 million on a \$5 million investment.

To recap: Romney, who has compared the devilish federal debt to a "nightmare" home mortgage that is "adjustable, no-money down and assigned to our children," took over Ampad with essentially no money down, saddled the firm with a nightmare debt and assigned the crushing interest payments not to Bain but to the children of Ampad's workers, who would be left holding the note long after Romney fled the scene. The mortgage analogy is so obvious, in fact, that even Romney himself has made it. He once described Bain's debt-fueled strategy as "using the equivalent of a mortgage to leverage up our investment."

Romney has always kept his distance from the real-life consequences of his profiteering. At one point during Bain's looting of Ampad, a worker named Randy Johnson sent a handwritten letter to Romney, asking him to intervene to save an Ampad factory in Marion, Indiana. In a sterling demonstration of manliness and willingness to face a difficult conversation, Romney, who had just lost his race for the Senate in Massachusetts, wrote Johnson that he was "sorry," but his lawyers had advised him not to get involved. (So much for the candidate who insists that his way is always to "fight to save every job.")

This is typical Romney, who consistently adopts a public posture of having been above the fray, with no blood on his hands from any of the deals he personally engineered. "I never actually ran one of our investments," he says in *Turnaround*. "That was left to management."

In reality, though, Romney was unquestionably the decider at Bain. "I insisted on having almost dictatorial powers," he bragged years after the Ampad deal. Over the years, colleagues would anonymously whisper stories about Mitt the Boss to the press, describing him as cunning, manipulative and a little bit nuts, with "an ability to identify people's insecurities and exploit them for his own benefit." One former Bain employee said that Romney would screw around with bonuses in small amounts, just to mess with people: He would give \$3 million to one, \$3.1 million to another and \$2.9 million to a third, just to keep those below him on edge.

The private equity business in the early Nineties was dominated by a handful of takeover firms, from the spooky and politically connected Carlyle Group (a favorite subject of conspiracy-theory lit, with its connections to right-wingers like Donald Rumsfeld and George H.W. Bush) to the equally spooky Democrat-leaning assholes at the Blackstone Group. But even among such a colorful cast of characters, Bain had a reputation on Wall Street for secrecy and extreme weirdness – "the KGB of consulting." Its employees, known for their Mormonish uniform of white shirts and red power ties, were dubbed "Bainies" by other Wall Streeters, a rip on the fanatical "Moonies." The firm earned the name thanks to its idiotically adolescent *Spy Kids* culture, in which these glorified slumlords used code names, didn't carry business cards and even sang "company songs" to boost morale.

The seemingly religious flavor of Bain's culture smacks of the generally cultish ethos on Wall Street, in which all

sorts of ethically questionable behaviors are justified as being necessary in service of the church of making money. Romney belongs to a true-believer subset within that cult, with a revolutionary's faith in the wisdom of the pure free market, in which destroying companies and sucking the value out of them for personal gain is part of the greater good, and governments should "stand aside and allow the creative destruction inherent in the free economy."

That cultlike zeal helps explain why Romney takes such a curiously unapologetic approach to his own flip-flopping. His infamous changes of stance are not little wispy ideological alterations of a few degrees here or there – they are perfect and absolute mathematical reversals, as in "I believe that abortion should be safe and legal in this country" and "I am firmly pro-life." Yet unlike other politicians, who at least recognize that saying completely contradictory things presents a political problem, Romney seems genuinely puzzled by the public's insistence that he be consistent. "I'm not going to apologize for having changed my mind," he likes to say. It's an attitude that recalls the standard defense offered by Wall Street in the wake of some of its most recent and notorious crimes: Goldman Sachs excused its lying to clients, for example, by insisting that its customers are "sophisticated investors" who should expect to be lied to. "Last time I checked," former Morgan Stanley CEO John Mack sneered after the same scandal, "we were in business to be profitable."

Within the cult of Wall Street that forged Mitt Romney, making money justifies any behavior, no matter how venal. The look on Romney's face when he refuses to apologize says it all: *Hey, I'm trying to win an election. We're all grown-ups here.* After the Ampad deal, Romney expressed contempt for critics who lived in "fantasy land." "This is the real world," he said, "and in the real world there is nothing wrong with companies trying to compete, trying to stay alive, trying to make money."

In the old days, making money required sharing the wealth: with assembly-line workers, with middle management, with schools and communities, with investors. Even the Gilded Age robber barons, despite their unapologetic efforts to keep workers from getting any rights at all, built America in spite of themselves, erecting railroads and oil wells and telegraph wires. And from the time the monopolists were reined in with antitrust laws through the days when men like Mitt Romney's dad exited center stage in our economy, the American social contract was pretty consistent: The rich got to stay rich, often filthy rich, but they paid taxes and a living wage and everyone else rose at least a little bit along with them.

But under Romney's business model, leveraging other people's debt means you can carve out big profits for yourself and leave everyone else holding the bag. Despite what Romney claims, the rate of return he provided for Bain's investors over the years wasn't all that great. Romney biographer and *Wall Street Journal* reporter Brett Arends, who analyzed Bain's performance between 1984 and 1998, concludes that the firm's returns were likely less than 30 percent per year, which happened to track more or less with the stock market's average during that time. "That's how much money you could have made by issuing company bonds and then spending the money picking stocks out of the paper at random," Arends observes. So for all the destruction Romney wreaked on Middle America in the name of "trying to make money," investors could have just plunked their money into traditional stocks and gotten pretty much the same returns.

The only ones who profited in a big way from all the job-killing debt that Romney leveraged were Mitt and his buddies at Bain, along with Wall Street firms like Goldman and Citigroup. Barry Ritholtz, author of *Bailout Nation*, says the criticisms of Bain about layoffs and meanness miss a more important point, which is that the firm's profit-producing record is absurdly mediocre, especially when set against all the trouble and pain its business model causes. "Bain's fundamental flaw, at least according to the math," Ritholtz writes, "is that they took lots of risk, use immense leverage and charged enormous fees, for performance that was more or less the same as [stock] indexing."

"I'm not a Romney guy, because I'm not a Bain guy," says Lenny Patnode, in an Irish pub in the factory town of Pittsfield, Massachusetts. "But I'm not an Obama guy, either. Just so you know." I feel bad even asking Patnode about Romney. Big and burly, with white hair and the thick forearms of a man who's stocked a shelf or two in his lifetime, he seems to belong to an era before things like leveraged debt even existed. For 38 years, Patnode worked for a company called KB Toys in Pittsfield. He was the longest-serving employee in the company's history, opening some of the firm's first mall stores, making some of its canniest

product buys ("Tamagotchi pets," he says, beaming, "and Tech-Decks, too"), traveling all over the world to help build an empire that at its peak included 1,300 stores. "There were times when I worked seven days a week, 16 hours a day," he says. "I opened three stores in two months once."

Then in 2000, right before Romney gave up his ownership stake in Bain Capital, the firm targeted KB Toys. The debacle that followed serves as a prime example of the conflict between the old model of American business, built from the ground up with sweat and industry know-how, and the new globalist model, the Romney model, which uses leverage as a weapon of high-speed conquest.

In a typical private-equity frugging, Bain put up a mere \$18 million to acquire KB Toys and got big banks to finance the remaining \$302 million it needed. Less than a year and a half after the purchase, Bain decided to give itself a gift known as a "dividend recapitalization." The firm induced KB Toys to redeem \$121 million in stock and take out more than \$66 million in bank loans – \$83 million of which went directly into the pockets of Bain's owners and investors, including Romney. "The dividend recap is like borrowing someone else's credit card to take out a cash advance, and then leaving them to pay it off," says Heather Slavkin Corzo, who monitors private equity takeovers as the senior legal policy adviser for the AFL-CIO.

Bain ended up earning a return of at least 370 percent on the deal, while KB Toys fell into bankruptcy, saddled with millions in debt. KB's former parent company, Big Lots, alleged in bankruptcy court that Bain's "unjustified" return on the dividend recap was actually "900 percent in a mere 16 months." Patnode, by contrast, was fired in December 2008, after almost four decades on the job. Like other employees, he didn't get a single day's severance.

I ask Slavkin Corzo what Bain's justification was for the giant dividend recapitalization in the KB Toys acquisition. The question throws her, as though she's surprised anyone would ask for a reason a company like Bain would loot a firm like KB Toys. "It wasn't like, 'Yay, we did a good job, we get a dividend,'" she says with a laugh. "It was like, 'We can do this, so we will.' "

At the time of the KB Toys deal, Romney was a Bain investor and owner, making him a mere beneficiary of the raping and pillaging, rather than its direct organizer. Moreover, KB's demise was hastened by a host of genuine market forces, including competition from video games and cellphones. But there's absolutely no way to look at what Bain did at KB and see anything but a cash grab – one that followed the business model laid out by Romney. Rather than cutting costs and tightening belts, Bain added \$300 million in debt to the firm's bottom line while taking out more than \$120 million in cash – an outright looting that creditors later described in a lawsuit as "breaking open the piggy bank." What's more, Bain smoothed the deal in typical fashion by giving huge bonuses to the company's top managers as the firm headed toward bankruptcy. CEO Michael Glazer got an incredible \$18.4 million, while CFO Robert Feldman received \$4.8 million and senior VP Thomas Alfonsi took home \$3.3 million.

And what did Bain bring to the table in return for its massive, outsize payout? KB Toys had built a small empire by targeting middle-class buyers with value-priced products. It succeeded mainly because the firm's leaders had a great instinct for what they were making and selling. These were people who had been in the specialty toy business since 1922; collectively, they had millions of man-hours of knowledge about how the industry works and how toy customers behave. KB's president in the Eighties, the late Saul Rubenstein, used to carry around a giant computer printout of the company's inventory, and would fall asleep reading it on the weekends, the pages clasped to his chest. "He knew the name and number of all those toys," his widow, Shirley, says proudly. "He loved toys."

Bain's experience in the toy industry, by contrast, was precisely bupkus. They didn't know a damn thing about the business they had taken over – and they never cared to learn. The firm's entire contribution was \$18 million in cash and a huge mound of borrowed money that gave it the power to pull the levers. "The people who came in after – they were never toy people," says Shirley Rubenstein. To make matters worse, former employees say, Bain deluged them with requests for paperwork and reports, forcing them to worry more about the whims of their new bosses than the demands of their customers. "We took our eye off the ball," Patnode says. "And if you take your eye off the ball, you strike out."

In the end, Bain never bothered to come up with a plan for how KB Toys could meet the 21st-century challenges of video games and cellphone gadgets that were the company's ostensible downfall. And that's where Romney's self-touted reputation as a turnaround specialist is a myth. In the Bain model, the actual turnaround isn't necessary. It's just a cover story. It's nice for the private equity firm if it happens, because it makes the acquired company more attractive for resale or an IPO. But it's mostly irrelevant to the success of the takeover model, where huge cash returns are extracted whether the captured firm thrives or not.

"The thing about it is, nobody gets hurt," says Patnode. "Except the people who worked here."

Romney was a prime mover in the radical social and political transformation that was cooked up by Wall Street beginning in the 1980s. In fact, you can trace the whole history of the modern age of financialization just by following the highly specific corner of the economic universe inhabited by the leveraged buyout business, where Mitt Romney thrived. If you look at the number of leveraged buyouts dating back two or three decades, you see a clear pattern: Takeovers rose sharply with each of Wall Street's great easy-money schemes, then plummeted just as sharply after each of those scams crashed and burned, leaving the rest of us with the bill.

In the Eighties, when Romney and Bain were cutting their teeth in the LBO business, the primary magic trick involved the junk bonds pioneered by convicted felon Mike Milken, which allowed firms like Bain to find easy financing for takeovers by using wildly overpriced distressed corporate bonds as collateral. Junk bonds gave the Gordon Gekkos of the world sudden primacy over old-school industrial titans like the Fords and the Rockefellers: For the first time, the ability to make deals became more valuable than the ability to make stuff, and the ability to instantly engineer billions in illusory financing trumped the comparatively slow process of making and selling products for gradual returns.

Romney was right in the middle of this radical change. In fact, according to *The Boston Globe* – whose in-depth reporting on Romney and Bain has spanned three decades – one of Romney's first LBO deals, and one of his most profitable, involved Mike Milken himself. Bain put down \$10 million in cash, got \$300 million in financing from Milken and bought a pair of department-store chains, Bealls Brothers and Palais Royal. In what should by now be a familiar outcome, the two chains – which Bain merged into a single outfit called Stage Stores – filed for bankruptcy protection in 2000 under the weight of more than \$444 million in debt. As always, Bain took no responsibility for the company's demise. (If you search the public record, you will not find a single instance of Mitt Romney taking responsibility for a company's failure.) Instead, Bain blamed Stage's collapse on "operating problems" that took place three years after Bain cashed out, finishing with a \$175 million return on its initial investment of \$10 million.

But here's the interesting twist: Romney made the Bealls-Palais deal just as the federal government was launching charges of massive manipulation and insider trading against Milken and his firm, Drexel Burnham Lambert. After what must have been a lengthy and agonizing period of moral soul-searching, however, Romney decided not to kill the deal, despite its shady financing. "We did not say, 'Oh, my goodness, Drexel has been accused of something, not been found guilty,'" Romney told reporters years after the deal. "Should we basically stop the transaction and blow the whole thing up?"

In an even more incredible disregard for basic morality, Romney forged ahead with the deal even though Milken's case was being heard by a federal district judge named Milton Pollack, whose wife, Moselle, happened to be the chairwoman of none other than Palais Royal. In short, one of Romney's first takeover deals was financed by dirty money – and one of the corporate chiefs about to receive a big payout from Bain was married to the judge hearing the case. Although the SEC took no formal action, it issued a sharp criticism, complaining that Romney was allowing Milken's money to have a possible influence over "the administration of justice."

After Milken and his junk bond scheme crashed in the late Eighties, Romney and other takeover artists moved on to Wall Street's next get-rich-quick scheme: the tech-Internet stock bubble. By 1997 and 1998, there were nearly \$400 billion in leveraged buyouts a year, as easy money once again gave these financial piracy firms the

ammunition they needed to raid companies like KB Toys. Firms like Bain even have a colorful pirate name for the pools of takeover money they raise in advance from pension funds, university endowments and other institutional investors. "They call it dry powder," says Slavkin Corzo, the union adviser.

After the Internet bubble burst and private equity started cashing in on Wall Street's mortgage scam, LBO deals ballooned to almost \$900 billion in 2006. Once again, storied companies with long histories and deep regional ties were descended upon by Bain and other pirates, saddled with hundreds of millions in debt, forced to pay huge management fees and "dividend recapitalizations," and ridden into bankruptcy amid waves of layoffs. Established firms like Del Monte, Hertz and Dollar General were all taken over in a "prairie fire of debt" – one even more destructive than the government borrowing that Romney is flogging on the campaign trail. When Hertz was conquered in 2005 by a trio of private equity firms, including the Carlyle Group, the interest payments on its debt soared by a monstrous 80 percent, forcing the company to eliminate a third of its 32,000 jobs.

In 2010, a year after the last round of Hertz layoffs, Carlyle teamed up with Bain to take \$500 million out of another takeover target: the parent company of Dunkin' Donuts and Baskin-Robbins. Dunkin' had to take out a \$1.25 billion loan to pay a dividend to its new private equity owners. So think of this the next time you go to Dunkin' Donuts for a cup of coffee: A small cup of joe costs about \$1.69 in most outlets, which means that for years to come, Dunkin' Donuts will have to sell about 2,011,834 small coffees every month – about \$3.4 million – just to meet the interest payments on the loan it took out to pay Bain and Carlyle their little one-time dividend. And that doesn't include the principal on the loan, or the additional millions in debt that Dunkin' has to pay every year to get out from under the \$2.4 billion in debt it's now saddled with after having the privilege of being taken over – with borrowed money – by the firm that Romney built.

If you haven't heard much about how takeover deals like Dunkin' and KB Toys work, that's because Mitt Romney and his private equity brethren don't want you to. The new owners of American industry are the polar opposites of the Milton Hersheys and Andrew Carnegies who built this country, commercial titans who longed to leave visible legacies of their accomplishments, erecting hospitals and schools and libraries, sometimes leaving behind thriving towns that bore their names.

The men of the private equity generation want no such thing. "We try to hide religiously," explained Steven Feinberg, the CEO of a takeover firm called Cerberus Capital Management that recently drove one of its targets into bankruptcy after saddling it with \$2.3 billion in debt. "If anyone at Cerberus has his picture in the paper and a picture of his apartment, we will do more than fire that person," Feinberg told shareholders in 2007. "We will kill him. The jail sentence will be worth it."

Which brings us to another aspect of Romney's business career that has largely been hidden from voters: His personal fortune would not have been possible without the direct assistance of the U.S. government. The taxpayer-funded subsidies that Romney has received go well beyond the humdrum, backdoor, welfare-sucking that all supposedly self-made free marketeers inevitably indulge in. Not that Romney hasn't done just fine at milking the government when it suits his purposes, the most obvious instance being the incredible \$1.5 billion in aid he siphoned out of the U.S. Treasury as head of the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake – a sum greater than all federal spending for the previous seven U.S. Olympic games combined. Romney, the supposed fiscal conservative, blew through an average of \$625,000 in taxpayer money per athlete – an astounding increase of 5,582 percent over the \$11,000 average at the 1984 games in Los Angeles. In 1993, right as he was preparing to run for the Senate, Romney also engineered a government deal worth at least \$10 million for Bain's consulting firm, when it was teetering on the edge of bankruptcy. (See "The Federal Bailout That Saved Romney," page 52.)

But the way Romney most directly owes his success to the government is through the structure of the tax code. The entire business of leveraged buyouts wouldn't be possible without a provision in the federal code that allows companies like Bain to deduct the interest on the debt they use to acquire and loot their targets. This is the same universally beloved tax deduction you can use to write off your mortgage interest payments, so tampering with it is considered political suicide – it's been called the "third rail of tax reform." So the Romney who routinely rails against the national debt as some kind of child-killing "mortgage" is the same man who spent decades exploiting a tax deduction specifically designed for mortgage holders in order to bilk every dollar he could out of U.S. businesses before burning them to the ground.

Because minus that tax break, Romney's debt-based takeovers would have been unsustainably expensive. Before Lynn Turner became chief accountant of the SEC, where he reviewed filings on takeover deals, he crunched the numbers on leveraged buyouts as an accountant at a Big Four auditing firm. "In the majority of these deals," Turner says, "the tax deduction has a big enough impact on the bottom line that the takeover wouldn't work without it."

Thanks to the tax deduction, in other words, the government actually incentivizes the kind of leverage-based takeovers that Romney built his fortune on. Romney the businessman built his career on two things that Romney the candidate decries: massive debt and dumb federal giveaways. "I don't know what Romney would be doing but for debt and its tax-advantaged position in the tax code," says a prominent Wall Street lawyer, "but he wouldn't be fabulously wealthy."

Adding to the hypocrisy, the money that Romney personally pocketed on Bain's takeover deals was usually taxed not as income, but either as capital gains or as "carried interest," both of which are capped at a maximum rate of 15 percent. In addition, reporters have uncovered plenty of evidence that Romney takes full advantage of offshore tax havens: He has an interest in at least 12 Bain funds, worth a total of \$30 million, that are based in the Cayman Islands; he has reportedly used a squirrely tax shelter known as a "blocker corporation" that cheats taxpayers out of some \$100 million a year; and his wife, Ann, had a Swiss bank account worth \$3 million. As a private equity pirate, Romney pays less than half the tax rate of most American executives – less, even, than teachers, firefighters, cops and nurses. Asked about the fact that he paid a tax rate of only 13.9 percent on income of \$21.7 million in 2010, Romney responded testily that the massive windfall he enjoys from exploiting the tax code is "entirely legal and fair."

Essentially, Romney got rich in a business that couldn't exist without a perverse tax break, and he got to keep double his earnings because of another loophole – a pair of bureaucratic accidents that have not only teamed up to threaten us with a Mitt Romney presidency but that make future Romneys far more likely. "Those two tax rules distort the economics of private equity investments, making them much more lucrative than they should be," says Rebecca Wilkins, senior counsel at the Center for Tax Justice. "So we get more of that activity than the market would support on its own."

Listen to Mitt Romney speak, and see if you can notice what's missing. This is a man who grew up in Michigan, went to college in California, walked door to door through the streets of southern France as a missionary and was a governor of Massachusetts, the home of perhaps the most instantly recognizable, heavily accented English this side of Edinburgh. Yet not a trace of any of these places is detectable in Romney's diction. None of the people in any of those places bled in and left a mark on the man.

Romney is a man from nowhere. In his post-regional attitude, he shares something with his campaign opponent, Barack Obama, whose background is a similarly jumbled pastiche of regionally nonspecific non-identity. But in the way he bounced around the world as a half-orphaned child, Obama was more like an involuntary passenger in the demographic revolution reshaping the planet than one of its leaders.

Romney, on the other hand, is a perfect representative of one side of the ominous cultural divide that will define the next generation, not just here in America but all over the world. Forget about the Southern strategy, blue versus red, swing states and swing voters – all of those political clichés are quaint relics of a less threatening era that is now part of our past, or soon will be. The next conflict defining us all is much more unnerving.

That conflict will be between people who live somewhere, and people who live nowhere. It will be between people who consider themselves citizens of actual countries, to which they have patriotic allegiance, and people to whom nations are meaningless, who live in a stateless global archipelago of privilege – a collection of private schools, tax havens and gated residential communities with little or no connection to the outside world.

Mitt Romney isn't blue or red. He's an archipelago man. That's a big reason that voters have been slow to warm up to him. From LBJ to Bill Clinton to George W. Bush to Sarah Palin, Americans like their politicians to sound like they're from somewhere, to be human symbols of our love affair with small towns, the girl next door, the little pink houses of Mellencamp myth. Most of those mythical American towns grew up around factories – think chocolate bars from Hershey, baseball bats from Louisville, cereals from Battle Creek. Deep down, what scares voters in both parties the most is the thought that these unique and vital places are vanishing or eroding –

overrun by immigrants or the forces of globalism or both, with giant Walmarts descending like spaceships to replace the corner grocer, the family barber and the local hardware store, and 1,000 cable channels replacing the school dance and the gossip at the local diner.

Obama ran on "change" in 2008, but Mitt Romney represents a far more real and seismic shift in the American landscape. Romney is the frontman and apostle of an economic revolution, in which transactions are manufactured instead of products, wealth is generated without accompanying prosperity, and Cayman Islands partnerships are lovingly erected and nurtured while American communities fall apart. The entire purpose of the business model that Romney helped pioneer is to move money into the archipelago from the places outside it, using massive amounts of taxpayer-subsidized debt to enrich a handful of billionaires. It's a vision of society that's crazy, vicious and almost unbelievably selfish, yet it's running for president, and it has a chance of winning. Perhaps that change is coming whether we like it or not. Perhaps Mitt Romney is the best man to manage the transition. But it seems a little early to vote for that kind of wholesale surrender.

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Welcome, sweet ones, it gives us great pleasure to be with you in this Now, as you enter into this ninth initiatory Gateway of Light on the 9th September, 2012, and indeed, sweet ones, it is but in the blink of an eye that you will find yourselves transcending into a greater depth of Divine Love and the understanding of your magnificence and preciousness as these transfiguring Flames of Divine Love. For this has already occurred in so many of these timelines and parallel realities, and

it is again simply to come into this remembrance that will take you in to Self Mastery and allow you to see with vision and clarity the pathway before you, the pathway of Divine Love, into these New Earth Templates of Light.

As you passed through the eighth initiatory Gateway in August, through this beautiful sea-foam green and violet colored ray as *The Warden*, the Keeper of Justice, indeed the archetypal energies coming through of the Divine Mother and Matron, and the Warrior on his Chariot took you in to areas of perceived conflict within your lives - areas that needed to be cleared - whether through karmic ties and relationships, or simply in bringing a focus to your co-creations, and letting go of old comfort zones to make way for the new.

You are merging the personality aspects of yourselves through the energy of your Beloved I AM Presence, and as you lift yourselves in Cosmic Consciousness awareness into the higher dimensional frequencies of Divine Love you are experiencing not only increased Light and Divine Love, but having the tools to stand in Divine Love

and work with whatever issues and clearings that you still may need to embrace or transmute. And now as you enter into this month of September, the stresses and resistances are brought into an alignment of Light through a deeper expression of the Divine Feminine aspects of yourselves; in finding balance and equilibrium through this plane of duality, in balancing both the shadow aspects and indeed the Divine aspects of yourselves.

This journey has not been easy, and it has propelled many of you into taking another look at the deepest aspects of yourselves needing to be integrated, and we say for all of you, sweet ones, this integration comes through the balancing of the Divine Masculine and the Divine Feminine aspects to yourself. These archetypal energies are being played out in every way within your Life, and within the collective consciousness. 2011, as we have mentioned before, was the year of the Divine Feminine, taking you deeper into the integration of your Light, in compassion, in peace, and Love, into the knowing of yourselves as these sacred transfiguring Flames of Divine Love, through the Overlighting in particular of the Divine Mother, and now in this year of 2012, the Divine Feminine Principle embraces the Divine Masculine Principle. Through the Golden Flame of One Unity Consciousness and Empowerment you merge in to this beautiful pink-orange Flame of Illumined Truth and Divine Love. And to open your hearts to yourself and to all Life indeed requires of you, sweet ones, the ability to truly allow yourselves to be revealed, to truly step into your authentic selves, sharing and receiving, supporting and loving. And it is from this center within yourself that you open your heart to others. It is in the integration of the Divine Feminine aspects of yourselves that you come into the merging of the Divine Masculine, into wisdom, into the Higher Mind teachings, expressed in this energy system through the Left and the Right Eye of Horus; and in this Now as you go deeper into an understanding of these Higher Mind teachings, you do so as these sacred transfiguring Flames of Divine Love, and in this initiation in particular, as *The Servant*, as you align yourself into your original Divine Eight-Cell Blueprint, the Blueprint of your Sacred Contract, you experience a deeper knowing of your service work, in passion, in joy, in harmony, in compassion, and in Divine Love.

Let us set our sacred space with you now, traveling together as this beautiful Soul family of Light,

opening your hearts to one another, truly seeing each other in Divine Love and One Unity Consciousness. Wherever you are in your sacred space sweet ones, ground now into the Crystal Heart of Mother Earth, into the Cosmic Heart of Mother/Father God; merging now with your Beloved I AM Presence, the Highest Light that You Are within the Cosmic Heart of Mother/Father God. Calling in now your Master Guides and your Guardian Angel, and all other Beings of Light that you personally acknowledge, as you open your hearts to one another, as you connect into the Group I AM Avatar Consciousness of Light, as you connect to the Star Seeded ones, the Light Workers, and all the Beings of Light from On High, through the Planetary Grid of One Unity Consciousness.

This Unity Grid surrounds you, this fluid matrix of geometries and keycodes and Light frequencies, it is within you and around you, supporting and guiding and loving you. Through the Christed Timelines and the New Earth Templates you are finding the tools to truly embrace all aspects of yourselves in Divine Love. Let this always be your guiding Light, sweet ones, in whatever the perceived challenges are before you - there are never any victims or victors, there is only Divine Love that guides you, embraces you, and asks you to be forgiving and loving in every moment of every day. For this is what will bring about your personal ascension and assist in Mother Earth's Planetary Ascension.

Bring in a now a beautiful pillar of Light within your sacred space, and your personal antakarana, your fluorescent tube of Light, breathing through this tube of Light, connecting into all dimensions of Light as you bring in the energy once more of your Higher Self of the Light, your Guardian Angel, and your Beloved I AM Presence.

And now, experience the radiance of this beautiful *Blue-Green Flame of Highest Potentials*, of the knowing of yourself in Self Mastery, as you surround yourself and wrap every sub-atomic particle within your Beingness in this beautiful sacred ray of Highest Potentials. As the sub-atomic particles spin in increased Light frequencies, this ray is amplified through the heart chakra and you create now a personal bridge of Light into the Unity Grid of Divine Love, into this 144 Crystalline Grid of Unity Consciousness. Hold this focus collectively, sweet ones, hold this focus of purpose and passion and joy, of knowing and wisdom and indeed that place of stillness within yourself that comes to be when you bring control over the lower bodies and control over the lower mind.

In this transmission you are invited into Table Mountain, Cape Town. In ancient times Table Mountain was part of the continent of Lemuria or Mu. Africa was joined to the Americas. This time, sweet ones, one of the most ancient times in your parallel realities, took you into an advanced society, living naturally and in harmony with Mother Earth, working with energy of the Divine Mother in particular. The Lemurians were gifted individuals, highly telepathic and psychic, and beautiful Spiritual Beings of Light, moving in their own way through the teachings of the Order of Melchizedek and the teachings of Light to bring about a deeper level of knowledge and wisdom as to their advanced Ascended Master gifts and skills. Living in lush forests, working on the land, attuning their bodies vibrationally in harmony and balance. And indeed too, as they worked through their initiations of Light they carried advanced technology, gifted from the many Star Beings, and in particular the Arcturians, the Pleiadians and the Sirians. Lemuria was destroyed through natural earth disasters, earthquakes, the movement of the pressure plates, and tectonic plates, and as large parts of this continent were submerged the Elders were able to save a lot of the knowledge of these teachings of Light and place it in wisdom crystals. These wisdom crystals were then taken, as they joined collectively in consciousness with the higher Light Beings, and with their Merkaba Vehicles of Light, transported to Tibet, then known as the continent of Asia. They set up these Temple teachings of Light on both the inner lanes and outer planes, creating initially what you know today as the teachings of the Great White Lodge and the Brotherhood of the Light, and these teachings in turn would come to pass to bring about the Golden Age of Atlantis.

This Golden Age of Lemuria, this energetic matrix that takes you into this timeline, is indeed found within several of Crystalline Cities of Light and vortex portals within and around Mother Earth, and Table Mountain is one of these vortexes, taking you into this timeline of Lemuria; and it is within this timeline, sweet ones, that you can truly know the preciousness of yourselves in Self Mastery through the many gifts that you had as teachers and facilitators, as healers and scientists and astrologers. So we take you in to this timeline, into the integrated aspects of the Divine Feminine.

You are now taken in this group Merkaba Vehicle of Light with all your Soul family and friends of the Light listening to this recording, connecting with you on both the inner and outer planes. As you are taken in to this Ascension Seat within Table Mountain, you are surrounded within this beautiful Blue-Green ray of Light, activating the heart chakra at a deeper level, welcomed and embraced now by Mother Mary, the Chohan to this ray. Within this center of Divine love, sweet ones, you experience yourself embraced within the Cosmic Heart of the Divine Mother and all the Divine Feminine Beings of Light from On High as they gather around you now - Lady Nada, Lady Quan Yin, Pallas Athena, White Buffalo Woman, Lady Portia, Lady Guinevere, all those feminine Beings of Light and Deities too, that you may acknowledge in your spiritual practice, you bring into this Now. Embraced upon these angelic wings of Divine Love you find yourself moving now through the Christed timelines, through the doorways in which you are needing to embrace and integrate the Divine Feminine aspects of yourselves. Those timelines in which you have been unforgiving or unloving are presented for you now, for you to clear - embrace and love yourself, and all the souls that you are with, within this timeline. As you surround these souls now, one at a time, in this beautiful Blue-Green Flame of Highest Potentials and Divine Love, let each soul know *"I Love you and I forgive you as I Love and forgive myself. I Love you and I forgive you as I Love and forgive myself."*

These old karmic contracts have been cancelled, sweet ones, although indeed some of you may still be choosing these life-changing and transformational journeys through pain and heartache. As Initiates of Light, each journey you have chosen has been in agreement with the souls with whom you chose to play out these contracts and pre-birth agreements. These souls become your greatest teachers when you indeed acknowledge the roles you chose, when you see how you have moved together through the lower dimensions; the anger and the pain, the betrayal and abandonment, the loss and the heartache, to be able to truly open yourselves to the deepest levels of your Beingness in Divine Love and to truly forgive all those souls. And at this point you move then on to the Path of Transcendence, where all the relationships before you are Soul contracts in which you are offered this opportunity within the New Earth Templates to simply discover a deeper level of your Beingness through Divine Love in all your relationships, in all your connections. But acknowledge in this Now, upon the plane of duality, you may still be facing in your own perceived challenges and the way to embrace this is through loving and forgiving. Open your heart truly to Love - Loving your Self first, appreciating your Self, nurturing your Self, and take this appreciation out to others, moving beyond judgement as to whether they are worthy of this or not. This unconditional Love in all its facets holds no judgement, only observation - it is the lens of Self Mastery. Truly mean it now, sweet ones, open your hearts in forgiveness as this sacred transfiguring Flame of Divine Love, for even forgiveness becomes transcendent within this vortex of Unconditional Love.

And now the Divine Feminine aspects of your soul appear before you - those aspects of your Selves needing to be re-integrated in this Now, into the beautiful Beingness of where you are now, sweet ones, Feel this Love from all these soul aspects of yourselves that have felt betrayed and unloved - be embraced in this Divine Love, strengthening you in your Light as you open your heart on all levels to yourself and others.

And now you find yourself merging with your Lemurian Higher Self - your Lemurian Higher Self that has achieved Self Master. This sacred Being of Light holding these memories in this timeline, in this alternate reality, appears before you now through the Christed timelines, in this beautiful Ascension Seat in Table Mountain, South Africa, and presents to you now an etheric wisdom crystal

which he or she now places within your heart. As you receive this energetic matrix and keycodes and downloads through this energy of Divine Love, you take yourself into this knowing of your Highest Potential as this Servant, servant and teacher, student and master – into the many gifts you have and bring forth, as the High Priest and Priestesses, as the healers and teachers. As you align deeper into your sacred contract you see clearly your Life Task, your purpose, in this Now, in this Now moment, in this Cosmic Grand Plan of this New Golden Age.

You now receive the sacred Flames of unity and justice, peace and wisdom, creativity, joy, mercy, unconditional Love, splendor, compassion, and Divine Guidance being anchored and activated in a beautiful Blue-Green Ray of Light through your heart chakra. You feel yourself coming into your original Divine Eight-Cell Blueprint, surrounded in the geometry of the star tetrahedron. The geometry of Light that further activates your Light Body, your Merkaba to the fifth dimension of no-time, no-space, is being re-activated and recalibrated to take you into your sacred contract in this alignment of Light and Divine Love. As you merge once more with your Beloved I AM Presence through these timelines, know that you are always Overlighted and guided by this Divine Being of Light.

You take this energy out now through this beautiful *Blue-Green Flame of Highest Potentials*, wrapping Mother Earth and all her Life, through your personal portals, and through the collective legions of Light, allowing all Life to truly experience this beautiful ray of Highest Potentials, to experience peace and joy and compassion, purpose and Divine Love.

Wonderful. You are now taken in this external Merkaba Vehicle of Light into the etheric of Sirius into the *Temple of Highest Potentials*. As you enter into this etheric *Temple of Highest Potentials* and Divine Love you are welcomed by the Sirian Archangelic League of the Light and indeed too by many of the Beings of Light from the Great White Lodge who exist within this dimensional frequency too. As you enter into this Ascension Seat you find yourself in a beautiful star tetrahedral shaped Temple of Light. Have a sense of the star-tetrahedron, this star merkaba, sweet ones, within the original Divine Eight-Cell Blueprint, and within each cell in your body. This shape is now replicated, bringing in the qualities of this ninth ray, and the knowing of yourselves as these Ascended Beings of Light. As you feel this support and Love, take this shape around you now, placing it in a sphere of Light, 10.8 feet in diameter around you. See the top apex of the top tetrahedron reach up to a point 2.4 feet above the crown chakra, coming down to just below the knees. The bottom apex comes from a point 2.4 feet below the feet - the bottom tetrahedron reaches up crossing the heart chakra.

As you bring a focus now to this etheric star tetrahedral shape, superimpose over it the emotional and then the mental body star tetrahedrons. Experience this spin slightly now, within this sphere of Light 10.8 feet in diameter around you. The emotional body gently rotates in a clockwise direction, the mental body star tetrahedron in a counter-clockwise direction, differing speeds, giving you the sense of both clearing and bringing in higher Light frequencies. Visualize this shape clearly now within your heart. A beautiful golden sphere of Light 54 feet in diameter comes in around you, imprinting within it this Golden Flower of Life, taking you into the memories of Light through the Left and Right Eye of Horus, into the teachings of Light from the timelines of Lemuria and Atlantis and ancient Egypt, the Mayan and Aztec cultures, bringing the knowledge and wisdom of these parallel realities and the knowing of yourselves as Initiates of Light, fulfilling your role now, sweet ones, as *The Servant*.

Now, within this sacred space, this beautiful Ascension Seat, and with the assistance of these Beings of Light, your Light Body/Merkaba is now activated to the frequency of the New Earth Templates of Divine Love. The Fibonacci ratios spin the emotional and mental body star tetrahedrons to the ratio of 21:13, 33 times God Speed to infinity. Wonderful. Have a sense of your Light Body being activated to this fifth dimensional frequency of connecting into the Unity Grid of Divine Love, into the Solar Crystalline matrix, merging your Light Body to the new geometries of Light found within the 144 Crystalline Grid of Divine Love.

And now, sweet ones, you anchor the ninth major Cosmic Christ Holographic disc and two minor discs along the spinal column. As we mentioned before, these Cosmic Christ holographic discs, thirteen major and twenty minor, are connected to the major chakras and vortices of Mother Earth as well as many of the Crystalline Cities and Retreats of Light, and in our next transmission with you we will tell you more about these Retreats and Crystalline Cities connected to the twenty minor Cosmic Christ Holographic discs. For now, know that as you recalibrate these Cosmic Christ Holographic discs through the body, through the cerebral spinal fluid, and recalibrate your nervous system, meridians and chakras, you are assisting in doing this for Mother Earth's sacred chakras, and with this too, in assisting and opening the 33 Cosmic Portals of Light.

You now find yourself within the Unity Grid receiving the Templates of the New Earth frequencies from the center of Divine Love as you experience the Equinox energies. Align into the Inner Earth Sun, sweet ones, to the golden Solar Sun Disc of Light within your hearts, to the energy of Mother Earth, through the Crystalline Grid, to the Sun, Central Sun, and now Great Central Sun. Allow these Crystalline Gates, the frequencies of your Highest Potential, to be experienced through these Patterns of Perfection and the Group I AM Avatar Consciousness of Light, as you take on the planetary keycodes of Light and indeed your individual keycodes, as you open your heart to yourself, to all life, in One Unity Consciousness.

Wonderful, sweet ones. As the earth becomes this spiritual Sun, as you shift into Solar Christ Consciousness, and experience your Ascension through the Flames of Divine Love you are assisting all Life through the Pathways of Light you are creating, and know that you are doing so well - you are never given more than you can handle, in terms of your perceived challenges; so have the courage, the strength and the belief in the knowing of what you can achieve, as these transfiguring Flames of Divine Love, and Master Beings of Light. You have done this before and you are doing this once again, because you can, as a leader and way shower, and facilitator of Light.

As you come back into your sacred space and ground once more into the Crystal Heart of Mother Earth, keeping this connection open to the many Legions of Light from On High, surround yourself in this beautiful *Blue-Green Flame of Highest Potential* and now this *Golden Flame of Empowerment and One Unity Consciousness*. You are doing so well, sweet ones, this time of balance and equilibrium is coming, and you will experience more and more the sacred Flames of Divine Love being awakened within your hearts and the hearts of all humanity as collectively you come together in this new Golden Age of Light.

We honor you for your service work, we bless you, and with this we bid you a most magical day.

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