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"Vision is the art of seeing things invisible"

—Jonathan Swift

Greetings,

It has been an eventful year so far and I wish to thank all of my wonderful supporters for voting me "Best Psychic" once again in the Mountain XPress readers poll 2005! THANK YOU!

My wife Kathryn, is exceedingly proud of me and deserves just as much "hoo-hah" for lovingly and intrepidly working beside me all these Victory years. In fact, "we" have won "Best Psychic" since the category was first included in the WNC poll in 1998!

Lately I have been bemused, and unexpectedly reassured, by what appears to be a pop-culture renaissance in television's portrayal of all things that bear a scent of psychic phenomena. I was in the midst of a brief phone conversation back in March with my sister Eileen, who apart from being an incomparably devoted mom is also a very inquisitive Libra, when she asked me what I thought of the NBC show "Medium". Eileen wondered aloud.. "Does it work like that for you

Charley? Are they getting the facts right?" She imagined that the show might be like a "day in the life" for me. Somewhat embarrassed, I explained to my sister that I had just cancelled our cable plan, yet again, in frustration and disgust over the state of current programming (yadda yadda yadda) and that I had not even heard of the show.

Three days later I received a synchronistic call from NBC affiliate WYFF, requesting an interview with me for a story about "real work a-day psychics." Unknown to me at the time of course, this resulted in a well-publicized biography style featurette. I was paired up in the story with the "real" Allison Dubois, whom Patricia Arquette's namesake character in "Medium" is solely based. The interview was aired thematically after an episode of "Medium."

Kathryn and I tuned in, rather expectantly, from our Southern side of the family's living room. Aside from my initial impression that the show had a dollop of Hollywood in it (why, of course) I appreciated the surprising, overall accurate, representation of psychic perception. Each story hinges upon cryptic metaphors that Allison receives, that appear devoid of any specific context. Because this guidance is symbolic, it is often at first only dimly understood. After bravely following the leads of her guidance fragments, we eventually discover these rudimentary clues mushrooming into much broader implications than she, or the police department, ever imagined. Ultimately, by connecting the various dots Allison provides, they unlock the big mystery.

So.... then I decided to hook up again- (to cable that is). One night, being both entertained and awe- struck by Court TV's Psychic Detectives, I reflected inwardly on a subtle feeling, an odd sense of relief that I lacked the requisite "thick skin" to be a Forensic psychic. I felt a glimmer of gratitude in my knowing that my lot in life is as a respectable, but decidedly general psychic. I think I slept soundly that night in my certainty that it would be most unlikely that sometime in the night I would be awakened by visions of restless souls whose lives may have ended in some unimaginable act of brutality. Then, within a week Court TV's producers called ...asking if I would be interested in being included in one of the up- coming episodes for Psychic Detectives next season!

Wow! Flattered, yet also flabbergasted, my mind echoed back to an unusual case in which I became involved, when I received an urgent call from a friend and client concerning her missing daughter. Naturally, this forlorn Mother was beside herself. I immediately agreed to help and was astonished when the daughter returned home safe, at the exact hour I had predicted. In fact, I was even more stunned because her mother, well before the daughter's safe arrival, shared with me the grim visions she received from other readers that she had contacted prior to calling me. The feedback from which frankly, made the hair on the back of my neck stand up. They had collectively offered her some very stark and dire impressions.

I was, in the end, very touched that I had helped but I still remain clear that I do not feel called nor cultivated for any serious role as a Forensic psychic. The irony inherent in all of this was not wasted on me, as it certainly appears that the universe is "up to something".

Coming very soon to CharleyCastex.com will be several newspaper articles that I wrote for Asheville's Daily Planet. The articles reflect on questions I have been asked along the road in my travels; the themes range from the universal to the biographically personal. Check them out...hope you enjoy them!

May you have a Blessed and Joyous Holiday Season.

Grace Always,

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