

VICTIMS AND VICTORS ARE WE

Never before in human history have we been so saturated with the concept of victim and victim hood. This is due to many factors; not the least of which is our media which sells its stories with dramatic labels. We have been trained to identify victims, to identify with them and to give them the energy to which their victim hood entitles them.

Whatever the original concept of victim was, it has been greatly expanded. The Oxford Dictionary defines victim as: 1. a person harmed, injured or killed as a result of a crime or accident. 2. a person who is tricked or duped. 3. an animal or person killed as a religious sacrifice.

I believe that the greatest period of expanded victim consciousness occurred during the years from 1983-1995 when the planet Pluto was in the sign of Scorpio. Because Pluto rules Scorpio this was a potent era in the 250+ year cycle of Pluto around the Sun.

Pluto and Scorpio have much to do with the underworld; with that which is hidden, subconscious or covert. It has to do with the use and abuse of power. And, it has to do with sex, death and transformation. It is a combination of great psychological intensity.

What became popular knowledge during this time was that you could be a victim and not know it. And, that you could be a victimizer and not know it. What grew up during this time was what has come to be called a “victim abuse industry”. The victims of abuse, whether that abuse was sexual, physical, emotional or mental, grew into a legion of millions or billions. Those that exposed or educated in this field also developed a belief system that said that those identified as victims needed therapy, sympathy, money or justice.

In many ways, it has become popular to be a victim. Victims have status, are compensated in many ways and can even be seen to have power. They have power simply because by standing in the label they set up a flow of energy from the environment to them.

Which is not to say that victims do not suffer. The pain is very real. Anyone relating to someone identified as a victim needs to acknowledge the pain and the “reality” that goes with it. Sympathy and over-identification with the victim’s story, however, only re-enforce the concept of the victim.

Essentially, the concept of victim comes from false identification of self. If I am my body, my emotions, my mind or my personality, then I am separate. If I am separate from my environment then I can be acted upon by that environment in ways that leaving me hurt and lacking in control. Hence, I become a victim.

If I know that I am the soul then the concept of victim hood is lost in the awareness of unity. I am essentially the same as other souls and I am identified with the One Soul of Humanity. In this context, it is possible for me to see that what appears to be

painful is only the reactions of the vehicle that I am operating through. I can choose to see that each experience is an opportunity for growth and greater awareness.

At a still higher level, if I know that I am Spirit (Monad or Spiritual Triad), then all sense of victim hood is lost. I know myself to be One. I am a point of fire; a spark off the One Flame. At this level of awareness, I know that I am simply an instrument of a greater will and pain and victims are just part of the great illusion.

With both of these higher states of awareness comes an identification of Victor rather than victim. The mantra of Scorpio comes to mind: Warrior am I and from the Battle I Emerge Triumphant.

It is interesting that numerologically V is a 4. The 4th Ray or attribute of divinity is Harmony through Conflict. This is ray of Humanity which is the 4th kingdom in nature. When trapped within the four-fold personality we are victims of our separated consciousness. Only when we rise to the apex of the pyramid, the 5th point (the soul), do we see the whole picture and rise into our true nature.

So, what can we do with ourselves and others in the daily struggle to be victors rather than victims? We can become keenly aware of when we are playing or seeing the “poor me/poor you” game. We can become aware of when we feel sympathy for ourselves or others because sympathy disempowers us and the person in pain. We can intellectually prove to ourselves that there are no victims; just a pattern of cause and effects that spans many incarnations.

Then, we need to remind our selves of the true nature of who we are: we are the all-knowing, all-loving and all-powerful Self. We can visualize ourselves standing in the light of our soul or standing in a line of fire. We can practice looking at ourselves and others with compassion: I support you from my heart in making the best possible use of this difficult and painful situation you are now experiencing. We can use affirmations such as: “I am a point of sacrificial fire”.

Each year we move ever closer to the eye of the needle as Humanity prepares to take the first initiation. This process can be experienced as very long and painful. In order to guarantee its success and also to lessen the pain, we must learn and teach others that there are no victims and we can all be victors.