

The Metaphor of the “Millennium Bug”

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What was Y2K really about? I believe it holds a metaphor for our times - a gift of healing if we look at the symbolic meaning. The millennium bug represents the interdependence of all life and the responsibility we each have for the quality of life on the planet.

We created artificial intelligence (consciousness) with the flow of information and energy in the virtual world of computers. Then we realized that we did not plan for all contingencies, in fact a major oversight was made in only thinking as far as two digits for the year. We then became concerned with the consequences of the glitch. We recognized that no matter how Y2K compliant our personal computer; our city's, our state's, and our country's systems were, a problem anywhere in the global system could have affected us on an individual level downstream!

What a concept! Something many of us haven't examined yet on a personal level. However, the artificial consciousness of the computer reality is but a mirror of the actual consciousness on our planet. We are all as personally interdependent as the planet's computer network!

This situation offered a golden opportunity for humanity to recognize that we reap what we sow, as individuals, multigenerational families, communities, on and on to a global level. We can no longer see any problem, anywhere on the planet, as being separate or apart from our own consciousness. It is not possible to hate a person or a group without reverberations in the vast sea of universal consciousness. We can no longer arrogantly proclaim our inability to understand how an adult could sexually abuse a child, without realizing that such lack of understanding actually supports the problem.

Couldn't it be that all of society's present ills are the sum total of the fears and underlying misconceptions of humankind from time immemorial? To reverse the trend, we must own these issues as part and parcel of humanity's creations, gain some level of understanding of the process of creation, and take action to heal these mis-creations. In essence, love the darkness into the light.

If we continue to dissociate ourselves from that which we judge as “bad”, we forever leave it in the darkness, festering and growing with similar fears. This denial, or disowning of society's ills has created the overcrowded jails, and crime-ridden inner cities in contrast to our gated, guarded, or safely remote communities. We will run out of mountaintops to escape to if we stay this course.

The lessons of the millennium bug may have been to elucidate the connectedness of all life on, and including, the planet; and to end the illusions of separation and duality.

Having passed into the New Year without incident, one has to ask how, on a global level, no significant computer glitches, nor any reported terrorism occurred. Could it be that the *anticipation* of both of these possibilities, combined with the large-scale *intention* that they not occur, and the *action* taken by so many individuals, groups and governments shifted global consciousness above the vibration of fear and confusion? Has so much *attention* ever been focused on celebration and safety at one time world-wide? Perhaps we have now demonstrated that lessons need not be played out on the physical level. We *thought* through what could happen, chose to change it, and took steps to avoid it.

What was so scary about Y2K anyway? I think it tapped into primal human fears on a subconscious level. Our deepest fear is separation; separation from humanity, and ultimately, separation from God. If the fear of the consequences of the bug allowed us to see the truth of our oneness, what greater gift could have been given?