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Redemption and other Holiday vacations

Let's talk about the concept of Redemption for a while.

So many of us have waited so long for something or someone to float down from on high and rise us up above our doubts, fears and insecurities. We have patiently - and sometimes not so patiently - waited for the things that plague us most to simply just disappear. We have tried all manner of things to achieve this state of "Redemption" and feel complete, whole, together and happy. How many 'how-to' books are sitting on our shelves? How many people have we followed, completely believing that we are going to find this elusive state of being redeemed? What the hell is Redemption anyway?

According to what we know, Redemption is a state that is free from all fear, pain and suffering. A state of living in the light, where we have complete access to God at all times. A purely angelic state, something akin to Sainthood, where we are seen to be free of everything that is worldly. The materialism, the negativity and the general heaviness

that comes with this World we live in. Basically, Redemption has become the "glossy brochure" of the New-Age spiritual movement. "Buy this rock and gain peace and harmony; rose-quartz is a symbol

of love and forgiveness". How many people do you know that carry around or own a piece of rose-quartz? And how many of those people do you see as people who are more redeemed? How big is your piece of rose quartz? Bigger than any you have seen before? Does it come from the heights of the Inca temple in Peru? Or maybe you found it on the ground in a sacred

aboriginal site, that only you could gain access to? Maybe you found it in a special shop that sells all manner of spiritual, new age holiday paraphernalia, or maybe someone gave it to you as a present? However you got it makes no difference really. The fact that you have it, or even desired having it or if you aren't special enough to own one, means that you believe somewhere in there in the concept of Redemption. Someone, or in this case something, has the power to lift you up and make you feel better about yourself and your humanity.

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Believe it or not, you can also find the same power in any of your local travel agencies. Walk right in, sit right down and choose one of over a hundred glossy brochures that proclaim the benefits of going to Greece, Italy, Majorca, Brazil, Bogotá, - anywhere. Any one of these amazing destinations will offer you the power to be relaxed, soothed, tanned, thinner, brighter and shinier than being at home. They offer you the opportunity for Redemption, even if only for a brief time, in a life - and often-times a body - that proclaims to be better than the one you are living in now.

Redemption - is not just another holiday destination where you can buy your rose-quartz, tacky glow-in-the-dark Jesus and ubiquitous t-shirt and return feeling better and more superior to everyone else, just because you've been there. True Redemption is when you realise that when you choose to go on your all-expenses-paid trip to the Bahamas that YOU will be there. Most people go on a holiday to get away from who they are all the time. Strange concept don't you think? Others go on a holiday to find themselves. Even stranger. Others go on holidays to relax and recuperate. From what??? Living??? Tiresome business, isn't it . . . Whatever your choice, Redemption is the thing that is driving you from deep within your unconscious realms. "Redeem me from being myself for a minute". "Redeem me from the nine to five dirge of living". "Redeem me from being 400 pounds and feeling like shit". Whatever the reason, Redemption is something that is at the core of everything we are doing, saying, being, and believing; it is also everything that we would kill to obtain. How often have we looked at the glossy magazines and wished to God we could be him, her,

them, it? And then only minutes later, internally cursed him, her, them and it because you just realised that the dog just pissed on the carpet and Brad and Jennifer are not there to clean it up.

There is so much energy locked into Redemption that we have forgotten the power to be redeemed, and indeed redeem, is contained within us. It is contained within the depths of our own soul. It is a state - a condition - and therefore supposedly impossible to achieve, because doesn't our rose-quartz tell us that we are supposed to be Unconditional? Oh dear . . . Now what?

Throw away the rose quartz. Better still, grab it and send it on a holiday to Bogotá. You will find it infinitely more beneficial and a lot less expensive. You may also find that once you throw away the symbol of Redemption you will feel lighter, somewhat more empowered and dare I say it, redeemed from having to worry whether or not you and your rose quartz are communicating.

Redemption is a choice. The choice and the freedom to be whoever the hell you want to be. It is the realisation of your condition. What condition are you in? If you don't like the condition, change it! That in essence, my friends, is Redemption. The power to change your condition. That power comes from within you. It involves grabbing the proverbial holiday brochure that promises you beautiful, sun filled, exotic, tropical beaches and using it to light the fire of Redemption within your own dreary, boring, nine-to-five hearts. I guarantee you that what you will find is the best holiday vacation destination in the world - your life. Completely changeable to whatever you desire.

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