



Rumblings and Ruminations



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Driving towards Assisi in northern Italy, I noticed something red growing out of a bed of weeds. I grabbed my camera and clicked away. Some time later I scrolled through my camera and realised it was a rose. A double header. One that had bloomed and one with the potential to boom.

The rose is one of those plants that no matter how many weeds are about the place it will always bloom.

Did you know the colour Rose is the colour of Unconditional Love? A rose of any colour is an aspect of Love but the colour Rose vibrates Unconditional Love.



That reminds me of a story about another Rose. Actually her name was Rosa, Rosa Parks. Recently she died and thousands gathered to farewell this 92 year old civil rights matriarch.

A quiet unassuming, modest woman with great courage who lived in Montgomery, Alabama in 1955 and who, one December evening, left work and boarded a bus for home.

The bus became crowded, and Rosa, a black woman, was ordered to give up her seat to a white passenger. She chose to remain seated and that silent, simple decision eventually led to the disintegration of institutionalized segregation in the South, ushering in a new era of the civil rights movement. Just one individual can change the world, even without uttering one word.

It is not the grand and showy actions that necessarily change us and our world. Indeed our very purpose for living could be brought down to one small act like the refusal to stand up at the right time and the courage to know when

Deservability

I know the word 'deservability' is not in the Dictionary. I made it up. It is however a word that fascinates me.

"She deserves it..."

"I didn't deserve that."

"He got what he deserves."

"I need to prove I really deserve this."

Sound familiar? Deservability comes from our belief that we earn good points and bad points according to how, good, kind, thoughtful, intelligent, wise, appreciative, appropriate, funny, or clever we are. The list goes on of course. Deservability also comes from the belief that if we behave or act in a certain way we can in some way control the events in our lives. Although this is right to a degree it is never really in our control.

Jillian and Jeremy work for two different companies. Jillian's friends got together and gave Jillian a holiday for her 50th birthday. Jillian she has been a good mother and a hard worker for 20 years. Jeremy has been single dad and also a hard worker for 20 years. Does one deserve a holiday more than the other?

We tend to judge ourselves and others especially when something happens that we feel is not 'deserved'. Nothing is deserved or un-deserved in life. To believe this is to be seduced into the illusion that what we see is the whole story. To believe in desirability denies the magic and spontaneity that is intrinsic in all of life. Out of chaos comes calm, out of conflict comes connection, out of illness comes healing, out of pain comes wisdom and out of fear comes Love.

What happens, happens. The issue in life is not whether we deserve the so called 'good' or 'bad' things. We will always have ups and downs. The real issue is how we address them. What choices can we make that can turn a tragedy into a shift in global consciousness for the highest good of all. What choices can we make to stand in our truth, the Truth of our Being when we appear to be surrounded by a field of weeds?

With Love and Blessings,

Sharon