

Education

Why do our children spend most of their young lives in school and end up with a brain stuffed with facts and no wisdom.

No really. Why is it so important to know the date of the Battle of Waterloo or the square root of minus one when we don't understand the impulses of the animal part of our natures – the part that is going to make all the choices and run our lives?

Yes we are animals. Very intelligent animals I grant you, but animals non-the-less. We have a body with legs and arms and a head and a mouth for feeding and internal organs that demand almost constant attention.

Our animal self is really very bright. It will walk us across the room. Yes this is smart. You just work out what muscles you need to accomplish this feat. It digests our food – it converts light waves into light – yes, light as we know it is not 'real', it is a creation made by our visual cortex from nerve signals sent from our eye. Oh, we think – let there be light – and we imagine light is something out there that makes us feel good. No it isn't. Our animal genius working incessantly from within our brilliant brains has created that light just the same as the brain of an elephant or a little mouse. Our animal instinct also sets us up to continue the species – it's not as egocentric as our conscious-self - it's built to serve life. When you were a baby you were fed on milk made by a body – how does the body do THAT? Well - forget the milk - if a mother had tried with her intellectual intelligence to make the baby that needs the milk in the first place she would have failed. She doesn't have a clue and even if she's a great biologist and does have a bit of a clue she hasn't managed to make a baby without help from the animal self yet. So are you getting the message?

We call this animal self the unconscious and we think of it as something primitive and banish it to the background **and we are making a big mistake**. It is true it can be difficult to handle – a bit like a baby it has needs that interfere with our sense of self-determinism – but baby – this baby is going to cause upheaval if you don't give it some love and respect and this is why it must not be banished to the dark recesses our consciousness.

This baby expresses its need through our emotions. Emotions?

Some children (and when I say children I might be alluding to what you think of as grown-ups), some children/grown-ups I know can't even name their emotions. Let's look at jealousy for a start. Every single little person who is confronted by a younger brother or sister around the age of two or three is programmed to feel jealousy. It's part of his or her survival kit. So there he or she is, battling with very painful feelings, and they are denied and repressed as lots of emotionally uneducated adults pretend they aren't there at all. No wonder this little human animal grows up with a messed up unconscious. If every time this emotion comes up it is repressed it puts the Khyber on a happy marriage in the future because when this uncomfortable emotion arises – and it is bound to in a close relationship - the best option is to deny the reality of the love that makes us feel vulnerable and causes the emotion in the first place. But hang on – love is about vulnerability - saying I love you is allowing another person to have

special emotional importance in your life. I notice it's fashionable at the moment to talk about not being co-dependent – um – this is confusing - if you are not co-dependent what is the point of a relationship???

Poor, poor, inner animal. Not valuing the animal that we rely on to keep us alive from one moment to the next is like telling a cat it can't meow, or a bird it is not allowed to fly; our lack of respect for this brilliant and wonderful things is shameful. All our talents are the gift of this wonder – look at the animal world and tell me if you can't see talent everywhere you look; birds build amazing nests and they can fly – can you fly? Worms burrow through the ground in the dark, and spiders build beautiful webs.

Now tell me, why don't we learn about this highly important aspect of our nature in school? Why don't we learn about desire and fear and love and passion and hunger and distrust and greed and ambition and paranoia and all of the other emotions that are going to rule our future lives.

How can we have the audacity to call education, 'education', when kids leave school ignorant of the mechanics of the most important force in their lives? This is the LIFE-FORCE we are committing to the scrap heap!

Let's get this education idea sorted. Let's *really* educate our young.

Think on this: However wise we get in the course of our lives the new generation of little human animals must start from base. Here they are with their complicated inner baby at the mercy of their own ignorance so let's teach them how it operates; let's give them some inner baby caring skills. They all have the same basic animal instincts but when it comes to the details, astrology, of course, offers us a stunning tool to differentiate between their individual brands of emotional expressions. Each one of them will be handling different levels of emotional reaction that are triggered by different circumstances, each one of them has their own individual animal talents that inevitably come along with the accompanying emotional complexities - for example a Mars in Aries can get things done, but it has to manage its aggression when frustrated, a Leo Sun will shine but it has to manage its jealousy when others are in the limelight.

I am worried by an ever-expanding human population that is so stupendously uneducated. If we don't get a handle on the dangerous energies unleashed by our inner babies soon there won't be any more inner babies to worry about. I have just signed a petition asking the US Navy not to destroy the whales and dolphins which they will do when testing their new defensive technology. Why do we need armies and navies? Why are our aggressive, defensive, competitive, paranoid, emotions awarded so much unconscionable power? At the moment we are much too primitive as a collective to have custody of our beautiful world.

And we must remember that every new generation must be educated anew. Every new generation comes with a wild untamed emotional power that can destroy the world. Let us bring them up to love and value and understand themselves before it's too late.

Humans and animals are not separate species, they are one, and the minute human animals realise they are animals and put into practice some animal training skills for their young there is hope.

I don't understand why I need to explain this. I don't understand why human beings pride themselves on their knowledge and evolutionary superiority when they are clearly so incompetent. I don't understand why all this isn't obvious to everyone. I am no special genius but I was born on the hexagram Contemplation, which translates as 'looking', so perhaps it's just that I am destined to watch you all while you go about your busy lives and watching you is so painful I am moved by my own empathy to work out what's going on because I don't like you getting hurt.

Please help me. You are hurting me. Let's put learning-to-care-for-our-primal-instincts on the education agenda. I don't think there is anything that would do more towards cleaning up our act and making the world a better place for all the plants and animals (including us) on our wonderful living world.

Add emotional understanding to the skills taught by our education system – now - PLEASE.