

Finally The Evening News Without Trump.

Well, compared to this time last year when every evening our news channels were saturated with the disaster that Covid19 had by then become around the world, especially in the USA, along with Donald Trump's vile rantings; the evening news cannot yet quite be said, to have returned to 'normal', whatever the *new normal* is becoming. And that's the point. Just what is our *new normal post-Covid19* to become? I think, we can already see one trend becoming a part of the new 'post Covid19' world, and that is the increase in on-line communications, with such software apps as Skype, Zoom, Blue Jeans, Cisco and GoToMeeting, and FaceBook, of course. In fact even Skype is considered by many now to be too old hat. A very dear friend of mine, living north of Toronto, has told me of how isolating and enervating the long year of constant lockdowns and restrictions has become for those who have been under such long and unrelenting lockdowns. How exhausting dealing with people who refuse to wear masks, physical distance and in general take a rebellious and obstructionist stance toward all the science presented about the virus. My friend works in retail and some of their stories of the abuse and bad manners of the customers is really shocking and now, sad to say to be seen reflected even here in little old Aoteroa. Others I have spoken to, talk of missing the touch of loved ones, no hugs, no handshakes, no socialising. In countries like the UK, where tight bubbles have been enforced and people are only now being allowed to go back to the pub, which has for centuries been an integral part of everyday life in England especially, it's the sense of community and normalcy that many grieve.

I for one, do **not** miss the hoards of tourists. Being of the Post WWII generations that have had the tremendous privilege of cheap and boundless travel, I wonder whether the younger generations now following us, will too enjoy the same levels of travel freedoms that we have? From a conservation perspective, and perhaps with more than a touch of hypocrisy, since I too have indulged in plenty of carbon emitting activities; I drive a fossil fuelled car, have frequently flown the skies in massive jet planes etc. Now however,

I hope that governments will quickly begin to tackle climate change seriously and effectively. Either way, I for one, do not miss that *Orange Prat's* rantings on my evening TV news. If *his* absence is to be a part of the 'new norm', may this part a least, be permanent!

Quote:

"Never let a fool kiss you or a kiss fool you!"

Changing Seasons and our perceptions of early or late.

With Jack Frost's icy grip already fingering my collar, I have had my fire going most nights over the past couple of weeks. With my intense dislike for the cold, it suddenly feels way too early to find his leery embrace in these chilly Southerlies that keep sneaking up on me! This time last year, the big deciduous tree opposite my house kept it's leaves until well into September, while a Kowhai, a native deciduous tree, a little further along the street never shed its leaves at all and in fact came back into flower in August before any leaves fell! Given Kowhai are usually one of the first harbingers of spring and flower in mid to late September, both could be taken as a sign of the changes happening to our climate. Then I read a fascinating article in December 2020, on Stuff, about a Maori perspective that challenged my views on whether in fact, winter has come early or just on time. It resonated with me because there were so many signature factors, that we who research and practice classical feng shui, talk about and consider in our own field; the collective presence of which, frequently indicates certain, specific dynamics that we may then seek to enhance or to lessen. The article is titled '*People say "Summer is early.", but that would never happen in a Maori world view.*' Written by Eloise Gibson, it is based on opinions and insights given by Auckland University senior lecturer Dan Hikuroa, who was appointed to the Maori advisory board to the Environmental Protection Authority. Mr Hikuroa says, 'I was asked to present to the board my work demonstrating that *mātauranga* can be accurate, it can be precise, that there is a rigour to its generation, and much of it has been developed with techniques consistent with the scientific method but codified and explained according to a Māori world view. I think that marked a critical moment where the

board actually understood and had some confidence in it.

The language at the EPA was that they use scientific evidence in decision-making and I challenged them on that. I said: “Well, you use evidence in your decision-making, it is just that until now science has been the main form that the evidence has taken. I am arguing that *mātauranga* can be just as robust and precise and accurate as science.” But you need to be able to probe and determine whether what you are being told stacks up, just like you would with any scientific information.

One of the mechanisms for observing change or things happening is called *tohu*, or indicators – so when this particular tree starts flowering, that is a *tohu* that a certain star will appear. Or a flower will appear on a tree and then you might get something in the ocean and, now that those things have occurred, it is a good time to start doing certain types of activities.

That is where I think *mātauranga* is a little better than some modelling that is going on, because you hear: Oh, it is a one-in-500 year storm but they are basing it on rainfall records. You are assuming what happened in the previous century will occur in the following century. I think that is a flawed approach. Whereas, *mātauranga* gives you a range of things that might happen but it does not try to pigeonhole. It is completely in tune with natural rhythms and cycles, whereas our current calendrical system is completely independent of those things. Have you ever heard the saying “summer is early this year”? That would never happen in a Māori framework. It will be summer when it is here.’

There is so much in this perspective that resonates with the practice of classical feng shui. One example that jumps immediately to mind is that of determining the period in which a building might have been constructed and is currently operating in. When the construction or reconstruction dates are unknown, it is common to draw up two (maybe even more), natal charts for the building until a match with the known dynamics can be confirmed. The same can be said when trying to determine the facing of a building. From here we can start drawing conclusions, only figuring out what events have occurred in the building over time and to whom etc. It is this raft of confirmed dynamics which we use to determine the period and the facing, if all else is failing.

For the full article follow the link.

<https://www.stuff.co.nz/environment/climate-news/123330938/people-say-summer-is-early--that-would-never-happen-in-a-mori-world-view>

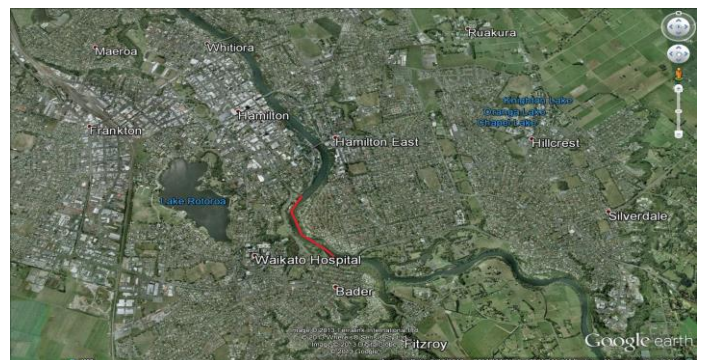
Quote:

“Men have forgotten this truth,” said the fox. But you must not forget it. You become responsible, forever, for what you have tamed.”

The Little Prince:

Waikato DHB Suffers Cyber Attack:

The recent appalling Cyber attack on the Waikato DHB, not only interrupted it’s ability to operate under normal circumstances, but such cowardly and cruel actions expose patients to unwarranted delays in their treatments and must cause terrible stress to both them and the staff working at the affected facilities. So just what part, might the feng shui of the hospital have added to the situation. As the image below shows, the Main facility at the Waikato Hospital, lies on a sharp Drawn Bow of the Waikato river. For those of you who have heard me comment on such things before, you well know just how devastating drawn bows can be.



It’s interesting to observe that Waikato Hospital is not the only hospital in New Zealand to lie on a Drawn Bow. New Plymouth’s Base Hospital lies atop a small escarpment running above a creek that cuts across the hospital from below.

Quote:

“Cantabit vacuus coram latrine viator”

“The traveler with empty pockets, will sing in the thief’s face.”

The Chinese Daily Almanac:

Like to learn more about how too use the Chinese Almanac? I will be holding the next class on this exciting facet of the Classical Chinese almanac for subscribers this month in June.

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