



The Prosperity Advisor

2011 Wisconsin State Worker's Struggles

The following reading was performed on Monday, February 21, 2011 (President's Day). This review is being written on May 17th, 2011. Rather than create an example reading out of an individual's issue, a major issue in the news was chosen instead. The question asked was, "How will the Wisconsin government workers fare in their struggle to keep their union bargaining rights?"

The layout used was the "Correcting A Difficult Situation". Incidentally, this reading was performed two days before the governor was called by a man claiming to be David Koch. If you followed the Wisconsin situation you will remember that was a major episode in the standoff between the two sides.

First Question

The first question of the reading was "What is the root or foundation of this problem?" The message was within the house of "Finances" and stated "Your lack of funds is a huge inconvenience. You think of little but money. Step outside of this problem. A fresh perspective will benefit your situation." The first question merely states the basis for needing the advice in the first place. For an individual this question will tell them the reasons for the issue.

Second Question

The second question was "What actions or challenges led up to this situation?" The message received was from the house of "Frustrations" and stated "Quarreling cannot solve the problem." At the time, and for weeks thereafter, people were taking to the streets and sleeping over night in the capitol building. State workers were frustrated over the fact that after agreeing to all the financial concessions contained within the legislation, the Republicans continued their union-busting agenda against the workers.

Third Question

The third question was "What is your state of mind or motivation on this issue?" The answer came from the house of "Events" and stated, "A petty quarrel will lead to a serious disagreement." It is a pretty darn serious disagreement when one party is sending the state police after the other party, not to mention the strife caused when members of Congress were tackled to the ground instead of being allowed into their offices.

Fourth Question

The fourth question was "How do you want this issue to be resolved?" This question received a message from the house of "Business". The message was "Sleeping

while working is not as productive as doing no work at all." The ones refusing to sleep while at work, but instead choosing to do no work at all, were the Democrats who left the state to find refuge in Illinois. This strategy worked in the sense that it brought national attention to their struggle.

Fifth Question

The fifth question was "What is the current path or present situation of this trouble?" This question is one of two questions that received a "Windfalls" message. In fact, both question received the same "Windfalls" message. That message was "Within a month you will have accomplished a major feat." The other question that received this message was "What do you need to work on in order to resolve this problem?" When the same message is duplicated within a reading it creates an emphasis for the actual statement received. In this case the time period of about a month is being emphasized.

This period of time indeed was essential to the issue, for shortly before the month was up the Republicans passed their bill. On the national level the issue settled down. On the state level it still continues in the form of recalls and lawsuits.

Sixth Question

The sixth question was "What strengths do you possess that will help secure a favorable solution?" The message was from the house of "Events" and said "Poverty is taking its toll on you." This is a statement that is not clear and would be a good candidate for finding out the "Forces" of the question. However, no "Forces" were done for this reading.

Seventh Question

The seventh question was "What weaknesses hinder your movement toward a favorable solution?" The message was "No matter how hard you work wealth will be elusive." This message came from the house of "Frustrations". This is the second of five messages that were delivered from the house of "Frustrations". This makes "Frustrations" the dominant house for the reading. Basically the statement is saying that even though the government workers gave up their pay and benefits the concessions would not solve the state's fiscal problems.

Eighth Question

The eighth question was "What is within you that is unseen or hidden from everyone, including yourself?" This question too received a message from the house of "Frustrations" which stated "You know you can do this. Your success will be determined by your actions." The whole Wisconsin event was a lesson in populace action. Success or failure for the workers has still not been determined.

Ninth Question

The ninth question is also from the house of "Frustrations". The question was "How do you lessen or bring forth this undiscovered quality?" The "undiscovered quality" refers to the previous question. The statement received was "Everything seems to be going wrong." This just emphasized the anger that had developed within Wisconsin over the issue. Because of this anger a populace action to make things right for the workers continues today.

Tenth Question

The tenth question was "What are you overlooking in this situation?" The statement received was from the house of "Business" and says, "Stick to your price, it is fair.

Give greater value, if needed." In general, this issue is about what is fair for all who are a player in the game. By the workers' willingness to give up a portion of their pay and benefits, each hour they work thereafter creates a greater value for the citizens of Wisconsin. This is fair since all agreed to it. What is not fair is having the workers' voice muted by eliminating their ability to ever better their situation in the future.

Eleventh Question

The eleventh question received a message from the house of "Tasks". The question was "What outside of yourself is helping you in this situation?" The actual statement was "Stand still, then look for new opportunities." This is almost always good advice when a situation is so hot it becomes explosive. It's hard to do, especially when power and money are involved.

Twelfth Question

The twelfth question was "How can you use the resources others bring to the table?" The house of "Goals" brought the message "Do not make a promise you will not keep." In general honesty is at the heart of this statement. This is another question for which a "Forces" could shine a brighter light of understanding on the message.

Thirteenth Question

The thirteenth question was "In what way will outside energy slow the resolution of this issue?" The message from the house of "Grapevine" was "You will overcome every prejudice others have about you." Government workers are often thought to have cushy jobs where they don't have to work hard, yet get paid better than private workers. This is a stereotype.

The idea that unions are always gaining unfair advantages over employers is also a stereotype. As pendulums swing there may have been a grain of truth to these thoughts 30 years ago when one wage earner could support a family of four, but today the work force is moving backwards against stagnant wages and rising costs. What the workers in Wisconsin did has helped to overcome the prejudices against them but, as with all prejudices, they are difficult to totally wash clean.

Fourteenth Question

The next question, the fourteenth, was "What outside elements are at work in this situation?" The message was "You have learned what is needed to be successful." This message from the house of "Skills" speaks to the concept that the Wisconsin events have helped develop additional talents in those experiencing the situation.

Fifteenth Question

The fifteenth question is "What opportunities will be presented to help you resolve this problem?" The question received a message from the house of "Family/Friends/Co-Workers" and states "You need to find a person-to-person method for releasing your thoughts." Little is said in the national news these days about Wisconsin, but the fact that people from that state are going full-steam ahead to recall a handful of republicans speaks to the concept that these workers have found a person-to-person method of communicating their thoughts.

Sixteenth Question

The sixteenth question again received a statement from the house of "Business", and although "Business" did not reach the threshold of being a dominant house, it did end up with the second largest quantity of messages. The question was "What obstacles and dangers may impede progress, or make worse the situation?" The actual

message was "Your shortcuts have shorted your headway." There were two major shortcuts that occurred during the fervor of events. The first could be considered the Democrats taking refuge in Illinois. In the end this idea failed when the Republicans passed their legislation without them. The second and more obvious case is when the Republicans changed the union-busting bill so that it would not need a quorum to pass. Once they did this, they passed the bill without giving the proper notification of time which is required by law. This shortcutting technique, as of today, has not succeeded for the legislation is at a standstill. It sits in limbo as legal action against it continues.

Seventeenth Question

The seventeenth question was "What do you need to learn or reflect on to create a solution to the problem?" The statement received was from the house of "Adventure" and said "A joyful surprise will come your way." This statement is a bit too vague for the situation. There have been many joys and sorrows throughout the course of these events. This would be another case where a "Forces" could add further definition to the message.

Eighteenth Question

The eighteenth question drew the fifth message from the house of "Frustrations". It stated "Withdraw and lick your wounds in order to regain your effectiveness." The question it was responding to was "What will continue to be a challenge in this situation?" This issue may not totally be resolved for a couple of years. It is sure to remain a force in Wisconsin politics for years to come. In essence, the events may end up being so figuratively bloody that both sides will need to withdraw and lick their wounds.

Nineteenth Question

The nineteenth question was the second from the house of "Windfalls" and reinforced both the month time period and that an accomplishment would be achieved.

Twentieth Question

The last, twentieth, question was "What is the most important action you can take right now?" The house that drew the message was "Skills" and stated "You need to learn more before you can advance." These events have brought both new ideas and methods for action to the forefront. It has been a real education for all involved and will probably continue to be so.

Overall this reading was both enlightening and intriguing in that it did bring on-target statements about an issue that is national, not personal. The Prosperity Advisor was not really designed for readings of this nature, unless you are personally involved in them. However for purposes of a demonstration, the reading did deliver a credible consultation.

The real power of The Prosperity Advisor is in addressing issues the individual faces. For it is the individual's energy that is used to create the reading while their knowledge of themselves and of the situation aids in the analysis of the messages delivered. The Prosperity Advisor is at its best when it plays the dual role of instigating a brainstorming session while providing a path toward resolving a difficult issue.