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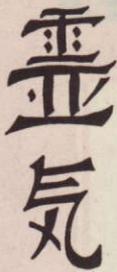
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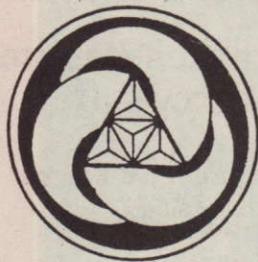
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BIRTHING **R**ELAXATION **A**SSISTANCE **T**ECHNIQUE

by Glenness Milette

Each of us is eventually somehow enlightened as to our path in this life on our Mother Earth. My first opening experience came when the gift of the Japanese form of Universal Energy, REIKI, was introduced to me at a first degree Reiki class in April, 1989, with the second level class in October, 1989 opening more spiritual doors for me. When the short, intensive focused dream came during sleep in late November, 1989, the message was loud and clear. The voice said, "You are to use your Reiki for women giving birth." "You are to call this the BIRTHING RELAXATION ASSISTANCE TECHNIQUE." The end? No, just the beginning. The next three years were a pilot project of learning how Reiki, Chi, Prana, etc. (as it is all universal energy) would be beneficially implemented to women giving birth.

As a coach during women's pregnancies, labor and birth in those three years, the results were very encouraging. Now with Midwifery legalized in British Columbia and other Canadian provinces, it brings for many, the hopes and prayers that this spiritual aspect of birthing will be an important part of the body/mind side of birthing. Legalizing Midwifery comes directly into "The Plan" of opening our unconditional Love of Universal Awareness for future births. Congratulations to all those who diligently donated their time to this achievement.

B.R.A.T. is no longer a pilot project in the nest, but a fledgling in full flight. Preferably, the parents or parent and coach or midwife would contact me even before conception so as to ask a special soul to come to this woman and man with Love Energy being nurtured throughout gestation, during labor of Love and the Birth of the soul to life on Earth, ongoing postnatally and all through their lives. My first hospital experience was with a couple having a VBAC birth (vaginal birth after cesarean). Not exactly the easiest to begin with, but we all came through with flying colors, (literally). I openly cried as that new beautiful being of mind, body and soul took his first breath. The emotional miracle of birth spread throughout the delivery room staff, becoming a most memorable birth for all.

The following B.R.A.T. births were equally memorable spiritual events for everyone involved, spreading each time to others in the hospitals, families, friends and neighbours. I ask that the parents and coaches, etc., receive their Reiki Level one as a gift for themselves on their path of awareness. This strengthens the energy bond between the woman and her partner and/or coach. There is also a monetary fee when I accompany the woman to the hospital or go to her home for her labor and birth. We are the connectors for Mother Earth and the Universe. There has been a "short-out Disconnection" for too long. With learning our re-connection through Unconditional Universal Love Energy, we become once again part of the Healing and Awareness for ourselves, for our planet, and for all living things.

Now I understand why the dream came, not only to me but also to others in different parts of our world who have related to me, their experiences of this very same message, from? The Angels? Of course.

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HEALING YOUR INNER CHILD

by Wendy Klein

What is our inner child? Inner child refers to belief systems that we have about ourselves and life that were developed as we were growing up. Each one of us creates our experiences by our thoughts and feelings. What we believe about ourselves and about life becomes true for us. When we grow up, we have a tendency to recreate the emotional environment of our early home life. Louise L. Hay, famous author of "You Can Heal Your Life", says we recreate in our personal relationships the relationship we had with our parents, or what they had between them. She also adds that we treat ourselves the way our parents treated us. Were you scolded and punished or were you loved and encouraged?

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The ol' Homestead



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Change is eternal and internal and change is reflected externally for all to see. The world as we know it is changing so fast, reflecting our personal changes. At the Fall Festival in Sorrento, I listened to presenter Mooren Reed, an astrologer from Kamloops, describe the energies of the planets and the purging effect that is happening worldwide. She remarked that this clearing process has been escalating for the past twelve years and will continue for four more years. According to her, astrologers figure that the amount of purging will triple. Past mistakes will be made public so they can be released from our energy fields. This is good, because suppressing our thoughts and feelings or hiding our mistakes can be very detrimental to our health, although most of us are taught to do just that at a very young age.

The front cover is the ol' telegrapher's cabin that we called home for about two years while my parents arranged to purchase property and start building. The dirt road that separated the house from the barn and the cabin where Grandad stayed was the public highway, and anyone who was going fishing at Kalum Lake drove through our yard. When I visited Rosswood several years ago, big changes had occurred. They had rerouted the highway; all that marked our homestead site was a lilac bush.

As I browse through the pictures I feel that an era of my life is over. Karmically I feel a shift inside of me, a feeling of completion. The next few years will be the integration of my soul as it readies me for the next phase of my life ... whatever that may be.

So here is one last story about Rae and me. At the time we were making the decision to separate after twenty years of marriage, I felt torn in two: part of me wanted to please him and part of me knew that changing was important ... I just wanted him to change with me. I believe there is an unconscious, unspoken agreement between two souls in relationship. When one soul changes there is no longer a valid agreement, and it is time to either renegotiate or separate. As usual, I asked for guidance from the universe. I wanted a clear message of what I should do. I had a dream that night that was so clear I can still see the images.

There was a full moon shining on a lake. Rae and I watched a couple in a row boat chatting, there were more couples holding hands and walking on the steep grassy terrain. Several men approached and handed Rae and me shovels. Instantly, I knew what to do. I started digging, and in a matter of minutes, I had my grave dug. The men came back astonished; they couldn't believe it. Was it the right length? They measured it. "Yep, it was six feet long." They stared into the hole and found that even the corners were squared! I laid down in the hole and they put the casket on top of me. As darkness descended, I saw a small hole with light at the end and started crawling. I emerged into a steamy warm room. I waited in the line-

up to see the man at the front desk ... Rae was right behind me. As I approached the man I saluted, and he said, "Job well done." When I woke up there was a sonic boom in my ears. I looked at the ceiling and said, "What was that all about?" The voice in my head said, "Karmically it's over. The choice is now yours." I woke Rae up by poking him in the ribs with my elbow and said, "You're right, it's really over." He listened sleepily to me as I recounted my dream, but it did not have the same impact for him.

For me, there was a feeling of completeness, so separating our worldly goods and signing the divorce papers came very easily. It was an amazing and simple process. We drew for first choice and then we each took turns choosing what we wanted. We started laughing when it got down to the pots and pans, for we had pulled them out of the cupboard and onto the floor. Then he picked one and I picked one till they were all gone.

Another change that is happening for me is the pronunciation of my name. Some of you may have noticed the little mark over the è. That accent gives my name a French sound and yes, at mid-life I am going to ask people to pronounce my name the way it was given to me. For those of you that haven't heard this story before, I was named after a large black French poodle my Mom met when she visited her aunt in California. The minute she heard the name, my Mom thought to herself "If/when I have a girl, I will name her Angèle." Her wish came true and so I was named. About fifteen years ago a cousin of ours was doing some family research and discovered that I have two ancestors named Angèle. One lived in France in the 18th century and the second one moved to Quebec in the 19th century. So I guess it was no coincidence that I have the name for the 20th century or that my mother loved it when she first heard it.

I believe that we carry genetic coding in our cells that make us repeat the patterns of our ancestors. Our children will act out this patterning (sometimes skipping a generation) till that energy is brought into the open and spoken about, not with shame, but with knowingness. Only then can we heal family patterns and heal the world.

I have never hidden from my children the fact that I got married at seventeen because I was pregnant with the hope that they would not repeat the experience, because raising a family when you are that young is a lot of work. Parenting does teach us about unconditional love and I don't regret the experience, I just wish I knew more.

About ten or twelve years ago I read a book that said, "Children come here to teach their parents lessons." Realizing that my children chose me as their Mom helped me change my attitude and parenting became much more enjoyable. Now, when my kids come to my apartment to visit, I wonder how it must be for them. Each time they come, I have these new ideas and ways of understanding the world.

I enjoy being with my boys and appreciate their way of thinking. When I was that age I knew what I wanted, for my conditioning was strong. Rae was the perfect match for me, even though it took me years to realize and appreciate it, for he is slow, steady and very grounded. He would always be my reality check. When I came home from a workshop brim full with ideas on how to improve the world or ourselves, he would have the perfect comment and I would settle down. Then slowly I would try to implement the changes that I wanted to see happen.

Right now, I feel like I am completing the final details of my past life. I have spent time reviewing my past lessons and sharing some of them with you ... now it seems time to start building. I have decided the next series of front covers will focus on building the new homestead. Starting from scratch Mom, Dad, Grandad, Uncle Chuck and us kids built a large home, complete with a well, root cellar, barn, wood sheds, wash house and outdoor toilet. ❖

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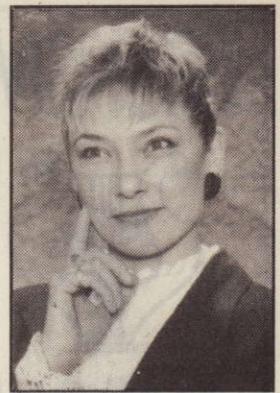
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CAROL'S CORNER

by Carol Stroshein



There's an old saying, "You really don't know what you got till it's gone!" Well, it's coming true for Canadians who choose to practice preventive health care and use natural remedies and herbs in their personal quest for health. The giant pharmaceutical companies and the Health Protection Branch seem to have joined forces to erode our freedom of choice in health care.

At a time when our health care costs are soaring out of sight and people are disillusioned with the "fight" against disease, some are looking instead to "prevent" disease. As people are turning towards natural products and remedies to treat and heal their ills and are rebelling against over-prescribing of dangerous and pharmaceutical drugs, the Health Protection Branch is clandestinely removing even more herbs and herbal combinations from the market.

Herbs such as goldenseal, ginkgo biloba, hawthorn, comfrey and sienna, which have been used for centuries, are being banned, but drugs with known life-threatening side effects and poorly researched for less than ten years, are on the market.

In this year alone, 64 herbs are slated for removal. These herbs will be given over to the giant pharmaceutical companies to "study" and will only be available through a doctor's prescription at greatly inflated prices. One problem with this is that most doctors are not educated about herbal medicines. But the most obvious objection is that our freedom of choice in health care is being eroded even more - and worse, without our knowledge or input. Furthermore, even allopathic doctors who choose to prescribe homeopathic remedies, and/or EDTA (chelation therapy) are being investigated and threatened with removal of their medical licence. In more enlightened countries such as Europe and Britain, herbal remedies are prescribed as often as pharmaceutical ones. In this country, it is getting to the point where columnists, companies and health food stores are afraid

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by Sarina Chauhan and Eddie Kendrick

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Our medical, chiropractic, physiotherapy and massage schools usually focus exclusively on the physical body, often treating only systems and manifestations of an underlying mental condition, while psychoanalysis, hypnosis, psychotherapy, etc. address a problem at the level of the mind, neglecting the body aspect of the "disease." As a result a temporary relief of the condition is often found, but in many cases the problem soon seems to shift to a different area or recurs in a different form, true healing rarely being achieved.

But within the last twenty years a more holistic view of the human condition has brought the understanding that body and mind are not only interconnected but an inseparable unity. From the moment we are born, every emotionally charged experience is recorded in the body tissue which responds to trauma, fear, frustration, unexpressed anger, etc. by shortening, thickening and gradually, pulling the body out of its balanced vertical alignment, thus blocking the free flow of energy, inhibiting a strong and positive body-sense and preventing us from feeling fully alive. As these tensions and holding patterns become chronic and lock into the musculature, they feed back into the subconscious mind the same patterns of fear, resentment, depression, etc. that caused them in the first place, thus hooking us into a vicious circle of life negative attitudes.

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Carol's Corner *continued*

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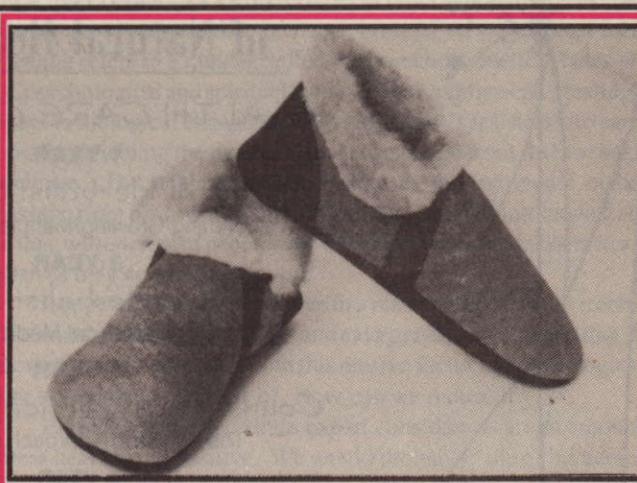
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READING ...as a family

by Evelyn Debuschere

Once upon a time, in civilizations around the world, children were taught through the art of storytelling. Then the world evolved and the printed word allowed for the publishing of books and families gathered at the end of the day, while darkness settled upon the world outside, to light their lamps and share the wonders held within the pages of a book. Listening to the resonance of the voice of their loved ones, children sat entranced, bathed in the warmth of rich vocabulary, their minds filled with images, as stories of the past were unfolded before them. When new ideas or thoughts needed to be pondered, the story was stopped; discussions followed, parents and children interacted until the listener was satisfied. The story was continued.

Then the world continued to evolve and television was introduced into the home. Gone was the gift of shared reading and in its place was swiftly changing images that could not be stopped. No discussion took place. Individual viewers sat in isolation without any interaction between them. Parents had limited control over the images and ideas that were presented to their children, or the impact that these images had on their children. But perhaps the greatest loss was the sound of the loving voice of the parents and in its place was the sound of strangers, loud music and sometimes chaos.

Reading together provides the opportunity for building and strengthening family bonds. It allows for an exchange of ideas to take place between adults and children, developing channels of communication. Reading together as a family allows parents to participate in the development of their children's minds. There is a tremendous wealth of quality literature available to parents today, much of it spanning the cultures of the world. So next time you wish to "treat" your children to a movie, treat them to a book instead.



EveLynn Debuschere is the owner of Windward Tales, a mail order company dedicated to Children's Literature. She has a catalogue of over 2,500 children's books and can be contacted at 763-3769 or write Box 571 Stn.A, Kelowna, BC, V1Y 7P2

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New Diploma Program Legitimizes Mind-Body Healers

by Dan Rennie

Our existing health care system is facing major changes. Soon we'll see a health care system that is more responsive to our needs. One that gives us greater control over our own healing. One with many more health care options available to us.

In fact, our governments are taking major steps to give us all greater access to this revolutionary, community-based, *preventative health care* system. In the area of counselling, this means that professional practitioners, well-trained in complementary healing and mind-body techniques will be in big demand.

To meet this demand, Wild Rose College, in Vancouver, is the first school of natural healing in Canada to offer a full-time, transpersonal therapy diploma program.

Known as the Community Health Counsellor Diploma Program it was developed by internationally known master herbalist, Dr. Terry Willard, founder of Wild Rose College, and Sharon Burrows, Director of Counselling Education at the College. Developed to meet the growing and anticipated needs of the public for holistically trained counsellors, it will also legitimize mind-body healers as professional health practitioners.

The three-year, Community Health Counsellor Diploma Program teaches students the most advanced transpersonal (i.e. psychic, spiritual, vibrational), holistic and Jungian therapy skills available. The program trains students in several disciplines including kinesiology, hypnotherapy, Neuro Linguistic Programming (NLP), nutrition, and herbology.

Totalling over 1300 hours of classroom and field instruction, students will learn to work as counselling therapists, with clients and self-help groups who are dealing with post-traumatic syndromes like physical and sexual abuse, and co-dependency. They'll also be well equipped to help people with chronic conditions like addictions, allergies, fatigue, HIV/AIDS, cancer and skin conditions. Training in areas like women's and Native concerns will also help students take a positive, supportive approach to these important issues.

As part of the diploma program, Wild Rose College also offers a one-year Counselling Practice Certificate Program. It is equivalent to the first year of the Health Counsellor Diploma Program. It prepares students to

work as volunteers or paraprofessionals in group homes, halfway houses, women's and crisis shelters. If a student is already a practising health care practitioner, like a nurse, naturopath, massage therapist, etc., the Certificate Program will personally enrich and professionally prepare them to reach new depths of healing for themselves and for their clients.

When asked what kind of person would most benefit from enrolling in this program, Sharon says, "Although fluency in English, and Grade 12 equivalent are our only prerequisites, the mature person with diverse life experience, who wants to explore new areas of personal growth, professional enhancement, or new career directions will get the most out of our program." She adds, "Many of our students have come to the program with previous training, certificates or degrees, which may be recognized for credit within our program."

And when career opportunities exist for graduates of the program? When it comes to jobs, Sharon is excited about the prospects for her grads. "With the definite trend toward preventative health care, professional transpersonal therapists - or Community Health Counsellors - will work cooperatively with allopathic (i.e. western medicine) and holistic physicians, naturopaths, psychologists and other therapists as legitimate and healing practitioners. Our counselling program will also allow Community Health Counsellors to effectively, and confidently use their passion for mind-body healing, to enrich the lives of those around them. And in doing so, they'll be suitably recognized and compensated for their efforts and expertise.

Wild Rose College appears to be well positioned to take advantage of the major changes in our health care system. With a newly expanded faculty, curriculum and facilities, the College continues to attract some of the top teaching professionals in North America, so their students learn from instructors who are leaders in their fields. And this is good news, too, for the general public, who will be able to consult with some of the best-trained preventative health care practitioners available."

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Networking News

The Expanded Awareness Center in Kamloops has decided to close its doors.

Kelowna has 2 more Naturopaths...
Dr. William Russell and Dr. Douglas Lobay. Plus Dr. Jeffrey Hunt in Trail.
Welcome to the Valley !!

Bob Walsh is now back working in Winfield with a Computerized Health Analysis Machine. Wynne is doing Aromatherapy. (She moved from Prince George)

Linda Vanderlinde is now a Reiki Master and has changed her name to Kryie Kramer. Congratulations Kryie!

Peter Mik-i-el Hutt is back from Hawaii where he has been doing some extensive transformations on the spiritual path. He'll be offering Transformational Yoga classes in the new year, plus Reiki initiations and spiritual healings.

Christina Lake, near Grand Forks has three healing centres. They now have **Temeneos, Juno & Sherry** offer deluxe accommodations, vegetarian food and sacred space to help you explore and express your untold stories. Plus **Pedar Hodsman** is making an official announcement that **The Center for Health Awareness** continues to grow and expand, and he is ready to assist you on your transformational journey to wellness. Also **Sharon Hample** and **Patricia Albright** have joined forces and bought a Motel to offer a retreat facility for people wishing to do fasting, resting and healing retreats. Check it out the next time you are there!

Faye Stroo has some new business partners at The Dolphin Centre in Kelowna. Welcome Lani Lee, Heidi Bennett and Rhoyalle Tayler Ryane. They are having a Christmas Celebration - December 13 and an Open House, January 6. Or drop by and say Hi. They are open 5 days a week,

The Holistic Networker TV show continues to air in Penticton and Summerland, now starting its 5th year of interviews with most interesting people who live in or visit the valley. Show times are listed in the Herald and The Western.

The Spring Festival of Awareness Annual General Meeting is Sun., Nov. 7th at Leir House. Potluck 6 pm. Meeting 7:30 pm. Everyone is Welcome. Info? 492-0522.

Karen Timpany has moved back to Winfield. Her business is now called **Nuthery Institute of Natural Healing**. She has ongoing classes in a wide variety of healing subjects and has space for rent. 766-4049.

Kamloops and Kelowna both have a Personal Empowerment Programs starting at the end of January. If interested they have Free preview evenings beforehand.

Jeanette Dunagan is back at the Dolphin Centre teaching her spiritual approach to self-expression by painting.

The Addiction Resource Centre of Penticton is bringing in Dr. Callahan from California. Highly endorsed by the Medical Profession for his fast technique for eliminating addictions. Everybody is Welcome to learn his technique.

Peter Morris will be visiting the Valley soon. If you would like an appt. with him phone me: 492-0987.

Sarina and Eddie have moved back to Kelowna and are offering to share their knowledge. They have been trained in New Zealand and Australia.

Karen McNamara is coming to Rossland thanks to Karen and Jane, registered massage therapists at The Essential Body.

Cheryl Grismer said she still has a few spots left in her Spiritual Intensive.

Dale Hill has left Vancouver to practice in Kelowna. He's been a registered Massage Therapist for eight years.

Marsha Warman, RMT is ready to open the doors to HEALTHBRIDGE, a complimentary Health Clinic in Kelowna. She is looking for workshop leaders and practitioners to share/rent space.

The Canadian College of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine of Victoria and Wild Rose College of Vancouver are now government approved for **Student Loans!!!**

As you can see, big changes in Health Care are happening at governmental levels.

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SOME THOUGHTS

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Thoreau said: "I know of no more encouraging fact than the unquestionable ability of man to elevate his life through conscious endeavour."

What do you know about yourself? That you are unlimited? That you are fabulous? That you are a wonderful demonstration of Divine Mind? This is what you really are. What about other people? Because we are all one, created out of the same Mind and there is no separation in this Unity that is Mind, each person is a fabulous, unlimited and wonderful demonstration of Divine Mind.

What on earth does that mean?... To explain: One of our basic teachings is that we are spiritual beings. We are not what we appear to be -- we are far more than this body. We are spiritual beings having a human experience. We are created out of this Universal Mind with all the wonderful attributes of this Mind already within us. What we really are is Love, Harmony, Wisdom, Intelligence, Beauty...all that this Universal Presence is.

If I don't feel this way, then I need to realize that I can choose to begin to feel this way with "conscious endeavour." It all starts with me. Everything begins in my mind because my world is created by my thinking. I have a choice about what I will think and therefore, I have a choice about what I will experience. If I believe that I am limited in any way -- then my experience reflects this and is one of lack and limitation. However, I do have a choice. I can choose to expand my awareness, to become aware of the possibilities within me -- the capabilities that I have -- and I can choose to learn to live more fully and completely. I can let go of limiting beliefs! I can choose to believe that I CAN DO ANYTHING -- and my life will reflect this.

What is the most limiting belief that most of us entertain? The belief THAT OUR LIFE IS AT THE MERCY OF OUTSIDE FORCES. These outside forces can be a person, a thing or a situation. Through this belief, we give our power away. What is the truth then? The truth is that each of us has within us the same enormous Power -- the same everlasting Life -- the same infinite Intelligence -- the same unlimited possibilities! Each has within us the Wisdom to control our own destinies.

We can let go of the old belief of being limited by our physical form. We can let go of being limited by any situation or outside force. Life is a journey -- a beautiful journey, filled with wonderful people and wonderful events -- a time we have to grow and expand spiritually -- a time to learn about who we really are and what we are really all about -- and people are put into our life to help us along on our journey. Therefore, we can choose to be grateful for every person and every situation in our life. We do have a choice. I choose a life free of limiting beliefs! And so it is!

You are invited to join spiritual searchers like yourself on Sunday mornings (see the ad) for a wonderful, uplifting experience. Christmas is going to be especially wonderful with a candlelight service on Christmas Eve at the OK Mission Hall at Lakeshore and DeHart at 7:00 pm., December 24th. This is the most beautiful service of the year and everyone is invited to attend. ♦

SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE

by Cheryl Hart



It is our belief that Jesus' primary message was one of personal transformation. The great dramas of the Bible and the Course of Miracles reveal the truths of our potential in becoming what God intends us to be. When we are reawakened to God's love we are uplifted to the truth of our Spirit. We become grateful for our unity of purpose and know that we are indeed blessed, unlimited, love-filled, powerful sons and daughters of God.

When I first attended workshops and visited wholistic practitioners my primary motivation was to improve my relationships and be happier. I quickly discovered that under my suppressed emotions was the peace and love I had always sought. A journey inward not only allows us to release the pain and fear from our past it also leads us to God.

"The Course does not aim at teaching the meaning of love, for that is beyond what can be taught. It does aim however, at removing the blocks to the awareness of love's presence, which is your natural inheritance." A.C.I.M. Text

My spiritual awakening was a shift from an intellectual belief in God to a heartfelt experience of God. It is not always an easy task to use the spiritual principles from the Bible or the Course in Miracles. It is a lot easier to blame or feel like a victim than take responsibility for our interaction with the world. To feel innocent when I make mistakes and not defend myself when I am attacked are the great challenges of my life. When I hand over my mistakes to God and ask for forgiveness I often feel I am unworthy of the love and acceptance that flows into my body. The growing strength of Spirit's call to joy has made it easier, over the years, to surrender my will and humbly ask for support.

God speaks to each of us in small ways to change; to be a little kinder, to have more patience, forgive a hurt or extend some love. It is only our fears that prevent us from accepting and trusting that guidance. The message of Jesus is as true for us today as it was some 2000 years ago. "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart...and thy neighbour as thyself" Luke 10:27

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POSTURAL INTEGRATION

by Pedar Hodzman

My name is Pedar and I would like to introduce you to Postural Integration, a form of deep tissue bodywork that embraces the whole person. It is my work as much as it is my delight to be of service to others in this way.

We have learned to keep our feelings inside. A dysfunctional emotional pattern of energy begins with a feeling/emotion that (for whatever reason) is denied full expression at the time. Once denied, it crystallizes in the cells of the body and each time a particular anchor to the original suppressed emotion stimulates it, the same emotional reaction repeats as though the old scenario is happening again. Anchors can be smells, touch, music, gesture, tone, even taste that evoke the original suppressed pattern of energy. Note that the key word here is "suppressed." Suppression is contraction. Expression is expansion. The natural healthy state of emotion is to emot or express what it feels. When we suppress, we cut off our emotional life-force which is, after all, the power which endows the fire of purpose to all that we do.

A Postural Integration therapist is trained to compassionately recognize the bodily positions we assume around suppressed material and gently return them to a state of relaxed dynamic alignment.

Our bodies never lie. We have all seen shoulders hunched in constant fear, a neck thrust forward in over eagerness to compensate for a feeling of failure. There's the young woman with a collapsed ribcage who is nursing a fear of accepting life. Sometimes the shoulders are turned in on the heart she feels compelled to protect. There's the business executive who's legs turn out like a waddling insecure baby trying to find balance. There's the tight buttocks of the bodybuilder who carries the unspoken attitude, "No one's gonna dominate me!" and then there's the overly optimistic school teacher who suffers from constant pain between his shoulder blades. Some of us will fight subconsciously against a bodily tendency such as rounded shoulders by forcing them back, thereby compounding the situation. Not only do we create tension in the held muscles between the shoulder blades but we also deny letting the body assume its round shouldered position which brings us more into contact with what our body could communicate to us.

When Mary came to me she was pale and drawn. She was immersed in spiritual concept and belief and at the same time felt like her life had ended. She explained to me that she was chronically depressed and lonely. When I asked her to breathe deeply, she expanded her chest full of air but was out of touch with her abdominal breath (gut feelings). After much effort together she realized she was avoiding breathing down into her gut. I coaxed her to assume the bodily position that felt most appropriate to how she was feeling. As she curled up like a baby in the womb, she found her breath expanding fully into her belly. Her face flushed with color as she cried with tremendous grief and pain. She expressed how she had hidden from a traumatic episode that was unbearable. She told me how she had taken on New Age thought as a way of "getting there" because she couldn't bear to be "here" and allow her feelings the release they needed.

We are living, breathing expressions of consciousness, manifesting through an individuality ... unique, like a multi-faceted gem. No one sees or does anything quite like you do. A Postural Integration therapist honors the multi-dimensional self that we are; our spiritual consciousness, our feeling selves, our intellectual consciousness, our emotions, our physiochemical and musculo-skeletal systems. Each of them is seen as a point of reference from which we can examine the single beingness that we are.

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Pedar is a gentle sensitive man dedicated to change. He and his wife Kalia have The Centre for Health Awareness in Christina Lake, BC.

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As a P.I. practitioner, I work deep into the tissues of the body and can dissolve the crystallized energetic patterns there. As we begin to experience the release through the body, we can experience the original movie, re-enact the script, recall what we told ourselves about that, relive the emotion but this time, say what you were afraid to say then and feel the completion and resolution of the once suppressed material. You can realize what resentments, judgements and beliefs you formulated to support the denial of your feeling small, helpless, controlled and from your new viewpoint, let them go. They no longer apply in your new picture of reality.

While training with Jack Painter in California, Jack was giving me Session III. Throughout the session I was feeling closed and guarded. As the session concluded, I was feeling agitated. Jack asked me what was bugging me. Immediately, I exploded with anger at my father for the emotional and physical abuse he imposed on me. My anger was totally accepted and I felt uninhibited by feelings of guilt. I had never experienced anger like that before. When I stood up, I felt such an energy liberated in my body that tears and laughter were flowing out of me uncontrollably. I realized that my dammed up anger had been allowed full expression for the first time and in letting out what I had held back vocalizing to my father, I felt a freedom and love towards him that felt unfamiliar in my interactions with him.

Emotion needs acceptance before it can move. Many people consider certain emotions unloving and their minds place those emotions outside of love. Full expression of what we would define as "negative" emotion is exactly what we need to actualize our lovingness once again. Consider the possibility that what you thought was wrong with you might just be something that is right with you. Through loving acceptance of feelings such as anger, we break the structures of guilt and shame that define it as bad, harmful, evil and not loving.

Release the emotion and harm no one. Things are not the reason that we are triggered and those that we feel triggered by are not the enemy. Mostly, it is a scenario from long ago that we are projecting onto the present situation.

If you feel drawn by what you have just read, Postural Integration may be your next step.

Pedar is giving sessions at The Centre for Health Awareness in Christina Lake and the Wholistic Health Centre in Kelowna. See ad.

NEW DAWN

by Sharon Hartline



On Oct. 25, 1991 my fourteen year old son Michael was killed in a car accident. Grief instantly became an overwhelming reality in my life. Today, nineteen months later, I see the world differently. I have learned that Michael's death was not the end of my life but a catalyst for my personal transformation.

To walk through grief is not easy. I was angry that life still went on as usual. I was angry at

God. I blamed myself for not being able to change circumstances. I felt like a failure as a parent. I felt alone in my pain. I became silent, holding my pain inside. I knew I had to fight for my life to find a way out of the overwhelming guilt I felt for being alive. It was hard to motivate myself to keep going day after day. I felt like I was only half alive. As the numbing grief began to lift I began to feel like there was hope.

Just before the car accident I had taken a six month Intensive Personal Empowerment Program based on *A Course In Miracles* and had learned that you can start over at any time, in any moment. *A Course In Miracles* teaches, "In every moment you can be reborn and be given life again." (T.543). I learned that life is a continuous spiral of joys and adversities with my grief being only one part of that cycle.

I began to receive counselling again at Personal Growth Consulting Training Centre. With support from everyone at the Centre I allowed myself to access and feel the unspoken grief I carried so that I could move past it. I learned that I stayed in pain by blaming myself for everything that had happened around Michael's life and his death. This held me back from reclaiming my own life.

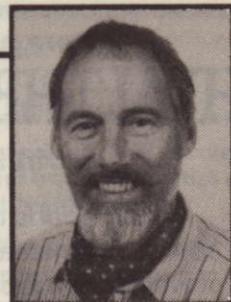
The more I learn to forgive myself for the past the more I am able to get on with my life. As my grief becomes less and less a reality, I am able to find peace in my heart. *A Course In Miracles* states, "Forgiveness stands between illusion and the Truth, between the Hell of Guilt and Heaven's Gate." (T.249) The truth is, the past is gone and I can not bring my son back to life but I can remember all that he brought to my life.

I am now completing my Practitioner Training at Personal Growth Consulting Training Centre. I can laugh again and I feel more peace in my heart than I have ever dreamed possible in such a short time after Michael's death. Life is more precious. I am grateful to all my friends and family who have stood beside me no matter what. To my teachers at the Centre, I am eternally grateful for your loving support as you walked beside me through my grief and my training to show me clearly that after darkness there is always a New Dawn.

Sharon Hartline is a Breath Practitioner at Personal Growth Consulting Training Centre in Kamloops.



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Advertising as an Investment

Determine how much you can afford to invest in order to reach advertising objectives, and why you can't afford NOT to spend!

by Wendy Priesnitz

Even though your accountant looks at the cost of advertising as an expense, you should consider it, at least partially, as an investment. In addition to being part of the cost of current sales, it is an investment in future sales.

When planning an advertising campaign, designing an ad, and evaluating the success of specific advertising, consider both the immediate sales generated as well as long range goals. Letting prospective customers know that you are in business is, of course the main purpose of advertising. But it is just part of the overall picture. Good advertising also registers and/or reinforces your business or product name in the minds of potential customers. It awakens and cultivates the minds of potential customers the recognition of a need for your product or service, and builds prestige, acting as a continuous placeholder in the marketplace for your business.

In addition, advertising should be seen as just a small part of your overall marketing package, albeit an important one. Too often, companies will place a big ad in one carefully selected publication, sit back and wait for publication day, then complain a few days later because customers haven't beaten down their door. More often than not, this approach is taken as a futile, last ditch attempt at success by business which are close to insolvency. What the owners or managers of these businesses have failed to understand is that advertising is only the front-line sales generator; it is designed to, over time, stir up interest in what you have to offer, but it shouldn't be expected to work alone. Nor should it be expected to work immediately.

Successful advertising is consistent and repetitive. Keep your ad in front of your market on an ongoing basis, even if it means placing smaller ads; one large, unsupported splash is usually ineffective. In order to cut through the multitude of advertising messages that are inundating your prospective customer, your message must be persistent and clear.

Successful advertising is consistent with your company's overall marketing approach. It is placed where your target customer will be most likely to see and respond to it. It is designed with your target customer's demographics and purchasing habits in mind.

Successful advertising is supported by effective sales promotions, whether that is in the form of catalogues, brochures, flyers, samples, sales calls, mail-outs or demonstrations.

Successful advertising costs money. One guideline is that advertising costs should not exceed 12.5 per cent of total overhead expenditures. Newer businesses usually need to spend more than established ones. Smaller businesses tend to have a higher ratio of advertising-to-sales.

But the best method of determining an advertising budget is to set a number of objectives and determine how much you can afford to invest in order to reach those objectives ... (and how much you can't afford not to spend!) You will then be more easily able to view your advertising budget as one of a number of tools that are designed to increase net profit.

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submitted by Jamie Marshall, M.Ed

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DEALING WITH STRESS THROUGH MASSAGE THERAPY

by Glen D. Hill

Stress is the way our bodies react to a situation or challenge which is presented to us. The body adjusts or adapts to the stress or strain we put on it. However, there is a limitation to the amount of prolonged higher stress levels the body can handle before it starts to break down.

Stress can affect many different levels of the body, such as the physical, mental, and emotional. It can be caused by the memory of things from your past experiences. The stress or the stimulus can come from the loss of a loved one, relationships, school, your work place, pain, financial stress, deadlines, public speaking and even Christmas.

Stress can be totally different for every person as every person is different. We need a certain amount of stress in our lives to feel challenged and motivated in a positive way. When it starts to control our lives it turns from stress into distress. When we're distressed it's more unpleasant and harmful than good.

I'll explain what generally happens physiologically in the body when we're under stress. The Autonomic Nervous System stimulates the adrenal glands which in turn cause the glands to release adrenalin into the blood stream. This release causes what is known as a "Fight or Flight" response. What happens next is: the heart rate increases, there is an increase in blood flow to our active muscles (arms and legs), a decreased blood flow to the organs not used for rapid movement, there's also an increased blood sugar concentration, and an increase in blood pressure.

Having your body in a stressed state is good for a short controlled amount of time. When the body is under stress it's ready for rapid activity, which means, basically it's not ready for healing itself.

Prolonged stress can cause many different signs and symptoms or conditions. The following are a list of some of those conditions; High blood pressure, fatigue, nervousness, hypertension, irritability, insomnia, ulcers, poor digestion, tension in the stomach area, and increased blood sugar. Stress can also help bring on certain problems such as: skin conditions, respiratory conditions, and migraine headaches.

Massage is a drug free way to help maintain a healthy balanced stress level. Not only is massage used for the maintenance of lower stress, it can also be useful for the prevention of higher levels of stress.

How massage works on stress is: massage helps slow down your nervous system, which causes the adrenal glands to release less adrenalin into your blood stream, your respiratory rate becomes more even and deeper as you relax, your mental activity becomes more normal, your neck, back and face start to let go of the tension in the related muscles. Also your digestive tract starts to function more naturally.

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Glen D. Hill has recently moved to Kelowna.

COLOUR THERAPY

THE MIRACLE OF LIGHT AND COLOUR

by Karen Timpany

The history of healing with colour is extensive and the results are so convincing that the natural conclusion is that all healings should begin and end with colour.

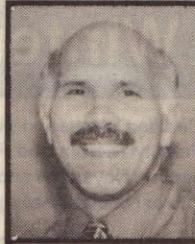
Records taken from the pyramids reveal the use of colours in their healings among the ancient Egyptians.

The Rosicrucian society with its highly developed knowledge of the esoteric, have used colour healing successfully since the 15th century. In the latter part of the 19th century, Dr. Edwin D. Babbitt wrote *The Principles of Light and Colour*. This major contribution in modern times, told of the many values in colour healing nearly a century ago. In the early part of the 20th century, Colonel Dinshah Pshadi Ghadali developed colour healing to an exceptionally high degree. The writings of Edgar Cayce provide additional evidence that colour has many healing qualities.

From many authors on the subject, we find the results and conclusions are so impressive as to warrant an all-out effort of further research into this highly effective system of healing.

Records from experienced researchers have proven over the years in actual cases of every variety that colour is superior in every way to any form of medication, shots, chemotherapy, or surgery, with absolutely no adverse side effects. The continued superior results in untold thousands of patients and students around the world attest that using colour for healing should be highly promoted and taught so that more people may have the great advantages it has to offer. Einstein writes that all forms of matter are light waves in motion vibrating at distinct and measurable rates.

If we are out of sync, not vibrating at a constant and harmonious rate, we will not have wellness. Any deficiencies or overloads in the body of the chemical and/or mineral balance can be attributed to the same thing. Think of a beautiful rainbow with one, two or three colours erased from its arc. It is no longer harmonious nor is the vibration balanced because a part of the picture is missing. All created things have colours, tones and forms of their own. Colours are vibrations of creation. Colour is the result of chemical action. Colour creates chemical action and matter. There is a constant aura of colour around each of us. These colours vary according to the condition of the body. Wherever there is a deficiency of minerals and vitamins, there is also a deficiency in the colour aura. Therefore, if cancer is primarily a deficiency of sodium and potassium in the body and the yellow spectrum has sodium as one of its chemicals, magenta has potassium, it makes sense to assume that creating a non-deficiency or balance in the body using these two colours and others if needed, should bring about the balance required to eliminate this disease. In using colour to promote healing and corrections the following is a simple example. When a person is burned, (first, second or third degree), or has a high fever, there is a surplus of red, which is hydrogen. This is intercepted by the projection of a blue light which is oxygen. The oxygen and hydrogen combine producing water — perspiration. In the case of the burn, all pain is gone in one hour. A complete healing takes approximately 20 days without scars. This has been demonstrated again and again and can be duplicated by anyone who cares to try it. By the scientific application of colour to our bodies, we introduce a natural energy that enables our bodies to eliminate wastes and congestion. At the same time, colour can repair every form of damage due to injury or sickness; providing the causes whether mental, physical or other are dealt with or removed, the repair should remain permanent. ♦



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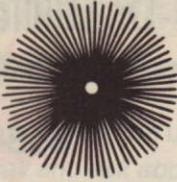
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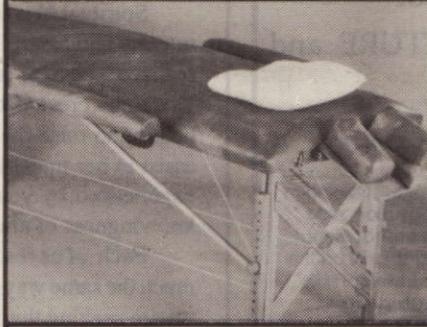
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Each of us resonates to a particular source of spiritual nutrition much the same way as we favour particular foods. Consciously or not we are seeking that which fulfills us and brings us what we need to experience in our quest for growth on whatever level we are creating upon.

Because our desire to go beyond limitations of existence as reflected in many lifetimes of struggle has called us to this particular point in time and space called now, we have the choice. Now to reclaim ourselves as whole and perfect, and to enter a pathway of being which allows us to live as such, in harmony with all of life. This is available as a living reality for those who are willing to accept the possibility and to be open to receive it.

With this concept we can "remember" with a simple shift in consciousness that the past does not have to be the blueprint for the future, for now is the place of empowerment in creation. Thought and intention determine what shall be created in any given individual reality, in the instant. With this comes the freedom to consider the possibility that wellness is indeed a viable, always existent alternative to one with a history of disease, illness or disharmony of any kind.

You have heard of the power of the mind to manifest and create. We create with our thoughts and are the living demonstration of them. This is not something that occurs randomly or without reason. Because we are not always consciously aware of belief systems or thoughts which we project into being and radiate out into the universe, we may not logically be able to see the connection between the cause which we have initiated, (with thought) and the effect which may be the disease which we have created. However we all create with these tools which are our thoughts. This is a simple law of life which the human mind wants to complicate, for it has been programmed by the ego to assign responsibility to sources outside of the self such as fate, punishment by God, bad luck, or accident to create the concept of victimhood and denial of the self as its ultimate distortion.

Because mankind has free will as one of its parameters for being, we get to create and learn by our creations however painful, destructive or illfounded they are, including our own suffering and even death, for all creation learns by the lesson it gives itself in pursuit of an endless path of evolution.

If we can allow ourselves to surrender to the idea that we are worthy to be well and to hold that thought and accept that as a possibility, however it differs from all that we have experienced in our perception of the past, we have opened to be healed. We have replaced doubt in the self with trust and reconnected with the inner source.

Acceptance is crucial in all healing, for God or Prime Creator by whatever name you perceive the source of all, will never impose Divine will upon you in violation of this fundamental law of free will, in order to make you change your perception of yourself.

In truth you are already perfect and in this state are you held as the son or daughter of your perfect and ultimate parent. Life therefore can be viewed as an ongoing process of experiences designed by

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Its Great to be Back !

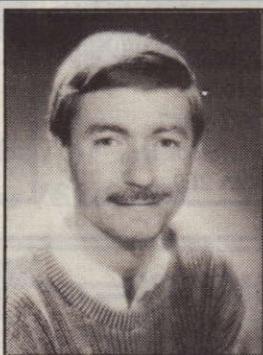
A warm hearted hello to those of you read ISSUES magazine. I'm Peter Mik-i-el Hutt and I have just moved back to this very special place, this Okanagan valley, after a journey of unfoldment. Perhaps you are looking for an opportunity to meet someone who can really help you, and you're not sure even how, and so you turned to this page and we met...

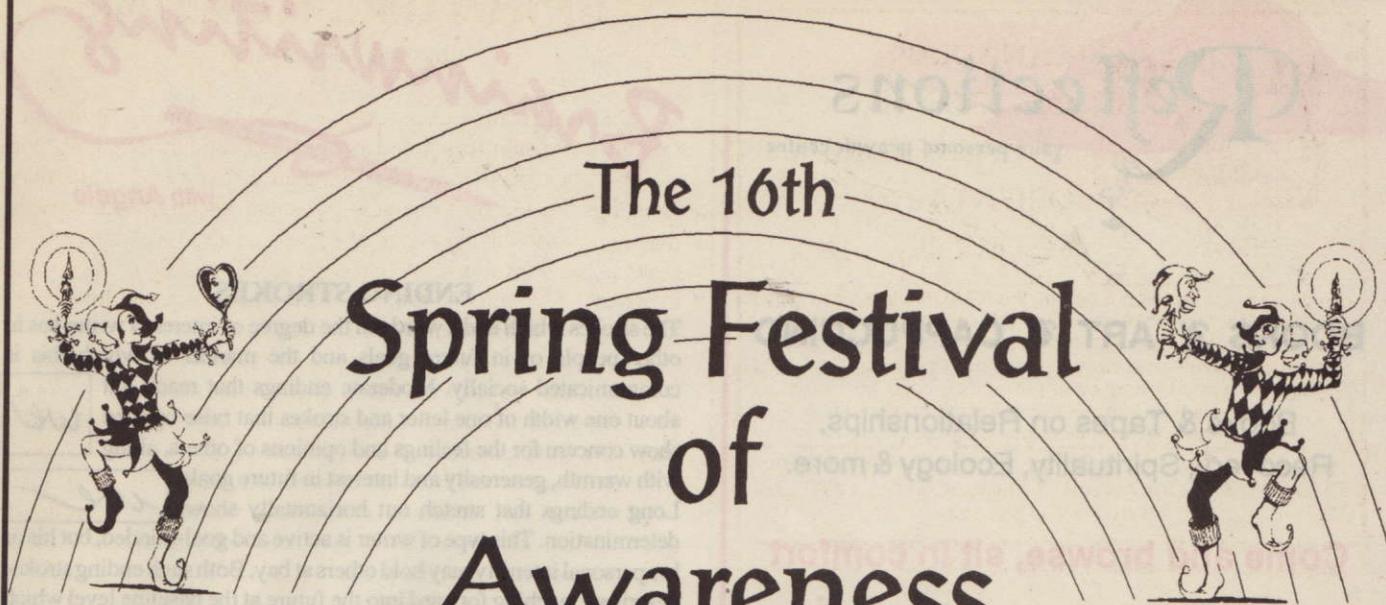
I'm here to actively serve in the healing process of those who are looking for another way. I work with Light of various frequencies which I channel as well as other vibrations such as love, peace or whatever the body needs to feel in order to become rebalanced. I read the consciousness of the body and I become the vibration that is needed. I am able to enter into the emotional, etheric and physical "subtle bodies" which you know as your aura and remove negative energy and energy blockages.

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Spirit to lift the veils of illusion so that you may return home to awareness of this true self, the one that knows everything that you need is within you, waiting for you receive this priceless gift of self realization.

Although there is no time limit for this discovery of the radiant self, many souls are realizing that this is the lifetime to make the leap across the canyon of separation. This separation is identified as blockages and walled off disconnected areas of the self where unexpressed feelings and emotional disharmonies arising through errors in thought have created disease and imbalance in the physical, emotional and mental bodies.

To assist this healing process and to provide a quantum leap in the time frame for so doing, there are now available channels of light, those who have agreed to bring the Light into the body, on all levels to raise the vibration of the body and to help correct karmic patterning which contributes to the manifestation of dis-ease. Along with this reprogramming of the cells with Light, by reading the consciousness of the body new thoughts may be implanted so that a new frequency of being is established, one that honours and loves the self. This assists with alignment to that perfect blueprint that is waiting to express itself through the individual's acceptance of his or her own highest ideals. This state of being acknowledges its divine expression as a living gift from the God source, All That Is.

Integration of these new core beliefs on both conscious, and unconscious cellular levels reinforced with the wholistic network of support systems such as attention to diet, and naturopathic supple-

mentation, intake of pure water and air, exercise and bodywork, meditation and visualization will be infinitely valuable in this rebirth of the real you. Consideration of what you are listening to and watching in your vulnerable receptive state in exposure to one way communications systems such as the media; use of beneficial sounds and colour and above all listening to the guidance that is always available to you and honouring that source, will assist you to maintain balance and harmony in your life and relationships with others. Take an active role in your life, and restore yourself with love.

In your own creation of wellness your beliefs are always the most important ingredient, without your belief nothing can change. As you heal you give that gift to the world, making it easier for everyone else who are waiting for you to go first...

There are limitless opportunities and choices available as you choose to live fully in the now. I invite you to let go of the past, to feel, to love and trust that it is safe to do so, as you magnificently heal yourself, and see yourself as whole.

Peter Mik-i-el Hutt is a Spiritual Healer who has recently relocated to the Okanagan after studying the past 6 months with Radiant Master Virginia Ellen, advanced healing techniques at the Temple of Eternal Life on the big Island of Hawaii. He is a Transformational Yoga instructor, Reiki Master, and Spiritual counsellor and Channel of Light. Please contact him for consultations at the Penticton Naturopathic Clinic: 492-3181, in Kelowna at the Dolphin Centre: 868-8088 or his home in Summerland: 494-9355. ♦

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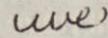
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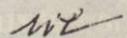
ENDING STROKES

The strokes which end a word tell the degree of interest a writer has in other people or in future goals and the manner in which this is communicated socially. Moderate endings that reach out about one width of one letter and strokes that raise upward show concern for the feelings and opinions of others, along with warmth, generosity and interest in future goals. Long endings that stretch out horizontally shows determination. This type of writer is active and goal-minded, but his or her personal intensity may hold others at bay. Both such ending strokes describe a reaching forward into the future at the baseline level which represents day-to-day activities.

Absence of endings where the letters stop at the baseline shows control. Usually the writer lacks social skills and is possibly reclusive. He or she may lack compassion, depending on supporting traits. Ending strokes are easy to make on the way to the next word. In fact, it takes longer to stop abruptly and then pick up again, so it not more efficient to exclude them. Notice the form endings take.

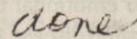

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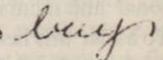

ANGULAR

Garland (bowl shaped) endings are friendly, sociable; arcaded endings (arches) show intention to hide something from others or a need for protection; angular endings are temperamental or mean and thready endings are hasty and adventurous. Endings are supposed to release to the right, thus their orientation to the outside world and the future. If they end upward, the writer looks for friends who are spiritual, intellectual or imaginative or immerses himself in those realms instead of social activities; outward endings embrace or reject socially (depending on the form); downward endings replace social expression with sexual or physical activity, or may reveal the writer to be socially inhibited, sadistic or abrupt.

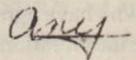
A Raising ...Ending Stroke



A Downward ...Ending Stroke



Angular and lower zone ...Ending Stroke



Once again. I remind you that endings need to be taken in context and balanced against the overall form of the writing. Is it creative, simplistic, neglected or flowing? Does the end taper off or is it blunt? Are the endings all the same or is there a variety of styles? Does the ending look like it is reaching out in a welcoming way or pulled in for protection? Is the writing small and concentrated or large and showy? There is much to discover about ourselves by looking at our own writing or printing. If you are interested in learning more, attend the evening seminar in Nelson ...Nov. 8th. Phone John or Lucie to register 352-6168. Or phone Angèle at 492-0987 and organize one in your town.

'Double Winds' Tai Chi Chuan

by Kim Arnold

Tai Chi Chuan was first thought to be practised by a Taoist Monk called "Zhang San Feng." There are many myths and legends about him which China is so rich in, but little in the way of true documentation. "Tai chi" means "Grand Ultimate" and "Chuan" means first. "Tai Chi" alone could be a label on a bag of rice so the proper Chinese name is "Tai Chi Chuan." There are many styles of Tai Chi Chuan. The "Chen Style" is generally considered the original style and was practised by the Chen family (or village) in the 1500's and was kept secret for many years. Chen is a very lively and snaky type of style. It was generally performed by more athletic people and was primarily used for fighting. Eventually, a member of the Yang family was allowed to learn the Chen and from it he created the Yang style. It was still a martial art and there are many tales of superhuman feats; it was the first style to be taught to the general public and Tai Chi Chuan was no longer a great secret.

With these art forms came many health benefits much like we in the west learned from our military development and the space programs where people are always searching for that extra edge. The Yang style has been developed more for the health benefits as seen in its wide sweeping form and upright positioning but always follows the martial art principles such as proper body alignment, weighting and performing the moves as it was initially intended. If these principles are not followed there is a chance of someone causing injury to their lower back, hips and knees as evidenced by the number of articles being published in Tai Chi magazines. Following these principles will create a better flow of energy from rooting the moves in the feet and thus allowing energy to move freely up through the body. This follows the basic philosophy of many martial art styles both internal and external.

In the 1950's, the Chinese, wanting to make their nation strong, brought together a number of well known masters to create standard forms that could be promoted to the general public. These are the main forms we practice and teach. The beginning "24 form" is performed and written about worldwide and there are a number of books published on it including those from Beijing Medical and Sports Society. We teach the "24" form first and then we teach a variety of two-person application forms and after that the "48" form which is a combination of the five main Tai Chi Chuan styles. Following the hand forms we teach a variety of traditional weapon forms. These forms were taught to us by "Grand Master Raymond Chung" of the Vancouver Tai Chi Chuan Association" who brought this traditional system from China and was the first master to teach publicly in B.C. I started with Grandmaster Chung in 1966 and he had been my teacher as well as Heather's ever since. We still attend his classes today. It is their complete and traditional system that we teach.

Heather has practised and taught Tai Chi for over 15 years. We have also taken other instructions from a variety of teachers and styles which include some of the other "sister internal art forms" that are similar to Tai Chi Chuan. We have a strong background in the "White Crane Style" We have been teaching Tai Chi Chuan in Salmon Arm since 1979. We choose the name "Double Winds" because in all the Tai Chi Chuan forms there is a move called "Double Winds." Tai Chi Chuan is an important part of our lives, we have a private studio in our home and practice constantly. After so many years it becomes part of your life and it is hard to imagine...
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CIRCUMCISION-An Infringement of Rights

by Deborah Golledge, DC, MSc

Circumcision has been around for two centuries but research has yet to prove its necessity. On the contrary more and more evidence extols the virtue of leaving the male (and in some countries - female) genitals in tact, the way nature intended them to be. Parents have the responsibility to find out all aspects of any procedure performed on their infants, in terms of safety, need and pain to the child. Circumcision is no exception.

Circumcision is not painless. I can no better exemplify this than to relate the story of Marily Fayre Milos, RN, a founder of National Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Centres.

Ms Milos witnessed a circumcision when starting her nursing training. The experience catapulted her into fighting this barbaric procedure. In her words, "We students filed into the newborn nursery to find a baby strapped spread-eagle to a plastic board. He was struggling against his restraints - tugging, whimpering and then crying helplessly. No one was tending the infant. When I asked my instructor if I could comfort him, she said, 'Wait till the doctor gets here.'

"When he did arrive, I asked if I could help the baby. He told me to put my finger into the baby's mouth. I did and the baby sucked. I stroked his little head and spoke softly to him. He began to relax and was momentarily quiet.

"The silence was soon broken by a piercing scream - the baby's reaction to having his foreskin pinched and crushed as the doctor attached the clamp to his penis. The shriek intensified when the doctor inserted an instrument between the foreskin and glans or head of the penis, tearing the two structures apart. (They are normally attached to each other during infancy so the foreskin can protect the sensitive glans from urine and feces). The baby started shaking his head back and forth - the only part of his body free to move - as the doctor used another clamp to crush the foreskin lengthwise, which he then cut. This made the opening of the foreskin large enough to insert a circumcision instrument, the device used to protect the glans from being severed during surgery. The baby began to gasp and choke, breathless from his shrill continuous screams.

"How could anyone say circumcision is painless when the suffering is so obvious? During the next stage of the surgery, the doctor crushed the foreskin against the circumcision instrument and finally amputated

it. The baby was limp, exhausted, spent. Even more shocking was the doctor's comment, barely audible several octaves below the piercing screams of the baby. 'There's no medical reason for doing this.'"

The First Few Days

A horror story to make a point? No, the truth. Even in those few cases where anesthetic is used, it is usually inadequate, because to properly block the pain the injection must be given at the base of the penis. Tricky to say the least. Not to mention that as soon as the anesthetic has worn off, the baby feels the pain of the wound and will do so every time he urinates or defecates. As far as the argument goes that he will not remember it, we have strong evidence that this is not true. Experiences occurring during the preverbal period of life affect the person forever. According to Dr Rima Laibow, infants do retain significant memory traces of traumatic events. When a child is subjected to intolerable, overwhelming pain, it conceptualizes mother as both participatory and responsible, regardless of mother's intent. The consequences for impaired bonding are significant. Dr Frederick Leboyer, famous for his gentle birthing methods, also expresses concern about the lifelong consequences of circumcision.

"Once we remember that all that takes place during the first days of life on the emotional level shapes the pattern of all future reactions, we cannot but wonder why such a torture has been inflicted on the child. How could a being who has been aggressed in this way, while totally helpless, develop into a relaxed, loving, trusting person?"

A look at the normal anatomy and physiology of the foreskin will better explain why it should be left alone. The glans or head of the penis is covered with skin before birth. This skin is not loosely attached, but firmly, like the skin on your hand. At about 17 weeks into fetal development, cells in the area of separation between the future foreskin and the head initiate the process of creating the space between the head and intact foreskin. They begin to form microscopic balls comprising multiple layers of cells. As these whorls of cells enlarge, cells at the centre are cut off from nutrients, die and create a space. These minute spaces coalesce, eventually becoming the "preputial" space or space between the glans penis and the foreskin. This process is completed by age three in 90

per cent of boys but it may take as long as 17 years for some boys to have a fully retractable foreskin. So at birth this separation process is just beginning. Circumcision interferes with normal development, demanding that the sensitive tissues be forcefully torn apart. Doctors are not "breaking adhesions" when pulling the foreskin back. They are in fact destroying normal layers of flesh not yet meant to be disrupted.

For more information contact NOCIRC at PO Box 8824, Sante Fe, NM 87504 USA. They publish a quarterly news bulletin full of current data and resources.

*Dr. Golledge practises in
Bracebridge, Ontario.*

Recommended reading:

Help Your Child With Homeopathy,
by S. Harrison (sc) 96pp \$12.95

Is This Your Child?
by Doris Rapp (sc) 603pp \$37.95

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Note from the publisher... I wish I had had this information when I was pregnant; I do believe what she says is true. For after I delivered one of my boys I was walking around the hospital and heard my baby crying. When my doctor emerged from the room I quizzed him. "Why is my baby crying?" He shrugged it off and said "It'll sting for only for a minute, he's just a baby. It's painless when they are that small." He then described the simple and easy procedure that he had done. He reassured me "It's better to have it done now, cause it could cause a lot of problems if we waited. Besides they would have a lot of questions if they looked different from their Dad."

Rae and I asked a lot of questions before we made the decision. The doctor convinced us both that it was for the good of all concerned. We were young and I couldn't find any other information on the subject so we accepted his experience as truth.

It is with great pleasure that I pass this information along to my readers and I hope you will copy or pass along this information to pregnant mothers so they can make an informed choice! If you are not a regular dedicated reader of *alive*, it's about time you started. It's available at your local health food store... FREE. They have great articles on health and nutrition. ♦

IMPRESSIONS OF A ROSICRUCIAN

by Eric Metke

As a young person I was not satisfied with accepting and believing whatever was handed down to me. I wanted very much to learn for myself, to *know*, to experience and understand within my own mind and consciousness the *truth* regarding the many unanswered questions about God, life, death, soul, immortality, and much more. This thirst for knowledge and understanding led to the reading and study of many books and other literature dealing with philosophy, metaphysics, the psychic and other subjects. When I eventually found the Rosicrucian Order AMORC and became a member and student, I knew intuitively that this was the pathway toward the knowledge and understanding that I had been searching for. I have now been a member and student of the Rosicrucian Order AMORC for some years and my early evaluation of the Rosicrucian Order has been confirmed and added to. I would not exchange the many benefits that I have realized from my membership in the Rosicrucian Order for any amount of money or material wealth, any prestigious position, or any degree of fame or social status.

Occasionally in conversation with a friend I am asked the question - "If I were a member of the Rosicrucian Order just what benefits might I expect to realize?" That is not an easy question to answer because it depends very much upon so many variables. We all come from different backgrounds. From the time we were born into this world and throughout our lifetime we have each been subjected to many different kinds of influences. For example, different parental upbringing, different kinds of education, different friends and associates, different environment, and so on. In addition to all the different influences we have each experienced in this lifetime we have also each brought along with us from past incarnations the growth and evolvement of many previous lifetimes. All of these things tend to shape the nature of our individual values, our aptitudes and our aspirations in life. Also the degree of success that any person will realize in attaining aspirations of any kind depends very much upon the degree of that person's sincerity and dedication.

Each member of the Order is provided a weekly monograph or lesson, the quarterly magazine, *The Rosicrucian Digest*, and other literature relevant to the studies. Students may write to Grand Lodge for any additional clarification or assistance they might require. The teachings include so many subjects relevant to nearly all aspects of life that it would not be possible to list them all. To mention just a few: the development of mental and psychic faculties such as concentration, intuition, visualization, attunement with the inner self and the whole Cosmic and much more. The member is taught to understand many natural Cosmic laws and how to use and apply those laws toward the realization of better health, inner peace, happiness, success and other worthy goals and aspirations in life. The Rosicrucian teachings are arranged in an orderly sequence so that there is always a good balance between intellectual understanding and mental and psychic development. The Rosicrucian teachings are not dogmatic in nature. Members are encouraged to think for themselves and put the laws and principles to the test by applying them in a practical way in the affairs of life. Rosicrucians develop an inquiring mind. There is an old saying that a Rosicrucian is a walking question mark. Membership in Grand Lodge also entitles a member to attend and become a member of affiliated bodies such as Lodges, Chapters and Pronaoi. There is a Rosicrucian Pronaos in Kelowna.

Very briefly then, among the many benefits that a member of the Rosicrucian Order AMORC might expect to realize are: the development of mental and psychic faculties which makes it possible to realize many other benefits. For example, a better intellectual understanding of the nature and purpose of life, logical and provable answers to the mysteries and unanswered questions about life, death, and immortality. Very important - the development of higher levels of intuition thereby making the student more receptive to inspiration and new insights. Higher levels of consciousness and happiness, and higher levels of peace and tranquillity within. Although the student is taught how to use natural Cosmic laws toward the attainment of success in vocational, professional or business pursuits, it is my belief that success in the mundane affairs of life comes about naturally as a sort of by-product or spin-off of the above mentioned attainments. By using the latent powers within, the potentials of attainment are limited only by the level or degree of a student's sincerity and dedication.

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BODYWORK

by Maxine Spence

What if everything you had ever experienced in your lifetime was stored as memories in the cells of your body? And what if you could heal your body today by getting in touch with those past memories and releasing them?

This concept simultaneously fascinated and frightened me. Perhaps it could explain the heaviness in my life—all those memories crammed into so many infinitesimal cells was bound to slow a person down—but exactly how does one pry these cells open? And how badly did I want my cells oozing on some stranger's massage table?

I did my usual dance around the idea, until a chance conversation with Marilyn Renaud pushed me past speculation into action.

Marilyn explained that Therapeutic Bodywork is an alternative form of preventive health care which helps people get in touch with their true selves. It unlocks bodies, freeing people from limiting patterns of belief that show up in chronically tight muscles or misaligned joints.

I could relate to the tight muscles—my neck and lower back were in constant competition for the title of “most rigid of them all,” but how could massaging them lead me to my “true self.” Who was that anyway? And why hadn't she revealed herself the three times in my life I had gone for a massage?

I began my journey with a timid tap on the door—an introductory session in which Marilyn could get a sense of who she was working with and I could decide if I felt comfortable. I was to learn that Rebalancing was nothing like the massages to which I was accustomed. It involved a variety of techniques including Reiki, Polarity, Trager, Chakra Balancing and Energy Balancing.

Marilyn follows a ten-session system which provides a basic framework yet allows the uniqueness of each individual to be honored. She uses her intuition to decide which technique would be the most beneficial for her client at a given moment. At times she uses Reiki, an ancient healing art that radiates healing energy through the practitioner's hands to the client. Other moments call for Trager, a gentle rocking and lengthening of the client's body.

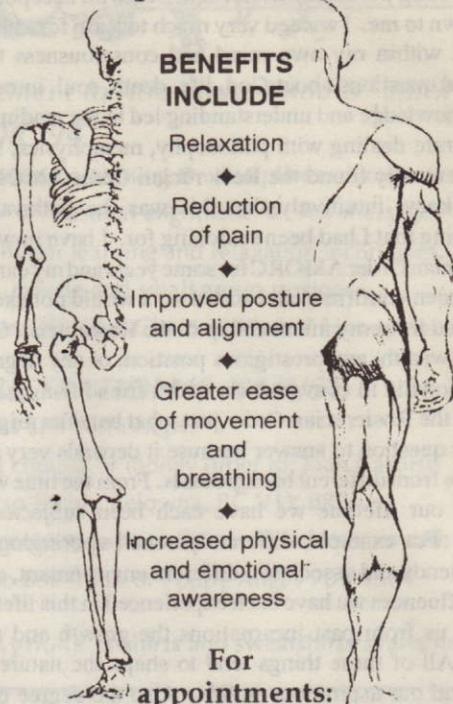
The basis of Rebalancing focuses on proper breathing, skeletal rocking, joint release, deep tissue massage, and plain, old awareness. It is amazing how many people—including yours truly—walk around totally numb to what is going on in their bodies. And our bodies hold the key to our selves. Turning that key is a slow process. Sometimes the changes are so subtle that a person is hard-pressed to pinpoint when and how the shift occurs. For that reason, Marilyn suggested that I keep a journal to chart my growth over the next few weeks.

The first session she used primarily Reiki. I was struck by the gentleness of her touch. I was exhausted by the end of that ninety minutes, but also relaxed, peaceful, as if something had been released from my body, something intangible, but heavy. And that was just the get-acquainted session!

I was to learn many things in the subsequent weeks, but one of the first was that Bodywork is not a passive method. One does not just lie on the table and have one's “body worked.” It is a dynamic process and I was expected to pull my own weight by staying present in the thick of what was happening rather than letting my thoughts float off to la la land and coming back when it was over.

In a society grown accustomed to having things fixed for them, the temptation to “leave” while our body is being “done to” is huge. Isn't that what happens in surgery? And, in some instances, during the birth process? During my Bodywork sessions, deep breathing

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kept me present and was as important, if not more so, than the work Marilyn did. She was always quick to point out that she was just the facilitator. I was doing all the work.

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Marilyn believes we hold our emotions, our pain, and our trauma in our bodies and she prefers to work directly with the source of the pain, not its symptoms. Massaging the fascia, the sheath covering the bundles of muscles, releases tension and stress which are what hold on to emotional wounds and hurts in the body. And our breath (including yawning, I was relieved to discover) moves that unlocked energy out of our body.

In my case, there were lots of tears and anger (and yawns) although there were sessions in which I felt an urge to laugh and at times I just lay there with a beatific smile on my face. I did have a lot of heavy stuff to work through—memories buried from my childhood—and Bodywork with Marilyn meshed perfectly with the work I was doing with my therapist. But a person needn't be plagued with pain—either emotional or physical—in order to benefit from this type of work. We could all do with regular mileage checks. How many of us are really in tune with our bodies—those overweight/underweight, cramped, rigid, pain-filled shells we camp out in? How many of us let our genders/roles/jobs define who we think we should be?

Bodywork is a way to throw off those limiting yokes. Instead of just reading a book or having someone tell us about it, we can actually experience the full joy and flow of energy we were meant to have in our lives. And Marilyn facilitates our dance to freedom. ♦

CANCER UPDATE

by Robert Wolfe

The war against cancer is not being won. Over the last 20 years, the U.S. has spent over a trillion dollars on treatment and research. In 1992 the bill was \$110 billion.

Statistics supplied by the American Cancer Society show that the odds of getting cancer during your lifetime are now 1 in 3.

Many observers note that even the small increases in survival rates are the result of increased early detection of many cancers and not from improved treatment methods. The traditional medical approach has changed little in the past 50 years, being surgery, radiation, or chemotherapy. Not surprisingly, many medical researchers are switching their focus to the causes of cancer and possible strategies to prevent it as well as changing the conditions in the patients' life so cancer does not recur after removal of a tumor.

The causes of cancer are still hotly debated, but there is no doubt that a breakdown of the human immune system is involved. This can be caused by environmental pollution, bad nutrition or other physical factors, but the main factor is probably psychological stress.

When operating efficiently, the immune system controls cancer cells. A white blood cell, the T - helper, circulates in the body with another immune cell, the macrophage. These cells counter tumor antigens with certain chemicals; tumor necrosis factor, interleukin, and interferon. These chemicals are the body's equivalent of chemotherapy, except that they don't damage normal cells as chemotherapy does.

The immune system is jeopardized by emotional stress and a new branch of science, psychoneuroimmunology, grew from discoveries that people's thoughts and belief systems can effect changes in the brains' neurotransmitters and influence their immune system. In short: how we respond to psychological stresses appears to determine how well our cancer fighting mechanisms act.

Helene Smith, head of cancer research at California Pacific Medical Center compares survival rates for 2 groups of patients with metastatic breast cancer. Both groups got identical medical treatments, but one group received additional psychotherapy. This latter group lived twice as long. "If this were a new drug, the developer would be running to the patent office," she says.

Michael Lerner, author of *Choice In Cancer: Integrating the Best of Conventional and Alternative Approaches to Cancer*, president of the Commonweal cancer treatment centre in Bolinas, California, uses spiritual, psychological, nutritional, and physical approaches.

Bill Moyers' five part PBS television series, "Healing and the Mind" devoted an entire show to the Commonweal program called "Wounded Healers." Henry Dreher describes the program at Commonweal in *Natural Health Magazine* (March/April 1993).

Small groups of eight cancer patients gather in a week long retreat with several therapists and a medical director. Diet, yoga, art movement, massage and group therapy are used extensively, but: "one of the most fruitful methods employed is the sand tray. One room at Commonweal is devoted to this activity, a Jungian technique in which people place objects in a sand-filled tray, allowing imagination to take over in what amounts to a consciously directed dream-play. Afterwards, the person is helped to interpret the emotions and the meanings of the scene he or she has created. The many shelves of figurines, small toys, and stuffed creatures both fierce and friendly seem to lure the participant into a near state of enchantment - a ticklish flirtation with limitless possibilities. The creative impulses and images that bubble up originate from that early time when the

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The Commonweal program works in conjunction with conventional medical treatment. As Rachel Naomi Remen, M.D. (the medical director) explains: "Almost everyone hopes for a biological "cure," but cure is not the guiding principle. The guiding principle is **healing**, which overlaps but is not synonymous with cure. Cure refers to a complete recovery brought on by medical means. Healing refers to a multi-levelled phenomenon, one that takes place on psychological and spiritual levels, as well as physical. Healing can usher in biological changes that favor the host's resistance to cancer, possibly enabling the person to make a passage from disease back to wellness. But healing can also occur as the individual makes a passage from life towards death. Both leaders of Commonweal attest to this, with stories of people who experienced a transcendent healing even as they approached death."

It appears then, that if we live in a reasonably clean environment (like most of us do in Canada) - and eat a generally balanced diet (like most of us do), we are left with this elusive factor of psychological or emotional stress. What is it? How can we reduce it?

Hans Selye, a noted stress expert considers a certain amount of stress healthy and positive. We would probably "die of boredom" if there was no stress at all, but when is there "too much" stress?

I see 3 kinds of stress; one is in the immediate environment, like stress in the workplace, another is interpersonal stress such as marital difficulties, and thirdly intrapsychic stress or personal emotional conflicts (often partially unconscious). Ultimately it comes down to how we cope with stress.

This then, is what the Commonweal program is all about. It is designed to help us discover our unique personal connection to our body and soul. Each cancer patient is different and each person has to discover the meaning of the disease for themselves. ♦

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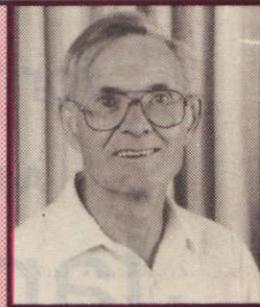
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