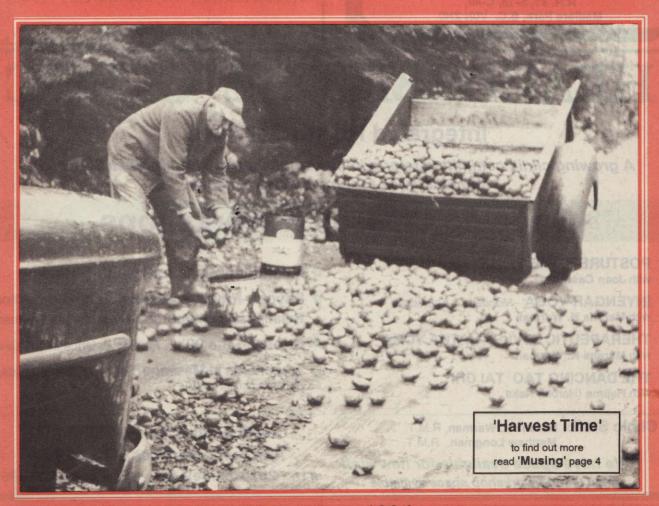


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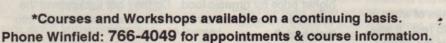


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# The Sifts of Seasons

with Karen Timpany

Wandering out in my little garden this morning, I was disappointed to see that Jack Frost has had the opportunity to nip at the edges of my flowers. The Dahlias are all showing signs of blistering around the top crown of their blossoms. The leaves are curling on the Nasturtiums, the Sweet Peas have turned to the colour of straw and limp

remains of colour are left where other flowers once swayed in the summer breeze. It seemed sad somehow.

Later when indoors I looked at . the array of jars full of dried Raspberry, Strawberry, Elderberry and

Mullein leaves. Rosehips, Elderberries, dried Dandelion, Burdock root, Sage and Sweet Clover, realized my bounty from the earth, and was grateful. Fall had brought me many gifts from which to care for myself and family. Upon further reflection, I received an image of the incredible array of colour the summer flowers and bushes, green grass and general terrain had displayed day after day for my pleasure, and knew further thankfulness. Soon the warmer colours of the spectrum will enter our vision, oranges, yellows and reds warming our senses before the winter chill sets in. Another gift from our Earth Mother.

This subtle gift of colour is not by chance . Have you ever thought about how the colours of our world affect us? Imagine the vivid shades of green in spring and how welcome it is after all that snow. Green is found in the heart chakra and spring is giving you a well

deserved tonic after the long winter months. Spring brings the violets, and you can find hues of violet in the evening sky. Summer brings in a darker hue of green, the primary healing colour, which provides a reflection to the more intense blues found in the sky and water during summer. Indigo blankets the evening sky and descends through the night

into the darkened waters. These colours are represented in our throat, pineal and crown chakra. Fall blends in the reds, oranges and yellows to complete our rainbow in the solar plexus, sacral and base chakras. A good time to look after our internal disposition to ensure good health for the winter months. The white of winter is the culmination of all the colours of the spectrum, the white light. This analogy can be expanded to include many of the aspects of life here on earth, but as we are made up of the rainbow spectrum within ourselves, I find it interesting that nature has created a way to supply us with the colours we need. If we happen to be a little low on any of the colours required for balance and health, we can just look outside. Breathe in the spectrum of colours while enjoying the panorama of beauty nature supplies throughout the year.

As I take the time to recognize that which has been given to us unconditionally that our needs may be met on the many levels of our existence, I am in awe, and bow in humble respect to all that is and give thanks for the many gifts of our seasons.

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# Musing

with Angèle

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# 'Harvesting Potatoes'

Fall weather always reminds me of change. Change that is eternal. A change that is much different than my anticipation of spring. In spring I look forward to the longer warmer days of summer. I don't look forward to the fall, knowing the rain must come and eventually the snow. I know it is a cycle and that this change is necessary, but I would prefer that it didn't happen.

Fall is also a time of harvest and long hours of work putting the vegetables away and the garden to rest. It was the one time of the year my husband helped in the garden, digging with the potato fork. I was quite content to follow along and put the potatoes into the burlap bags.

This month's front cover photo shows Grandad with our first harvest of potatoes in Rosswood. They're all over the road because the trailer hitch broke. Grandad wasn't worried about traffic as he repicked them all up one more time, because few people drove the long, dusty, bumpy road to Rosswood. A few folks that knew of the good hunting or fishing took their chances and let the road shake their cars apart. I remember Grandad and Dad taking turns tilling the land with a horse and plough. Us kids got to pick the rocks and the weeds. There was no water system in place and forest land needed much help to grow vegetables that first year. Eventually we cleared our own land and had a garden down by the barn, but by then we had pigs and we let them do most of the digging as they enjoyed routing around.

I was raised on meat and potatoes. My father didn't like stew or soups so dinner was always much the same, with a few changes in the vegetables. The moose meat was delicious and we enjoyed a lot of fresh fish. But my favourite was canned moosemeat, which was so tender it would melt in your mouth.

One day while I was looking at the old photographs, I was joined by a young friend who made the comment, "No wonder you are a vegetarian." I asked him why and he said, "Because over half of your photos have a dead animal in them." I hadn't really thought about it before, but he was right, my family photo album included many trophy shots of fifty-pound salmon, goat, moose, bear, lynx, a bald-headed eagle, grouse, rabbits, Canadian geese and even weasels. It was normal for us to pose with dead animals. Guns didn't give me the high that my brothers enjoyed. David, the oldest, is the only one who still enjoys hunting and killing animals.

In the wilderness killing a wild animal was an easy way to get food but preserving it took time because we had no freezer. Hunting season is usually after first frost so the wood shed was our refrigerator till the meat could be cut up and canned. Letting meat hang makes it more tender but not if it is hung for too long. The heart and tongue were always the

first meal ... the horns and hide were usually displayed for all to see. My Mom was just as good a shot as Dad was. Grandad was considered the expert and my brothers loved shooting. I didn't want any part of it. Looking back, however, I am thankful that I was fed the wild animals that roamed the hills for I now know they were healthy and free of toxic chemical build up in their bodies. As a consumer, I am concerned about the quality of the meat and vegetables that are sold at supermarkets. It makes sense to me to buy local or take the time to grow my own food.

Thanksgiving weekend was the last of the Farmers'
Market in Penticton and I was delighted that so many people came all season to buy the fresh herbs and vegetables that were on the tables. I was delighted with the selection and the numbers of organic growers that participated. In Nelson they have a large cooperative food store that sells organic foods all winter, I believe we need a place like that in Penticton, but I am told that Penticton consumers are not willing to pay the higher price for organic food. Do they not understand the connection between their health and the food they put into their body?

Fall weather also reminds me that summer is over and that school is starting. My children may be all grown but ISSUES is five years old and it's time for me to let go. I can still remember a conversation I had many, many years with a Mom I saw crying in the parking lot of the school yard. When I asked her what was the matter, she informed me that it was hard "letting her child go." I didn't understand the emotion for I was delighted just thinking of the possibility of having some time to myself. Three children eighteen months apart meant that a lot of my time was spent taking care of them and making sure their needs were met.

Once again it is time to let go.....and I am delighted! I have hired Donna. She types ninety words a minute, has owned her own magazine and loves working with the computer and will be doing the typesetting and lay-out of the ads and stories. With time, she'll do more of whatever is needed to get ISSUES to print on time. You can meet her on the next page and you are invited to drop in and say Hi to her.

I have already contracted out some of the distribution and advertising to various people and Jan took over the mail-out and billing as of last month. Making the decision to hire staff was the hardest part, but I know deep inside of me that if I didn't ISSUES couldn't grow and become all that it can be. I'm excited at the prospect of watching my little magazine grow into her name. Health ISSUES is where my heart is ... educational and promotional work are my forte and it is time to let other people look after the day-to-day work as I continue to promote and support all those who have made the shift to a healthier lifestyle.

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# A Little Bit About Myself

by Donna Bremner



It's hard to believe that it's been exactly one year since we made our big trek from the lower mainland to the interior. Looking back, it seems like only yesterday. The move itself was an eventful one. Our twenty year old daughter, Melanie,had just found the love of her life, our sixteen year old, Scott,who was not a happy about the move, six horses, the dog, and one totally wired cat, were all part of the caravan. We sold our home within four weeks of listing it and had five weeks to relocate. That was the easy part!

Two weeks before moving day, my father suffered a stroke and was rushed to the hospital. Luckily it was not a major one, but he also had several seizures within the next week. This made untying the apron strings to a very close family even more difficult. I'm happy to say that Dad is doing fantastic. With his determination and spirit there's no way you can keep him down for long. He and Mom have a strong relationship, she really looks after him well and gives him a reason to keep on fighting and survive.

Except for my family and the beautiful lush green vegetation of the coast, I haven't missed Maple Ridge at all. The half hour commute to Penticton with no traffic and a view of the lake is not hard to take either after battling rush hour line-ups for an hour and a half to and from work.

After my family and dog Tia, horses are the love of my life. Because I believe you should work at something you enjoy I started publishing an equine magazine with the help of my sister-in-law called 'Horsin' Around.' It was distributed mainly throughout B.C. and Washington State and it kept me very busy networking, selling ads and doing editorals. Previous to this I had been working as a typesetter for several years where I worked on a variety of newsletters. I have enjoyed this type of work, and when we moved to Oliver I concentrated my job search in that direction.

I read Issues several times and recognized the name on the front of the building one day as I was driving through town. I must admit that I was hesitant to apply for a position for fear that I would be expected to know all the ins and outs about the holistic/metaphysical world. But for some reason I kept thinking about it a lot, and finally got up the nerve to go in and talk to Angele.

Angèle as you all know, was very easy to talk to. I was honest with her when the question came about my involvement in the holistic/metaphysical world. I do not understand a lot of your termonology, but I do believe in the power of the mind, good clean living, and have a great deal of respect for people who attempt to better their lifestyles, whether it be through spiritulism, vegetarianism, exercise, therapeutic treatments, or what have you. I believe we are all individuals and what ever it takes to enrich ourselves and be happy is OK.

I have enjoyed meeting all the people associated with Issues Magazine and the Holistic Healing Center. I have found them all to be warm and friendly. Trying to fill Angèle's shoes in this position will be difficult, and I know many of you are used to dealing with her. I am looking

forward to meeting all of you and am eager to work with you and assist in anyway I can to help things run smoothly for Issues.



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She does Jungian Dreamwork, Counselling, Creative Movement and is a Jin Shin Do Practictioner.

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# Jin Shin Do

by Josey Slater

Jin Shin Do is Acupressure Magic. Jin Shin Do means The Way of the Compassionate Spirit. Through finger pressure on the acupoints on the meridians and flows we access and open up the bodymind connection which means we find the connections between body symptoms and the mind, through emotional symptoms.

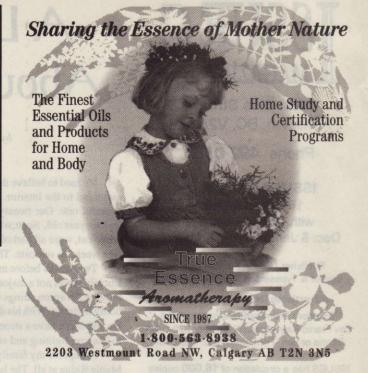
The meridians run throughour bodies like interconnected "rivers of fire" (or energy). Those rivers get clogged up or run dry, we feel lousy, pain, frustrated, or just get stuck in one emotion. The Jin Shin Do practitioner begins by questioning the client, listening, looking and feeling the pulses and points to establish what organ meridians and or elements are out of balance

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# ROYAL CHINESE ACUPRESSURE

by Carolyne Cooper

Royal Chinese Acupressure is as the name suggests, a form of acupressure which follows the rules of Chinese acupuncture and originated in China about 3500 B.C. solely for bodywork and healing for royalty.

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He decided to pass on his knowledge and technique and so started teaching at Grant MacEwan College in Edmonton, as well as setting up the Royal Chinese Acupressure Society. Peter passed away six years ago but trained instructors, so the course is still available by the Royal Chinese Acupressure Society in Edmonton.

Peter set up both beginners and advanced courses.

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Dr. Michael Klaper, M.D., practising physician with over twenty years of clinical experience, author of two nutrition books, wellness consultant to major corporations, and informed lecturer, is working to educate North Americans about the reality of our present food habits. As director of the Institute of Nutrition Education and Research, a non-profit organization that provides continuing medical education seminars accredited by the American Academy of Family Physicians, the Canadian College of Family Physicians, and the American Diabetic Association, Dr. Klaper is one of the few practising professionals teaching physicians, dieticians, and other health professionals as well as the general public how to utilize healthful nutrition in clinical therapy and the prevention of disease.

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We are extremely pleased with the public's response, "said Shirley Vickers, new manager for the lower mainland and Vancouver Island, "Visitors were from as far away as Surrey, Langley and White Rock. The message we are receiving is loud and clear. People living in the Fraser Valley and throughout the lower mainland are concerned about the air they breathe and want to know more."

A series of 5 mini-lectures were held during the afternoon, dealing with topics such as asthma, allergies and safeguarding one's house. The Testing Station was another popular spot, as visitors stood in line-ups for as long as 20 minutes to find out if their lungs and carbon dioxide in their system were normal. Registered respiratory therapists administered the tests and explained the results to each tester in layman terms. Many visitors were in accord with Vancouver resident and visitor Anne Langdon, who was impressed with "the sensitive and knowledgeable way the therapists dealt with each person at the Testing Station." Langdon, a supervisor employed at the Justice Institute, is in her fifties and has suffered from allergies/asthma problems for her whole life. She feels there is not enough focus on the problem. "More attention is given to air quality, rather than the effects of what poor air quality does. This is a very beautiful city, but the pollution is getting worse every day and if affects everybody, not just people with obvious breathing problems."

Langdon is excited about what the Vital Aire Breathing Care Centre has to offer the community. "Awareness is one of the key issues that helps to resolve the problem and initiate plans of action to improve the situation. The info sessions at the centre are a good start and information on new products helps to educate us and keep us aware of alternatives." Vickers agrees. "We see our role as one dictated by the community. There is a demand for educational services and we intent to provide evening seminars and lectures to help foster awareness and encourage positive reaction."

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# HEALTH SPA

by Debra Pender

It was October 1993 and I was in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. Stressed to the max with three kids under wing I woke up on my first morning of this glorious family holiday so tight and knotted I felt like a human pretzel! You would think that the ambiance of being in a tropical land would be enough to disentangle you; the sweet, sultry smelling air, the yellow, moon sliced bananas bunched perfectly on the thick, green, palm tree growing on your very own private deck; all of this surrounded with the gentle rocking of the fickle, sweeping ocean occasionally spraying you to remind you of her power and presence. But no, I'm still hung up. I keep thinking of returning to the hardship of reality. Exhausted from effort, and too stunned to think clearly any more, I wish I could just check out of life. As serendipity would have it though I woke up one morning and lifted my tired eyes only to rest them on a bright neon sign across the street. Health Spa. A combination of curiosity and desperation made me wonder if a place like that could help me, even if I didn't live the life of the indulging "rich and famous." My mind and body were not rejuvenating on their own - obviously I needed some help, and there was one thing I had here on my holidays that I didn't have back home, and that was time. On inquiry, I discovered that the pricing was

relatively reasonable so I forfeited a few vacation souvenirs and checked in.

I entered a new world of timelessness. I listened to free flowing music and let the skilled instructors and practitioners stretch my body and open my mind to a world of fluid movement, peace and recover. Surrounded in scents and oils and warmth, my mind drifted off - reviewing and renewing to me what the truest and most meaningful reality was. My personal sense of well being. What a gift - my emotional and physical health. Wellness in its entirety is what I now desired above anything else!

Saturday dawned! Time's up, return to the real world. What? No panic attack? Could it be that I am feeling excited to get on with my life and the challenges it brings? Yes! I am rejoicing! I am once again loving my life! Let me check into life! No, not out anymore!

Today, when I need to rediscover that sense of life's rejoicing I do not need to book a flight to anywhere else in the world. I can just walk down the hall, slide open a door and enter the ambiance of Beyond Wrapture. I can check into a total sensory experience and renew my mind and body at will, as often as my demanding life may require. And yes, when I am engulfed in my new business venture I see clearly now, there is no mountain I can't climb!

# NEURO-EMOTIONAL RELEASE

by Donalie Caldwell

As we go through life, we experience many emotions, some we deal with, others we sweep aside. Sometimes those emotions we sweep aside or don't deal with completely settle in the body. They travel along the nervous system and become lodged in organs, glands or tissues. The lodged emotions interfere with the energy flow to that particular area, creating a weakness or affecting the ability to heal. Through the revolutionary technique, "Neuro-Emotional Release", these emotions can now be released. It involves identifying the emotion, age when it happened and location in the body through kinesiology. Then, incorporating specific breathing and tapping over the involved body part, the emotion is easily released. It is amazingly simple yet so powerful. It has been helpful in dealing with fatigue, non cardiac chest pain, recurring subluxations and chronic pain.



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# Reiki

# Soft As The Voice Of An Angel

by Lynda Anne Henderson

"Lynda".... a voice rang through the, air. An unfamiliar voice called my name. Intuitively it felt that I should answer. "Yes" I replied.

I walked closer. I didn't recognize either one of them. Two men sat on a teeter-totter in the sunshine, two blocks down from the Reiki house at the "Spring Festival of Awareness" in Naramata, British Columbia. The man facing me had dark hair. As I neared them, I spoke to him. "Were you calling me?" I asked.

"My name is Lynda, but I do not know you."

"You look just like my Mom," The dark haired young man replied.

"Well....maybe I was your Mom in another lifetime," I said. He laughed and we gave each other a friendly hug. He was boisterous and happy and he said his name was Brian. He introduced me to Andre, the giant of a youth on the other end of the teeter-totter.

"Well, my name is Lynda," I said as I pulled out my name tag from the Wellness Fair, "and I am a Reiki practitioner."

Andre explained that he was just thinking of going down to the Reiki house for a Reiki treatment. "What do you do?" I asked. "I'm a computer programmer." Andre replied. "I've been working in the Reiki house all morning and I'm a little cold, would you like a treatment right here in the sunshine?" I asked Andre. "Sure, I would love it," he replied.

Together we picked a spot on the earth for him to lie on. He lay face down on the grass with my jacket under his head for a pillow. I began to do the Reiki positions about his head and face. Slowly his body relaxed. The Reiki energy really seemed to be flowing about his head and as I am never sure how it is entering the body, I was ecstatic when he began to share with me where and when he could feel the Reiki energy in his body. He told me that he spends a lot of time outdoors.

I held my hand over his eyes and began sending energy there. I expected to move my hands after a few minutes and put them on top of his head, but the energy was still flowing. So, I continued to hold my hands over his eyes. I sat on the ground in a yoga position in the warm sunlight. After a few minutes, he told me he could feel the energy going down his spine.

I was amazed and intrigued but I didn't let on. "Cool," I said. Slowly the Reiki energy flowed through his entire body. He told me at the exact moment that he could feel it in his heart. I was really impressed, here was a young man who was really in tune with his body. "What does it feel like when the Reiki energy enters your heart?" I asked him. "It feels warm,"....he said. He started to see colours. When the treatment was completed he stood up. Out of his lips came the most amazing words. "On the inside of my forehead, I can see a star," he said.

I turned to him in glee and said, "I'm not surprised, for we all belong to one family ... The Star People. These are people who seem to be collecting together now on the planet, and they show themselves through a heart connection and usually show themselves to each other by wearing stars." It may be star jewellery, on clothes, on pottery and in Andre's case he was telling me that he envisioned one inside his forehead. He must be from the advanced Star People, I chuckled to myself as I swirled my long, dangly, gold star earrings.

He treated my back with Reiki then as I explained to him how to do it. Slowly and surely my body relaxed and energized, and once I was tempted to tell him where to focus his mind. I bit my tongue. Finally I got the courage to ask him where he was focusing his mind when his hands were on my spine. He explained..."I was imagining sunlight and warmth going into your body."

I thought to myself "I'm glad I trusted my inner voice, a voice that is always soft ... as the voice of an angel!"

Lynda works at the Holistic Healing Centre in Penticton and does a combined session of Ear Candling, Reiki and Reflexology.

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When men use razors, they remove the dead layer of skin while

shaving, allowing the rebirth of newer, softer skin. This doesn't mean I recommend shaving. God forbid, we women have to do enough already in this world of high fashion!

There is a simpler, easier, cheaper way to achieve the same results.

The islanders are not fortunate, or wealthy enough to afford the purchase of fluffy face cloths, or colourful sponges to use, when taking a shower or bath. No, they use what nature supplies, or whatever is handy. A flat stone. The sand on the beach. Or a dried gourd we've now come to know in North America. It's called a loofah.

Instead of all those expensive creams offered by big cosmetic companies, whose only concern is their profits, you should do yourself a favour and buy a loofah!

A whole loofah costs less than ten dollars!

Split it length-wise. Cut each half into pieces the size of your palm. I can usually get three pieces from each half, which gives me a total of six, for each whole loofah I purchase. I can throw away a used piece every two or three months. It then takes an entire year before I have to purchase another loofah.

Use the softer outer surface on your face. The inside sharper area use on your legs, thighs, arms, tummy, etc. Don't be afraid that it's not soft. Trust me! you'll not be sorry. Every time you bathe or shower, use the loofah to scrub away the dead cells off your wet body.

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surface, but it will help to remove the blackheads and ground-in make-up, which clog facial pores. You may notice the saggy areas under your upper arms will tighten up. Depending on how fast

you get used to the rough, sharp side, with regular use of circular motions on those cellulite accumulation areas, for repeated counts of tens, twenties, thirties, etc. It just might give you a surprising reward.

Remember the islanders don't sit out in the sun and bake their skin, so protect yours, Good luck with this not-too-expensive way of getting rid of unwanted skin and cellulite, while leaving you with baby soft skin in its place!

MYTH: A Loofah comes from the sea.

FACT: Where I come from the Loofah grows hanging off a large tree. The eggplant shaped pod is picked and dried. The skin is removed. Then the dried loofah is shaken to remove all the seeds within.

Yasmin John-Thorpe was born on the island of Trinidad in the Caribbean. She resides in Penticton and is a published writer and poet.



In Island Remedy

By Yasmin John-Thorpe

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I moved to Hawaii in 1989 and started to work with a massage therapist trained in medical massage. I learned to trust, surrender, and relax into the process. A lot was accomplished. Besides relief from a lot of hip and low back pain, I was cared for and nurtured and I looked forward to my weekly visits. Many feelings were stored in my body, memories I hadn't recalled in so many years. Some of the memories were painful, sometimes I cried, sometimes I laughed. My body rejoiced in having the opportunity to remember memories and discard what it didn't need any more. With it, pain relief followed then joy, and then gratitude.

Today, I practice a combination of medical massage, stretching postures and corrective postural techniques. I was moved to become a massage therapist because of the great improvements I experienced. I studied at the Hawaii Islands School of Body Therapies, in Kona. I now practice in Kelowna with a wonderful group of practitioners at Harry Sukkau and Associates (763-2914). If you are in pain, chronic or acute, have an injury or just want to relax, come see us sometime soon.

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# Getting What We Want



by Sandy Haldane

I used to live on the premise that "one day I would get what I wanted." I lived a lot in the future not taking the time to discover

what I truely wanted.

I knew that I'd like a career change but what would I do? I decided to stop procrastinating and take some action.

I started to increase my desire to change by focusing on the discomfort I'd feel if I didn't take some risks and try something new.

I felt the disappointment and regret, but then focused on the pleasure, the satisfaction, as I saw myself winning with the challenges and change.

My next step was to determine what experience I'd like in my new career. What did I love to do? What gifts did I have?

Because I love participating with people and contributing to others' happiness and well-being (definite nurse traits!), I decided I'd like to be a personal growth consultant. I felt excitement and a sense of freedom as I signed up for my first course.

I continued to work full time as a nurse and studied. Yes, I was very busy but it was a great experience as I expanded beyond what I had thought myself capable of. I also transferred what I was learning to my nursing and had a much greater experience there.

Eight months later I changed from full time nursing to casual and took my next course. I continued to work, study and establish a clientele.

Much to my amazement, after finishing my course mid December, I wanted to quit and go back nursing. I conjured up all sorts of reasons why that would be a good idea eg. security, comfort, ease, etc.

It was time to refocus and recommit to myself and my desire. I had to pull up all my intention and will power to keep moving forward. I had to deal with my emotional blocks, my limiting thoughts and change my mind. I had to believe in myself, to persist, to take more action steps, and commit to not giving up on myself. I learned to trust.

I let go of nursing and am about to begin the last leg of my journey with excitement, courage and strength. I believe I can get what I want. I believe we all can. Sandy is a Breath Practitioner with Inner Direction Consultants.

# Alternate Building Techniques

# TOILETS

by Mark Bossert

Did you know that the present day water closet or toilet is actually a hundred year old design that is basically unchanged? Surely there must be some radical improvements to a five gallon per flush, water wasting and polluting design. Let's look at a few. The real problem with the common toilet is that it takes a little waste and pollutes a lot of water - count the number of flushes in your house times all the people in your town times five gallons - whew!

Now we have low flush models of toilets that can use as little as 1.5 gals./ flush. There are also micro flush models that will use as little as one quart per flush. These terms usually mean fork over lots of money. However, there is a low flush toilet from Korea available at Home Hardware that has a good flushing action for less than \$150.

What if we don't use water to dispose of our waste at all? Canada leads the world in composting toilet technology. Almost all the composting toilet manufacturers are in this country. Sancor, Sun-Mar, Clivus Multrum, and BioLet are all examples readily available. Composting toilets basically use natural processes to break the waste down into harmless soil. Expect to spend up to \$1500. Sancor 800-387-5245; Sun-Mar (905) 332-1314; BioLet (604) 925-0347.

Another option is the powered toilet, such as Incincolet orStorburn. These products use electricity, LP gas, or naturalgas to reduce the waste at high heat to a benign powder. These toilets are easy to use and are completely pollution free. Expect to spend up to \$2500. Storburn (519) 442-4731; Incincolet 800-263-0379.

The next step in the evolution of our personal waste disposal is to treat the other waste water from the house in a useful way. This is called grey water and a well researched technique of treatment will be used in the prototype tire house in Kamloops. This involves creating an indoor planter/garden/jungle tank that all waste water except for the toilet is directed to. The plants clean the water and use it to grow food for

our use. Research has shown that the grey water doubles plant growth, and that the plants completely clean the water! This technique works so well that it is used to treat municipal waste water in many areas.

The Provincial Health branch has a policy of allowing properly monitored demonstration installations of alternative waste treatment in homes. Typically, they want a backup system installed as well - a full septic system is installed and won't be used at the tire house prototype.

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# Some Thoughts

Rev. Donna Maurice Winchell,

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What is Peace? During this season of Peace, we once again turn to a greater realization of peace within our lives and on this planet. We are called to abide in the peace of God - "that peace that passes human understanding" and to bring the Peace of God, which is a "light unto every man". Blessed are the peacemakers.

What is the peace of God? It is the peace of the soul, peace to be found in our connectedness with humanity and all of Life. It is the realization of the Life and Love that is everlasting. It is the awareness of that within us that has never been hurt, harmed or diminished.

And yet somehow these definitions seem to take us out of this world, affirming the peace of the spiritual world, but not necessarily the physical world. There is the subtle, but pervasive feeling for so many of us that this life is hardship, suffering and struggle, and we seek to find spiritual peace and meaning within it, in spite of it.

How do we do that in the face of what appears to be, and the powerful traditions of race thought? Maybe this is the gift we truly have to share as peacemakers -- the consciousness that Life is more than we see. It can be more than we have ever imagined -- pure creativity, learning, expression and fulfilment.

Life is more than comfort; it is also celebration. It is more than survival; it is living passionately. It is more than recovering; it is regenerating. It is more than problem - solving; it is creating for the pure joy of creation! We can re-direct our creative energy beyond struggle, for the purpose of visioning, creating building, exploring and revealing the wonder of life in its infinite possibility. A leap of faith, possibility, heart, imagination -- this is to bring Peace that is not only the comfort of God, but God's promise fulfilled. We have the opportunity to use our divine power -- the energy of creation -- to bring forth a new world, a new reality that is a pure reflection of the spiritual world.

What does this mean for you and me? We share joy in small ways, touching the whole world, one person at a time. We give the gift as we receive it, learn it, embody it and allow it in our own experience. What a way of choice for life! Blessed are the peacemakers!

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THE CALL TO ARMS

by Melva Manseau

This article is dedicated to the faithful, who know the infinite silence of the innermost care. Any Meditator will tell you that the feeling of "Oneness" derived from a good meditation is like having hours of sleep. Awakening with a feeling of knowing you have been somewhere, and yet, physically you haven't left - but your Astral Body has and is back.

Arcane, or R-Kahn, Guardian of the Flame, Masters of Wisdom, of White Brotherhood. A rose by any other name would smell just as sweet. You who you are: Like a harp we stand in silence, strings taut and tuned until the Troubadour comes to play the great range of our being - the heights and the depths, the major and the minor keys.

Wisdom is knowing we are nothing without the One who comes to play the song. And rapture is being fully used as an instrument in the symphony of the Master Musician.

We live in a particular frequency that is always thirsting for living water that we find by treading the inner path. Deep inside is something that never wavers.

We are open, but not naive. We have wrestled with the powers of darkness within our own heart and have overcome. Having mastered the process we seek total expression of the glory we have found both within and without.

We are not bound by age, race, profession, sex or creed. We are just as likely to be a housewife as you are a scientist or an author or anything else. We know the sun shines on all alike.

The spine straightens and the heart sings when we find another of our kind. It's a certain look in theeye of one who knows the joy of the phenomenon called LOVE. And is hard put to contain the ecstacy.

We watch the Earth changing dimensions in total fascination, without a trace of anxiety. That which doesn't match what is right and good and true is disintegrated before our eyes. For that which is perfect is come.

We have all been scattered all over the Planet - yet we are gathering, magnetized by a scintillating conspiracy of Light.

We know that education in its highest sense means that our consciousness, our method, and our intelligence can be brought to bear on Earth's problems. This is what intelligence is for. But intelligence must follow the heart.

The power of the heart, mind, soul and strength aligns within us. The potency, when united with others in mediation, of like mind, to focus into view a new and perfect world. We have already been given all the answers, all we need do is go inside and seek our course, our methodology.

We all await a glorious climax to the play. What better time than now, and why not together? The grand unification of those of us who have served "One Being" in many eras, in many dimensions on many galactic systems. The Missile/Mission has found us and we have found it.

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# Midwifery: Decline and Renaissance

by Andrea Hardwood-Jones

Until 1850, midwives and lay healers worked in all parts of our country, caring for pregnant women and attending births. Birth was a natural process, though the possibility of maternal death or an exhausting or agonizing birth was very real.

The Early 1600s saw the beginning of a medical trend that was to escalate with time. Control of the birth went from the mother and her midwife into the hands of a male doctor. Midwives were persecuted. Birth was moved from the home to the hospital, and various drugs and interventions were introduced. The fear of death or a difficult labour led many women to support these interventions.

The late 1800 and early 1900's saw the height of obstetrical management of birth. Many of our mothers and grandmothers report being strapped to operating tables and drugged unconscious, only to awaken to the news that they had a baby, a baby which they might not see or hold for 24 hours or more.

By the 1950's it became clear to many that the medical model of childbirth, while reducing some risks for women in some circumstances, had become a danger in itself. The process to restore a more woman-centered, midwifery-based birth began. The new midwives, who had been quietly practising behind the scenes for years, were part of that process.

So, what does the future hold? While hospital birth practices have improved since the 50's, Canada still cannot compete with European countries such as Sweden and the Netherlands, both who have extensive midwifery services and both whose infant mortality and prematurity rates are substantially lower than ours. In British Columbia hospitals, the cesarean section rate has now reached an embarrassing 25% (one in four pregnant women).

It is evident that those concerned with childbirth in our province still have much work to do. Midwives and their consumers will be at the forefront of this labour of love.

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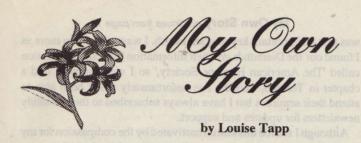
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I began my study of nutrition eleven years ago when my son was born. Here was a beautiful healthy baby totally breastfed and suffering with colds and ear infections. Just like most people, I went to my doctor to receive guidance and advice and received medication time and time again, but I wanted to know why or how a perfectly healthy child could become so sick? My pediatrician was quick to reassure me that ten colds and ear infections a year was quite normal for children and is to be expected. This just didn't make sense to me. I was eating everything I had been told to eat according to the Canada's Food Guide, so my search began. I joined a mother's nursing group in Toronto in hopes of getting some answers. Although they advocated healthy eating (preparing their own baby food), their children as well as themselves were suffering with the same chronic sicknesses. Although I bought their cookbook I knew my search was to continue. From this point through a period of vitamin supplements, high protein diets, tonics, fad diets and other experiments. I had clued into the fact that it was probably diet oriented from my pediatrician. At one of our many visits he had known that I had been eating chocolate. I was amazed and asked him how he knew and he told me because of the rash on my son's legs. Even back then this doctor was recognizing the part diet played, even in nursing mothers. I have to add here that this man was in the process of becoming a vegetarian himself on the advice of his youngest son.

One day my husband heard a radio show about a doctor Lendon Smith advocating that we were making our children sick by giving them dairy products. I got the book and tried to apply it to our life but the dolomite pills and concoctions seemed to be too much trouble and just didn't make sense. I just knew there had to be a better way.

I had heard about the Diamonds on a Phil Donahue show talking about food and nutrition but it was to be later that I discovered their book. It was actually my younger sister who found the book for me and I am forever grateful to her. By this time my daughter was born and had suffered for three months with colic. I was given the book after her colic was over but I understand now that dairy products and diet are a contributing factor to the causes of colic. Upon reading this informative book I knew this was the truth about diet and nutrition. It answered all my questions and was simple to apply. The obvious thing was that it was full of common sense. The results within my family were immediate. My son, who is now almost twelve ,has never experienced a single ear infection since that day. My daughter who is now eight years old has never had the pleasure of experiencing one. They exemplify beautiful health as children should and they have never been on any form of medication including Tylenol or cough medications. As of today they have not gotten any childhood diseases such as measles, or chicken pox. When we do get what I like to call 'under the weather' and our body starts a cleansing, it is usually because we have detoured from our diet to include unwholesome food products like chips and pop. Because their bodies are so clean it usually only takes a day to clear up without the assistance of medication.

The results with me were very rewarding as I lost thirty-three

pounds and my long term eczema which I battled with all of my life, cleared completely and has never been a problem since. My husband, s results were even more dramatic, as he had suffered with chronic influenza at least four times a year and became bedridden for at least two weeks each session. That same year he was given a yearly bonus at his work for the employee who never missed a day of work. This was just too good to believe and yet so simple and obvious. Our energy levels sky-rocketed and we felt better than we had in years.

Even though I had my own personal experiences of obvious proof, that wasn't enough. I had to see if other people could get similar results. I started to educate my six brothers and sisters as well as my parents about this way of life. Over the years I have witnessed wonderful results in them. My mother who was told that she would have to have a hysterectomy has to this day remained intact and in good health. One brother who got gout applied this diet and was soon healed. My other brother who had a near-death accident when a safe fell on him, was told he could not have any children with his wife. Although he was reluctant to follow my instructions because he would jokingly say that he loved the chemicals and additives in his food, his wife played a great part in his change of diet. I educated her and she fed him. To day he is the proud father of a three year old girl and is presently expecting twins. My father who is a meat and potatoes man has even converted. When his doctor told him that he had to change his diet because of his high cholesterol he barked at her 'you sound like my daughter' and she barked back 'well maybe you should listen to her'. My mother says that he follows it to a T when he is sick but the minute he's feeling better he's back to his old habits. This is still a positive sign because he is at least getting the feeling of what it is to feel well on a healthy diet. His father died of a heart attack at a very early age so he knows this is an issue for him.

After witnessing these testimonies I was convinced that this

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# Focus on Women

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A RITUAL OF ENDINGS

# "I am the Beginning and the End"

from the Hopi Ceremony of Wuwuchim

Consider the season. We are now in Fall, moving towards winter. The days grow shorter, the weather changes. Leaves drop from the trees. She who would understand light, must understand darkness, and in this ritual we acknowledge darkness. We honor death.

This time of the year is the Hopi New Year, the ceremony of Wuwuchim, where the plan of life and creation for the coming year is established in the universe and on Earth. A starclad, white-robed figure enters the Kiva and says "I am the Beginning and the End."

We know that in the great circle of life, beginnings and endings meet. So it is with this ritual, where we acknowledge death and honor our beloved dead. This ritual is aimed at overcoming the fear of death that is engrained in our culture, by providing some familiarity with it. We acknowledge the Goddess in her Crone aspect.

Advance Preparations: Please ask everyone to come prepared to speak about anyone of significance to them who has died. They can also bring a memento of that person, if they wish.

Altar: White and black candles. Flowers and fruits of late fall: chrysanthemums, pinecones, seed pods, apples, gourds, corn ears, pomegranate. Images of old people, grandmothers and others, your favorite Crone statuary. Crystal ball, other divination tools, tarot decks, etc. A scrying bowl (a bowl filled with water with a crystal at the bottom) if you like. A bowl of nuts. A cauldron or metal bowl with sand in it. Paper and pens. If you are doing this on your own, make sure you include those items which you know that your deceased friend would have enjoyed.

**Purification:** Done with incense. Preferably frankincense, sage or cedar smudge sticks.

Casting the Circle: Call upon all the grandmothers from each direction, all the crones. Go around the circle, with each woman naming herself and foremothers as far back as she knows their names.

Invocation: Sample only: They who are dead were as alive as we and we have not forgotten. We too will die and we will not be forgot. In our ceaseless file from mystery to mystery, through the well of life and death and soft Nov. dust—Are we all alive or like the dead? Let no one say.

Body of ritual: Pass out paper and pens. Have the women write down everything they want to banish from their lives. Put the paper into the cauldron/bowl and burn.

You can raise power by humming, drumbeat or gentle chants.

Send the energy toward banishing evil, banishing women's fears, and invoking hope and peace. Ground.

Acknowledge the grandmothers, release the circle.

Group hugs and feast.

# My Own Story continues from page 19

was that an important key to good health. I wanted to learn more as I found out the Diamonds got their information from an organization called 'The American Hygiene Society,' so I was happy to find a chapter in Toronto, Canada. I've unfortunately never been able to attend their seminars but I have always subscribed to their monthly newsletters for updates and support.

Although I started this search motivated by the compassion for my family, I knew I had to share my discoveries with others. I concentrated on assisting other mothers as I had seen their children suffering so unnecessarily. Unfortunately I became a nuisance to my own children because outings to town always seemed to lead to my education of the general public. The cashiers in the grocery stores were always intrigued by my cart full of fruits and vegetables and I would get the so familiar look like 'where's the beef?' When I would express that I was a vegetarian, they had a lot of questions but would always sigh that they wish they could eat that way because they knew it would be so much healthier. I knew back then there was a great need to assist people in their transition but at the time I was too busy with other commitments. What I did start to do was counsel other mothers on diet and nutrition who were usually at home also. One mother I recall had two children who were to be scheduled for ear-tube implants to help drain their ears, as they suffered regularly with ear infections. She applied my principles and to this day her children have clear ears. Her doctor was amazed and after a year of clear ears he asked to read her books. To this day he is the only practicing vegetarian pediatrician in Owen Sound. Another mother had a daughter with eczema and she suffered with obesity. The results were amazing, just as I thought they would be. The mother lost so much weight that she gained a new self-esteem and her daughter was able to take swimming lessons again without her skin being irritated.

The world is full of fast food giants and quick fixes which may steer us in the wrong direction. It's very easy to get caught up in life and put your nutritional needs on the back burner. Your body will let you know when it's had enough, either through a cleansing crisis or disease. I don't feel we should wait for this crisis to change our eating habits. As habits. This is still a positive sign because assoon as we get the picture that what we put into our bodies affects the quality and quantity of our life, the sooner we can change.

I have come to realize that people in general, including myself, resist change. It's a funny thing, because every one has a level of how much change they can make. That's why I feel we should take the steps that are most comfortable for each of us individually, because everyone has their own pace. To this day I am still learning and fine tuning my diet. We all slip into old habits, but as long as we are aware and get back on track, we reap the rewards of good health and longevity.



# A View to the West

with Beverley Franic



Happy Samhain, everyone. As the wheel turns once more, and we head into winter, our thoughts and direction become more inner focused. Snuggling into the hearth's warmth, we find more time for study, contemplation, and quiet conversation over steaming mugs of cappuccino. The harvest is in, our spring bulbs have been planted. In seven weeks time we will be celebrating the

sun's rebirth and coast downhill into an early spring.

I recently had the opportunity to enjoy a session with Cassie Benell. The Light Centre has opened its doors in Kamloops and Cassie has opened her heart to the better health of us all. I wasn't very knowledgeable about Cassie's therapy when I arrived, but an hour and a half later, I had a much better grasp of the what, who, where, and why.

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This kind of therapy would be a benefit to those suffering from head injuries, balance problems, whiplash, scoliosis, sciatica, feminine problems, joint pains, TMJ, baby colic, autism, and pelvic discomfort to name a few.

I was involved in a car accident twenty years ago and hurt my back quite badly. Cassie was able to pinpoint those areas that have given me discomfort and alleviate the tension I hold in my spine. I left her office feeling lighter, more relaxed. My body was definitely happier.

Sessions vary from one half hour to an hour and a half. Cassie states that when a person is aware of their own bodity sensations they will know themselves how often they need treatments. The effects of the therapy can be carried on for a week, or longer. Cassie also recommends self-help exercises that her patients can do at home to further heal themselves. I would recommend that anyone with soft tissue injuries, or the problems mentioned above would benefit from Cassie Benell's Light Centre."

I would like to bring to your attention a fine newsletter being published by the Registered Colon Therapists Association of B.C. It is called the 'Colon Chronicle' and can be obtained by calling Pam Newman at 376-2213 (Kamloops) or Dale McRann at 374-5106 (Kamloops). It is published quarterly out of Kamloops. The newsletter contains important tips on how to keep our colons healthy, the benefits of Colonic Irrigation Therapy, a question and answer column, even a yummy recipe section. Read it, for your health's sake!

# And now some Astrological Insights to plan your month:

Oct 29 - Nov 5 - Saturn and Neptune are semisquaring. Means our fears are exposed due to reality (Saturn) meeting illusion (Neptune).

Oct 29 - Nov 10 - Mercury turns direct through Libra. Means contract

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negotiations are completed. On the 10th Mercury enters Scorpio. Means speak the bottom line.

Oct 14 - Nov 23 - Venus is retrograde. Not an advisable time to get married! Jupiter is sextiling with Uranus. Unexpected turns of fortune good or bad.

**Nov 9** - Saturn turns direct and heads into Pisces. Giving form to spiritual direction.

Nov 10 - Venus is trining Saturn. A good day to assess reality of relationships.

Nov 13 - 15 - Mercury is conjunct Venus. Good days for proposals.

Nov 15 - Courage outstrips danger. Keep your feet firmly on ground.

Nov 21 - Wild Card Day - Detours happen unexpectedly.

Nov 24 - Mercury sextiling Neptune. Excellent day for meditation, lousy for signing contracts.

Nov 25 - Mercury sextiling Uranus. A day for mental breakthroughs.

Nov 27 - 29 Mercury squares Mars in Scorpio. Communication intense and, bottom line is best.

Dec 2 - Jupiter conjuncts Pluto in Scorpio. Will mean a subtle yet widespread shift in global attitudes.

Astrological information provided by Moreen Reed. See Cassie Benell's ad p. 25 and under Bodywork in the NYP

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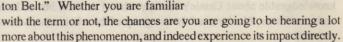
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# THE PHOTON BELT

by Peter Mikiel Hutt

During the past several years those in the metaphysical and scientific communities have been hearing vague references to something called the "Photon Belt." Whether you are familiar



According to Virginia Essene and Sheldon Nidle, authors of an extraordinary book called "You are Becoming a Galactic Human Being," this is one of the exciting reasons why you chose to incarnate at this time. Whatever difficulties you have experienced in this crucial lifetime thus far, they will seem a small price to pay for being able to be here to experience the unbelievable changes that are about to unfold.

In depth information given by Nidle and Essene serves to prepare us as individuals, and as a planet to move into a higher dimension. In so doing we will ascend together from the third dimension into the fifth. The significance of our solar system's entry into this 760,000 billion mile wide Photon belt or "Manasic Ring" will be the complete transformation of our DNA and chakra systems, resulting in the restoration of our Full Consciousness. The time frame outlined for entry into this vast region of light is sometime between March of '95 and Dec of '96.

What about this belt? It was discovered in 1961 by satellite instrumentation near the vicinity of the Pleiades star system. As we approach this huge doughnut shaped belt of photon light particles we are completing a roughly 25,000 year cycle. It culminates with the illumination of our solar system. Photon light within the belt is produced by the collision between an anti-electron (positron) and an electron. During the collision the mass of the two particles is completely converted into light energy. This represents an entirely new form of energy which will be available to support us during and after the shift.

The implications of entering this intense zone of light energy are awesome. Dividing the belt into 3 sections, Nidle and Essene describe our entry through what is called the "Null Zone" which will take approximately 5 to 6 days to cross. The first 3 days will be in absolute darkness. During the first day no electrical devices of any kind will be operational. As day 2 proceeds the atmosphere will become compressed and we will feel bloated. The earth will continue to cool dramatically. By day 3 to 4 photon energy devices will be operational, and the atmosphere will begin to warm up.

We will have gained incredible psychic abilities as we move into the main part of the belt. Here we will experience continuous daylight until we exit once again through the null zone, and out of the photon belt into the fifth dimension.

The legacy of this transformation is that we will enter into a new era as "galactic humans." This is the golden age alluded to in our religions, and the age of aquarius as described by astrologers. As we emerge from this photon belt we will have regained our 12 stranded DNA code and expanded our chakra energy system from the current 7centres to 13. We



will be able to utilize our new chakras as "scalar" wave antennas to transmit and receive high frequency multi-dimensional life force energies. This will account for our enhanced psychic abilities.

More importantly we will finally take our place as guardians and stewards of life on this planet. In so doing we will join the cetaceans, the various species of whales and dolphins, and the Spiritual Hierarchy whose membership includes the angels and ascended masters. Together we will assume our sharedrole as fully conscious and responsible caretakers. The triumph of light and love over negativity that is destined to occur will allow our precious earth to become known to us and throughout the universe as a radiant showcase of the Divine plan.

Before all of this takes place Nidle and Essene advise that we will be contacted en masse by a large contingent of space brothers in light who will prepare us for our successful emergence into a new world, as a new galactic civilization.

What can we do as individuals to assist this process? At this time there is a tremendous amount that can be accomplished by those who may wish to use the power of group meditation. This will help facilitate a smooth transition towards the peaceful means to the end of duality, war, corruption and irreverence for life and its Source.

By coming together with singular purpose, with one mind, there is a logarithmic application of the power of love and the potential for a love based reality to prevail. Through the vehicle of meditation we may choose to be accountable on a very high level for our thoughts and allow our actions to be guided from the highest possible source for expression. Each of us might ask ourselves the question: Did we come just to watch?

Perhaps in another time we did not truly care enough, and the photon belt was the means of our extinction. Perhaps this time we will see the opportunity to restore and rejuvenate the human family into a greater celestial community. Perhaps this time we will anticipate the purifying effect of the photon belt with joy rather than fear. Perhaps we will celebrate our heritage in oneness in peace and harmony at last. What do you as a spiritual being really want? Remember and know that you are supported in your desire to realize your real purpose in this grander plan—the one in which you are playing such an important role.

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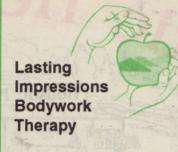
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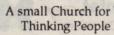
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