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# From the Heart by Carol Rienstra

When I began to write the article for last month's Issues Magazine about Emotional Polarity Therapy, I had a great deal of difficulty writing my personal story. My own personal protection barriers went up with the thought of baring my soul to the many readers of this magazine. My first instinct was to stay with the technical benefits of the therapy and stay away from my own personal story. I am glad that Marcel and Jan persisted and asked me rewrite the story from the heart. It has allowed me to grow in a very profound way, enough so that I can write about the spiritual journey I am currently undertaking.

EPT has brought me to this wonderful stage in my life where I feel great joy in the work I am doing, and have great confidence in the services I provide for others. I have learned to sense emotions in clients immediately and identify the exact emotion that we are dealing with. A true gift that is making my work much simpler in helping to find balance for my clients, but is not as easy to use for myself.

I realize now that for most of my life I had basically shut down my emotional body, blocking all emotions, positive and negative, setting up a complete and solid protective shield in which the only emotional sensation was numbress. I grew up within a wonderful family with genuinely caring and concerned parents. So where did this emotional shutdown occur? Why

#### did I choose to feel nothing?

Through Relaxation Therapy with my own EPT therapist I was able to access early childhood memories and I now realize that children are often born with full knowledge of who they are and why they are here. Often loving parents unintentionally and unknowingly reprogram us to forget this knowledge. Our culture plays a major factor in discouraging a child's inner knowing as well.

As a child, I know now, that I was fully aware of who I was and what I came here to do. Even at that age I was a caring and loving soul who desired to help others and relieve their pain and suffering. Feeling the pain, anger and fear of others constantly at such a young age lead me to set up protective barriers. At the age of four I was able to see the darkness of souls who were gripped by negative emotions. I was also able to see the angels, spirits, and guides that surrounded us. Negative experiences during this vulnerable age can cause us to withdraw from this spirituality, and in my case the emotional body as well. Understanding the cause of my emotional withdrawal was the key to reopening the door to my emotions. With guidance and affirmations, EPT and release, I have been able to find balance within my emotional body and align myself with the light. See ad to the left.



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We are definitely living in the information age. With computers, internet, e-mail and a continuous flow of books, magazines and T.V., we are constantly presented with a conflicting barrage of theories and ideas. This is certainly true of the holistic and metaphysical field; what one authority presents as new research and information another authority will dispute and question. Never before has there been such an array of choices in supplements and remedies for working with our health and never before such a choice of theories and concepts for working with our personal growth. Like my Mother said to me recently, "The older I get the less I know what to believe." So what is a person to do when faced with this deluge of choices pulling us in all directions?

The only answer, it seems to me, is to remain self -referral; be your own authority. "But," you may say, "it is impossible for one person to investigate all the possibilities and even if we did it is impossible to really know which one is true." But perhaps we have been given a mechanism that will help us deal with this situation; something that Deepak Chopra calls the 'Finest Level of Feeling'. As he explains in his video tape, Seven Spiritual Laws of Success, there is a level of feeling in our bodies that we can tune into when making choices in our lives. It is located in the area of our heart, and while some people may insist that the heart is sentimental and unreliable, he claims that the heart is wise. If we take time every day to tune into this inner knowing we can become more aware of it and become familiar with its signal of comfort and affirmation when considering a

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wise choice for ourselves and the feeling of uneasiness and discomfort when considering an inappropriate choice. The trick is to trust and have faith in this process and not allow our logical mind to distract us with doubt and negative thinking.

I feel we also need to trust the reflections in our lives. The situations that we meet on a regular basis are probably what we need to listen to. For example, if an article about Yoga catches your attention one day and then shortly after in a conversation someone mentions that they are practicing Yoga, then the next day you notice a poster advertising Yoga classes, perhaps this is a message that you need to do some yoga to deal with the stiffness and soreness in your body. This method of being observant and aware of the guidance reflected in our lives can be greatly enhanced by giving thanks, daily, for the inspiration continually lavished upon us by the Universe.

Something else to consider is "Simplicity.' As Stuart Wilde says in his audio tapes, Thirty-three Steps Beyond the Earth Plane, "Who said it was hard? Who said it was difficult? The greatest concepts of all time are the simplest ..... Philosophy, the Inner You, it's simple. It is so simple we miss it."

It seems to me it is our logical mind that makes things complicated. This is why we miss it. When making choices in my life I give special consideration to the simplest choice. For instance, I now believe that a diet of mostly raw fruit and vegetables with grains, nuts and seeds and regular fasting is a valuable method of improving and maintaining good health. Now, what could be more simple than that?

Life always flows better for me when I remember that what is best for me at any particular time may not be what is best for someone else and that what is best for me can also change from time to time. I can only determine this by tuning into my own mones 'Finest Level of Feeling'.



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#### Sunday Morning

Seems like so much happens between each writing ... each time I sit down to type, I ask myself, "Where do I start? Where am I at in my life? Recently I made the comment to Betty Nickerson, as I drove her to the airport, that I seem to work best while I am in the middle of process. She had remarked on how well the Wise Woman Weekend was organized. I thanked her, for it was a special weekend of incredible networking and educating people that there are choices and the first step is being aware of them. To her and the 160 women who attended, it opened up the possibilities of growth, freedom and love of themselves. For me it was a time to process deeply. With that many woman appreciating and showing their love with hugs and words, it was easy for me to sink into myself, feeling some deeply buried pain that has been inside of me for a very long time. Pain way beyond me, pain of women who have been raped, including my Mom.

I will start at the beginning and try to put into words my understanding of what is happening. As many of you know, I have done five years of intense bodywork and emotional releasing. Each session of release being reflected in my yoga asanas. As I stretch deeply, there is a point in my left shoulder that feels like a knife is cutting me. When I hold the pose long enough, I feel like throwing up. To localize this point of pain, I have had to let go of the many layers of tightness around it, becoming more aware each day of the subtle energy that is in my body. Many times, I have asked my body to let go and release and finally the other night I had a dream which I shall repeat to you later in the story, where something shifted, but first I need to update you on some details.

Five or six years ago, while Mom was visiting Grand Forks, a group of motorcycles pulled up and parked beside her as she walked on the sidewalk. She almost fainted, to the point where

a policeman walking by asked if she was alright. What had happened was that this incident brought up an old memory, one that she had forgotten about. I was delighted that she had the courage to tell me about the rape that happened to her when she was 17. Just out of the convent, she had returned home to Portland, Oregon and found a job driving taxi and late one night, a phone call came in to the taxi company; someone wanted beer and pizza delivered to a park nearby and they wanted Tess to deliver it. My Mom being naive and wanting the work said "Yes." It wasn't till she parked that she realized it was a group of Hell's Angels. She was gang-raped for hours and left to die. When she came to and drove home, the only person she could tell was her brother, for you didn't talk about those things in those days. He grabbed a gun and went looking for the men but they had moved on. Mom didn't get pregnant but she was badly hurt.

At the time she told me, it was just information; I could sense Mom's distress but I didn't feel the pain and neither of us cried. After my Rolf session last month, a small bruise appeared just befow my left collarbone, I rubbed and kept loving it. The bruise disappeared in a few days as the pain shifted. During the next week I noticed whenever I breathed deeply, the inside of my lungs hurt and when I lifted small items the pain went down my arm. It then shifted to my sternum, which felt like it had been badly bruised. But life goes on, so I kept my awareness on my breath and how my body was feeling during the business of doing workshops and looking after details of the Wise Woman Weekend. On Sunday after packing up, I could feel intense sadness and the need to be alone, so I begged off going out for dinner with Betty and the organizers and went to bed. Tears came easily and thoughts of my Mom passed through my mind as well as remembrances of things she had said to me as a teenager that never really made sense at the time, like "Never tease a man," or "Don't say it unless you mean it." I would respond with a puzzled look and say "But Mom, I don't do that."

After these thoughts passed I let myself become a rag doll, broken and battered and hurt as I cried myself to sleep. I awoke at 10:30 pm to go pee, something I had done all weekend every couple of hours. I had made note then that I was peeing more than usual and.I wasn't drinking that much so I figured that my body was releasing old fear from my kidneys and cell tissues as the energy cleared. As I repeated my dream to myself upon



waking, what was happening to my body started to make sense. So now I will tell you about the dream that happened the night before the Wise Woman Weekend started.

The phone rings, it is my Mom, and she needs something...something to do with computers or telephones. I say I will be right over. Gerry and I jump in a vehicle and we start across town. As we go through the downtown core, (it seems bigger than Penticton) I see a commotion, and a woman I know is laving on the sidewalk. As I get closer she raises her head. She is a native woman, and she feels powerless to move. There is a man half-laying and half-sitting to her left side, holding her hand. I sense his powerlessness as he watches what is happening. I sense she is pregnant. I look at her and see her vagina. There is another man clawing at her thighs. I grab his hand and start to bite it. The first man says "I wouldn't do that, he has pneumonia and it is contagious." I stop in mid-air, assessing whether I have punctured the skin. Naw, I am okay. Now there is a glass window between me and the threesome. The man starts clawing his way up the woman's legs again. I knock very hard on the glass as I feel the energy in me bursting out. I say in a loud, stern voice "You never enter a woman's body without her permission." A loud round of applause happens as I leave the scene looking at my watch. It is 2:30 am, and it is too late to contact my Mom, so I will try later.

My interpretation of this dream is as follows: the phone is a way to communicate, and this time it is with my Mom. I leave with both parts of myself intact (the masculine and the feminine)... for it is both Gerry and I in the dream. (Please realize that as in all dreams, all the characters are a reflection of the different aspects of myself). When a town seems big, I take it to mean that the issue is bigger than me, it involves community. The lady is my Mom, the native part of myself. Seeing the vagina and the man scratch her thighs expressed the rape and biting the man's hand was my way to express rage, for when I was very little, I bit hands and everything else I could find. My Mom has had pneumonia more than once, which Traditional Chinese Medicine says is grief stored in lungs. Knocking hard on the glass was a way for me to release energy as I spoke my truth. The most vivid part of the dream was feeling this intense power inside of me. The cheers from the crowd symbolised the joy my dream ego felt as I spoke my truth for all women. Looking at my watch and seeing 2:30 am, could refer to the time when the original incident happened. And once again there was a reminder to communicate with my mom before it is too late.

I am sure there are many levels and many ways to work with a dream that is this intense but I am grateful to be aware enough to know that most of it has to do with clearing up unfinished business. The details will come to me as I am ready.

The front cover photograph is one of Grandad making pancakes on a Sunday morning, one of my favourite times. Mom, my brothers and I sure appreciated having him around. Perhaps another time I shall share some stories about him. I choose this photograph as a reminder that there are sweet times in life and that men are certainly a part of them.

I put time into my release work once a month, when I am least busy here at the Centre — my reward is that after each session I have more energy and can stretch deeper into the yoga asanas. Both my real work and my release work are important to me for I do believe the

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# The Good Life

#### by Michelle Dunlop

On October 6th, 1997 I underwent an intended minor, routine surgery to remove an ectopic or tubal pregnancy. I was completely unaware of the fact that I had been pregnant for the previous two to three months. The laproscopy (scope) surgery was performed by a well-known gynecologist with an excellent reputation in Vernon and I had no misgivings or fears about the procedure at all.

As far as the fallopian tube was concerned, the half hour surgery went very well, however, in the process an artery in my stomach was accidentally nicked by an instrument. Unfortunately, this was not apparent until two or three hours later when my blood pressure and body temperature were dropping, my heart rate was rising, my stomach was swelling from the blood accumulating there and I was still unconscious, now from loss of blood not from the anesthetic. I remember drifting into consciousness for brief intervals in the recovery room and being aware that I was nearly naked on a cold, metal trolley type of thing. I wondered why each time I woke up there were more people standing around me and managed to ask the time once. It was 6:30pm, four hours after the surgery started and about two hours later than when I was initially told I would be back in my room. That was when I realized that something wasn't guite right but I never did get nervous - more annoyed that everything wasn't going as planned. The last conscious memory I have in the recovery room is of my doctor shaking me and waking me up to tell me that I was bleeding internally and that they were going to have to go back in and try to stop the bleeding. I thought, "What do you mean TRY?" But somehow I was still not very apprehensive and only mumbled, "You're the Boss." Then I got put under again. A different surgeon did the second surgery because by now I had lost about half the blood into my stomach cavity and they couldn't wait for the doctor to finish the surgery that he was performing. I didn't regain consciousness until 10:30pm, so I have no idea when my next experience happened.

I was suddenly in a place where everything was very white, bright and quiet. I could vaguely see a figure standing on the other side of a fuzzy, 'squarish' opening. "Hello Shelly", said the strongest, kindest voice I have ever heard. I knew that it was God and a feeling of complete trust and peace came over me like I have never known before. I started to drift upwards towards Him but when I was almost at the opening, I stopped and looked back down to see a dark group of people huddled together with their heads bowed. They were very far away and I couldn't tell who they were but I could feel their pain and sorrow. I turned back to God and said, "But if I go now there will be so many people who will be hurt and there is so much good that I can still do here." God didn't say anything, just smiled gently and looked at me with absolute love and understanding and I felt that He agreed with me. I was totally at peace with whatever He decided because I trusted Him so completely. I just put all of my faith in God because I knew that He loved me and would do what was right and best.

I also knew that if I did go now, everyone would be okay eventually; I knew that they would help each other and were stronger than they realized. What truly surprises me is that I felt absolutely no sorrow or loss at the thought of leaving this world and my loved ones. What I felt was about ten times as comfortable, peaceful, happy, loved and accepted as coming home after a hard day and having my son come running to give me a hug.

The next thing I remember is waking up in the hospital bed with my husband holding my hand and telling me how worried everyone had been. I didn't actually recall my experience until about 1:00am the following night. One thing that really helps me when I start to doubt that this actually happened is the fact that I am absolutely positive that none of the medical staff in the hospital knew me as "Shelly", so it was definitely not a human voice that said "Hello" to me.

My recovery was painstakingly slow due to a lot of internal bruising and irritation around all my internal organs. This was from the pressure and the presence of blood that had accumulated there. Also, my hemoglobin (normally about 120) dropped from 67 after the surgery to 47 about one and a half days later, at which point I finally let them give me three units of blood. I realized that I wasn't strong enough to recover without it no matter how nervous I was to have a transfusion.

This entire experience was like a huge roller coaster ride and my head is still spinning at times. At first I was so thankful to be alive that nothing else really mattered. Then the aching cold of the blood transfusion, getting jabbed three times while the nurses tried to put in a new I.V. line, the sickening and ripping feeling when the drain tube got pulled out, the pain and weakness from trying to sit up and walk, the fifteen blood tests, etc. all got me pretty annoyed at times. Then in the next moment I would be so grateful for my wonderful experience with God and for all the love and help that I was receiving. Mom came and stayed for four days, Rob moved his office home for a month. Mom brought me the softest, warmest housecoat I've ever seen because I was always cold.

I would have incredibly gory nightmares, or not be able to sleep for two nights because the cough that I had acquired from fluid building up in my lungs felt like it was going to split my stomach open again, or I would be sitting there crying because I missed my son so much and then I would get mad again. I was so relieved to go to Grandma's and not have one single responsibility for two weeks. She is truly a blessing and I could not have had better care.

My biggest problem for the first couple of weeks was the difficulty I was having falling asleep. I would lie awake for two to four hours every night and even sleeping pills didn't help. My mind was in such a turmoil that I actually felt like I was spinning whenever I closed my eyes. I think the magnitude of what I had experienced, both physically and spiritually, was really starting to hit me and I was having trouble absorbing it. I cried a lot and prayed a lot for God to help me make sense of everything and to give some peace of mind.

For the first two weeks everything was very surreal, I felt like I was floating around in a world where I didn't really belong. I didn't want to give or receive any negativity because I now knew what a waste of time and energy it is to be negative. What is truly important is loving and giving. I felt extremely positive most of the time, although I had a hard time portraying that to anyone else. I was a new person in an old body, and the old body was saying and doing things the same old way. It is extremely frustrating to want to be a more loving person and to even know that you are capable of it but at the continues p.22



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# Your Dominance Profile

#### by Beverly Hunter

I've recently been working with the knowledge of the Brain/Body Dominance Profile which I have learned about through an Education Kinesiology course called Brain Organization from Dr. Paul Dennison. With practice I have become consciously aware of which side of the brain or both are actively working at any particular moment. Now some people would say--So What!? What in the world would you need to know that for? And my answer to that is, "It makes my life easier!!" And when I'm not struggling so much or working so hard, I'm Happier!!!

Let me share some examples with you. When I notice that I'm not picking up the details of a speech, a telephone conversation or maybe the instructions or explanation from a teacher, I know that my left brain and my right ear are turned off (not actively working). So I know that I need to somehow activate my right ear and left brain. Usually having a drink of water using my right hand and then tilting my head to the right side will work. All of a sudden I can hear more clearly and it's easier for me to distinguish the sounds of someone speaking, even with a thick accent.

For many years I wondered why it was hard for me to learn in a school environment. School was stressful and I felt very DUMB, yet I knew I wasn't. I just couldn't understand why I understood and knew the information one minute yet couldn't remember it when asked the next. When I was nervous or stressed I froze and my brain went dead - a common problem for a lot of us!! Now that I know Brain Gym and how my brain and body is organized I have the tools to integrate myself and unlearn many of those learned compensation strategies. So many situations where I would have hesitated or avoided are now easy and pleasurable to do. (Even writing this article) Knowing my dominance profile, how I am uniquely organized, has given me freedom, compassion and acceptance of who I am.

After testing one of my clients for their dominance profile and we came up with:

Right Brain Dominant Right Eye Dominant Right Ear Dominant Left Hand Dominant Left Food Dominant

I asked him if the following described him when he was stressed or upset. "You can't sit still, you just have to MOVE. You have this strong need to talk, usually non-stop but you aren't making any sense. You have difficulty listening and if you really try to hear what someone is saying you just can't comprehend what they are trying to tell you. It is also difficult for you to see what is going on and you miss important information. It is difficult to focus and think things through because your brain just can't access the information you need." My client was so surprised how accurately I had described him he wanted to know more. His first question was "Is that bad to be like that?" I reassured him he was perfect just the way he was, he just



needed to understand himself a little better. Knowing that his visual and auditory learning is blocked (not accessible) to him under stress, he will need to reduce the anxiety in specific situations by preparing himself. Sitting at the back of the room where he is free to move and process things through emotion and intuition. By playing with clay, beeswax, drawing and other such activities will keep his left brain activated, receiving the information from his right eye and ear. He will always learn best through movement and by focusing on the whole picture in context and emotional relevance to himself. Because of his particular *Dominance Profile* his biggest challenge will be to access the pieces of information and be able to put them together in a linear logical manner and communicate it.

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Notice the difference in your own body in a stressful situation compared to a situation where you are at your peak (where you are on top the world). The optimal learning state is one of whole-brain integration, that *peak experience feeling*. In this state both side of the brain are equally active all the time, thus accessing ALL sensory information and effectively communicating, moving and acting on the incoming information. It sure is a great feeling knowing how to make my life easier and enjoy feeling those peak experiences in more areas of my life.!! See ad below.



# **Working with Animals**

All of my life I have had a strong connection with animals, and my family had dogs since before I was born. As with many families, we had our dysfunctionalities, and I found I could relate to and trust animals more than some people. As a small child, I was put into my play pen with our wormed West Highland Terrier; Mum said that we both chewed on his bone, with me teething at the time. My first word was "wiss", which meant "hor-wiss". As more siblings were added to the family, I spent more time with our four-legged family members. I watched our cat and dogs, as well as those animals that my cousins had on their farm - ponies, horses, goats, sheep, cows, cats and dogs. During summer visits to my grandparents I used to try to keep red spotted salamanders and moths as pets. The salamanders always escaped overnight. This grandmother was quite a naturalist, rearing young swallows, whose nest had fallen into the large fireplace, in a wicker wastepaper basket that was covered. I used to love to help her feed them raw hamburger. I remember my delight, after she announced that they were old enough to release, watching them fly away to freedom. Later I caught a frightened sparrow that got into my bedroom through a hole in the screen, talked to it gently and let it fly free. It made me feel so good.

By the time I was in grade seven we had moved several times, moving every year. This was very hard for the shy child that I was then. In that year my friend was a young horse who lived about six blocks away. I used to visit him when school was out; he would whinny when I came to him with some fresh grass

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in my hand. In grade eight I was teaching our young dog some obedience training. That dog was a great pal of mine, who later accompanied me when we finally got a horse and I would be out riding. Later I taught my own colt to lunge and basic riding skills. That all led to becoming a riding counsellor at a girls' summer camp, a job I really enjoyed.

Off and on for years I had contact with horses and dogs, including riding dressage for several years. I had very good rapport with the animals. I was so enamored with animals that I became a zoologist. I had decided not to become a vet, having seen at a veterinarian school how very difficult it could be to deal with some of the large animals. I studied ecology, the interconnections found between the earth, plants and animals. While a graduate student in zoology, I would be out in the woods, happy among the trees and animals. Once a sleeping fawn was almost beside a spider trap of mine; that was a special moment. Another time a curious baby skunk approached me as I emptied a trap; luckily my somewhat deaf dog didn't see or smell the young animal.

After I started to do body therapy, occasionally I would work with a dog or cat that had some injury. Animals respond so sensitively to this gentle sort of work. My son brought over a relative's pup who had fallen ten feet onto a concrete slab and had been limping. The pup was initially playing with our dog and later started to limp. I called the pup over, and he sat half asleep in my lap as I worked with his hip. After I felt a release in the muscles there, he jumped up and continued to play without limping. I also worked quite a bit on my older dog towards the end of his life last year; he had had repeated problems with his claws. I was able to pinpoint to the vet just where the dog had pain.

One of the most interesting animals that I worked with was a friend's cat who had been hit by a car, had half his head smashed and lost an eye. I was staying at their place for several days and had contact with the cat in the evenings. Initially I was able to pat the animal on his uninjured side of his body, then later was able to move up to his neck, then to the uninjured side of his head. He became more trusting and then began to allow me to gently be in contact with the area around his empty eye orbit. His cranium underwent some major changes. He seemed more at ease later, coming to rub against me in thanks.

Any animal, I think, may be worked with to alleviate pain or dysfunction. Some of my instructors and colleagues also work with animals, using Ortho-Bionomy, CranioSacral Therapy, Mechanical Link and Visceral Manipulation. It is important to have a good rapport with them, as it is with anybody with whom you work. At times an animal is beyond being able to be helped; then we have to gracefully and lovingly let them pass on, as I had to do last year. A knowledge of their inner anatomy helps, knowing the location of the stomach(s) and the like. And it can be very rewarding, given the unconditional love these beings extend to us.

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by Cassie Caroline Williams, PH.D.

# **Rife Technology**

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by Craig Russel

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# WHEN I GO TO WORK DO I LEAVE MY HEART AT HOME?

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How many people work in a place where love and kindness are encouraged? How many people come to work and leave their heart at home? Workers and workplaces have taken a beating in the last several years and it has affected how we feel about our work and how we get along with each other. Changes in the global economy, workplace restructuring/downsizing/ right-sizing/re-engineering have left many of us reeling. So much is happening so fast. I don't know anyone who hasn't been affected. How are people coping with all of this?

I had an interesting discussion last week with some people about how work is not as satisfying as it once was. One person said that unfortunately, "work is nothing but a means to an end. We have bills to pay and we need to eat." Another said, "I'm looking out for myself and can't really think about how others are doing."

Unfortunately, for many of us work is an empty grind that lacks spirit. Lance Secretan, in his book *Reclaiming Higher Ground*, reports that 80% - 90% of workers in North America are dissatisfied with their work. Thirty to 40% say they hate having to get up and go to work. I am astounded by these results. I would like to hear from your readers about how they are coping and what they are doing to make their work more satisfying.

To have a fulfilling life we need a meaningful activity (this includes paid and unpaid work). We need people around us who care, and we need to have some fun. Like soul food and soul music, we must have soul in our work. We need work that has passion and joy.

A joyless, dispirited workplace leads to collective depression. Perhaps this is why so many of us are in denial about the seriousness of events that are taking place on our earth, from stock market fluctuations to environmental destruction. Work without spirit is cynical, pessimistic, commercial, consumeroriented, competitive, ego-centred, self-serving, and often demands that we leave our values outside the door. Work with spirit is joyful, courageous, energizing, playful, honoring of the work of others, helpful, compassionate, healing and does not compromise personal values.

People who are desperately looking for work are discouraged and frustrated. Too many of those who have jobs say they are very dissatisfied. They say they are overworked and under appreciated. Far too many have lost their passion and joy. Fear and uncertainty have replaced trust and hope. Dispirited striving for more stuff and fearful clinging to what we have has affected our confidence, our morale, and our ability to care about each other.

Why can't we see what is wrong with this picture and figure out a way that all who are looking for meaningful work can find it and those who are working 60 - 90 hours a week get to spend some time in their communities and with their families? Researchers and writers such as Bruce O'Hara (*Working Harder Isn't Working*), *Matthew Fox (The Reinvention of Work*), and Jeremy Rifkin (The End of Work), have made many recommendations such as: a shorter week, more equitable distribution of wealth, job sharing, flexible work time, and more paid community work. These would certainly help to bring spirit to our work. Individually, we can start by saying "Yes" to a balanced life and "No" to unreasonable, unhealthy, dispirited ways of working.

A spirit filled workplace is psychologically compatible with people's needs for security, safety, belonging and community. It's important that we take stock of our lives, take charge, get some balance, and create spaces that inspire our soul. Let's look for sanctuary in our values and beliefs, in the loving, caring people around us, in creativity and service to others. Let's find sanctuary in meaningful work. Let's begin to create these special places for ourselves.

A sanctuary is a refuge, a place of safety. It can be a condition of serenity, inspiration and personal growth. Sanctuaries are places and spaces that allow us to fully experience and honor our feelings. They create a positive, encouraging environment which inspires and motivates us. This is food for the spirit.

It is possible to create sanctuaries in our work place. We can create inspired and inspiring work for ourselves. We need to expand the meaning of the word. *Work* is so much more than a "job". Good work, as defined by E.F. Schumacher in his book, *Good Work*, is filled with spirit and easily spills over into community. Good work is creative, energizing and healing.

Create sanctuaries for yourself at your job and outside of your job. Perhaps you are yearning for some creative expression, such as music, dance, photography, painting, writing, needlepoint or woodworking. Perhaps you could volunteer some time to community service. Lots of organizations and people could use your talents and gifts of time. Oh yes, good work is so much more than a job! When you are doing good work you wouldn't dream of leaving your heart at home!

Catherine Fenwick is an author, educator and work consultant. She develops and delivers workshops and keynotes on

how to get more healthy humour into your lives. Her books, *Healing with Humour*, *Telling My Sister's Story*, *Workscapes: Keeping Spirit Alive at Work* and *Building Bridges: The Heart of Effective Communication* are available from St. Peter's Press at 306-682-1770. You can check out Catherine's website at <http:// www.saskweb.com/healinhhumour>



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Our grand opening sure was grand! I planned to be open by 10 am but with the eagerness of many people wanting a taste of freshly made juice, I was serving by 9 am.

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<sup>1</sup> Operating the cash register was a bit tricky at first. I had programmed it myself the night before but never had actually used one, so each number and function was entered in methodically. I could feel the block of resistance to using the till slowly leave as my comfort level increased and I enjoyed my new experience.

Ordering the baked breads, butter tarts, samosas and fresh fruit pies from Just Pies & Serious Breads was made easy with Jude and Angèle's help. Estimating the number of carrots to have ready was a different story! I had assumed that twenty pounds of carrots prepped the night before would be plenty. By mid afternoon, we were already out! With the spontaneous recruitment of Jan and Marcel from the Holistic Health Centre next door, carrots got scrubbed and Angèle fed them to our Omega Juicer while I added the rest of the ingredients to complete the speciality drinks (which at the time, only I knew how to make). Add to that the mixing up of smoothies and serving the lunch special I felt overwhelmed doing so many things at once and I am grateful for the combined efforts of so many people that helped the day go smoothly.

Many thanks to the intuitive readers that did mini sessions in the Yoga Studio for it added to the ambiance.

I also thank all the customers who made my grand opening a great success and I look forward to enticing more people to experience the great sweet taste of organically grown fruits and vegetables. *see ad to the right* 

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I most enjoyed the interesting and diverse women here. It was a pleasure and we are all truly bless

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Wise Women! So beautiful and open. It was very physical changes, relaxation and pure thoughts -

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# Feedback from the In

Hello Wise Women: All 160 of you! We dou and circled. We listened and cried, shared and la gained new wisdom and new friends. We drumme radiant finale. We saw wisdom, beauty, strength a to everyone from a grateful heart. Until next year

It was a delight to see so many of you sharing to know more and educating yourself does my hea of old belief systems and programming is not alway and allowing your intuition to guide you is the third

Thank you to all the fabulous women who sh empowering to be in the presence of so many stron more so every day ... Jan

It was very gratifying to have this weekend so w are taking responsibility for their own lives by educa enthusiasm, kind words and gratitude are so heart and desire to bring you an even more inspiring we

Thanks to all the Wise Women who made the week to the last hug the weekend was a success. It was to discover themselves and opening to new conce 86 years and counting, laughing and joking their v overwhelming inspiration I recieved from facilitating I presented. It is often the willingness of others that exulted by their part in making this woman's week

Thanks to you who joined me in Self Massage a daily and feel welcome to phone:497-8970 or write

# Wise Woman Weekend

Sept 18th, 19th, 20th 1998

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ed our numbers from last year. We sang, danced ghed. We learned and let go, we embraced and , meditated and painted ourselves into a glowing, humility in ourselves and each other. Thank you nuch love .... Laurel Burnham

nd caring! Seeing the eagerness of you wanting good, for I believe that is the first step. Letting go easy but it is the second step. Following your heart -it takes time but it sure makes life fun. Angèle

red their stories over the weekend. It was very , vital and wise women. And we are, and growing

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same time to still see your self acting and reacting as negatively as before. I still feel like a very stubborn caterpillar who knows that he has a beautiful butterfly inside but who doesn't want to die and let the new life come forth.

I often wonder why God chose to reveal Himself to me and I feel quite unworthy at times. I believe that it is because each one of us is as precious to Him as the next person and no one is any more or any less worthy of this privilege than I am. For the past four months now I have felt compelled to do something exceptional with my life to justify God's giving me a second chance. This has made me very frustrated at times because I'm sort of waiting for a sign to show me what God has in mind for me. After much contemplation and reading, the answer that I am comfortable with for now is maybe too simple. I believe that God's greatest gift to us is life itself and the promise of eternal life with Him if we choose. I can't think of a better way to thank Him than to cherish each day and live it to the fullest.

It is so easy for me to find joy in my day to day life now (which had previously seemed so pointless and mundane) because I realize that each day is a gift that I came dangerously close to never receiving. I also now understand what people mean when they say, "You can't truly live until you're not afraid to die." Something else I no longer fear is God Himself. I have never felt so unconditionally loved and accepted as when I was in His presence. I used to 'do good' to impress other people or to make me feel better about myself. Now I see how insincere and shallow that way of thinking was. I was not loving or helpful out of love for my fellow man but out of fear of God or for self-gratification.

I will always be thankful for that little slip of the instrument that nicked my artery. It has given me the freedom to stop yearning for the 'good life' and to appreciate, quite simply, that "*life is good*".



by Nicky Stewart

A flutter of gossamer wings surround my body. Soft, loving, gentle, safe. A stirring against my cheek or hair, of an unknown breath. A whispered word, a gentle sigh. Am I a mystic to have experienced this? No. I am a human being living in an incredible time of evolutionary change.

As a Reiki Practitioner it has been my privilege and honour to have seen and felt in many ways an Angel's divine presence. At times it has been with a blast and whoosh of energy so profound as to catch my breath. At others, soft and quiet, as described above.

The most memorable are those times when wings, having been caught up and bound in the physical body of a client, get released. Such moments of love and joy! Shoulders wiggle with ecstasy as they become free of a greatness so contained. Wings become unfurled and expand. Feathers fluff up. We laugh, we cry. It is all so wonderful!

Many of us have known in our hearts and experienced within our bodies not only their presence but their gifts of healing. This is no longer a phenomena but a daily occurrence.

It is time we shared together. It is time we shared with others so that they may know their dreams as reality!

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When was the last time that you: stayed truly present in conversation with a child, loved one or friend; lost yourself in nature; left the T.V. or radio turned off and just enjoyed the silence only to find yourself listening to the sound of the birds or the wind moving outside? When was the last time that you: took a walk with no destination; gave yourself the gift of time to do whatever you desired; acknowledged someone because it felt good to do so; allowed yourself to just *be*?

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by Michael Simonson

Twelve years ago friends urged me to go and see an English clairvoyant medium who was giving readings, but at that time I had no interest in such matters, and did nothing about it. The medium went back to Britain, but returned a few months later. Once more I resisted the urgings of my friends. The medium returned to her homeland a second time and I didn't think anymore about it, but when friends told me she had come back for the third time, I joked that I would marry her. In actual fact I met her socially at a Christmas party. Soon afterwards the medium went into trance and typed up a manuscript which went into many pages explaining who I was, what my purpose was, what my gifts were, and gave details about my previous lives. We married five months later.

At that time I owned my own construction company but when my wife told me I had healing abilities, I decided to check it out. From her I gained an understanding about guides and how energies work. Once I became aware that I could communicate with my higher self as well as with higher and lower energies, I started to understand my purpose, the purpose of the world and of the solar system and universe, and my place in the scheme of things. As I learned to communicate with my God-self (my real self) I began to understand the reason for each of the happenings in my life, and saw that they revealed a pattern of energy from one moment to the next, as well as from one experience to the next. As I opened to my own healing and got in touch with my own emotional, mental and physical issues. I learned that in actual fact these were gifts in the shape of wonderful learning experiences. I learned that I had chosen each and every one of these experiences, not only in this lifetime, but in others as well prior to incarnating. Of course this realisation did not come immediately, and I spent quite some time wrestling (figuratively speaking) with God and my guides about what I perceived as my emotional 'problems'. Their response was always very simple, short and to the point, which upset me no end! Everytime I talked to them about my difficulties they would put the ball right back into my own court saying, "You created it, what is the lesson here? Why did you choose this experience? Why did you choose these teachers (frequently family members or partners ) to assist you in this experience?" My earlier impression of guides or energies was that they were caring, loving, compassionate beings, but when I got this 'treatment' I became emotionally distraught, and felt hard done by.

However as time went on I became cognizant that it was because of my guides great love for me that they kept everything so simple and straightforward. I came to realise that spirituality is so simple, that many people cannot understand or accept the simplicity of it all. We always want to make everything so complicated!! I also learned about universal law and how it affects our ability to create in our day to day lives. In time MY understanding of God /Goddess, or the universe became very clear and simple too.

Since becoming aware myself, I have been working as a counsellor and spiritual healer, assisting people in opening up to God, themselves and their purpose, as well as teaching universal law, and our connection to the higher realms and to God. See ads to the left

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# SOAPWORKS

The Source Soapworks is the result of a friendship which began a little over one year ago. I, Kelly met Michelle through a mutual acquaintance and we clicked right away. Several weeks later we attended our first of many Primitive Skills Gatherings, which furthered our interest in natural/holistic alternatives. This is where we initially learned soapmaking in the traditional method. Since then we have become experts in both basic and advanced soapmaking using a wide variety of oils, fats, organic fillers, and scents.

With my background in Esthetics I was familiar with many of the active ingredients in cosmetics. However, my new interest in natural products led me to reconsider what I was using. This led to much label reading on both our parts. After we concluded that we couldn't pronounce half the contents of what we were using on our bodies we then searched for something more appealing.

We began by going to products that were labelled as natural or organic. However, we were quickly disillusioned when we realized the natural products were largely a marketing scheme and had little to do with the supposed contents. While we found that these products did contain a percentage of natural derivatives the amount was small and used solely to allow the manufacturer to cash in on the current marketing trend of being "natural". Those products we did find to be natural or organic were beyond our budget. We searched for a skin care regime that we could make ourselves that was effective and more affordable.

One Sunday we experimented with what we found in our kitchen and let me tell you, until you have seen your friend with a fruit vegetable mask that looks like something you'd find in the shower drain, you haven't truly bonded with your friends. Much to our surprise we found we could make a variety of products that worked from easily obtainable, inexpensive ingredients. After convincing our family members to be our guinea pigs we discovered that once people try these products they are pleasantly surprised by the outcome.

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by Auberte Campeau

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As a child I was able to soothe people's hearts when I sang or played the piano. When I left home at age nineteen, I bought a guitar and taught myself to play. Fortunately, I've always had the ability to play and sing by ear.

Several years ago, I was in a very dark place. I felt like I was in a deep hole that I would never come out of. Then I heard a song sung by Jennifer Warnes called "The Song of Bernadette" and I began to cry. I listened to that song over and over again and I allowed its healing embrace to surround me, and my tears flowed freely. I felt a tremendous sense of relief. This was the beginning of my healing.

I have had several opportunities to pass this same "healing embrace" through my singing to many people, some of whom were in the midst of significant transitions in their lives. Some were beginning to heal from divorce, some involved in grief work and some were terminally ill. I remember one gentleman who was in the hospital in a coma and when I sang for him, his family members were so moved that they later asked me to sing at his funeral.

I would like to share with you what happens to me when I sing. There is a place inside me that is connected to the spiritual world. This place is cool and quiet and clear. This is where I go and when I am there I know that all is well with everything. During those moments I feel like God is holding my heart in his hand and gently stroking it.

I feel that while we are on this earthly journey we all have an ability, a "gift" bestowed upon us by the Creator that is meant to bring relief and healing to others. This gift comes in many forms: art, bodywork, business savvy, communication skills, education — the list is endless. This gift comes through me in the form of music — and I thank God for it every time someone says, "Your voice feels like a healing embrace."

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for October ... by Moreen

The wheels of history will pick up speed this month as two of the outer planets in charge of trend setting, Neptune and Uranus, begin to once again move forward.

Continuing to colour our experience this month, is the square dance of Saturn and Neptune (there is an exact aspect on All Hallows Eve). These two are noted for bringing us up close and personal with reality that impinges on our carefully constructed illusions of life. The most recent noted example would be USA President Clinton, who has this dynamic aspecting his ability to be emotionally responsible!

The first week of October should be lively with Uranus, the rebel, being triggered by socially active groups. Russia comes to mind with its deepening economic crisis.

The Full Moon on October the 5th at 1:12 pm, asks us to shed the light of awareness on our ability to be constructive in face to face relating and our social dealings. The highlighted degree symbolism \* *Children blowing soap bubbles*, the ability to maintain the connection to the enchantment of being.

Mars moves into the sign of Virgo on October 6th and while there will motivate us to do our best. For some, less conscious criticism of others will be unusually intense.

Neptune, the archetype of vision and illusion, turns station direct on October 11. Once again mankind can move forward with new visions. On this day speaking your vision is important.

Communication is highlighted the week begining October 12th. Mercury is in Scorpio, which increases the intensity of discourses and leaves many at a loss for words. The challenge is to find a way to say what needs to be said.

Uranus, the agent of change, stations and turns direct on October 18th. Stalled change will be released, much like a dam bursting. The feeling of time picking up speed again may be obvious to many.

The New Moon occurs at 3:10 am on October 20th. The world is asked to sow the seeds of responsible interaction. Emphasis is on good boundaries and respect for different world views. The highlighted degree symbolism\*An aeroplane hovering overhead, calls for real skill in meeting life's crises.

Later in the week Saturn pulls us into facing the reality of our ability to act in the face of fear. For some this will bring back issues being tackled in May of this year.

The week of October 26 puts Jupiter in focus. Jupiter is currently travelling retrograde through the sign of Pisces. Many will be asked to question their world view or to exercise compassionate understanding of others' world views.

The month ends on a very busy note. All Hallow's Eve will be particularly juicy this year. The backdrop of the Saturn Neptune square dance is triggered repeatedly this night. Caution is advisable, staying grounded a must, and being aware of the reality of the bridge between the worlds an important opportunity tonight! *continues* 

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Some introductory remarks condensed from various sources by Christoph Altemueller

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#### by Tracey Lalonde

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If your eyes are sore and bloodshot, you can try applying steeped (and cooled) eyebright, raspberry, or chamomile tea bags. *Prescription for Nutritional Healing* by James F. Balch, M.D. & Phyllis A. Balch, C.N.C. suggests these herbs and more, giving details on solutions for many eye problems.

Above all, one of the most important steps you can take for your irreplaceable eyes is rest and 'beauty sleep.' Your body will heal itself, but you need to give it a hand; it will certainly thank you for it later, and you'll not only feel the results, but you'll have no problem seeing them either.



within them that "organize" the chaotic elements within the compost pile. They act as "medicines" for the Earth, drawing new life forces from the cosmos. The light of the sun, moon, planets, and stars beyond, that reach the plants in regular and precise cycles, are recognized as **cosmic rhythms** that contribute to the life, growth, and forms of the plants. In North America, the Stella Natura calendar is the most common interpreter of their influences. Good **organic principles** such as correct and timely soil cultivation, poly-cropping, crop rotations, species-appropriate animal husbandry (to name but a few) are all part of biodynamic agriculture.

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# Health Matters THE ESSENTIALS OF FATTY ACIDS

As a natural foods consumer, it is safe to assume that you are concerned with maintaining a healthy diet. But did you know, contrary to society's latest fad, that a healthy diet is not necessarily one free of fats? Rather, by eliminating fats completely from our diets, we may be robbing our bodies of valuable nutrients that, in fact, make them healthy.

A healthy diet is important to ensure that our bodies receive the necessary supply of essential nutrients. Such nutrients are deemed "essential" because the body is unable to synthesize them naturally. Instead, we must incorporate sufficient amounts of these nutrients into our diets. Of the 45 essential nutrients, two are fatty acids; namely omega-3 (alpha-linolenic) and omega-6 (linoleic).

Essential Fatty Acids perform numerous tasks which help keep the body functioning properly: maintaining the fluidity of cellular membranes, carrying oxygen from the red blood cells to body tissues, preventing the clumping of blood cells, maintaining proper kidney function, and acting as the heart's primary energy source in addition to providing energy to the body overall. Also, EFA's have been shown to improve conditions such as Alzheimer's disease, high blood pressure, cancer, heart disease, auto-immune disorders and ADHA.

This is not to suggest that you should go out and stock up on fatty foods. On the contrary, research indicates that a diet high in saturated fats, typically semi-solid animal fats, is linked to several chronic ailments including heart disease. Not even all unsaturated fats, typically the more-fluid vegetable fats, are safe. In commercial processing, some unsaturated fats are altered by the addition of hydrogen molecules to increase their saturation. The high level of saturation can cause cell membranes to become more dense and clog.

At this point, you are probably wondering; "Then what kinds of fats should I eat to get the essential fatty acids (EFAs) I need?" Research indicates that unrefined polyunsaturated fats, such as vegetable, nut and seed oils, seem to be the best sources of the EFAs, omega-3 and omega-6, in fact, flax seed oil is the richest source presently available with 58% of omega-3 by weight.

Experts claim that two tablespoons of flaxseed oil daily should provide your diet with the sufficient amounts of omega-3 although, most nuts and seeds provide our bodies with ample amounts of omega-6. It is also present in flaxseed oil.

by Madeleine at Nature's Fare

The recent national fear of fat has led many otherwise health-conscious people away from these "good fats" that, as even their name suggests, are an essential part of a healthy diet. The key is to include the EFAs, omega-3 and omega-6, into your diet through supplements - like flaxseed oil - while eliminating sources of saturated and hydrogenated fat, such as butter or margarine. So don't forget the fat, just make sure it's the right one.

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