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My Passion in Life

by Dorothy MacLean, co-founder of Findhorn Foundation

You asked me to write something of my passion. Well, I can answer that in one word: God! Not that God had any meaning for me until, about fifty years ago, I had a moment's experience of knowing that God was within, that I was no longer a lonely misfit but was part of a joyous, loving universe. That moment changed my life. A little later, the thought "Stop, listen and write" kept coming and coming until I had to respond. In the resulting meditations I received helpful thoughts and feelings which I put into words very warily, as I didn't understand or like the process. Therefore I severely censored what I received. But when a teacher whom I trusted read the words and affirmed their truth, I stopped censoring. The first time that I stopped controlling, the most delightful, fanciful ideas entered my shimmering thought life, or my elfin mind, as God conveyed (I hear nothing). I was taken on wonderful inner journeys, at first very light-hearted—no doubt that was what I responded to at the time. They deepened and became very loving, no doubt as that was what I needed at the time. I received teaching like: "I am with you wherever you are, deep within you. As you turn to me, wherever you are, I answer your call and let myself be known to you." There were hundreds of messages helpful to me.

I would emerge from these times of attunement feeling cleansed, beautiful and loving, and hoped the effect would last. Not that these times were an escape: I was asked to bring the love into everyday living, "Brush your teeth with me." For ten years before arriving at Findhorn these periods of atone-ment (usually several times a day) uplifted, changed and gradually transformed me. The incredible patience of God is still a wonder to me, for although the messages basically were

asking me to be more loving, there was never repetition, for God knew I disliked repetition. God is different to each one of us, meeting our personal uniquenesses.



During my first year at Findhorn, in one morning meditation, I received that I had a job to attune to and harmonize with the essence of the intelligence of nature. I mocked, for how could a vegetable have intelligence and how could I attune to it anyway? But one day, while meditating with a sense of power, I made connection with the soul of a vegetable species (the garden pea) and had an intelligent communication from it. So began our cooperation with the intelligence of nature in growing a garden.

Since then the sacred within me has encouraged me to explore other aspects of planetary intelligence, not only of the mineral, vegetable and animal kingdoms but of the soul level of human groupings like cities and countries, and the meaning of good and evil. The divine is everywhere, in everything, and as we recognize and act in that knowing, our life unfolds in blessed ways. We grow towards that inner oneness. As I have been helped in that expansion, I only wish to be able to help others to do likewise.

Dorothy MacLean is a co-founder of the Findhorn Foundation in Scotland. She is presenting a workshop 'God, Humanity & Nature' in July at the Johnson's Landing Retreat Centre.

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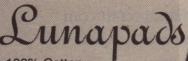
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begins within... by Sheila Bautz

The greatest treasures reside within your soul. The secret lies in discovering

them... For spiritual knowledge and wisdom is accessed when one discovers the 'key' contained within one's being.

The first step to discovering the spiritual treasures is recognizing that each individual contains a kingdom filled with knowledge and wisdom. It is our soul, our higher self. Our gut intuition and instincts are valuable tools for attaining one's inner truth, as each individual has a unique path to venture on. Many times one begins to search for this key externally, seeking guidance.

By accessing our inner knowledge we discover who we are, become more empowered, independent and less judgmental. We begin to heal on a spiritual level first, which initiates healing on the physical and emotional levels as well. This personal transformation and growth delves the seeker deeper and deeper into their personal kingdom rich with spiritual treasures. As such, while acknowledging that one belongs to the Source, one recognizes the active influence of the Supreme Being throughout the life process.

As we begin to realize this truth, we are able to accept the experiences in our life, tearning from them and evolving into spiritual beings. As such, proper guidance aids in this invaluable process when it discourages reliance and dependence on the 'teacher'; for every individual is both the teacher and the student—always. The healing process is then able to begin and accelerate, continually aware of 'ego's' influence, as the seeking individual becomes more aware and conscious of their mortal purpose through their inner truths. As such, one begins to trust their gut instincts, following the path that is true for them.

Everything in life is about choice - no matter what the experience may be. We can choose to spiral into a negative trench or we can choose to go within, evaluate the lessons and rise above, stronger spiritually as well as emotionally and physically.

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Spiritually Speaking

"Widowed at 26..."

By Sheila Bautz

Death. It instills fear and uncertainty into many. Since the beginning of time, it has conquered and reigned over the earth, inspiring humankind to explore the depths of the spiritual mysteries it contains.

I will never forget the night I became a young widow, it felt as if my own life had ended. My dreams and ambitions evaporated, leaving my mind to deal with the void cavity remaining. When I spoke, denial danced on the tip of my tongue. Yet in the very depths of me, I was aware of my attempts to reject what I had already accepted long before death is the reality of life.

My strong belief in "Everything that happens, happens for a reason" surfaced and gained control of my mind. 'There is a reason for this tragedy', I repeated to myself, for I also believe that life and death provide us with many learning opportunities if we choose to acknowledge them. As such, one's spiritual beliefs will impact the conclusions and progress one makes in the healing process; as well as the life process.

Sitting in the kitchen that night, my support system encouraged a discussion on my theological and philosophical views my passion. They reminded me of our previous discussions regarding these subjects, subjects I have aggressively studied over the last decade. As a result, I survived the darkness that had invaded my world.

In times of weakness and strength, I turned directly to the Supreme Being through private prayer and deep meditation. I was empowered and spiritually nourished through my belief that no event or person is without purpose, refusing to surrender to the temptation of spiralling downward. For by submitting to the 'demon' known as negativity, which is capable of taking many forms, one permits it to enter and seize one's personal power. As a result, destructive thought formations and/or influences, such as alcohol, gain control and manifest in one's being. With this invasion, the potential for positive growth is discharged. One's ambitions then begin to spiral downward, creating a void that houses and nurtures fear, guilt, pain, disillusionment, etc...

A vital contributor to my healing process came from researching a variety of religious and spiritual teachings further. After careful evaluation, this review aided in reconfirming my own beliefs and discarding the opinions of others; a right everyone has to exercise.

Next, I wrote down *every* negative experience I had. It wasn't pretty; I cursed, cried and was brutally honest about how I felt about everything and everyone. Then I destroyed it and began the whole process again, only this time I concentrated solely on the positive teachings and wisdom each experience could offer. In that moment I decided to live my beliefs, unwittingly becoming a open 'book' that others began to access through *my actions*. I always *believed* that actions spoke louder than words but was now conscious to the power of *living them*.

Now people approach me with questions about my spiritual beliefs, how I remain positive and where I get my strength. My life trials have been very extensive in my twenty-seven

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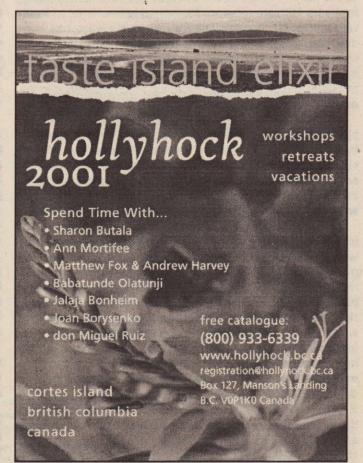
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years, from growing up in an alcoholic home to losing my soul mate to death. As such, my answer to seeking individuals is so simple, yet so complex; dedicated belief in the Supreme Being and the purpose of life.

Perhaps death is not as final and morbid as many choose to believe. For in it, as the circle of life closes one door, another door will open... Not only for those whom are living, but also for those who have departed... see ad to the left

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Wise Woman Weekend

As you can tell, this was not a photo taken by my Mom. It was taken by me, at last year's Wise Woman Weekend, at the beginning of Dorianne Kohl's workshop. Many of the facilitators go to great lengths to add special touches so that the experience is deepened for each participant. This delightful weekend happens again soon and the details are in the back section.

I am looking forward to this event with double the anticipation, as I missed the Spring Festival of Awareness at the end of April. I trust that the universe knows what it is doing, for I sure felt very unaware for someone who is so in touch with her guides and feelings. Hindsight is always one hundred percent and though the writing was on the wall, it never entered my consciousness that the fall I wrote about in the last *Musings* could have broken a bone. Not me, it was not possible, and on top of that, I had too much resistance to the established medical profession to ask for help.

The discomfort I felt was mostly at night and what I complained about most was lack of deep sleep. I took it as a sign that I needed to journal and release whatever the fall had shaken loose at an emotional level. Yes, slowing down was something I needed to do, and I had plans to do so, but first this or that needed doing. As you who attended the Festival will know, I fractured the ball joint off from my femur.

After waiting six weeks for my groin muscle to heal, and feeling my vitality draining, I knew something was wrong. I went to Pro-Physio and asked them to help me. They told me my leg was rotated and shortened and therefore my bone must be broken. I argued with them for twenty minutes and then something she said went 'click' and I knew they were right. I phoned and scheduled an X-ray for Monday, for I wanted to be present at the Spring Festival. On Friday I finished setting up the site and as people arrived and asked me how I was feeling, I felt like crying, so I asked a friend to drive me to the hospital and checked myself into emergency. The doctor and I both had our mouths agape as we looked at the X-ray. A short time later the surgeon arrived and said due to the length of time since the injury the ball joint was decaying and could not be pinned as was usual for this type of injury. He would be back at 8 am to do a hip replacement and told the nurse to get me prepped. The operation did not go as planned, and when he pounded the prosthesis into my leg, it created a hairline fracture in my femur. More X-rays and a second operation followed putting wires around the cracked bone. That operation exhausted me more than the first one. After one week of complete bed rest, for the surgeon's orders were not to let me move, even to go to the bathroom, I was told to get up and go home. After twenty X-rays all looked good. I was glad to go home but it was too much for my system and I felt sick to my stomach with a frontal headache

The fresh air felt great but all I wanted to do was to curl up in a ball and disappear.

The best thing I did for myself was to phone Dr. Alex Mazurin, my naturopathic doctor, who was kind enough to come and visit me on Sunday. He helped me to understand what was needed to speed the healing process was different than what my instincts told me. The smell of food made me nauseated so I was drinking lots of herbal tinctures to flush my kidneys and liver from all the morphine and drugs used during the operations. We talked about my diet and why the surgeon had said to me, "Your bones are soft. That is why they cracked." Dr. Mazurin said, "Even though you are eating a lot of calcium-rich foods, if the body doesn't have enough protein, it can't lay down the calcium." He then recommended that I eat two eggs and toast starting now and every morning for three weeks or so. I didn't think I could keep one down, but I was willing to give it a try. One egg tasted so good that I ate a second one, and within two or three hours, my headache started to clear and by the next morning I felt better.

Since then, I have been rereading my nutrition books much more carefully. I now know that I need 50 grams of protein a day. My intake for some time has now probably averaged about 30-40 grams. Beans give me a lot of gas, so I have avoided them. Nuts, which I love, are hard for me to digest so I eat them in small quantities, the same with cheese because it creates mucus in my nose and throat. I figured I must be eating all right since I have lots of energy, enough to work seven days a week, twelve hours a day.

Since I don't find meat all that appetizing and don't want to cook it on a regular basis I am now going to try some of the powdered protein drinks. Having a shake made with fortified soy milk for one of the meals will help as I am finding it difficult to be hungry three times a day. Eating an average of 15-18 grams of protein at each meal seems a lot but I have increased my bean and dairy intake and will continue to eat fish once a week. I have let go of my resistance to eating meat and if I am eating out and someone has cooked it, I will try some.

The surgeon also pointed out that I was low in iron and gave me a transfusion of two pints of blood after the surgery. Dr. Mazurin advised me to eat more salt until my blood pressure comes closer to the hundred mark. I do use Celtic Salt, for it has all the trace minerals and it certainly adds some taste to the eggs, as does the fresh pepper and buttered toast.

I feel great and have had no pain, never really did. My operated leg swells when I have been up for too long. So I use it as a barometer and this stage of healing, I can be up for about three hours and then need two hours with my feet up.

There are many rules to follow once a hip is replaced. I will need to modify some of my yoga poses, for sitting in the lotus position is something I am told I will never do again, as is the forward bend, or touching my toes with my back straight. I am told these extreme movements could pop my hip out of the joint. Once my muscles have rebuilt themselves I will have to be very aware of all my movements and go slowly with how far I can stretch. I am sure looking forward to going for a walk and carrying my own food or things to the table.

I have let go of my plans to organize the Holistic Health Fair in Penticton this July, as well as the new yoga studio that just got finished. It will become a metaphysical book and gift store as the Juicy Carrot moves to the other side of the building and Issues Magazines moves back into where

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it used to be. Marcel and I have decided to let go of the Holistic Health Centre as it is now. A hope of mine would be for practitioners or doctors to join together to run it themselves. Otherwise, it is up for rent to whomever can use the space. If you are interested in co-creating with the people who are presently renting, please give us a call at 1-888-756-9929.

I have always trusted the universe, and I know deep inside that I will always be looked after. I am grateful that I went in to see the doctor before infection set in or I damaged a nerve. Up until now I prided myself that I never had an accident that hurt me, even though my car was hit by a transport truck and a speeding car on two separate occasions.

I am not a klutz, and tripping in my new hiking boots happened because of their poor design. When I talk to people they tell me they have done the same thing, but no one has complained to the shoe designers. Most work boots now have closed catches, for they were considered a hazard. Now it is time for hiking boot design to change as well. I would like to hear from you if you have fallen and could have hurt yourself. I feel these catches are dangerous and want them changed.

There is so much more to tell, and I shall as time and space allow. Thanks for sharing with me and for sending your good vibrations. It is easier to feel them, for I have noticed how much more I can feel with my heart. Three months of crying has opened up something inside of me that was closed earlier in my life.

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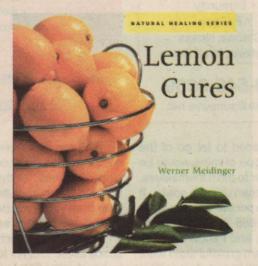
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Book Review

Lemon Cures

by Werner Meidinger, published by Key Porter Books, ISBN I-55356-000-0

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Lemon Cures examines the many conditions against which the lemon, its juice, its oils and pulp can be used to heal many common physical ailments. An A-Z chapter on lemons and health describes how to cure everything from acne to varicose veins. It also provides recipes for health-wise lemon-based food and drinks, such as Savory Lemon Butter, Asian Lemon Marinade and Lemon-Egg Liqueur.

Lemon Cures also imparts valuable information on how to shop for and store this healthful fruit. A short history of lemons and informative sidebars round out this authoritative guide to lemons and your health.

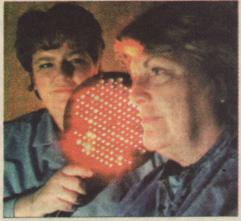
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Seeing the Light Brings Pain Relief

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Windows into the Eighth Sense

by Sue Peters

Have you ever considered that the spaces between your fingers and toes hold secrets to a much deeper part of yourself? That's something to think about!

I have learned many things in the short time span that I have walked this earth walk and discovered some interesting little treasures that my physical/spiritual body holds. One of these little tidbits is about the space or webbing between my fingers and toes. I have learned that the spaces between the fingers bring the body and mind together, and can place me into an altered state, if focused upon, because they are doorways into inner space. They are very busy energy pockets that continually massage the nervous system and send their energy streams directly to the heart.

Test this for yourself. Look through the gaps of each finger, then put your hands together (palm to palm) and then hold your hands about heart level, looking down through all the gaps at the same time. How does it feel? Try placing a variety of objects into each gap (slowly and gently). Play with different sensations each object offers you! I have used materials such as: leather, fibers, something hot, cold, soft or hard, mushrooms (foods), different textures, plastic bags...

I have discovered that the most sensitive area is next to the little finger. Also the wrist will be affected as you experiment, because it is the strongest energy center or point—it is a very powerful healing spot; it holds the best circuits for energy flow.

Anyway, the webbing or gaps have a lot to do with repulsion and attraction. Have you noticed that when a person is not willing to commit, the hands are closed, and when they are ready to commit, the hands start to open?

There is a lot more I have learned about these whirling little energy vortices, but I'd need a whole book to tell you. However, one final bit of information I'd like to share is that one way I have learned to calm my nervous system, reduce anxiety and to energize my system is to find an item that my body has affinity to. I weave it in and out of my fingers, making sure that I leave something in my palm to put a fist around (It is helpful to include the wrists when doing the weaving). When I do the weaving, I am crossing both parts of the brain and synchronizing the left and right hemispheres. So, instead of just using left brain or right brain, I am using the whole brain-the chemistry of synchronization. This weaving will also create a place where my natural orbit, my electromagnetic field can balance again. When the fist is closed, it creates a way for the nervous system to feel safe, but not closed. The gaps are all active even though the body feels safe by being in a closed position. By using this method, it completes a circle, it is an electrical circuit, and this can create a calm, a peace...unless it is an item my body doesn't like. It is also a way to throw off formatted energy that I no longer want.

By the way, the more that I play with these gaps, the more sensitive they become, and I haven't even begun to tell you about the toes! Aloha...all. See ads to the left

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The Soul's Call to Unity: Intentional Community

by Jon Scott

Like most of us, as a teenager and in my twenties I spent enormous amounts of time organizing my social life to include as much relationship connection as possible to try to fill that clamouring need for tribal connection. At age 27 this drive led me out of our mainstream culture and into aesthetic life at Kripalu Ashram in Massachusetts. I found a rich spiritual tradition, but unexpectedly what impacted me more was the experience of brotherhood in community. I say brotherhood because I lived a segregated life as a monk for five vears.

When I began to long for union with the feminine, I left the community and spent some years as a householder. In my beautiful cedar home overlooking Kootenay Lake I found myself feeling stifled and isolated within a traditional marriage.

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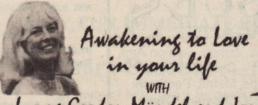


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WHAT IS TIME LINE THERAPY?

by Leigh Perry

Time line therapy is a technique that allows us to be free of the past, create our future and gain emotional control over our life. Our time line is where we unconsciously store our memories and make projections that affect our future. Effective behavioral change in an individual must take place at an unconscious level. Working with our time line helps us to release the effects of past negative experiences and change inappropriate programming.

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With all past negative experiences there is always a negative emotion such as anger, fear, sadness, hurt or guilt. Fear can stop us from making decisions that would enhance our life. Unresolved anger causes frustration and destroys relationships and trust. Sadness and hurt can stunt emotional growth and stifle laughter, happiness and joy. Guilt and regret keep us stuck in the past, becoming barriers to creating a positive future.

It's important that we remember when we talk about negative emotions that they're not necessarily bad. All emotions are good because we learn from them, but unresolved emotions get in the way of us becoming the totally magnificent human beings that we can be. The problem with negative emotions is that they are stored physiologically and they have the possibility of blocking the flow of energy and information through the neural network pathways. This blocking causes dis-ease.

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ANCIENT MASSAGE OF THAILAND

by Paul Butte

The Thai word "NUAD" is usually translated into English as "Massage". However this is very different from the type of tissue manipulation which we usually associate with this word in the context of Western practice. It is more accurate to think of Thai Massage as a manipulation of the structure and form. While there are other styles of body manipulation such as Rolfing, Alexander Technique, Shiatsu, Chiropractic, etc., Thai Massage stands apart from these as a unique tradition.

Certain features are characteristic of this work. Thai Massage is performed on a mat on the floor rather than a raised table. This allows for many movements and procedures that are not practical or effective in table work, or are simply impossible. It allows for the most effective use of the practitioner's body weight rather than muscular force for the transmission of pressure, force, or energy, which creates a highly therapeutic effect.

Because soft tissue manipulation is a subordinate part of Thai Massage, the client may remain fully clothed except for the feet. The work itself consists primarily of pressure on energy lines and points, and a large variety of stretching movements. Two to two-and-a-half hours is frequently considered an ideal length of time for Thai Massage, although a good massage can be performed in one-and-a-half hours. A one-hour session may be necessary due to time constraints, or the shorter time frame may be used to focus on specific problems, such as back pain.

The energy lines in Thai Massage, called "Sen", are reminiscent of the meridians of Chinese acupuncture, and the theory of energy which lies behind this concept is similar. However, where the meridians follow the energy flow associated with specific organs, the Sen follow the form of the body. The Sen, therefore, may cross from one meridian to another. Thai tradition recognizes 72,000 Sen in theory, but in practice ten Sen serve as the foundation. Pressure is exerted on these lines and points with the palms of the hands, thumbs, and the feet.

The many techniques used in Thai Massage are designed to facilitate and stimulate the flow of intrinsic energies and to release blockages that would otherwise preclude the attainment of balance that is essential for maintaining a healthy, pain-free body. Thai Massage is beneficial to an extraordinarily wide range of people. Because of its effectiveness in inducing deep rest and relaxation, it is beneficial to anyone in need of stress reduction or with stress related disorders. With its unique use of stretching movements, it is useful for everyone who would benefit from increased flexibility. This includes everyone, from the athlete to the elderly.

The quest for health can be regarded as the search for balance in every facet of our lives. Rest and relaxation are wonderful ways of calming the mind and body to help this balancing process which we commonly call "healing". Receiving Thai Massage can give a rhythmical workout that can balance the energy in the body which provides a relaxed state in which excessive worry seems to evaporate.

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Surviving Electromagnetic Pollution

by J.F. Walker

Whether electricity seems to be affecting you or not, there are several common-sense steps that will significantly reduce the dense electromagnetic field (EMF) fog that most of us are living with. Concentrate your efforts first in your bedroom. It is here that you spend one third of your life. If this environment can be made relatively free from EMF's, the body will be provided with an extended period of rest and recovery time each day. This should effectively break the cycle of chronic stress upon those forced to live and work the remainder of each day in field-intense locations.

The most radical method of EMF relief is to find the main circuit breaker in your house, locate the specific switch which controls the power to your bedroom, and shut it off during the night. Leave your bedroom door open to allow heat in if necessary, and buy a battery-operated camper's lamp for light. Battery DC power is usually less harmful.

Even this drastic measure will not protect you, if you have any field-emitting equipment in an adjacent room against the other side of your bedroom wall. TVs, VCRs, computers, fax machines, answering machines, refrigerators etc., emit powerful magnetic fields and ELF pulses that pass right through walls-in fact, through everything including lead shields. Extremely expensive materials such as MU metal (an amalgam of copper, iron and nickel) are the only known shields reliably effective against magnetic radiation, short of encasing every electronic gadget in solid heavy iron. So the quick solution is to place TVs, computers and other toxic EMFradiating devices against outside walls.

If shutting off the power to your bedroom is not practical, then move your bed away from any electric baseboard heaters. Modern cable electric heating in ceilings and floors can generate a 10 milligauss field throughout the entire house, (five times the safe standard in some countries). Your bed can be pre-warmed before retiring, with electric heaters or electric blankets, which are unplugged when you go to bed.

Replace your electric clock with a battery-powered one. Plug-in AC clocks generate huge fields of 5 to 10 milligauss within 2 feet, irradiating the nearby heads of sleepers for 8 hours, with levels over the proposed safety standard (two to 3 milligauss, depending on country). Battery-powered clocks, by comparison, generate negligible fields at 2 feet.

If you have computers, fax or answering machines, TVs etc., in your bedroom, evict them to another room. If this isn't possible, plug them into a power bar and flip the switch OFF for the night, so that no power gets to them. These devices have warming circuits that emit sizeable fields, even when the machine is turned off.

Dimmer switches are another source of high EMFs. Replace them with ordinary on-off switches. Powerful sources of damaging radiations are fluorescent and halogen lights. Either is usually insufferable to those who are hypersensitive to electricity, with symptoms ranging from headaches to visual impairment, incoordination, dizziness, speech difficulties, scattered brain functions, muscle pains, memory deficit, skin problems, etc. Don't work or read with a fluorescent or halogen lamp beside your head. Resolve to replace these intense light sources with simple incandescent bulbs.

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The Parasite Factor

The toxic buildup in the body attracts a whole host of

by Gerard Tanner

microbial invaders into the body, just as an open city dump will attract vermin and other lower forms of creatures that feed on the waste. There are over 1,000 species of parasites



that can invade the human body, yet today's medical testing procedures only screen to identify about fifty! There are two major categories of parasites: large parasites, such as tapeworms, hookworms, pinworms, etc., and microscopic-sized parasites, such as Candida yeast parasites. Because of the microscopic size of many parasites they can burrow into the muscles, bones, or joint tissue. Some of them may feed off the calcium lining of the bones or even the protein coating on your nerves, which can disrupt the nerve impulses to the brain. Parasites also secrete toxins which generate toxic buildup and cause stress to the immune system. Chronic diarrhea and irritable bowel syndrome are indicative of out-of-control parasites in the elimination track.

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WORKING WITH COLOUR

by Jollean Mc Farlen miact csl

Individual colour preferences are formed early and evolve through years of personal experience. By the time we become adults our colour choices in what we wear, how we decorate our homes/offices and what colour cars we buy are very personal expressions of self.

Some human beings react strongly to colour. Once colour is added to a space, the environment changes and one's reactions to the environment also change. Colour's psychological effect is enormous. Yet most homes or offices are decorated in colour schemes in varying shades of gray or beige—the most basic of neutrals (usually these people have a hard time making a decision). Without the addition of accent colours or customization, these neutral environments can feel anonymous, mundane and dull—not conducive to a stimulating working and/or healthy life.

Colour psychology and colour therapy assert that individuals can use colour to express hidden emotions or change behaviours. High-energy colours in decor can motivate (just think of selling fast-food). Bright colours can enhance creativity (coming up with the big idea), yet softer or more harmonious colours promote stick-to-itiveness, efficiency and productivity (bringing the idea to fruition).

The psychology of colour is a science that takes into account cultural convention and bias, age, profession, ethnic background and gender. For example, both men and women in Western Canada choose various shades of green/blue to accent their homes/offices, yet very few men would be comfortable with pink accents. This pink bias is deeply engrained in North American men but nonexistent in many other world cultures.

Other psychological factors that should affect colour choice stem from the way our eyes function. Some colour combinations are hard to look at and should be avoided. The principal one is red and green, particularly highly saturated hues, opposite each other on the colour wheel. They appear to vibrate if put next to one another. Other individuals have the same reaction to yellow and purple.

Colour makes an impression and sends a message. Colour enhances perception and can persuade. Whatever colours one wishes to employ, the key is adopting a spirit of experimentation and adventure. So get started and begin working with colours today.

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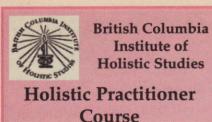
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by K. Emersen Wilson

Magic fascinated me as a child. Not rabbits-in-hats magic, but the magic of life itself. I saw it in the silvery, light veins of a gem-coloured leaf, in the way a squirrel scurried along a forest path ahead of me, and through the gentle eyes of friendship. In a fundamentaLway, I knew we are ultimately all connected. We come from the same essence of light and love, and in the end, we return.

But as the years went by, it became more and more difficult to hold on to that reality. Too many people crowded in, each offering up their own version of my truth. It didn't matter if the pundits were spiritual icons, academics, or politicians. Everyone wanted to have a piece of me and take me on their own path.

For a while, I listened, and the quiet voice inside me was eventually squelched into not much more than fluff. At first, that was fine. Freeing, even. But as time went by, I felt increasingly incomplete. Somewhere along the line I heard about the teaching of Religious Science. I was curious, but it took years before I crossed the threshold of any church.



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For me, Religious Science affirmed what I already knew. There is no division. There is only one way that is manifested and expressed in so many different forms. I learned this teaching unifies the East with the West, Science with Spirit. It denies nothing about our current reality, but allows us to question every part of it. And it does it all with Love.

This metaphysical teaching has given me much more than a spiritual touchstone. It's guided me in giving form to the truths I knew as a child—what Spirit means, why it's here, and ultimately, how it all works. It's been a profound journey, and one I know will only deepen with time.

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by Wendy Ferguson

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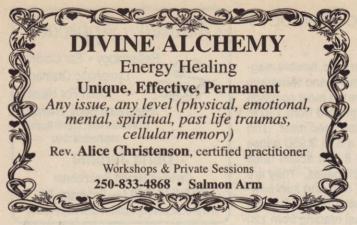
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Just a Reminder....

by Judy Mazurin

Winter is over and it is time to shed the heaviness that comes with the cold. We are in the heart of spring, and by Mother's Day, it is said that all of your plants and seeds should be tucked in the ground. "Spring Fever" is what we call it. We get excited by new projects, the birds are chirping early, the days are longer, and the promise of more sunny days to come is in the air. The sunshine and laughter raise our spirits. Which is likely why the Chinese relate the summer season to the heart, spirit, and joy. "THE FIRE OF THE SEASON, WARMS THE FIRE IN OUR HEART."

The sun plays a large part in how we react to our food. When we are happy we do not need to placate ourselves with food. We do not gorge ourselves to satisfaction because we are content. The change of season has a dramatic effect on how we relate to food and our eating habits. And so it should, as we move into the season of plenty. Food preparation becomes more simple. Raw food consumption can increase, because we are in a warmer climate, our body temperature feels warmer, and our metabolism picks up. We digest food better, especially raw foods, in the warmer weather.

Living in or near the Okanagan, we definitely see a bountiful harvest of fruits and vegetables. Farmers' Markets and produce stands are opening up everywhere. We should make use of the majority of foods from our local growers. It is good for our health, our economy, and our environment. We do not need to eat an Asian diet to be healthy; we just need to eat the healthy foods in season.

In the summer, we tend to consume smaller, lighter meals more frequently. We want to gravitate towards more whole foods, grains and vegetables. Avoid the sweet, rich, refined/ processed foods as a rule. Food always tastes so much better when made from scratch. The Chinese incorporate all flavours in their meals: Sweet, salty, sour, pungent and bitter, and they also have many colours in their meals. Rarely do they eat a bland flavourless meal, or a one-pot casserole. If you are a meat eater...use moderation when Bar-B-Queing this summer, don't forget to add lighter meats such as chicken and fish regularly. Consume more salads and fresh lightly steamed vegetables. In the summer we eat more light cooling foods and not as many spicy meals. Heavy winter meals on an extremely hot day will only make you sluggish. Eating lighter and with variety will keep the heart and spirit free. Summer offers a variety, and our diets should reflect this. Following are a few fruits and vegetables we will see this summer and their natural therapeutic nature according to Chinese Philosophy:

- Asparagus- treats many kidney problems
- Apricots- used in asthma, dry thirst and lung conditions
- Cherries-increase Qi, body energy, good for arthritis
- Strawberries-generate body fluids, benefit the lungs
- Lettuce- diuretic, helps some types of edema
- Raspberries- regulate menses, treat urinary function
- Beets- improve circulation, purify the blood
- Carrots- improve liver functions
- Peaches- nourish the lungs, help dryness in the body
- Cucumbers-good digestive aid, cleanse the blood
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Creative Attitudes

by Terri Bernath

Spring brings with it a time of renewal; of 'cleaning house'. Sometimes cleaning house can mean getting rid of some of those cobwebs in our emotional attics. We all have them. The first step is the realization that they exist. From that empowering realization, one can wonder, "What happens next?"

What happens next is the Adventure; the Journey. The Journey that takes you within-to personal exploration. Creative Attitudes is an opportunity to begin that journey; to really be attuned to your own emotional process, and start listening to what your emotions are telling you.

This powerful workshop series is the offering of Terri Bernath and Kim McCarthy, born from the personal and professional work of both individuals. This knowledge is presented to help others grow through their challenges and expand their value. It allows participants to explore their own emotional process in a safe and honest environment. Creative Attitudes is itself a process—a way of learning what our lives have to teach us. The focus is personal growth; achieved by simply opening to awareness and allowing ourselves to choose freely from our own unique perspectives.

Cofacilitator Kim McCarthy says: "Emotion is the language of the body; how the body chemically communicates within itself and to our consciousness. By surrendering to this chemistry and expanding our awareness, we can create new attitudes and growth." Terri Bernath, cofacilitator says: "When the pain of our existence has reached a level that is no longer acceptable, we begin to search for more in our lives. When we begin awakening to the thought that there must be more to life and more to living, we begin on a journey to our own awakening. Creative Attitudes is a beautiful compilation of three modalities that brings in the information which fires the need to awaken to our full potential. These courses will allow each participant to explore their life, and how they have habitually responded to it. The choices that become available to each person help create the place for growth. The growth is magical in nature. The "magic" is not knowing what will happen for each; how each person will use this growth process in their life. It's knowing simply that it will happen. I trust that the process will be perfect for all, and that the changes that manifest will be magical."

Through simple techniques, you can access and expand your awareness of any limiting patterns, and allow for a wider field of choice in any situation. Like Tai Chi, which empowers us by stretching us to new physical postures, Creative Attitudes empowers us by stretching us to new mental postures. Many of us exhibit limiting behaviours over and over again; looking for a new way, but finding none. Creative Attitudes work offers clarity, understanding and transformation of our patterns of behaviour; opening the door to new creative responses and accessing new chemistry. New chemistry attracts new life experience and patterns. We learn to dump old baggage and get on with living our dreams.

Emotional Depolarization involves understanding that emotions are the language of the body; how the body/mind

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Journey to a New Country by Britta Adkinson

In 1970 I returned to Stockholm, Sweden, after an extended stay in the Sivananda Ashram in Rishikesh in the Himalayas of India. I had spent 8 months learning yoga and meditation, and was set on continuing a daily practice at home, while working as a journalist and editor. This prompted my flat mate to leave. The concept of yoga was unheard of, and although she was, like me, in her early twenties, she found it too much to cope with something so strange. The way people around me have reacted to my deep longing to understand more about Spirit and the truth of the Universe, over the last 25 years, says something about how the Western society has opened its doors to the spiritual wisdom of the East. These days the term yoga is a household word, and attending a yoga class is no longer seen as strange.

But how did my journey towards a deeper understanding of Spirit bring me to the borderlands between Canada and USA?

On a visit to the Findhorn Foundation in Scotland, in 1976, I met Charles, an American from Bellingham, Washington State. We instantly felt close, and before the year was ended we were married, living in Stockholm. After some years in Sweden, we moved to Scotland in 1982 and worked full time at the Findhorn Foundation, a center for spiritual education and an experimental community, where people endeavor to live in peace and harmony with one another and with nature.

The Findhorn Foundation evolved out of a small group of people who practised daily meditation, and followed the guidance they received in their moments of silence. They felt that God was speaking to them and that they should trust and follow this guidance. Within a few years, a community of several hundred people had grown up around them. Charles and I raised our two sons, Paul and Rolf, in this environment of love, openness and cooperation.

Is it really possible to create a place where people live in harmony? Yes and no. What I have found so valuable in the Findhorn community is not just what is happening, but the way we learnt to respond to what is happening. People there experience tears, laughter, joy and sorrow, conflict, depression and so on, like anywhere else. However, they have tools to deal quickly, deeply and efficiently with emotional issues, conflicts and problems, and thus create space for the mind to focus on the positive goals and aspirations, the dreams of

what mankind can bring into manifestation here on Earth: A New Age, where human beings work in conscious cooperation with Spirit. By living it, we 'grow' it day by day.

Following the 'guidance' from within and using a practical approach, the Findhorn Community has in its 40 years grown into a vibrant community of an estimated one thousand people who live within the same local area and apply a common spiritual way of life, finding its expression in the Findhorn Foundation educational work, in small businesses working with and producing organic food, solar heating, ecological building techniques, a Waldorf school, an organic farming co-op, holistic health clinics, mental health practitioners, a publishing company, arts and crafts companies, travel services and so on. The boundaries between local people and those who attend events in the spiritual community have blurred completely as families and individuals live and work and engage in both, in commercial and voluntary activities.

In the beginning I was embarrassed and unwilling to share myself openly, during group meetings. Why should I have to tell others how I was feeling, or the things I worried about? Gradually I opened my heart more, and began to realise that people around me were so loving, and so aware, that they intuitively knew quite a lot about me even if I had not ventured to tell them. I realized that they saw me as I was, not the pretty image I had been accustomed to display. Then came the next realization: They love me, and care about me, not the external image I want them to see, but the real me, with all my flaws and inadequacies. There was no need for me to try to hide. I could be myself. I could relax, accept myself and more fully enjoy the company of friends around me.

The process of learning to accept myself made it easier for me to also accept others as they are. These processes take place within the frame of a daily rhythm which has been developed and refined over many years: When people arrive at work in the morning, in the community kitchen, in the vegetable gardens, the maintenance department and so on, they begin each work shift with an ATTUNEMENT. This is a brief moment of silence, during which the group actively invokes the guidance and support of God, or Spirit, and of their angels and guides. Each group will find their own way to do this, using their own words. After this, there is space for each member of the work team to SHARE anything they feel they need

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to share, before people begin the day's tasks. People may share that someone in their family is ill, that they are experiencing a conflict with another team member, or that they had a wonderful dream, or had a vision in their morning meditation – anything. This creates an openness and builds heart connections between the team members, which makes the work flow easily, and keeps people's minds alert and intuitive. It builds a sense of trust and openness within the work team. There is more to it than can be described within the framework of this article, but the essence of the technique is simple, and can be applied to virtually any work environment.

Through attending a variety of workshops and meditation groups, we explored how to 'tune in', how to 'get guidance' on an issue, how to trust our inner promptings, how to become an instrument for inner growth and healing. After some training, we learnt how to share our understanding as we organised and led workshops for visitors. Over the years, I led numerous workshops and co-organized several international conferences on organizational development, intuitive leadership etc.

One day Charles came back home from a group meditation session and shared that he had inner guidance to move back to USA. At first, I was hesitant. My Mum in Sweden was old and frail and I felt I could not move so far away from her. However, our eldest son, Paul, had now moved to Bellingham and was studying there, and when my mother passed away in 1997, I agreed. Charles proceeded to buy a lot of land next door to his brother & wife, in Maple Falls, Washington State, and planned to build a house which would be our home and also be a place where people could come for meditation and healing. His brother Roland, a builder, would build the house for us. But things took a different turn. Charles had a hernia operation and did not recover. He passed away peacefully in June 1999. I felt as if my life had been shattered. We had been so close, for 23 years.

I cried for three weeks, and then I said to myself: Either I wake up each morning feeling sad, or feeling happy, it is my choice. I had to begin to apply to my own situation all the truths I had learnt, from studying the Bible, yoga, buddhism, and so on. Paul, Rolf and I decided that the plan would go ahead. And so it is that Rolf and I, in the summer 2000, moved to Maple Falls by the Canada/USA border just south of Abbotsford. Together, our family are building a house which will be a home and also a Sanctuary dedicated to meditation and healing. Paul and Rolf recently moved to Vancouver BC where they are now engaged in studying music composition and production, at the Trebas Institute.

A few months after Charles' 'death', I began to feel his presence in my moments of daily meditation. It was a wonderful reunion, after all the agony I had experienced when he left his physical body. I had not experienced this kind of communication before. Charles has now taught me how to 'tune in' to different levels of reality, or consciousness. I feel I am in the beginning of a new adventure, and I am now exploring getting in contact with my own guides, in a deeper way than before. I am beginning to understand that everything that happens is a meaningful part of the web of life.

To share what she has learned at the Findhorn Foundation, and her own understanding of life, Brita will teach workshops this summer at Johnson's Landing Retreat Centre.

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Aloha and the Heart of Huna by David Blaik

Living part time in Hawaii is one of the great joys of my life and it's not just the beauty of a tropical paradise or the magical sunsets. For me, it's the aloha! Aloha means hello and good-bye. It also means love and blessings. But it's not just the word and its meanings, it's that when the Hawaiians say aloha, they mean it, from their hearts.

The Hawaiian people live by their ancient tradition known as Huna. Huna means "secret spiritual teachings". Huna is an intelligent system of spiritual psychology, sacred initiation, meditation, chanting, advanced healing, and manifesting practices.

At the heart of these teachings is love and aloha. The spirit of Hawaii and the wisdom of Huna. How to experience more love, compassion, acceptance and true forgiveness. How to create more harmony and "right" relationship, both inside and out! Aloha is the heart of Huna.

WHO WERE THE KAHUNA?

Adapted from an article written by the great Kahuna, David Kaonohiokala Bray.

Kahuna is a priest or priestess, a spiritual teacher. Kahunas act as human bridges between the spiritual world and its laws and the material world. The Kahunas were persons of real ability. Kahuna is a compound word from kahu, meaning an honored or high servant who has or takes charge

of persons or property, and na, meaning calmness and freedom from passions. Kahuna also equals ka, standing for the, and huna, meaning concealed knowledge or wisdom protected and defended like a treasure.

A kahuna is thus a priest who has achieved calmness and dignity in character so that the gods trust him to keep the secrets of nature protected while using wisdom in helping mankind. They were the power behind the chief.

THE REAL ALOHA

To be a kahuna, a person has to know that harmony and unity is within himself, god and humankind. He must live according to the secret meaning of Aloha.

A-L-O-H-A

A, ala, watchful alertness

L, lokahi, working with unity

O, oiaio, truthful honesty

H, haahaa, humility

A, ahonui, patient perseverance

Aloha to the Hawaiian of old is god within us. It means, "Come forward, be in unity and harmony with your real self, god, and mankind. Be honest, truthful, patient, kind to all forms of life, and humble".

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The Spirit of Hawaii

by Kawika David Blaikie (Kahu Huna)

Hawaiian Huna is the secret spiritual teachings of ancient Hawaii—Hawaiian Shamanism. The purpose of this unique and ancient teaching is empowered living. In the Hawaiian language, Ho'omana means "to make vital life force energy". There are three kinds of "life force energy" or "powers" available to assist us in creating what we want in life. These three energies are essential in the development of personal and spiritual power—for self-empowerment. These three energies reflect the mental, emotional and spiritual energies that are available to us and they directly affect our physical and material world.

In Hawaiian Huna, "mana" is the basic life force energy that fuels the emotional body. "Manamana" is the energy that is used in the development and use of mental willpower—this energy is twice as strong as basic "mana". "Manaloa" is the power of our spirit and is ten times stronger than basic "mana".

What's important about these powers is that they assist us daily to do three things. To help heal old hurts, heart-breaks and sufferings, to have more personal and spiritual power now, and to create and manifest our futures. Since it takes willpower (manamana) to achieve our goals, as well as overcome our obstacles, then wouldn't it be useful to awaken and utilize our spiritual power (manaloa) to assist our will? Especially, since it is at least ten times higher in its energy and therefore its potential. In fact, this is one of the secrets in Huna healing, empowered living and successful goal achievement—whether it be love, abundance or success in any context of life!

We are all interested in goalsetting—the process of achieving and fulfilling our passions and dreams, including the goal of less suffering and struggle. We are either wanting "magical" goals, tangible goals—a loving partner, a home, money, friendships or "mystical" goals, qualities of experience goals—internal peace, serenity, even joy! In Huna manifesting, it is important to first include the psychology of mind

(as in traditional goalsetting and motivation training) and then transcend it by vastly increasing your personal power by adding spiritual power to the equation! It only makes sense to learn to invoke the strongest power to do the work.

There are many ways to increase the mental and emotional energies (mana and manamana). To activate manaloa is the real secret, that has to do with mystical initiation. Once awakened, manaloa is readily and abundantly available. The keys to Ho'omana (self-empowerment) are given through the sacred process of "mystical initiation"—the passing of manaloa from the teacher to the student, an ancient process known by spiritual masters. In this case the Kahuna—the teachers, leaders and healers of Hawaiian Huna.

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Chanting for Health and Wellness

by Thérèse Laforge

This year I have started a chanting evening once a month in my home. The title Sound Pod came to mind, in honour of the whales and daulphins who do such vital health giving, cleansing work in the ocean with their powerful, sonar emissions. For us humans, chanting is not about "singing,"-its about breath, its about heart, it's about Spirit and we come fully equipped to participate.

Chanting uses a word or phrase or a sound repetitively to relax and balance us. It deepens and regulates our breath and the repetition breaks down our sense of limitation. It alters our brain state and allows us to be more creative.

Sound is food for our body and soul. Dr. Alfred Tomatis, a French physician and reseacher calls sound a critical nutrient for our brain growth, as it stimulates and charges the neocortex with electrical impulse. Dr. Tomatis explains that our auditory system is responsible for much more than just our hearing. It orchestrates the brain and nervous system to enable us to talk, to stay erect and move. Also, the auditory system interacts with the cranial nerves that send information to and from the brain and maintain balance and orientation in space.

Dr. Tomatis' reseach shows that sound and music are critical nutrient to wellness and growth. It is up to us as to what sound and music we choose to listen to in our daily lives. It is also up to us to lobby for music programs in our schools.

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As surely as the double ruffled daffodils were blooming, the Spring Festival unfolded its rainbow self under gently temperamental spring skies. Even as the clouds at times chased the sun across the sky, the atmosphere amongst the 300 or so participants and workshop leaders was happy and relaxed, playful and serene all at once.

From early morning movement and meditation, to the spirited late night fire dancers, the Spring Festival wove its healing magic on everyone there. From Urmi's precise and

gentle guidance at the Healing Oasis, to the twinkling lights and candle magic of the gym, the event shone with years of organization and attention to detail. The excellent team of Marcel and Samarpan, Laurel, Urmi and Nywyn, with the willing assistance of Ulie, Christina and Yvan, who all picked up the threads gently released by Angèle. Our dear friend and fearless leader found herself attending to her hard-working body's repair and rest. The crew would very much like to thank all the workshop leaders, healers, musicians and dancers and all our precious volunteers for making the weekend so enjoyable. See you at Wise Woman Weekend, Sept. 14-16th!

ASTROLOGICAL FORECAST for June & July 2001

by Moreen Reed

The key word for **June** might just be "compromise", which is better than "confrontational." On the cosmic stage this month "oppositions". In theory we have both sides of the coin represented, this should provide natural balance. We will have the folks who will line up behind the facts and/or rationalization and we will have the folks who line up behind cultural history or dogma. This situation does not need black and white, rather it points to cooperation, collaboration, consensus.

Mercury might provide relief by scrambling the airways with his second retrograde period of the year. This begins on June 3rd. The usual rules apply; expect delays and changes in plans, communication to become tangled and confused. This is a great time for right brain activities.

You need to reevaluate and reconsider, major issues. Hold all final decisions and approval until after Mercury goes direct on June 27th. Let your sense of humour overcome the challenges of the unexpected adjustments.

The June 5th Full Moon along the Gemini/Sagittarius axis is at 6:39 pm PDT. We are asked to shed light of awareness on dogmatic judgements and opinions. This means questioning the unquestionable. Not to make black white or white black, but to bring curiosity back to life. The highlighted degree symbolism* is "A woman agitator makes an impassioned plea to a crowd" and the key word Indignation. For the polarizing crowd a crescendo of chest pounding will be heard tonight.

On June the 6th we find Venus moving into one of her favourite turfs, Taurus. Here she gets to revel in the five physical senses. The domination of the active and expressive, fire and air is now on the wane. The live action figures, passionate people, dominate from the 6th to the 13th. Some of the best debriefing will take place over the next few days, 14, 15 & 16. Need to get a message out there to the masses? Target the 17th & 18th. Internet melt down is another possibility.

June 21st we have literally a Cancer New Moon rising, an eclipse of the Sun, and it is the summer solstice. For those into planning ritual solstice is at 38 minutes after midnight, the New Moon and start of the eclipse is at 4:58am, Sunrise is about 5:20am. Symbolically we begin by honouring fertility and growth, then set in motion a new cycle of events that can be reignited for months to come, "A sailor ready to hoist a new flag to replace an old one"* The keyword is Adaptability.

We now see water and earth, sensitivity and security on the increase to help broker a deal with driven ideals. Discipline is also on the rise now if we can hang in there till Mercury gives us back linear time....

Mercury stations turns direct on June 27 at 10:48 pm. All that has been reviewed and revisited can now be put in order. Hopefully in a new expanded and less rigid way.

In JUIV we will see Mars and Saturn put the squeeze play on Pluto humanities evolutionary agenda. Translation: where is the pressure of intention and reality impossible to ignore? At stake and building in intensity are the following themes; economic/cultural domination, whose version/vision of reality is on top, are we or can we align with natural law, what is our current/actual version of justice, what new horizon truly beckons us? Hope for the future is on the table.

The July 5th Full Moon (Lunar Eclipse) along the Cancer/Capricorn axis is at 8:04 am PDT. We are asked to shed light of awareness on our ability to nurture the growth of human life. We must factor in the larger community. Bringing a humble and open ended agenda to the process, knits the past to the future. The highlighted degree symbolism * "A very old man facing a vast dark space to the North East" and the key word is Sanction.

Check out the evening news on July 12. Mercury and Jupiter join hands and cross into Cancer, the Solar eclipse degree from last month, a hot button these days. The opportunity is for a meeting of minds and points of view to secure growth. Old ties may be renewed, like at a family reunion, but on a global level. We raise the flag on a new era.

The solidarity of alliances will be tested July 17th. Venus opposes Pluto; are we on the same team or not? This is on both a personal and global scale. Uranus sparks Chiron insuring the voices of pain are heard.

Has it been hard to get yourself motivated, or do all your efforts seem to run off the tracks? If this sounds familiar then maybe Mars turning direct on July 19th, will be quite noticeable for you.. Mars will end his eight week review session. For those who have not been clear on intention you can surge ahead with rejuvenated vigour. The first to feel the turn around will be the wounded warriors. The second are stalled romantic scenarios. Did you notice what it takes to nourish your intention, keep it strong and growing?

The July 20th Cancer New Moon is at 12:44 pm PDT. Today you are planting seeds to nurture humanity and you. New understanding and new meaning are part of what new(s) today. There is an air of insightful compassion about, that is motivating people to speak out. The highlighted degree symbolism is "A Greek muse weighs in golden scales, just born twins"* The keyword is Value. The Sun moves into fun loving Leo on 22nd, perfect for summer time activities. But meanwhile Saturn is zeroing in on Pluto bringing out reality in ever more crisp detail. Asking us all to open our minds up to the present. This of course especially applies to time spent on vacation! Okay, the tough issues that face humanity are coming clearer as well. Look for boundaries to be challenges as well as authority as we come to the end of July.

* taken from "The Sabian Symbols" by Marc Edmund Jones



Wheel of the Year

by Laurel Burnham



June: The Honey Moon

The month of June received its name from the Roman goddess of marriage and protectress of women: Juno. This month was considered particularly lucky for marriage, unlike May, which was reserved for other rites. This is where the custom of the June bride began as well as "The Honeymoon". June was identified by the ancient Celts as the month of the "Honey Moon" because this is a great time for bees and honey making. The Celts (my ancestors) and other Europeans were great makers and drinkers of mead, a fermented drink made from honey. Mead was considered to have magical and liferestoring properties, and was the drink of choice of many heroes in old legends.

The traditional wedding ceremony involves another set of customs that are rooted in our pagan, Earth as Goddess/ Mother loving past. The Christian church did not officially sanction weddings until some time in the 16th century, but people had been getting married long before they were allowed to do so in churches. The custom of the bride wearing white did not originally signify virginity (a dubious distinction to our forebears) but the maiden aspect of the Goddess, in all her radiant and sensuous splendor. Wedding rings are charmed circles, ancient magical symbols, talismans binding true love. Showering the bride and groom with rice/confetti or environmentally friendly bubbles is an ancient fertility blessing for the new couple.

Besides weddings, this month has a number of festivals celebrating the earth's beauty and abundance. It is also the time of the summer solstice and the longest day of the year on June 21. The summer solstice was also called Midsummer or Litha. It originally was a three day festival which involved fires, dancing in the woods and ecstasy. (I'll leave the rest to your imagination!)

Wherever the impulse to celebrate the summer solstice comes from, it is a good opportunity to give thanks for all that you have received. Make an offering of your own first fruits of the year, whether it is a donation to the food bank or the planting of a tree, or a quiet prayer of gratitude. Make sure you celebrate outside! Let the fires of summer burn away all that needs to change in our lives. The Celts loved summer so much that they called their paradise "Summerland". In the Hopi tradition, this is a time of Niman Kachina, where the helpful spirits encouraging the forces of growth retire to the underworld, disappearing into Mother Earth where they will not be seen again until midwinter. If you are seeking protection and renewal for yourself or the world around you, allow yourself to find solace in Mother Nature.

July: The Blessing Moon

Can there be any doubt that summer has officially arrived? The kids are out of school, and holidays have begun. Hope you have the opportunity to celebrate Canada Day on July 1. Despite our leadership, we still have a country to be thankful for. This is a good opportunity to meditate on what it means to live in Canada at this time. According to Celtic wisdom, each country has its own spiritual identity and responsibilities. A good meditation, perhaps to try and identify what our unique spiritual responsibilities are as Canadians.

July is a month of increase, getting ready for the first harvest of Lammas. It is named after Julius Caesar, who reformed the entire Western European calendar in 45 B.C. Even though it is the glorious warmth and expansiveness of summer, the days are actually beginning to get shorter. Reversal is in the air. The nights are exquisite, perfect for star gazing. The moon can be wonderfully beautiful, riding silver and shimmering mid sky. There is something bittersweet about July, as the sun has already reached its peak and is in decline. Another name for this month is "The Wort moon". Wort is an Anglo-saxon word for "herb". This is a good month to begin harvesting herbs. Herbs would naturally be at their strongest and most energetic at this time of year, when the sun is high in the sky. There is a great deal of information about herbs, both their medicinal and magical properties.

If we are listening with our inner ears, we will find ourselves intuitively drawn to water in July. Salt or fresh water. we need instinctively to be near or in this restorative element. The first thing I find myself doing when I reach the water's edge is to take off my shoes. The second thing I do is scan the beach and tide line for things the waves have left behind. Left to beachcomb long enough, I'm sure I'd end up naked with no place to put the shells and other treasures I'd find. For those of you lucky enough to go to the ocean or some body of marine water, sand that has been collected from between the tide lines is particularly magical. If you do travel to a favorite body of water, it is possible to bring a little home in a plastic film container. This can be used to cleanse a space. or added to your altar. I was gifted with a lovely little container of water from the Nile River, from Crocodile Island, drawn during a full moon, with Sebek (the crocodile/God) looking on. Holding that precious element in my hand connects me to that amazing river and the land of Egypt. I have received gifts of water from all over the world, and have used those gifts in ceremonies where we have collectively prayed for the health and well-being of the waters of the world. We will do this again at Wise Woman Weekend in September.

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Protein Perspectives: by Paul Pitchford

Modern Nutrition & Oriental Traditions

There's been a flurry of media response to the megaprotein diets, and for good reason: texts on the subject are the largest selling books worldwide in the past couple years. And due to this widespread information, virtually everyone I know with an interest in nutrition, both vegetarian and omnivore, has reassessed protein needs. Why has dramatic interest in protein surfaced at this time? We might surmise it is from stress at this frenetic point in our history, as protein foods antidote stress with stabilizing, relaxing and strengthening therapeutic actions.

Yet despite all the talk about protein, rarely does anyone eat an unrefined food that is more than 25% protein by weight. Thus 'eating protein' most often means eating foods that are especially protein rich. Examples of such foods are nuts, seeds, beans, soy products and most meats, including the red meats, pork (sometimes considered a white meat), fish, and fowl as well as eggs.

However, all plants also contain protein, and convincing studies in the 1950's by Wm. Rose indicate that when energy needs are met with a food, protein needs are automatically satisfied. For example, potatoes or rice easily meet our protein needs when one simply eats enough to obtain sufficient calories for energy. Nevertheless such foods alone rarely satisfy those who crave 'protein.' Research by the world's foremost protein expert, Dr. Scrimshaw, head of the Nutrition Department at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, provides an insight. His cross-cultural studies reveal that, given the opportunity, people will consume three times more protein than their true needs. In the poorer countries, this rarely manifests, but in first world countries, protein overconsumption is commonplace, being most easily accomplished with animal products.

If true protein needs are so easily satisfied, even by complex carbohydrates such as grains, what is really being craved? I feel that when meat is craved, it is the rich, highly assimilable matrix of nutrients in meat that is desired. The animal has performed the work of converting vegetal foods into tissues not so different from our own. Thus many individuals will assimilate iron, certain vitamins, and other nutrients from meat more readily than from grains and beans. This is especially true of those with cultural heritages characterized by meat-centric diets. According to the Ayurvedic healing system of India and Chinese traditional healing arts, meat strengthens us, but only when eaten in moderation. And 'moderation' generally means three or four ounces a day. This figure corresponds to what many nutritionists now suggest for healthful meat consumption.

When meat, seafood and fowl intake exceeds eight ounces a day, the resultant protein can cause more calcium excretion than is assimilated, thus promoting osteoporosis or bone loss. In fact, osteoporosis is widespread in the developed countries, more so than in poorer areas. Thin, underfed people in India often have stronger bones than big, beefy Americans and Canadians. This is due to our eating patterns: research over the past forty years has shown that

the single greatest contributor to bone loss is the acids from too much dietary protein. Other research over the same time frame suggests that kidney failure is most frequently a result of excessive protein consumption. Interestingly, traditional Chinese



medicine unifies these health concerns with the view that the kidney-adrenals rule the bones. Furthermore, the kidney-adrenals are said to rule the brain, sometimes referred to as the 'sea of marrow'. Can Alzheimer's disease also be traced to protein excess? Perhaps.

In Ayurveda, a sticky, toxic residue known as 'ama' is associated with eating animal products. Uncannily, recent research finds that a sticky protein polysaccharide called amyloid plaque obstructs brain pathways in those with Alzheimer's. (The ancient teacher Gautama Buddha suggested that those interested in developing their higher faculties should avoid meat.) This same plague obstructs the arteries in most forms of heart and vascular disease and is also implicated in the genesis of cancer.

The most comprehensive nutrition studies in history were performed in China in the latter part of the Twentieth Century. These studies, sponsored by Cornell and Oxford Universities and the Chinese government, showed that Americans, particularly American men, had a 1700 percent greater incidence of heart disease than Asians eating a grain and vegetable based diet. Ninety percent of the protein in these diets is from plant sources. Wealthy Chinese eating rich diets had heart disease similar to the Americans. Not surprisingly, other degenerative diseases, including diabetes and cancer, were less likely in those eating traditional Asian fare.

Nevertheless, I find myself, a vegan for thirty years, recommending animal products to some of my clients with signs of deficiency and weakness. For the many who don't do well with dairy foods, I often suggest a moderate amount (4 ounces or less, several times a week) of quality meats, meaning organic and free range. The negative, ama/amyloid-forming aspects of meat, fish and fowl can be countered with a vinegar-water marinade as well as cooking them into soups and stews with common spices (e.g., marjoram, rosemary, thyme, fennel, ginger, or sage). Cooking or eating animal foods with abundant vegetables and bean sprouts also reduces ama pathology. Individuals who over-consume meat may have short term weight loss and fewer sugar imbalances (protein controls sugar cravings), but at the risk of bone loss and kidney degeneration. Popular books by Dr. Atkins and others who recommend protein-rich diets tell us that carbohydrates need to be restricted in order to lose weight and control blood sugar swings. In my experience they are partially correct. Refined carbohydrates should be restricted. These include the 'white foods' such as white pastas, pastries and breads that contain white, refined wheat flour and refined sugar. Also included is white rice.

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All such foods are not completely utilized as they are

missing minerals, fiber, precious oils, enzymes, and a plethora of phytochemicals needed for proper breakdown and metabolism, not to mention their need in supporting vital immunity. Therefore, refined food residues may stay in the tissues and promote weight gain, among other imbalances. Whole carbohydrate foods, brown rice and unrefined grains, whole grain breads, unrefined sugars (e.g., Rapidura), do not have this effect.

It should be noted that refined oils that constitute hydrogenated fats found in common peanut butter, candy bars, margarine, and shortening also cannot be fully metabolized and thus are often stored in various tissues and organs, setting the stage for cellulite, carcinomas and other degenerations.

One would expect the protein diets to receive support from mainstream dietitians who, over the years, have been promoters of meat-based diets and recipients of funding from the meat industry. Surprisingly, however, even the American Dietetic Association sees the Atkins diet as extreme beyond reason, calling it 'a nightmare.'

Many people know to avoid poor-quality foods as well as the non-foods, yet continue to ingest them. This is because our mind, body and nutrition are closely related. A mind full of toxic desires may all too easily crave toxic foods. Therefore the best starting point in our regenerative process is the mind and its intention. Food and awareness practices have historically been unified, e.g., in both the ancient Orient and Occident, prayer and meditation have always accompanied dietary purifications such as fasting. When people begin with real emotional and spiritual healing, dietary upgrades tend to be second nature and effortless. There are few things more dissatisfying than eating a diet that does not match one's current mental outlook.

Thus the first priority in my nutritional work is to recommend quieting the mind. This brings mindfulness to all we do, and through such self-awareness, one tends to change toward balance in all life activities.

The second priority is activity. In Far Eastern tradition, without adequate exercise our digestive fire becomes weak and even the best organic foods may not help us. So I feel that one ideally develops good mental and physical habits before undertaking serious dietary change.

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The Celtic Cross

Before being adopted by the early Christians in Britain and Ireland, the Celtic Cross was a symbol for wholeness. All words for the cross have a common basis that means 'light of the great fire'. Like the World Tree, crosses implied the primary relationship between the Celestial (vertical axis) and the Earthly (horizontal axis).



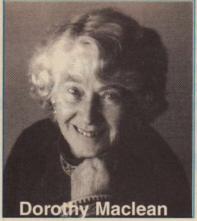
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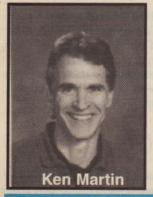


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Intelligence of the Heart

by Khoji Lang

Saturn is guiding us on our path towards integration

In 1995 Daniel Goleman published his best-selling book on "Emotional Intelligence". With this ground-breaking work he laid a cornerstone for a new approach to life, which eventually is going to revolutionize this world. With great authority he proves the shortcomings of intellectual intelligence. He reveals that pure reason and logic are destructive, and his research shows that emotions are the basic thing in life. It's well possible that his book will produce similar effects to Galileo's new paradigm, which made clear that Earth isn't at the center of the universe. Galilei not only put celestial hierarchies into proper position, but — of much greater import — he paved the way from materialism to spirituality. Bringing the Sun back to the center underlined the supremacy of spirit, original life-force and individuality, over Earth which represents matter, duality, personality and transience.

Goleman's publication fell in line with a most important planetary cycle, Saturn entering the sign of Aries in spring 1996. Saturn is the great teacher, showing us how to master this gross reality, giving us the keys of transcendence. In harmony with Aries' assertive pioneer spirit the message fell on fertile ground. Meanwhile Saturn has passed through experiential Taurus and recently moved over into Gemini - opening public discussion on redefining contents and methods of education. Saturn's latest revelation is that life is not orbiting around logic and ratio, but around moods and emotions. For too long humanity has dismissed the power of feelings, simply avoiding (or at least underrating) their importance, not recognizing the deep impact emotions have on the quality of our lives. Education became institutionalized and emotional values by and by were discarded. Rational, intellectual and competitive in its approach, mankind succeeded in denying the very source of life. The dawning insight on the importance of balancing male thinking by female feeling is a light of hope in this Dark Age.

Evolution shows amazing synchronicity. Parallel to the breakthrough of "emotional intelligence", scientists found most stunning facts – that the heart is far more than just a pump. Biophysicists discovered it being a powerful *electromagnetic generator*, creating an electromagnetic field that encompasses the body, extending up to twelve feet away from it. This field is so powerful that one can take an electrocardiogram reading from as far as three feet away from the body.

Neurocardiologists found that up to 65% of the heart's cells are neural cells, not muscle cells as was previously believed. These cells are identical to the neural cells in the brain, operating through the same connecting links, ganglia and dendrites. Quite literally there is a brain in the heart, integrating all the body's functions and attuning them to our emotional state. And parallel there is a very large neural connection between the heart and our emotional brain which is located in the head. Last but not least, molecular biologists discovered that the heart is the body's most important endocrine gland. In response to our experiences with the world it produces and releases a hormone (ANF) which profoundly affects the control centers for the entire hormonal system.

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When Food Becomes Medicine:

The Benefits of Fermentation in Human Nutrition

by Ken Walter "The Bug Doctore"

Lactic Acid bacteria are almost as important to human nutrition as water. Modern scientific research is beginning to verify the benefits of ingesting Lactic Acid bacteria produced by the ancient art of fermentation. Thousands of years ago our ancestors, possibly by accident at first, began to ferment a variety of foods. This process increases the nutritional value of foods and improves flavour.

Fermentation is the action of microbes, both bacteria and yeasts. Fermentation creates enzymes that are the chemical catalysts that cause the decomposition of whole foods into their substrates: amino acids, fatty acids, vitamins etc. These substrates or free-form nutrients are the basic building blocks of living matter.

There are two types of fermentation, yeast driven, which makes alcohol and lactic bacteria driven, which creates Lactic Acid, the tart taste of foods like sauerkraut. Lactic Acid bacteria live in the soil and migrate to vegetation. When food is consumed, the bacteria move through the digestive system and once in the small intestine, the bacteria begin a symbiotic relationship with our gut. These bacteria assist in the break down of long and short chain amino acids and fatty acids. They synthesize minerals and vitamins as well as create the chemical catalysts we need for all life processes - the all important enzymes. In his book entitled: Enzyme Nutrition, Dr. Howell states: "Enzymes are substances that make life possible. They are needed for every chemical reaction that takes place in the human body. No mineral, vitamin or hormone can do any work without enzymes....They are the manual workers that build our body from proteins, carbohydrates and fats, just as construction workers build our homes. You may have all the materials with which to build, but without the workers (enzymes) you cannot even begin."

Heating above 110F destroys these enzymes and forces our digestive tracts to try and digest food without the help of enzymes. As our amino acid/enzyme deficiencies begin to build up, we no longer properly digest our food and the body begins to suffer - from acid indigestion to serious gastro-intestinal distress. Adding to our problems, there are certain chemicals known as enzyme inhibitors which hold grains, nuts and seeds in stasis until they are ready to sprout and if we ingest these foods in a heated or un-sprouted state we ingest these enzyme inhibitors as well, thus increasing our enzyme deficiency exponentially.

So questions arise: 1) How do we retain the enzymes in the foods we eat? 2) How do we begin to correct enzyme deficiencies? The answer is to increase our consumption of enzyme rich un-cooked fermented foods. When we take these foods into our body with the live bacteria that create all of these enzymes, we get a full spectrum of the free-form nutritional building blocks and enzymes we need. Combining the lactobacillus bacteria with their original food sources keeps the bacteria alive and more importantly, VIABLE. This is why consuming yoghurt, if it is unpasteurized, works at repopulating the gut flora after antibiotics. However this provides us with only one type of the many friendly bacteria we need and often commercial products are started with poor quality bacterial cultures. Extensive research is being done into the role and potential benefits of ingesting various Lactic Acid bacteria at this time, but if we consider the exceptional long lives of people who use fermented foods on a daily basis, we can begin to recognize for ourselves the usefulness of a daily intake of a variety of fermented foods.

Mother Nature gave us the fermentation processes that were greatly valued around the world until the development of other means of food preservation during the last 50 to 75 years. Lactic Acid bacteria are fundamentally important to our good health - without these

microbes the internal environment becomes unbalanced resulting in ill health! The ability of these friendly bacteria to reduce nutrients to the basic building blocks of life, makes nutrition immediately usable where needed by the body - no digestion required. Many people will feel an immediate "lifting of their spirit" after consuming fermented foods. Dr. Doug Morrison, Harvard PhD and Naturopath, has concluded that among the thousands of products he has been exposed to, there is shining star in strong strain of 12 Lactic Acid bacteria that have been developed over 40 years by a company called Grainfields Australia. Proprietary combination of 12 viable organic bacteria and quality organic whole foods they start with, combine to produce numerous health benefits.

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Excursions Into Non-physical Realities



by Paul Chelli, B.Sc.

Death is the ultimate journey. Exploring life after death should be of the utmost interest to all of us because death is one event we will all experience. This was not the original goal of Robert Monroe when he wrote *Journeys Out of the Body* in 1971. However, he did want to pass on his experiences to others so that they would not have to go through some of the confusion and terror that he went through. What developed out of thousands of solo journeys out of the body was a process of using audiotapes with hemispherically synchronized (Hemi-Sync®) sounds to preoccupy our unconscious minds, in order to better focus and hold our awareness at other states or levels of consciousness.

In 1974, Robert Monroe established The Monroe Institute as a non-profit research and educational organization for other people to carry on what he had started. Since then he has written two sequels, *Far Journeys*, in 1985, and *Ultimate Journey*, in 1994, which explain to the reader the existence of an interstate highway that he discovered from physical life through various levels of consciousness to the Reception Center or Park, where many people go when they die. Bob not only researched and wrote about his out-of-body journeys, but through the Monroe Institute he developed week long programs for people to attend, to develop the mental balance and skills to journey to these non-physical realities. To date, more than 8000 people have attended the Monroe Institute programs in Faber, Virginia and over 2 million people have used Hemi-Sync® audiotapes worldwide.

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Anti-Aging

by Susan Krautter R.N. BScN

It has been said that youth is wasted on the young. Imagine what it would be like if you could maintain a healthy, mobile, pain-free body into old age? All the wisdom of stored experiences would manifest in youthful form. Did you know that both men and women have similar hormone issues? Both men and women suffer from the effects of too much estrogen.

Outside North America, many cultures do not experience the ravages of old age as we do. Bodies remain fit and firm. The word "menopause" does not exist. One reason is the difference in our environment.

Here, our environment is permeated with petrochemical derivatives, which mimic estrogen in the body. These substances are non-biodegradable. They are stored in human and animal fat tissue and are therefore difficult to excrete. They change our genetics. Apart from causing reproductive abnormalities, they cause increases in cancer in both men and women. It is a stunning fact that due to the importing of fresh produce from unlegislated countries, we are exposed to more DDT now than before it was banned locally.

High estrogen contributes to the process of aging: risk of heart disease and stroke, baldness, obesity, reduced sexual appetite. Over the past fifty years we have seen greater than a 30% increase in breast, ovarian and uterine cancer. In Australia, a study was done where pesticides were used. There was significant evidence of masculinization of women and feminization of men.

Although estrogen has the reputation of preventing osteoporosis, it is a fact that estrogen slows down bone loss but does not build bone. Progesterone is the bone builder. High estrogen levels inhibit the body's production of protective progesterone. In our culture, by the time women reach menopause, osteoporosis has already begun.

The evidence that estrogen protects against Alzheimer's disease is conflicting and inconclusive. For almost fifty years women have been advised to take extra estrogen. In the light of more recent evidence, this is not logical.

Men need to be concerned about synthetic estrogen in the environment. Xenoestrogens are responsible for steadily-declining sperm count and diminished libido in men. The rate of testicular and prostate cancer has tripled in the last fifty years.

Those who intend to preserve their bodies in youthful form and function, must become informed about how to balance hormones through natural means, and avoid undesirable conditions. I encourage you to pay attention to the issues I have outlined and take measures to create the healthy conditions we call "The Balanced Life". Then you can confidently move forward into a joyous and productive old age.



Susan Krautter R.N. BScN is a Wise Woman presenter at Naramata Centre Sept 14, 15 & 16 See back section for details.

The Cost of Raising a Child

The government recently calculated the cost of raising a child from birth to eighteen years and came up with \$160,140 for a middle income family. Talk about sticker shock! That doesn't even touch college tuition. For those with kids, that figure leads to wild fantasies about all the money we could have banked if not for (insert your child's name here). For others, that number might confirm the decision to remain childless.

But \$160,140 isn't so bad if you break it down. It translates into \$8,896.66 a year, \$741.38 a month, \$171.08 a week. That's a mere \$24.44 a day! Just over a dollar an hour. Still, you might think the best financial advice says don't have children if you want to be "rich". It is just the opposite. What do you get for your \$160,140?

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What can I do today to make my world a better place?

by Cathy Fenwick

Our work and relationships with each other significantly affect our level of joy. It is difficult to find happiness if we neglect either of these. In surveys which ask people about why they work, most often found at the top of the list of responses are these; personal fulfillment, recognition, affiliation, enjoyment, learning, responsibility, independence and challenge. In eleventh or twelfth place is money. Reflected in these responses is the need we all have for meaningful work, caring relationships and happiness. Most of us want our work to provide more than the money we need to pay our bills. We want to know that what we do matters. Positive feedback and the occasional pat on the back would be nice. This is not to say that money doesn't matter, efficiency of a certain type can be motivated with money, but it isn't one of the top ten motivators for most of us. Happy, healthy people continue to look for meaningful activity even when they have plenty of money. Those who happily retire from paid employment get involved in volunteer work or pursue a long dreamed about creative endeavor.

A recent publication from the Canada Employment Centre stated that 80% of jobs available today are mind type jobs, 20% are jobs for people who are good with their hands. Even "hands on" jobs like food production and preparation, construction and other physical labour jobs require sophisticated technical skills. Employers in today's economy are looking for people who are creative problem solvers, who can work independently, and can get along well with other people.

Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi, a psychologist at the University of Chicago and author of Finding Flow: The Psychology of Engagement With Everyday Life, has found in his research on creativity, job satisfaction and productivity that you can't pay to get more creativity, because it's not just about money. It's about doing something that is meaningful and challenging. He writes about young creative workers, "They all love what they do. It is not the hope of achieving fame or making money that drives them; rather, it is the opportunity to do the work that they enjoy doing." He has found through his research that for some people, paying them to do things they enjoy actually reduces their interest in doing those thinas.

The old rules don't apply anymore. My son-in-law, a creative person with great 'people' skills, works for an Internet web design company. When he started three years ago there were seven workers, today there are 75 and they are still hiring. He is now head of the creative design department. This company is humming with 75 bright young people who are creative and innovative. This is one of many examples of work in the new economy. It demonstrates the needs of workers and employers today. I can't imagine the leaders in this company standing over workers with time clocks, shouting orders, or treating the workers with disdain. These young leaders don't work with a hierarchical, authoritarian model, they do not "crack the whip" at an assembly line. The old way stifles creativity and innovation. These young enthusiasts have to be sent home at the end of the day; they are having so much fun. Even fun is defined differently in such a creative environment. This kind of fun is the thrill of "yes, we did it." This is the sheer joy of creativity. Artists, writers, musicians and creative people of all kinds know this experience. It is com

pelling and demanding, yet very enjoyable.

When my daughter and grandsons visit me in the summer for a few weeks, my son-in-law sees this as an opportunity to spend 90 hours a week immersed in his work. He is in heaven! He also understands the other side of the formula for happiness, healthy personal relationships. When his family returns, he can't wait to get home to spend precious time with the most important people in his life. He has a healthy understanding that good work and good family life don't just happen. Work and family life thrive on attention and joy.

What do these young people know that many of us older people didn't understand? Their perception of the world is different. They know that a good life doesn't just happen, it has to be created. They have studied enough history to know that we must make sense of our past and have dreams and visions for the future so we can create our present.

My grandparents grew up in the shadow of the great depression. They learned to distrust nature and began to believe that science and capitalism could solve most of our problems. My parents grew up with images of Hitler and Stalin, learning that they must protect themselves from such profound evil. The great Winston Churchill said, "This is our finest hour ...," he was talking about war! My generation grew up with images of Martin Luther King, "I have a dream that some day...," and John F. Kennedy, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do..." My children grew up in the midst of a technological revolution, Internet, globalization, workplace restructuring, and loss of trust in science and capitalism. Each generation has been deeply affected by the world view in which they grew up.

What kind of a world are today's children growing up in? Will they focus on Mother Theresa, "Do only small things with great love and you will accomplish much," Nelson Mandela, "We must work together or perish," and the Dalai Lama, "Compassion and forgiveness will heal the world," or will they hear more about bombs and ethnic cleansing? We create our world. We create our future. What things do we hear? What things do we speak? We need more creative thinkers to create a better workplace and a better world. Creative thinking is non-linear, it is not limited by rigid structures and beliefs. Creativity is circular and all encompassing. Creative thinkers are driven by the opportunity to do work they love and enjoy. The motto in my sonin-law's office is, "pay well, pay fair, create a healthy, secure work environment in which people feel valued and let them do their best work." When our work is meaningful we don't get bored or easily distracted, we can get so involved we almost forget to eat.

The world needs more creativity and innovation. The best place to start is in our own homes, workplaces and communities. If we do not find peace and appreciation here, we cannot expect to have peace and understanding in the world. We begin by not

neglecting the things that really matter, such as meaningful work and caring relationships. We can ask ourselves, "What can I do today to make my world a better place?"

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Forests for the Future

submitted by the Turtle Island Earth Stewards in Salmon Arm

Across British Columbia, and deep in the Ecuadorian jungle, a new kind of forest management is shaping, a type of management that seeks to create harmony between the ecological integrity of a forest and the revenues that are derived from it. The methods are known as ecoforestry and analog forestry and are being applied in BC and in Ecuador by TIES - Turtle Island Earth Stewards and several of their partners.

In BC, TIES is working with private landowners across the province to create ecoforestry plans to selectively harvest their forests in a long-term, sustainable manner, while in Ecuador their southern partners are practicing another type of sustainable resurrection forestry, known as analog forestry.

As Dr. Ranil Senanayake explains, "analog forestry does not seek to deal with existing forests: it deals with lands that have lost their forests. Analog forestry is designed to enable a farmer to obtain a stable income spread throughout the year." The idea is similar to that of permaculture, where the land is planted with a variety of species that replicate the natural forest and to simultaneously provide the forester with the materials needed to sustain life. "The aim of analog

forestry is to achieve the stability and diversity of a natural forest system so as to effectively and efficiently achieve a designated outcome" says Dr. Senanayake, "be it a variety of economic products, provision of specific habitat requirements, or watershed protection."

In BC, TIES has partnered up with the Ecoforestry Institute of Victoria to offer private landowners an alternative to conventional logging practices, ecoforestry. The goal is to address specific concerns of landowners, such as fire prevention and insect infestation, and to create long-term, environmental and economically viable management plans for the properties.

Ray Travers, a professional forester and chair of the Ecoforestry Institute describes ecoforestry as "a long-term ecologically sustainable and economically sound alternative to current conventional forest management." Travers goes on to explain that the long-term harvesting rates are "predicated on maintaining the 'natural capital' of the forest ecosystem, while allowing a wide range of values and benefits to be derived from the 'interest' of the forest."

Both of these alternative forestry techniques rely on one simple premise: that nature knows best how to manage for-

ests. Therefore, by identifying and working within the limits of natural processes, forest ecosystems can be sustained in perpetuity while simultaneously providing the resources that humankind requires.

In the case of Ecuador it is too late to practice ecoforestry, as the areas we are working in are already seriously degraded. This fall a TIES intern, funded by the Canadian International Development Agency, will travel to Ecuador for six months to help small farmers inventory what forest they have left, and to help begin the long and complex process of restoration using analog forestry techniques.

Meanwhile, here in BC, several landowners will have the chance to practice ecologically sustainable forestry on their property, in hope that it will never become degraded to the point where extensive restoration is required. All of these properties will be available for limited public tours to show ecoforestry at work, and to promote their many benefits.

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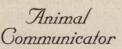


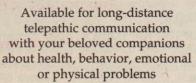
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