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Universal Brotherhood's 26th Annual Gathering

"Tapestry Of Love - Weaving Threads Of Light"

August 2 ~ 4th, 2002 Norcross, GA

Needed For Conference:

We need a couple people to help with transportation from Marta to Conf. (We will pay gas & cover part of your conf. fee for your help)

We also need someone to speak on Wiccan/Pagan or other types of spiritual/religious practices. Must dress representing such. Call Mara or Steve at: 954-965-3632

On Friday, August 2nd, Universal Brotherhood ministers, friends and family of ministers, and other interested lightworkers, will be coming to Simpsonwood Retreat Center in Norcross, Georgia, to spend 3 days of life adventure, learning, fun, networking and breaking bread.

Below are some of the purposed schedule of events:

Saturday-August 3rd Friday-August 2nd 7-830 Breakfast 9-6 Registration

3-5 Minister/Directors Meet

9-10:30 All Around Introductions 10:30-11 UB University

5:30-7 Dinner (1st meal of conf.) 11-12 Treasure Hunt 7-7:45 Opening and Welcome

12-1:30 Lunch 7:45-9 Medicine of the Heart

1-3 Forum: Re-turning Point: (World Peace Ceremony) (Healing The Healer) 9-10 Healing the Sexual Self

3-4 Meditative River Walk w/Dr. James Segars

Saturday continues with "Splash Of Color" Meditation and spiritual drawing, "Planetary Promises for the Future", "Spiritual Threads" presentation, music and fun with Armand and Angelina, etc. Sunday-August 4th activities will end after the closing circle, after lunch (around 2:30).

Total cost per person; \$195 dbl. occ or if local w/no room; \$132. To register, fill out form below & send w/ \$55 registration fee or full payment to: 6503 Lakeshore Dr., Margate, FL 33063 or go to: www.universalbrotherhood.org



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have roommate but want one! I have enclosed_	_\$55 non-refund-able registration (or fill in
amount here) \$I've enclosed full cost	of conference. (Check/M.O. or M/C & Visa)

Total amount due on or before July 1st, 2002

Conference Time Again - We Can Hardly Wait!

by Co-founder and CEO, Rev. Dr. Rick Prigmore Duluth, Georgia



It is only three months until we have the joyous opportunity to see you wonderful people from all over the world again. It is such an uplift of our spirits for Jeni and me to interact with each one of your unique energies. Those energies expand exponentially at conference time as we combine with each other's energies until an almost visible column of light ascends to the heavens.

We want to see YOU at Simpsonwood in August.

I know there are always circumstances which shape your decisions into the pathway of Life you travel. But, since we all create our own reality, why not create YOUR reality to register for the conference NOW. Your written intention will help you create the necessary resources to make it possible. Remember, the Universe is unlimited - and you are ONE with ALL THERE IS!

UB will be in the new facility this year with rooms in the same building as the assembly and display rooms. However, we may not have as many rooms available as last year. That should be your incentive to register NOW. There are off-site accommodations at nearby hotels, but, it just isn't the same as being surrounded by like--minded souls 24 hours a day.

One of the joys we are anticipating is the wonderful entertainment Armond and Angelina will bring to the conference. If you attended last year you will remember the effervescence and verve they unleashed. It was awesome and compelling. They promise more this year. Their busy schedule routes them across the country as they spread their special message with music and laughter. We are fortunate to be able to experience them again.

There are some very interesting workshops and sharing ceremonies you will not want to miss. But, there will also be time to walk the ancient Cherokee trails along the Chattahoochee River or just relax and share your ministry experiences with fellow ministers from across the world.

Elsewhere In this edition of UB Good News you will find a registration form. Fill it out NOW and mail, or e-mail it from our website: www.universalbrotherhood.org to the administrative office, along with your \$55 registration fee. It will be a highlight of your life. I can assure you of that.

SEE YOU AT SIMPSONWOOD IN AUGUST.

UNIVERSAL BROTHERHOOD UNIVERSITY



News Around The Campus

If you are interested in UBU's program you can find information on Universal Brotherhood's website: www.universalbrotherhood.org or you can call the UBU voice mail phone number at: 770-594-4360.

As usual, UB University has been

quite active. Recently, UBU's administrator Rev. V. Ray Long had to relocate to Arizona. She has been reassigned as Chairperson for the Alumni Association.

The board wishes to thank Ray for her service and dedication as administrator to Universal Brotherhood University. If you would like to contact Ray, e-mail: vraylong@excite.com or call her at: 480-860-4424. She would love to hear from you.

Now, here is a list of the most recent Graduates from Universal Brotherhood University:

Masters Of Divinity -

Douglas Fisher Anthousa Helena Diane Kistner Brenda Murphy

Doctor Of Divinity -

Janet Finnegan Is Rosenthal Betty Wilson

Congratulations to all for lots of hard work and a job well done!

Interested in taking your ministry to the next level? Contact us and we'll talk. You'll wonder why you waited so long!





What do You Mean "Keep the Faith"?

by Rev. Gregory Ashid Possman Todd, NC

Have you ever felt deserted by the Creator? Ever felt deserted by your guides and teachers? Had one of those "HUMAN" moments lately? Could it be that this life is a grand opportunity to test our faith? What does the military call it? Building Character? For those of us who have little faith, it may be an opportunity to learn what faith is, perhaps for the first time! For those of us with lots of faith, yes I'm talking to those of you with more experience; it may be a matter of seeing how strong yours is. Don't worry, we won't be asking you to handle poisonous snakes, jump off a cliff, or even learn more about the remote controls on your home appliances!

A definition would be a good start: Faith: the belief in something for which there is little or no tangible evidence. For my analytical brain, a very scary proposition. Has our faith been tested recently? Mine has. I want to believe in a world where peace and love prevail. Peace and love prevail most of the time in my life, however, it doesn't seem to be the case in many parts of the world. If I'm creating my own reality, and I believe I am, then what part of me is reflected by warfare, terrorism, bombings and death? Spirit guides me to lead trips around the world to sacred sites, then provides violent occurrences in those locations to see if I'll be guided by my fear, my courage, or my intuition. Is traveling internationally a challenge when one is repeatedly reminded of the incidents mentioned above? Absolutely. See how easily I can shift from being the creator of my reality, to blaming Spirit as the source of the unexpected and undesired? We can

claim response-ability or we can become victims and blame "Spirit." I know not the source, however the quote is: "There are no victims, there are only volunteers."

Think about the areas or incidents in your life that you consistently complain about. We often choose to vacillate between claiming responsibility and blaming Spirit or some other source. Another indicator is the "landmines" in our lives. Those areas in which we experience weak or nonexistent boundaries. Our parents, our children, our mates, our bosses, our friends, our relatives and our enemies are all potential targets for our blame when we refuse to be responsible for our experience. We are the source and if only we remembered this every time we begin to complain, more of our outlook would be positive. We would be asking what lesson or gift our soul is serving up for us rather than expressing anger, fear or blame for a reality, which is not meeting our unreasonable unrealistic expectations! Do I practice what I preach? Of course not, that's the reason I have to preach it, teach it and write about it. It's the only way I can learn, When you hear me complaining and blaming, rather than claiming response-ability for my creation, I'll ask you to take the courage necessary to remind me that I wrote this article and how much happier I'd be if I were living by it. Please don't show this article to my beloved wife Sandie.

Perhaps the way for us to keep the faith is to consistently remind ourselves that the Creator and we are partners in this process. Reminding ourselves that our souls, over souls, higher selves, higher powers or whatever name we wish to give it, work in tandem with our lower or physical selves to create the movie called our lives. If we have faith that the lesson or gift will be revealed in time, then perhaps our faith may be restored and our outlook will shift. Should we expect

the best or better? You bet! We deserve the best or better. That's the other reminder I forget. My outer reality being a reflection of my inner plane or inner being, in what aspect or area do I practice un-deservability? What do you mean, "Keep the Faith?" Could lack of response-ability and un-deservability be the source of my lack of faith? Oh No! Who do I blame now?

Gregory and his wife Sandie lead journeys and workshops throughout the world. They counsel individuals and love a lot. In the fall they will be leading journeys to The Canadian Rockies, England, Scotland and Mayan Mexico. If you're interested in their work, you may call 828-265-3493, email: gregory821 @aol. com or check their web site: www. gregory possman. com

A rabbi asked his students to define when the dawn has come, and thus the time for morning prayers.

One suggested, "It is light when you can tell a donkey from a horse." Another said, "When you can distinguish a fruit tree from a fig tree."

The rabbi turned away from all of their answers and told them, "When you look into the face of every man and woman and see there, the face of your brother and sister, then there is light. All else is darkness."



Adapted from the Babylonian Talmud

A Postcard from Egypt M/D Rev. Nicki Scully Eugene, Or

We are ten intrepid Americans, bucking the media blitz of fear to complete a pilgrimage to Egypt that for some is the dream of a lifetime. Over the loud protests of family and friends, those who have made the choice to come on this adventure are not disappointed. This morning, our first day here on the Giza Plateau, started misty and mysterious as we entered the area of the Sphinx to stand between her paws and ask permission of this ancient guardian to proceed through Egypt on a path of initiation into her mysteries. It was eerily quiet, with no other people around as we completed our ceremony and moved to continue our explorations in the Valley Temple.

As we approached the temple, a bus drove up and unloaded a group of secondary school girls who were on a field trip to learn of their country's rich history. They politely made way for our little group to enter first, and we went directly to the public viewing area at the side of the Sphinx where Emil, our Egyptologist, talked to us about the controversial theories on the history of this enigmatic being.

A few of the braver girls came forward and asked if they could have their pictures taken with us. We were happy to comply and suddenly found ourselves swarmed by these beautiful, youthful, and thoroughly delightful pre-teen and teenage girls. They wanted to know where we are from, what our names are, and how old we are, obviously excited for an opportunity to practice their English. They were welcoming in such a pure and openhearted way, that by the time the next wave of students entered the area, this group much younger and even more unabashedly friendly, we were all embracing and practically cuddling there on the

"...And You Will Fly!" New CD Helping Children

with Rev. Nicki Scully

... And You Will Fly!, the new CD that we are giving away to children with life Threatening diseases and their caregivers, is produced and ready for shipping. We launched it with a give-away to all the patients at Children's Hospital and the families at Ronald McDonald House in Seattle on December 11.

... And You Will Fly! is the result of the most exciting creative process I have been involved with. It is an animal circus adventure story set to Roland Barker's music, and it contains within it elements for empowering and healing the listener. Although it is directed to children who are ill, it can and will be enjoyed by everyone. We've produced it like a radio play, with narration (by me) and character voices performing the various roles.

If you know someone who needs the CD, please get us their address and we will send it to them for free right away. You can purchase ... And You Will Fly! by calling (800) 937-2991 (PST). Cost is \$16 per CD plus S&H of: \$2.50 for first 2 and \$1 each additional. If any of you wish to buy this CD, you should know that for every CD sold, we are able to produce and give away at least five to children in need.





For further information wwwandyouwillflyorg Sahalie Publishing is a not-for-profit foundation, and all donations are tax deductible.

rocks by the side of the Sphinx. I wished I had taken a video to show my friend Kathy, who had tears streaming down her face as these beautiful children came to her in waves of three at a time, kissing her face as she wrapped her arms around them. Two of the teenaged girls danced for us, right there in the temple, while we clapped our hands and trilled with their friends and teachers.

Our feeling of welcome only intensified in the festival atmosphere of the pyramids, where it appeared to be a day for students. When they found out we were Americans, many told us with great care and sincerity how badly they felt for what happened to us in our country.

With our hearts burst open, we finally tore ourselves away to bask in the good feelings of the morning and the magic that is so quintessentially Egypt.

In joy and with constant prayers for peace,

Nicki Scully

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It Matters Not

Rev. H. Starr Carpozi Lone Tree, Co

It matters not what Universe, Planet, or System of Reality you're from. It matters not the color of your skin, the language that you speak, the physical form in which your soul created in order for you to express yourself through. These things are not important really.

What is important is the consciousness you keep and the way in which you choose to express it. That is the most important thing, for that consciousness brings forth the many colors of who you are. And those colors speak of your vibration and how connected you are to the energy source of your being.

It matters not why things don't always work out, or why you didn't succeed, or why someone you loved has left for one reason or another. What matters is the knowledge you gained from having those experiences, and the wisdom is the expression of that knowledge through word and deed, so that others may benefit and learn too.

It matters not what others think when you are living in your truth and honoring yourself, and hurting no one. What does matter is that you continue to strive and be the brightest most significant self that you possibly can, you must never give up. For within your efforts, even if you do not see a result,

and you continue in faith to be the brightest most significant self that you can be... You will succeed, and for each, it is different.

It matters not what the world you see about you is 'expressing', more importantly, it is the world within and how you are resonating, that effects all that is about you.

Always know that reality is different for each, and reality begins with that consciousness that you keep. It is what creates what is.... and that is what really matters.

> Rev. H. Starr Carpozi Copyright, Oct. 2001

SUMMERLAND MONASTERY AT WINDTREE RANCH

DESERT WHITE

Rev. Jacquie Omi Zaleski, M.S., M. Div. Douglas, Arizona

I awakened to a very cool morning. Inside our papercrete casita ("little house") it was about 55 degrees. There had been little sun yesterday to heat up the passive solar collectors (our only source of heat in that casita), so it was cool, but I felt very happy and was anxious to run over to the straw bale dining hall and look out upon the Sierra Madre Mountains of Mexico just a few miles south of our dining hall. I knew it was going to be breath-taking to watch the sun come up today.

Yes, I awoke knowing that it was to be a very special day here in the High Desert. We had moisture yesterdayrain, sleet, hail, and it snowed last night!

Certainly there are those who live with that kind of occurrence every winter and certainly don't find it special, but if the recent years norm (as ours has been for several years) is to have no moisture fall (not even obvious dew!) from October until July, then it's a blessing to have rain, hail, sleet, and snow.

The young fruit, evergreen, and olive trees are singing to finally have a blanket of white over them, promising them more moisture when the sun comes out. It's very rare to have snow here, perhaps once a year, and it's very unusual for it to last more than 12 hours. We can then anticipate that the trees will be watered today.

Mother Mountain sits above us, to the north, covered in heavy cloud cover. She looks like a large woman laying on her side and watching over us. Today she wears a blanket of white that looks like a down comforter. When children are here and we sit in the clouds, unable to see the valley below (that's not the case today), I always tell them that we are angels. They laugh, but it's not a joke. We are all angels spreading whatever we have to give out to others. Good or bad, we offer what we are to anyone who passes near enough to us to receive what we have to offer.

In these times of so much concern, I like to imagine that like the snow that fell last night, we can give out a blanket of comfort and caring to all whom we touch. We can nourish the life around us, offer hope and promise for the future just by our presence, and heal the strain of days past (like dry tree roots being nourished).

I'm reminded of a lovely folk song, The words are-"If every woman in the world has her mind set on freedom. If every woman in the world dreams the sweet dream of peace. If every woman in every nation, young and old each generation, all join hands in the name of love, there will be peace on earth."

Perhaps we all can join hands, like so many snowflakes tight together and bring peace on earth?

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Meditation and Consciousness

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So often we love to hear ourselves talk. Our prayers often revolve around what we desire to tell or ask of Spirit. Rarely, do we ever take the time to listen to God. Meditation, in Asian Psychology, is found to not only be a way of listening to God but also a way to better mental health.

Abhidamma is relations theory in the broadest sense. Its basic dynamic is then ongoing relationship of mental states to sensory objects. This includes the five main sensory modalities and their precepts, plus thought or cognitive activity, which this systems sees as the "sixth sense". In this system, one's mental health is contingent when the quality of the factors which compose one's mental states from moment to moment. A major perceptual factor is delusion, a perceptual cloudiness or misperception of the object of awareness. False views entails miscategorization and so it becomes the natural consequence of misperception. The key principle in the Abhidhamma program for achieving mental health is the reciprocal inhibition of unhealthy mental factor by healthy ones. Healthy mental states are antagonistic to unhealthy ones thereby inhibiting them. A major healthy factor, insight, understanding or clear perception of an object as it really is, suppresses the fundamental unhealthy factor of delusion. Mental health is the absence of unhealthy factors and presence of healthy factors in the person's mental states.

Meditation is seen as most effective when the mediator voluntarily desists from action or disinvest interest from thoughts which would led to strong affects or which would otherwise distract attention. There are two fundamental strategies for meditation:

concentration and insight. Concentration entails sustained attention directed toward a single object or point of focus. Insight involves the continual maintenance of a specific perceptualcognitive set toward objects as they spontaneously arise in awareness. As inhibition of unhealthy factors is inculcated, healthy ones are elicited. Mediation entails a simultaneous unlearning of old perceptual cognitive habits and acquisition of new ones. The essential skill in mediation is the ability to hold a specific mental set or a specific object of awareness while inhibiting any contrary perceptions, thoughts, or other intrusions. It embodies characteristics of the Arahat ideal found in Asian psychology.

The Arahat is the prototypic saint. It represents the essence of mental health. The Arahat can be seen as having achieved an alerted state of consciousness, a stable transmuted configuration of psychological structures. The Arahat is the facilitator of an internal state of calm delight called the flow. The key elements of the flow are: >The merging of actions and awareness in sustained, nondistractible concentration on the task at hand.

>The focusing of the attention on a limited stimulus field excluding intruding stimuli from awardees in a pure involvement devoid of concern with outcome.

>Self-forgetfulness with heightened awareness of functions and body states related to they involving activity.

>Adequate skills to meet the environmental demand.

>Clarity regarding situational cues & appropriate responses.

Flow arises when there is an optimal fit between one's capability and the demands of the moment. The Flow State is not a give pattern of ongoing arousal rather it is a state of boundlessness. It demands state-flexibility. There are two ways of increasing the likelihood of a flow experience regulating environmental challenges to fit one's skills, as in games or self-regulation of internal capacities to meet a greater variation in external demands.

Mediation's basic skill is attentional focus with the exclusion of distracting stimuli. It is the core of every meditative discipline. Meditation extends the domain of the flow thereby making it an excellent exercise in the renunciation of negative energy and the rejuvenation of Divine essence.

WANDERLUST

I dream to be a wanderer,

See all the sights I've missed, Enjoying too the great outdoors,

By wind and sun be kissed; To hike majestic mountains,

To sail upon the sea, Taste the thrill of foreign lands

Where I've often longed to be; Feel the cool of forests tall,

The warmth of desert sand, Make new friends and visit old,

All across the land; My life itself adventure,

To learn from all I see, I sense a

whole world waiting The wanderlust in me.

C Rev. Greg Goodson



Children Are The Key To Prevention

Rev. Demetra Bakas Greensboro, NC

After years of a holistic healing ministry, Health Promotions, with adults, my focus led me to prevention with children and family systems.

Much of what we heal as adults is inherited through our genetic code. Unfinished business of the parents is there to be handled by the next generation.

As an example, we may often see a mother who develops her self-love and power. Those skills are immediately transferred to her children.

Healing and growth are an individual's task that contributes to the mass consciousness and planetary transformation.

For interested ministers, I have developed teaching materials to help keep the authentic child intact through my writing, storytelling, and music. "Self-Esteem Building Through Storytelling" is a semester program of developmentally based movement, music, and story lessons that validate the self-concept and the inner psychological processes.

It is a whole method of facilitatory teaching that stimulates inner directed learning with critical thinking skills in a non-authoritarian, more humane manner. Children are validated for self-expression and thinking skills while learning self-control.

In conjunction with the Guilford County Task Force to Reduce Family Violence, I have published *Black-eyed Susan*, *Hope for Children And Families*. In this awareness picture book, piloted in the school system, children learn non-blame, healing, and reconciliation from child abuse and domestic violence. The story gives children key information they might need to

The Yin and Yang of Reiki and Qigong

Rev. Mary Sturtevant

Londonderry, NH

Qigong, a Chinese cultural expression of the Life Force, parallels and complements the path of Reiki. This body-centered workshop will incorporate meditation, deep breathing techniques, gentle exercises, and focused intention through which we will experience the blending of the Reiki and Qigong companion energies.

Open to all Reiki 11 students and Reiki masters regardless of form or practice. Contact Reiki Master and Lao Shur Mary Sturtevant at: 603-434-0655 or e-mail peace@pathofharmony.com.

What is Oigong

Qigong is an ancient Chinese health care system that integrates physical postures, breathing techniques and focused intention. The word Qigong is made up of two Chinese words. Qi is pronounced chee and is usually translated to mean the life force or vital energy that flows through the body and through all things in the universe.

The second word, gong, pronounced gung, means accomplishment or skill that is cultivated through steady practice. Together, Oigong means cultivating energy. It is a system practiced for health maintenance, healing and increased vitality. Like any other system of health care, Qigong is not a panacea, but it is certainly a highly effective health care practice.

The gentle, rhythmic movements of Qigong reduce stress, build stamina, increase vitality, and enhance the immune system. In addition, it has been determined that Qigong improves cardiovascular, respiratory, circulatory, lymphatic and digestive functions.

There are a wide variety of Qigong practices. It has been estimated that there are probably more than 1000 forms of Qigong and these are usually classified as medical (healing), spiritual, or martial. Everyone can find one or more Qigong forms that can benefit them. Oigong's great appeal is that anyone can benefit from practicing it, regardless of their level of physical fitness, their life circumstances or their age. Anyone can enrich their lives and health by adding Qigong to their daily activities.

Rev. Mary Sturtevant

know if ever faced with an abuse situation. Cassette tape "Peace For My Family" accompanies the book.

Ministers of healing possess much knowledge and skills that can be used in the prevention of recurrent inherited cycles of trauma and violence. I am also writing an experiential workbook for children and adults titled *Healthy Emotions*..

The path to our heart is found through our emotional body. What a world we would have if we were all authentically honest with our emotions and love was our guiding factor. Demetra Bakas is a physical therapist, psychic, and has been a holistic minister for 26 years. She is also an author, storyteller, and singer teaching groups to use the expressive arts as a fun, healing tool.

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GENETIC ENGINEERING

Part II

(Continued From Fall Issue 2001)



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Greenpeace quotes that Roundup is quite toxic, if sprayed directly on a plant it would kill it but farmers spray again & again on GE soybeans and other crops. None of the GE food grown in the U.S., resistant to Roundup, has undergone long term safety tests. In trials herbacide resistant Soybeans were fed to cows who developed side effects. No further tests were done to explore these changes yet these GE soybeans have been passed by the regulatory authorities as safe for consumption.

Roundup is promoted as an environmentally benign herbacide yet the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service has identified 74 endangered plant species threatened by the use of glyphosate. It can kill fish in concentrations as low as 10 ppm (parts per million), reduces growth of earthworms increasing mortality, killing beneficial fungi aiding plant growth, creating pesticide related illnesses. Highly toxic to humans & animals affecting the nervous system, being water soluable it readily leaches from soil into ground water. It not only affects water & soil but the habitat for wildlife, killing everything. Environmental scientists have found herbacide residues in lettuce, carrots, barley planted a year after soil was sprayed. In addition there is an herbacide drift damaging neighboring crops. Monsanto has received permission to increase 3 fold its use on crops. Roundup accounts for 17% of their annual sales, expected to increase in the next 5 years to \$56 million, a cash cow.

Complaints from extension agents, scientists & farmers about pesticide drift from GE crops causing destruction is being hidden. Vast damage is occuring by wind carrying pollen, bees, insect and bird flight into neighboring fields as far as 2 miles. Ditches filled with pollen being carried off by animals, equipment, vehicles, shoes. Bird population has decreased by 50%, bees are close to extinction, butterflies are being seriously damaged by eating the pollen of GE crops. What do you suppose it does to humans who ingest this food every day?

Monsanto has put millions into court settlements to growers who faced losses from their GE crop failures, these issues not being reported to the public, as sale of GE seed and products are being hurried into the market without testing. Ecologist magazine reported a number of biotech failures, including GE Canola, forcing Monsanto to withdraw some GE varieties ... only after 60,000 bags of seed were sold across Canada. GE crop failures in 1994 of Flavor Savr tomato, 1996 Monsanto BT cotton, 1996 New Leaf potato, 1997 Roundup Ready cotton are just a few. A legal firm in Texas, acting for 17 growers claims Monsanto misrepresented the product. There are results showing GE soybean crops produce lower yields than traditional crops. Many farmers suffered losses being pushed into debt. Monsanto has paid millions to settle quietly.

Contracts with seed companies forbid farmers from saving seed for the next years crop. Bought GE seed costs 3 times as much as regular seed with a patent fee on each bag. Many farmers are not aware of the gravity of the situation when first buying GE seed. Pinkerton detective agency has been hired by Monsanto to check farmers to make sure they are not saving seed. A free phone hotline is setup to encourage farmers to tell on their neighbors for saving seed. By late 1998 475 farmers in the U.S. & Canada had been sued by Monsanto for breaking contracts for saving seed ... broadcasting their names on the radio.

In the first half of 1998 Monsanto spent 8 billion in buying seed industries. Dependance on seed companies is being created by a technique in which GE altered plants are programmed to kill their own seeds ... terminator technology. More than 1.4 billion farmers rely on saved seed. Being forced to buy seed for every planting creates a perpetual cycle of dependence on big seed companies. At present 29 terminator patents are held by Monsanto, Swiss pharmaceutical Novartis, & U.S. public universities. Development of this technology came from public resources serving private interests creating public outrage. Sterile seed pollen can drift from field to field rendering nearby crops sterile.

Seeds treated with antibiotics like tetracycline could threaten the medical use of these antibiotics. The potential for an uncontrolable spread of an antibiotic resistance thru GE crops is a sobering possibility, if not already evi-



dent. We can be left with the possibility of humans finding their ability to be cured of infection by antibiotics decline or disappear as people eat foods with antibiotic resistant genes. In 1999 the Swiss government banned GM maize undergoing field trials on the grounds of studying the safety of antibiotic resistant genes. The transfer of antibiotics thru pigs to the public can happen in just 2 years.

BGH, Bovine Growth Hormone is to trick a cows body into producing more milk than it would otherwise do. This milk is known to be contaminated with pus from udder infections, antibiotics, high levels of insulin - like growth factor IGF-1 which has been linked to human breast and gastrointestinal cancers. Reports by Lancet indicate levels of IGF-1 can increase 70% during pasturization. Cows health issues from BGH are cystic ovaries, uterine disorders, decrease in gestation length & birth weight of calves, increased twinning and retained placenta. In 1999 Canadian gymt banned use of BGH & many other countries with concrete health concerns. The U.S. gvmt approved its use in 1993 to the outrage of farmers & consumers with Monsanto compensating farmers for increased vet bills. The Center for Food Safety & more than 26 organizations filed a petition to reverse the FDA approval of BGH citing Monsanto fraud. Vermont passed a law requiring labels on all dairy with BGH. Monsanto filed a lawsuit against the state of Vermont claiming their rights were being violated.

Results of GE are bizarre. Salmon growth is too big, too fast & turn green. The need for salmon to run upstream is interrupted so animal life; like bears, dependent on this food may starve. Local fish populations are being displaced by GE escapees, outnumbering the locals 5 to 1. Hundreds of odd GE

tomato species are randomly showing up in a foreign country after a tomato trial. Resistant weeds, superbugs withstanding high levels of pesticides are being addressed by biotechnology companies already scrambling to engineer a second generation of crops & sprays. Many GE food crops such as corn & soybeans have already become herbacide resistant.

GE foods do not taste better, provide more nutrition, cost less or look nicer. The instability of GE crops has been documented. And yet squash, and papaya have been cleared for commercial production in the U.S.. Permits are granted for beets, cukes, lettuce, melon, pepper, potato, sunflower, tomato, watermelon.... Our fish have been comprimised with genes from chicken, cattle, humans & rats. Transfer of sterile pollen into our wild genetic pool of plants and organic fields & orchards is upon us now. The reality of the world's food being owned by a few giant corporations is close.

Can we allow multinational corporations to experiment with our health & the health of our families? Can we allow all life to become desacralized, reduced to a chemical level, available for manipulation? What about the ethical issues? What about the extinction of species? Who has the right to play God?

If GE food is safe then GE, food makers should have no reason to oppose labeling. Every person has the right to safe & healthful food. Every person has the right to make the choices about what they eat. Every person has the right to know. British law currently requires GM food stuffs be labelled. Eco warriers are burning GE crops in England, Prince Charles will not eat or serve GE foods.

This is barely skimming the surface of

a deadly topic. If this information is important to you let us know ... we can do a sequel. Bibliography available.

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Treasures Within Meditation With a Friend



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(W)hole Point Institute LLC Seminar Series

Rev. Althea Chadwick

Have you noticed how each day we live past the events of 9/1 1 seem to abound with healing opportunities for humanity? Driven by an urge to firmly anchor Heaven on Earth, many of us seek ways to heal - forever - the past dysfunctions, which have kept our inner light hidden. A new healing perspective, emerging from the interface of psychology and spirituality is being taught by Althea Chadwick, M.Div, LICSW, BCD, and Director & Founder of the (W)hole Point Institute, LLC.

Ask yourself the following questions. Are you tired of hurting and feeling sad? Do you get discouraged by going 'round and 'round the same old problem? Are you stuck in a hole? Think about this! What if you could leam to see your life's 'holes' as 'compressed spirals'? And, in so doing, what if you could use a method of intentional spiraling to move you through your life's 'holes' as a means of gaining (w)holeness and to claim more of your own radiant self-expression?

Using the humble 'hole' as a core metaphor in an innovative, integrative healing perspective, Chadwick introduces a series of eight 2 day (W)holeshops designed to promote lasting healing for heart and soul 'holes.' Not another therapy, Chadwick states, "I have spent so much time in holes and listening to so many people who were also stuck in holes, I finally got the (w)hole point! (W)hole work is all about what happens at the interface of psychology and spirituality. It helps us recognize and identify the meaning of the life hole we're in and helps us create a doorway to our radiance out of that hole!"

Drawing upon her 25 year career as a therapist and practitioner of a range of alternative healing modalities, Chadwick uses a series of pragmatic "hands and feet-on" exercises, visual

imagery, stories and lectures to engage (W)holeshop participants who want their lives to be different, to create 'real-life' magic, and to become more (w)hole and radiant. Rife with humor and designed to inspire curiosity, Chadwick has peopled the process of Hole Work with a cast of Yuckies, Sillies, Spinners and M & Ms. Chadwick reminds us, "To heal, we need to get to laughter. Laughter about a problem 'spirals' us through our holes in which we currently find ourselves and into intentional aliveness."

Raymond, NH

Though (W)hole Work builds upon the Freudian psychoanalytic process, Jungian exploration of collective unconscious and archetypes, recovery principles that acknowledge our Higher Power and concept of surrender, as well as practices drawn from self-help and positive thinking models, its most potent quality rests with the experiential manner in which invites healing. Participants learn to move from a 'concept' held in head (mind), to the 'particular' place where our life's holes have remained unhealed - our hearts and souls. In this respect, (W)hole Work charts a hitherto unexplored course through an individual's internal healing environment. (W)holeshop participants report major shifts in understanding, appreciating, and healing their life's 'holes.'

Those who wish to engage in Hole Work must have been in individual psychotherapy for a minimum of one year, attended a minimum of two selfdevelopment workshops or similar programs within the past two years, and who are aware that living one's life is about more than outer conditions, achievements and ordinary reality.

For more information, please contact Althea Chadwick, M.Div., MSW, LICSW, BCD, at: (603) 895-4530.

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Rev. Barbara Sneider Davie, Florida

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Please join us for class (sharing sessions) and/or personal readings. For further information call either Adult Services; (954) 434-0499 or Rev. Barbara at; (954) 474-4956.



A Child Of The Universe

Being aware is wonderful. Being in control of your awareness is even better.

Being in awareness is wise Being wise brings wisdom. Being in touch with wisdom is being in touch with your own true essence of being.

Being in touch with your essence of being is being in touch with God.

With God in your being you are then at one with yourself and the Universe: You are Eternal.

Rev. Hazel Bailey

Wiltshire, England





Message in the Bottles

M/D Rev. Delores DeVore Largo, FL

What would you do if an idea for a business came from out of nowhere? Several years ago, during my daily travel to work, Spirit told me that I would create Sound Essences. While I had known for some time that I would create essences, I had always assumed they would be flower essences. I kept waiting for my home to show up, so I could plant a garden. Granted, I don't have the greenest thumb, so I did not know how to even start the process. I just knew I would be guided. This new idea of Sound Essences blew me away.

I called a friend, she came over immediately (yes, to work!) and we sat and brainstormed about how I might do this and what they would be like. I finally said: "You know, if I wanted to create an essence, I would create one that carried the gifts and qualities of the Ascended Masters." I had been working with these beings for about 10 years, asking them to help me develop the qualities of Wisdom, Integrity, Peace, Creativity, and Decision Making in my life. The possibility of putting these qualities in an essence for others' use would be a great gift to humanity.

At this time, I knew that I had also found the project for my Master's Degree with UBU. In one hour, I had the whole process down on paper. (I have since been reminded that I created them in other lifetimes.) I knew I would need colored bottles to hold the essences; so I began my search for them. I searched for several months but no one had colored bottles. I could find a cobalt blue, sometimes a green or lavender, but not the entire color spectrum. I became concerned. How could I create these essences, if I could not find the bottles to hold them? I even

tried coloring bottles myself, with stained glass paint - but it came off! I had a very demanding talk with the Masters, and let them know that if something did not show up soon, I would put the project on hold.

The next time I looked on the Internet, I found a company in England that would color bottles for me. WOW - at last a way was shown. I asked for samples. I told them that I had looked and looked for bottles here in the States, and could not find them. I ordered what I needed for the first round of essences. When they came in, I got a call from the American representative of the English company. He asked if I would consider becoming the distributor of Colored Bottles here in the USA. They would set me up with samples. Obviously, this was a shocker from left field. I had never imaged having a business of my own, much less a wholesale import business. They had never met me, and knew nothing about me. This was unfathomable - someone, out of nowhere, wanted to go into business with me. It was not an easy decision, for my only image was one of pulling orders and shipping them - in that I was not interested! I also did not have money to start a new business.

I struggled for about 6 -8 weeks. Then, I decided that this was either a gift or a challenge, and, either way, I might as well go for it. I let go of my need to know and understand, and allowed life to show me what it had in store for me. Little did I know what great gifts there were: 1) I received my Master's Degree from UB. 2) I got to travel to England to meet the people, tour the company, and take a wonderful vacation, too. 3) I discovered that my computer skills came in handy during the setup of the business; including the creation of a website. 4) I discovered both what I enjoy and what I do not enjoy doing on a daily basis. 5) I discovered the strong points of my business skills, and where I could use more work. The biggest challenge was how to do this with no investment. I discovered you don't need a lot of money to get started in some businesses.

I used every skill I had to promote the business on the Internet. This business is generated totally through the Internet. There is no office, except my computer in my home and a small storage room in the basement for bottles and jars.

Now I am seeking a business partner. I'm looking for someone who is strong in sales and marketing; who is capable of promoting the business to large companies and can close sales. This person will free me up to teach about Sound - which is my highest joy and calling.

So how do you handle life? When an idea comes, do you dismiss it? Do you say, I don't have the money; I don't have the skills? How do you know what lies ahead of you and what you might miss when you say "no" too quickly? My experience has shown me that I have more inside than I thought--more ideas, more determination, and more resolve. Those fear beliefs do show up, but only so they can be transformed. Should you take the risk, you will discover that more ideas come as you begin to act on them. You will learn that life has unexpected twists and turns, but there can be joy in all of it. Yes, I do use my own essences to work with my limitations and fears, and they work!

If you have a need for Colored Bottles, check out the website www.coloredbottes.com. If you are interested in the essences check out www.iamthebeloved.com. I will be creating more essences this year-so be on the lookout for them.

Delores DeVore is a Sound Healer/ Facilitator and teaches classes on Sound and the Ascended Masters.

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Winter 2001-2002

Dear Friends,

How delightfully wonderful was our 25th Silver Anniversary Celebration!!! I hope to have the opportunity to see you this year, as well.

What will we tell our children and grandchildren about 2001 ... a year when the events in NYC, Washington, DC, and Pennsylvania enhanced our awareness of our inter-relatedness with all life. And now, in response, our government has felt we needed to solve violence with more violence. Shall we relate our emotions and the horror and terror this first instilled within our Selves....or shall we relate the history and our feelings as fact, instead of continuing the energy of horror and terror and anger and desire for retaliation against someone....shall we tell the children that our thoughts turned to prayer almost immediately after the shock of discovering what happened in those few life-changing moments to prayers for the leaders of the world governments:

Prayer for those who made their transitions, that they were lifted from fear and pain instantly into the loving warmth and Light of Creator. Prayer for those who remained on the ground, having escaped with their lives yet continuing to live with the devastation. Prayer for all the relatives of the people whose companionship they lost, as well as the relatives of all the people, who are still working daily in the energy of devastation, and for those who will be working at that site for years to come. Prayer for the Earth and all surrounding life, and those unseen who suffered the same shock and loss, although perhaps in a different way. Prayer for those who flew the planes into the buildings and all of their relatives and sponsors ... prayer for those who flew a plane into the ground that fewer would die than was planned ...

these too deserve our prayers rather than our anger and hatred ... like it or not... we are ALL related.

Look, listen, sense in your hearts that the Light within you is stronger now than before September 11, 2001. That 2002 is bringing an even greater opportunity to see, hear, and feel the Light of the One Source and recognize Spirit's Song within you. NOW ... take that Light and use yourself as a mirror ... a mirror to reflect the Light of all the people in New York City, Washington DC and Pennsylvania - in Israel and Palestine - in Afghanistan, India and Pakistan - in the halves of Korea - in China, Argentina - in Australia - wherever there is strife - so that their Light may be strengthened equally.

Take this opportunity of 2002 to reflect the Light of the One Source to the people all over the Earth that their Inner Light is strengthened. Reflect your Inner Light through the Mirror of your Self to all the political and religious leaders of the Earth's various nations and tribes, stimulating their Light, awakening within them the desire for Harmony, Serenity, Well Being, Joy, Prosperity, and Justice. Know that through your Light work, you bring us ever closer to the awareness of our Oneness ... many individual sparks creating and melding with the Light of all Earth's life.

See, hear, and feel Spirit's Song flow through you strengthening and bringing your Self into that place of Harmony, Serenity, Well Being, Joy, Prosperity, Love, and Justice. All for the Highest Good.

Let us relate to our children and grandchildren that we took this tragedy and transmuted its energy into an incredible opportunity ... the opportu-

by M/D Rev. Alisha Henri Mentone, AL

nity to create for our Selves and therefore all others, a life free from fear, anger, from pain, hunger, homelessness, from sorrow, from devastation and violence ... a life on Earth, our home, a place of beauty, celebration, love, fulfillment, nurturing and respect for one another, of kindness and of peace.

Thank you, my friends, for the Light you bring to the Earth. For your prayers, and for your recognition that once we realize we are all related, then, can our greatest dream be made manifest that Peace Prevails on Earth!

Minister Director Rev. Alisha Agni Henri

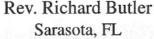
Alisha has been a UB minister since 1988 when she began her Reiki practice, teaching Reiki in the United States and Hawaii since 1990, as well as connecting people with the 'Angels of Magical Creation,' and practicing alchemical hypnotherapy. She is currently Secretary to the Board of Above & Beyond, Inc. (A Sanctuary of Hope) centered in Valley Head, AL, which provides shelter and education for single mothers and single fathers, and their children to assist empowering them to create healthier families and lives. Recently studying in Mexico City with Frank Arjava Pefter to enhance her Reiki and practicing the original Reiki methods of Dr. Mikao Usui. Should you have interest in learning more about these original practices or Reiki practitioners, about the Angels, hypnotherapy, or Above & Beyond, she would be delighted to chat Contact her you. rubyreddog@hotmail.com or leave a message on her voice mail at: 423-503-3558, or write: 458 Alpine Rd., Mentone, AL 35984-2651.

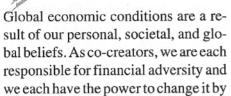


transforming our thoughts.

THE ECONOMICS OF BELIEF

Rev. Richard Butler Sarasota, FL





We attract what we think about, When we fear there will be an economic slowdown, we actually cause it by acting from that fear. Money is like electricity, it only works when it flows. When we slow the flow of electricity, a light will dim. When we fear economic downturn, we stop spending, slow the flow of money, and the economy dims. The way out of "hard times" is for people to act from faith in themselves, in each other, and in Spirit and get the money flowing again.

It's this dance with fear and faith that can give us insight into who we have become and how to shift it. I see people as having two faces, like the two sides of a single coin. One side of the "human coin" is our core essence our connection to Spirit, while the other side is our disconnection, created by limiting beliefs formed during childhood. Our core is the light~open, abundant, prosperous, and filled with possibilities. We are One and anything we want is ours. The other side of the human coin is the dark~shut off, filled with fear and beliefs of lack, limitation, and scarcity.

The subconscious belief system we formed as children determines the personal value we place on money. As children, we may have statements like, "Money is the root of all evil" or "You are not worthy." Since we were too young to decide if we wanted to embrace those remarks, we unconsciously accepted them. These childhood beliefs control our view of money and how it manifests, or doesn't, in our life today.

Societies influence the value of money, too. People often associate an individual's self "worth" to the amount of money they have - i.e, people who have little money are "worth less" than those who have a lot or money. Consequently, our egos can become deeply entangled with society's value of money.

By examining our financial position, we can see into our belief system. If we don't like what we see we can make a conscious decision to shift our "stinking thinking" and re-create our financial world. Here are some powerful questions to ponder:

- 1. How much money do I earn? Am I worthy of more? Where did that belief come from?
- 2. How much money do I have? Does that make me happy or sad? Dig deep for the reason.
- 3. Where do I save money? What beliefs drive my investment choices?
- 4. What do I spend my money on? Does it get me closer to or help me avoid my dreams?
- 5. Is \$2 too much or too little for a gallon of gasoline? Wine? How would my parent answer?
- 6. What is my greatest fear around money? Has this fear killed my spirit or my dreams?

In order to generate a healthy relationship with money, we need to emotion-



what it really is (Spirit at work), understand how it works and focus on enhancing our personal power. When we release our emotional ties to money, we can start to talk about it in ways that help us recall the power we gave away as children. These honest conversations help my clients recognize their limiting beliefs and open up to greater possibilities. Because I see in them that which they don't see in themselves, they can discover new ways to reconnect with their personal power.

Personal and global financial solutions can never be generated from outside, they must come from inside each of us. Are you living from economic fear or from spiritual strength? Are you stopping the flow of money or stimulating economic recovery? Believe in the human spirit, believe in the free world, believe good will prevail; and believe you have the power to create the life you want. Demand global prosperity and accept nothing less, it is our connection to Spirit.

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The healing Journey

Reclaiming Unconditional Love

Rev. Dr. Is Rosenthal Deerfield Bch., Florida

This is a journey to heal all the parts of the self into unconditional love. One way to view this is through the chakra system. The first three chakras represent the emotional body, the top three represent the mental body; the heart, in the center, represents, to the extent that it is open, spiritual fluidity. The healing process is two-fold:

- 1. Awaken the divinity within.
- 2. With the assistance of this inner divine self, cradle & rock the inner traumas that become emotional stuck spaces into unconditional love.

When this is accomplished, the first three chakras, now clear and flowing, meet the top three chakras, now clear and fluid, in the heart. This is the point of enlightenment, ascension, pure unconditional acceptance of self and others. This is a life process. Inherent within this process is the opening to joy, as more obstructions are nurtured into unconditional love.

- 1. The journey begins with the intent to grow. For most of us this happens when it is more painful to stay in our resistance than it is to feel our feelings all the way into completion. We then set the intent to connect to the divinity within.
- 2. We use appropriate tools (books, meditations, etc. - various of these are enumerated in the booklet from which this synopsis is extracted) to connect to our inner selves. We learn through the connection that love is the glue that holds the universe together, and that our job is to find that love within. The guides and angels and our own inner selves give us the support to do the work, and help us understand the nature of true reality - that we create our own reality and that all the realities we create are reflections (mirrors) of our issues and, thus, the opportunities (challenges) through which we can begin to

access self-acceptance and self love. 3. To truly access that self-love, we need to create a reality of emotional flow and mental fluidity within ourselves. We begin with the emotional body. There are many tools to help cradle, rock, nurture our traumas into unconditional love (explained in the full booklet). As we begin to clear, the thought processes become clearer and the mental body unentangles itself from the emotional body. Understand that this process can take a great deal of time: it is a simple process that is far from easy to accomplish, but well worth the effort in the long run. It is definitely not for the faint-hearted!

It is a process of integration: reclaiming, owning all parts of the self parts that have been hidden, ignored or considered bad. If we are unable to accept and claim every part of ourselves as divine love, how can we accept that divine love is inherently the nature of the universe? If we are created in the image of the Divine, how can any part of us be anything but love? - perhaps misguided, but love nonetheless. Thus, the learning of Schoolroom Earth is to gather back in all the pieces of self, nurturing all the parts into unconditional love, bringing a deep foundation of joy to the process of living and growing.

Rev. Dr. Is, Holistic Health Counselor & Life Coach, includes in her work emotional counseling, Light Body development, rebirthing techniques, vibrational & hypno-healing, and integrative body work. She also works with terminally ill in S. Florida, as a midwife to the dying. She can be reached at: 954-421-2249 for phone sessions, information or to receive the booklet/manual on **The Healing Journey**, please contact her.

Emotions And The Essential Connection

M/D Rev. Sharon Stern Boca Raton, FL

The cure of the past should not be attempted without treatment of the whole, and also no attempt should be made to cure the body without the soul, and therefore if the head and body are to be well you must begin by curing the mind: that is the first thing... For this is the great error of our day in the treatment of the human body, that physicians separate the soul from body."

Plato, Chronicles 156e

The ancient Egyptians practiced a ritual referral to as "cleansing the flesh and the blood." This was to remove the influence of "evil deities", which we would call today psychological therapy or emotional clearing. They believed that unless the body and mind were cleared of negative influences before death, then they could not progress into the after-life and someday return into physical body that had been preserved for them in the tomb. The oil formulas they developed cleansed the body and the spirit. This clearing helped to bring the favor of their G-Ds and insure their safe passage into the afterlife.

Our essential oils were created from formulas discovered when researching the Ancient Egyptian clearing rituals. This research is ongoing, and new knowledge is continually coming forth. The findings so far have been startling. People today are handicapped emotionally, and paralyzed by their own negativity and anxiety. Anxiety creates and acidic condition that activates an enzyme called transcript enzyme. This enzyme actually ends up transcript enzyme actually ends up transcript enzyme.



scribing that emotion on our RNA templates and stores it in our DNA. So our negativity and anxiety become a PHYSICAL part of us, and influence our lives from that moment on. Research shows that the essential oil formulas ELIMINATE these problems at the CELLULAR level. Something no psychologist can do. Already multitudes of people are using these oils to experience freedom from their emotional bondage and progress forward in life with new found excitement, happiness, and the joy of greater accomplishments.

When we are faced with an emotional situation instead of feeling over-whelmed we can diffuse the oils, put them in our bath, or wear them as perfume. The oil molecules will absorb into the bloodstream, go into the limbic system to the nasal cavity, They will activate the memory center for fear and trauma and sedate and relax the sympathetic/parasympathetic system. The oils help support the body in minimizing the acid that is created so that it does not create a reaction to the transcript enzyme.

The oils then can be used as healing and as preventative measures. If you are interested in experiencing an Egyptian emotional release, or in learning more to enhance your practice call Rev Sharon M Stern: 561-470-8487 or email smsoils@aol.com #13880.



...Or My Journey Since 9/11

...Or My Jour Collection
License Plates With Earth Images Focusing On Peace

Rev. Pam Earl-Parler Miami, FL

Since the events of September 11, I have determined to stay open to whatever possibilities the Universe has in Mind for me. Suffice it to say I was a little surprised to find Her message coming through, not in the quiet of an evening spent alone in meditation, but during a rush-hour traffic jam on US1! Moving as slowly as I was, I couldn't help but notice the oncoming cars' front license plates. Certainly the Dolphins, Hurricanes, Gators and Seminoles were well represented! But what struck me more were the varied and colorful flags - images of the diversity which is the reason I happily make South Florida my home. Clearly, each flag (including the bright red and white Canadian version on the front of MY vehicle) reflects its owner's pride and allegiance to his/her country or wannabe country of birth.

My next thought: 'What if we could visualize a sea of beautiful earth images instead.... all those license plates affirming allegiance to the 'earth flag', connectedness with the earth's people as one?" I believe that to achieve World Peace, we must first hold a VISION of World Peace ... a vision of our planet bathed in peace, love, light and understanding ... a vision of our peoples unified in consciousness.

And so began THE PEACE COL-LECTION, an evolving array of earth images whose visibility will focus attention on the vision and certainty of World Peace. The two designs of "peace plates' are the first items of the Collection, meant to be displayed on the front of the vehicle. Image #1 is a colorful, almost childlike representation: Maria Montessori's 'Puzzle Map of the World' Planisphere image, framed simply with the words 'peace love understanding". (Yes, I am a Montessori teacher!) Image #2 is a more striking message visible from afar: our beautiful planet overlaid with 'PEACE' in radiant aqua, against a starry night sky. The plates sell for \$22 each or 2 for \$40 (prices include FL sales tax). Net proceeds help turn the vision into reality ... at home by assisting Big 8rothers/Big Sisters of Greater Miami, and in Afghanistan via UNICEFs 'School-in-a-Box' Program. At this point I confess that staying open to the possibilities the Universe presents me is the easy part! When my humanness and all her fears, doubts and misgivings get in the way, well ... therein lies the opportunity for growth, right? And so the doubts crept in, not so much during the creative process of bringing the peace plates to fruition (I learned much from the diversity of helpers I met along the way!). The quiet panic set in when I brought almost all my plates home after my 'test run' at our school carnival! And so I prayed for some 'sign' that I was, and am, meant to be doing this! Specifically, I prayed to make my investment back! (At this point in time I was short \$1250 in meeting this goal). You know what comes next...

The day after the carnival I went to my usual tutoring job, thankful for the blessing of working with such fun children, nevermind being paid for it! Typically, their Mom paid me at each visit. On this particular day, she explained how much more convenient it would be if she could pay me up front, in a lump sum ... of \$1250! Thank You, God, for 'the sign'. And thank You, God, for your wondrous works through me.

For further information on The Peace Collection, contact Pam at (305) 378-9124.

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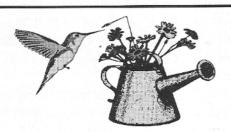
Last month UB ministers in Massachusetts gathered together to support and network with each other. They are hoping to get together on a regular basis. If you are interested in being part of this please call M/D Rev. Agnes Sallet in Westford, MA, at: 978-692-4087 or e-mail her ar: Agnessallet@aol.com We encourage all ministers to gather in your regions. Call the administrative office for more information on this and how we will support you.

TO SUBMIT AN ARTICLE FOR UB GOODNEWS

The next newsletter deadline will be August 15, 2002. Please do NOT send more than a single page. Please mail articles to the Margate office. We can NOT accept faxed articles (they don't scan!). We are happy to get your articles, poems, events, as it helps to network with others and helps you get the word out!.

Thank you for all the great things you are contributing to us and to the universe.

Rev. Julie Paul, Editor





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