

Cosmic Views

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One Light in the Darkness

By Carole Devine

(I've been very busy packing, preparing the house for a renter and completing charts before I leave, so haven't had time to research a good article for this. Here is a little editorializing.)

We're being saturated with bad news, and for good reason. The *apparent* evidence is all around us regarding the economy, climate change, health threats (like avian flu and anthrax), disappearance of the middle class and prospects of terrorist attacks from the Middle East. Plus, we have the Mayan predictions and the dreaded year of 2012 looming just ahead. I think I'd be of more service to you if I offered at least one positive thing that is going on.

A community that knows what brotherhood means

Every October a group meets in Virginia Beach to come together and celebrate the predictable rhythms of life as symbolized by the Moon's phases. The thing that sets this group apart is that it is so authentic. No one is afraid to be him or herself because s/he knows the group accepts and loves them unconditionally. No matter what each one's individual flaws may be, there is no fear that there would be criticism if those flaws were exposed. There is no backbiting, belittling, judgment, gossip or any form of unloving behavior. It seems effortless within the group, and when you are around it, it is catching. You'll find yourself immersed in a sea of kindness, and you will relax into it and heal whatever the year has thrown at you.

I don't believe it is due currently to any one person's efforts like a leader teaching everyone and correcting anyone who steps out of line. It's nothing like that. But it was started by a remarkable teacher, Buz Myers. He just lived the principles, and like everyone else, he recognized his humanity and let everyone see his so-called flaws. It was the way he treated people that did the teaching. Most of you know that Buz crossed over several years ago, but the group is carrying on his work by simply showing unconditional love in action.

"But what do they DO at the gathering each year?" you may ask.

For one thing, the group uses the Indian Medicine Wheel and the Moon's phases as tools to understand the rhythms of life. Combining the two, each day a designated person, who has been focusing on one phase all year, shares with the group what s/he has learned

and experienced regarding that phase. It enhances knowledge of what the phases mean and gives everyone a better perspective in using and applying its wisdom. These are not professional astrologers, just people who have applied what they've learned and grown in understanding. Professional astrologers, however, can benefit. I have learned many new things and deepened my awareness through this community every single year. When I go, I leave professional behind (except when making a speech) because it would get in the way of immersion.

There are also, each day, guest lecturers who share their particular expertise. Each evening there is a special treated different each year. Last year, everyone who wanted to no one HAS to do anything made a walking stick, and at the end of the week there was a contest to choose the most creative one.

The hotel is on the beach with every room having an ocean view, and each morning there is an opportunity to exercise on the beach. I like to watch from the balcony ☺!

Healing

One of the features of this group, called **For Purpose, Inc.** by the way, is a firm belief in the power of prayer to heal. One evening during the conference is devoted to a healing ceremony when all participants dress in white and quietly go through a healing session with the healers who are attending. It is a profound and moving experience.

Music heals, too. With rattles, drums and other instruments all attendees get a chance to make a joyful noise. It's an experience you won't soon forget. Sometimes other guests at the hotel pause at the meeting room's door and watch!

This is not a commercial!

You might suspect that I'm sort of advertising just another conference. Not so. This is very, very special, and I'd love to see many such groups keeping in touch as a community to be there for each other when needed, to renew and refresh our resolve to keep a positive outlook so that we can move through time and space without getting caught up in the dramatic illusions all around us, which, as **A Course in Miracle** says, are not real. Sometimes we forget, and an annual renewal of focusing on what is really important can be a very healing thing. If you want to know more, visit www.followthemoon.org.

Need Some Help With Cleaning?

These are very busy times, and it's hard to find time or even energy to keep the mundane parts of our lives in order. If you live in the Tidewater/Hampton Roads area and need some help with house cleaning, I can highly recommend Nancy Brown (Zodiac Cleaning Co.) whom I've known personally for over 25 years. She is honest, dependable and detailed. Also licensed, bonded and insured!! Just call 757-239-0000.

Personal Update

So many have been asking, I'd like to take this opportunity to let you all know that my mother is doing exceptionally well. She is using stairs again, going to church as always and back to her regular self. My presence will be mostly as a chauffeur service for awhile.

If any of you living in the Washington DC/Baltimore area would like a consultation, I'll be working full time, as usual, for the time being. Telephone consultations will be done through Skype, and I will be happy to call you. You do not have to be on Skype to receive a call that way. I'm going to work on getting to the point where I can do video with phone calls I'm sure it's not difficult just a new learning curve.

The half price sale for everything except intensives and paintings is still on until May 1st, but I don't have time now to do them before that date. I actually move to Maryland on April 27th. If orders are received by May 1st, I'll do as many as possible before the trip mentioned below, and the remaining as soon as I return. But the order with payment must be received by May 1st. Services are listed on my website.

And last, I'll be speaking at UAC in Denver in May from the 15th to 20th, visiting my son in South Dakota right after that and speaking in Cleveland on May 27th, so next month's newsletter *might* be combined with June.

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