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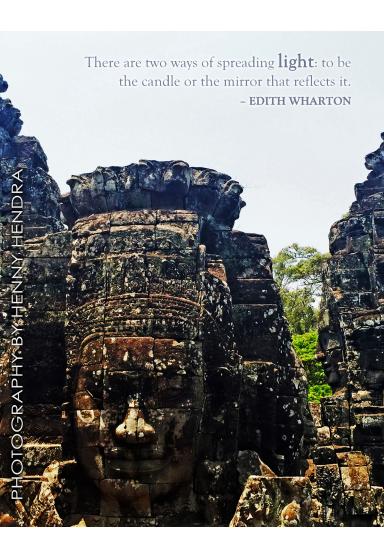


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# NOTE from the Editor

Wherever I look and whomever I talk to, it appears that lately our lives have been filled with pain, loss, challenges, and overwhelming energies. Still, I can't help but feel an intense flow of grafitude. It may be amplified now, as Thanksgiving is just around the corner, but I am grateful every day for all the people in my life, all the things around me, all the lessons I'm given, and for being alive — here and now.

One of the many things I am so thankful for is this magazine.

A little over two years ago, my vision for creating White louts Magazine was to provide inspiration for positive thinking, spititual growth, and conscious living, in the past two years the magazine has transformed and evolved with each issue, but my original intent has remained the same. I am genuinely amazed how many wonderful articles, photos, and quotes have been published since. This magazine has become part of my journey and I am delighted to be able to create this publication and share it with our readers time after time. The welcoming response to each issue gives me the drive to keep on going month after month.

White Lotus Magazine may be a small publication, but it comes from the heart. Our team is humble in size and works without expectations and financial compensation. These very special individuals invest a lot of their work, time, and energy to assist me with ediling, witting, distribution, and content ideas. And for that I am forever grafeful!

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- Anna Krecicki



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# ANIMAL SPIRIT GUIDE OF THE MON







# "ALL MY RELATIONS"

In North American Indian tradition, all beings in nature - animals, plants, and minerals - are viewed with respect as partners. protectors and helpers. Reconnecting us with Mother Earth and Father Sky, these relations from the natural world share their wisdom to help us to weave together the outer and inner worlds to find balance.

According to the Manataka American Indians, a spirit guide is a divine entity. It can be anything in Creation that speaks to a person through dreams, physical appearance, magnetic resonance (vibration), or by signs, symbols, words, or any other method or means of communication.

American Indians give special recognition to the power of the animal spirits. They call the process of connecting with animal guides and other parts of creation being 'One with Nature'. According to their teachings, you do not choose an animal spirit quide, the spirit quide chooses you. They decide to whom they will reveal themselves and make their friend.

Animal spirit guides are often referred to as animal totems, power animals, and spirit animals. These terms may be interchangeable and describe either a physical or spiritual entity that acts as a guide, messenger or protector.

Discovering your animal spirit guide is a process of paying attention to the spirits around you and following the signs. It is a practice of developing your inner knowledge and spiritual understanding.

The lessons an animal guide could offer are determined by the type of guide it may be. Learning to differentiate between the kinds of totems is important to knowing how to react and the actions you will take when an animal guide makes itself known to you, Based on the Manataka American Indian teachings, there are four basic types of animal guides:

- A MESSENGER GUIDE quickly comes into your life and then leaves once a message is understood.
- · A SHADOW ANIMAL GUIDE is one that invades you with fear. Its purpose it to teach a lesson you have not learned from repeated mistakes because of anger, greed, insecurities, or other negative thoughts. A Shadow Guide will return again and again bearing strong feelings of fear until its message is acted upon or a change in lifestyle or actions are incorporated into your life.
- · A JOURNEY ANIMAL GUIDE appears at the fork in the road of your life. When a decision is made to follow a certain path in life, the Journey Guide is there to serve as a guide along the way. It represents a path that may take months or years to complete.
- · A LIFE ANIMAL GUIDE remains a part of you throughout life and reflects your inner spiritual self.

GRASSHOPPER symbolizes freedom, independence, and enlightenment. In many cultures, grasshopper represents taking a leap of faith and reaching new heights. In Ching, Grasshopper is a symbol of longevity, happiness, good luck, and abundance. In Native American tradition, the grasshopper is a harbinger of good news.

# If Grasshopper springs into your life:

- · You may be encouraged to take a leap of faith. Just go ahead and do it without knowing the outcome. This is most likely something that you have been avoiding and is prob ably linked to a major change in direction (perhaps a move, a change in relationship, career, or a change in vourself). Know that you have the wisdom you need to aet past any obstacles. Trust that all possible outcomes will be positive.
- You may be reminded to keep your independence and individuality. Do others claim too much of your time and eneray? Do they try and make you take responsibility for their actions?
- · You may be encouraged to listen to your inner stirrings the songs in your heart that are indications of your inner beauty and creativity.

# If Grasshopper is your Animal Guide:

- You are an innovative, forward thinker who rarely misses an opportunity to move forward.
- · You are likely to aim high, and achieve amazing feats. · You are always successful in any venture that you
- undertake and know how to use your instincts to capture the exact moment that will give you the greatest benefit.
- You are benevolent and enjoy giving to others.
- · You rarely stay in one place very long always seeking out the best opportunities to move forward.

# Ask Grasshopper's help when:

- · You need a sense of adventure in your live.
- · You feel stuck and need assistance to move forward.

## Did you know?

There are approx. 10,000 species of grasshopper. They are cold blooded as all insects are and are more mobile when it is warmer, Each species has its own unique sona, However, only the males are able to sing with a few exceptions - the males sing to compete for the females' attention.

nimal Speak by Ted Andrews; www.spirit-animals.com/grasshopper/ http://www.whats-your-sign.com/grasshopper-totem-and-symbolism.html

# Clearly, Not All Salt Caves Are the Same!

by Anna Krecicki



There has been some confusion about two different establishments in Naples offering the same alternative therapy. This natural health modality, called Salt Therapy or Halotherapy is based on recreating the healing microclimate of ancient solt caves. Therefore, the name "salt cave" has become a popular umbrella term to describe the wellness facilities thal provide salt therapy.

The confusion about these two places could exist because one of the establishments is actually called the Salt Cave, while the other one is calling its therapy rooms "salt caves" and is offerina "salt cave therapy".

Even though the term "salt cave" (and also salt room, salt grafto, and salt chamber) can be used to refer to different places that provide Salt Therapy, not all salt caves are the same. Some of them are built to resemble the actual salt caverns and old salt mines, while others look more like contemporary spas or pristine hospital rooms. Some of them provide a real cave-like ambiance granting a wonderfully relaxing experience, some may even bring spiritual encounters, and others might feel like sitting in a doctor's waiting room. But they all offer the same concept: recreating the unique and therapeutic environment of naturally occurring salt caves with the use of dry salt vapor to combal respiratory aliments, skin irritations, allergies, stress, fatigue, and many other health concerns.

For years, there has been only one salt cave in Naples, called the Salt Cave, located right on US-41. Since a salt grotto has recently opened its doors nearby on Pine Ridge Road and has been massively advertising its "salt cave therapy" at discounted prices, many customers have mistakenly believed that the two places were the same. Andrea Geresdi, the owner of the original Salt Cave said that she had received numerous phone calls in the past months from her customers trying to book appointments based on specials that the salt grotto was running with Groupon. Although it may have created some confusion in town, Andrea welcomes the increase in business the situation brought to the Salt Cave.

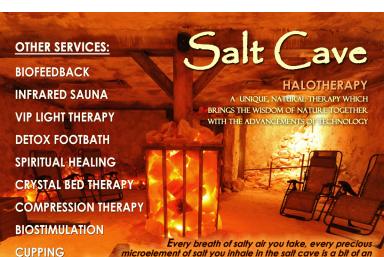
One may think that people would recognize the different addresses and different names of the two companies, but apparently the advertisements for the "sail cave sessions" have been confusing some of the locals. Fortunately, the new sall grotto is conveniently located less than four miles from the original Sail Cave, so if someone is not in the right place, he or she can probably make it to the appointment at the other one just in time.

The original Salt Cave of Naples opened over seven years ago and has grown into an extensive and versatile healing facility, offering many alternative health modalities, including Halotherapy, Far Infrared Sauna, Biofeedback, VPI Light Therapy, Inot Detox Footbath, Compression Therapy, Electrotherapy, Crystal Bed Therapy, Cupping, and Spiritual Healing. In addition to its health benefits, the beautifully constructed and welcoming Salt Cave also provides a peaceful and spiritual experience for those who are open to it. Being surrounded by tons of Himalayan crystal salt, soothing music and dim lighting, people are invited to drift into a state of absolute relaxation and blissful healing.

On the other hand, for those who prefer a spa-like settling, once lighting during therapy, low prices, smaller spaces, and more relaxed scheduling, they should give Salt Therapy at fv at the new solt gratto in town, in addition to the adult salt cave, they have a children's salt cave which offers more playful and cozy comfort for kids and their guardians. Their therapy rooms are colorfully decorated and covered in a variety of natural salts, providing a relaxing and healing environment. Customers can also enjoy the many health benefits of the Infrared Sauna, including detaxification, immune system boost, pain relief, enhanced metabolism, improved circulation, skin putification, weight loss and more.

Even if these two places may have a different feel and energy, what they do have in common is that they both provide natural, safe, and drug-free solutions to many health concerns. Furthermore, they both have exquisite decor, a variety of timatoyan salt products, and equally passionate and dedicated owners. Your experience at either of these locales will depend on your individual needs and personal preferences. If you are looking for a more spiritual place and a wide selection of different therapies, you may enjoy visiting the original Salt Cave. If you prefer discounted services to improve your health and a laidback atmosphere, you might want to check out the salt caves at the new salt grotto.

Should you decide to visit either or both of these local businesses, remember to keep an open mind, a positive attitude, and just breathe -- your health will certainly benefit from it!



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 $\mathcal{Q}_s$  a kid, I was always active and never overweight. Growing up in a small town in Hungary definitely had its advantages. We had a vineyard with long rows of grapevines and many fruit trees, and we gree our own vegetables. So my sister and I had the ability to pick a wide variety of fresh fruits and vegetables to munch on whenever they were in season. In addition to our chores and helping our parents with the gardens, we also played, walked, and rode our bikes a lot. Looking back, I can say that we had a healthy and joyful childhood.

Since traditional Hungarian cuisine usually contains some sort of meat, in my owth regularly at beef, pork, poultry, and fish reten though our meals also consisted of a healthy amount of vegetables as sides, garnish, fermented additions, or salads, they would most often involve lots of meat, eggs, dairy, pasta, bread, and unhealthy fats. My mom was an excellent cook and we enjoyed every dish she prepared and every desert she baked.

Back then, we didn't have to be concerned about hormonetreated meats and dairy, or genetically modified plants. We didn't have health food stores, vegetarian/vegan restaurants, fancy weight-loss plans, and wide access to information about how food might affect our health. We ate what mom or the school cafeteria served us – and we loved it!

As an adult, living in the States, I continued indulging in my favorite foods and for many years I ate whatever I desired. I didn't have time to exercise as much as I used to and I found myself caught up in the everyday stresses of my demanding life. As a result, I gained some unwanted weight which in turn had an effect on my general well-being. I knew I needed a complete lifestyle change.

Throughout the years that followed, I had become more conscious about my eating habits and noticed how my diet affected my health, my mood, and my energy. Gradually, I started making changes. I trained myself to make better dietary choices little by little. I cut back or completely gave up many foods I once lowed. I have researched and tried many approaches and regimens to lose weight and eat healthler.

I also started exercising more, spending more time outdoors, and limiting stress in my life. I committed myself to finding a healthier way to eat and live. Currently I'm in the process of exploring a strictly plant-based diet. I'm fascinated by its simplicity and its effectiveness. It already has made a positive impact on my health and on my life.

A plant-based diet includes lots of plant foods in their whole, unprocessed form, such as vegetables, fruits, nuts, seeds, legumes, whole grains, and small amounts of healthy fats. It does not include processed foods, sweets, and animal products, such as meat, poultry, fish, dairy, eggs, or animal fats.

In addition to supporting animal rights\* and considering possible environmental factors\*\*, going with a strictly plant-based died can offer many health benefits. Studies show that it may lower cholesterol, blood pressure, and blood sugar; it could lead to a prolonged life and a healthier weight; it can improve symptoms of rheumatoid arthritis; and it may slow the progression of certain types of cancer.[1] An article published in Food Technology in October 2012 explains that plant-based diets can either minimize or completely eliminate people's genetic propensity to developing chronic diseases, such as type 2 diabetes, heart disease, and cancer.[2]

Besides its positive impact on my health, I found that the best part about this diet for me is that I can still enjoy many of my favorite foods while loosing weight – I just simply replace the unhealthy ingredients with low-fat, whole food, plant-based substitutes!

I invite you to explore this plant-based eating plan with me through a series of articles following my journey to finding a healthier way to live and eat. Stay tuned for tips and more in-depth information on how the plant-based diet can improve your health, too.

#### NOTES:

\*Supporting animal rights: believing in the absolute right of animals to exist freely without human interference (more in Part 2) \*\*Environmental factors: livestock farming can have a devastating effect on the planet (more in Part 2)

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# **Finding, Joy:** The Wisdom of Living in Peaceful Simplicity

[Based on Taro Gold's Living Wabi Şabi, the True Beauty of Your Life]

ost people are endlessly chasing the perfect life, the perfect partner, the perfect job, the perfect house, the perfect car and so forth, hoping to find joy. But joy is not a result of a "perfect life"; it comes from a place of contentment. Every one of us can experience joy, regardless of who we are, where we come from, what we do, and what we have. Wealth, fame, power, and possessions are irrelevant to experiencing joy. Joy comes from within. It is rooted in acceptance. When we make peace with our imperfections, when we accept ourselves, our lives, and others as they are, we can feel joy under any circumstance.

Perfection is an illusion. We are not perfect – we are perfectly imperfect individuals in a perfectly imperfect world – just how we were meant to be. Life is not perfect, it simply is. When we accept life as it is, when we find beauty in the imperfections and lessons in the challenges, when we recognize the potential for good and growth in every unfortunate situation, then we can discover true joy and peace in every moment of our lives.

Happiness is a choice - one we all can make regardless of our conditions and outside influences.

We all experience worry, pain, loss, and hardship of some sort in the course of our lives. Small or big, internal or external, fixable or not, problems are an innate part of life. But we can transform our difficulties into empowerment: we can use our imperfections to enrich our lives. Our weaknesses can become sources of insight and strength. Our challenges can inspire and motivate us to become who we want to be, provide valuable lessons, and help us grow.

Every hardship we encounter could lead to personal empowerment, profound inner journeys and finding our greater purpose. When we embrace life as it is, when we recognize the beauty and the value of life's imperfect aspects - including our own flaws, mishaps, setbacks, and uniqueness - then we'll be able to experience the true joy of living in this and every moment.

> "The direction of our actions creates the direction of our lives. The direction of our lives creates the direction of our world."

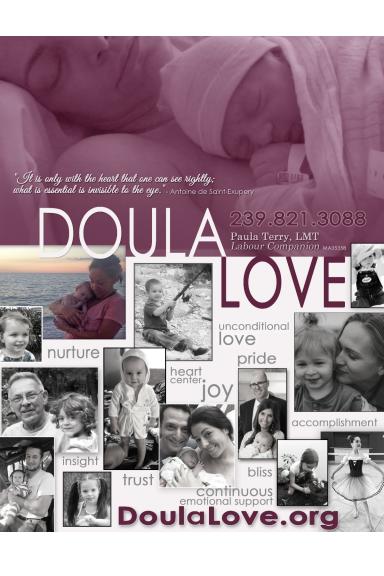
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- Seek always progress rather than perfection.
- Celebrate the perfectly imperfect uniqueness of you and me and everything.
- · Start valuing the whole of your life here and now, just as you are.
- · Channel your energies into more productive and enjoyable endeavors.
- · Remember that the flow of destiny is yours to change.
- · Feel the greatness of the little things inside yourself; and you will feel the littleness of great things outside yourself.
- · Recognize the value of your flaws and imperfections they can bring forth strength and empowerment.
- See your life as a fertile field in which you can plant any seeds you wish, creating a harvest of your own design.
- · Align your intentions with those of the Universe and your life will naturally move towards your greatest purpose and noblest dreams.
- Appreciate this and every moment, no matter how imperfect, for this moment is your life!

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# THE STORY BEHIND THE PAINTING ANGEL ART COLLECTION

by Andrea Belof



ANGEL IN ACTION

Jinvite you to learn how I have come to paint the angels around me. These hosts of heaven became an integral part of a new direction that my artistic career took starting in the fall of 2014. Wy history involves having been a dedicated papermaker in the Traditional Japanese method for 25 years in a highly detailed and textured tropical context. Next came a preservation period through an 8-year life-induced Sabbatical. During this time I learned about spiritual and emotional healing through art. The next step in my path was the best one yet: tackling my love for abstract art and trying my hand at it. In doing this, I have found heavenly bils. I enthusiatically share that I have stepped into the most beautiful kaleidoscopic world of spiritual richness and renewal, filled with Biblical foundation. (John 1:1-18)

A few years ago, the angels comforted me as they witnessed my lonely struggle and daily longing to look at the way Christ's great salvation found expression in my life. In my 11 x 12-foot cubicle on the second floor of an old eight-story building, with a window to a downtown Miami freeway overpass, I would break down crying and pleading for new direction in my life and my art. I began to feel the presence of something that I couldn't wrap my head around. As I wrestled with my pain, I also prayed. As I painted, I practiced the songs that I would sing at Church when I got invited to sing with the team. And what an honor that was! As I found relief in this daily practice, first and foremost. I cultivated spiritual dependence and an intimate relationship with my Creator. I went from deep pain to extreme exhilaration. Secondly, it generated my breakthrough into contemporary art.



RADICAL GRATITUDE and the Artist

I explored this rich, layered look of hythmic polette knife painting techniques using oil painting as my medium. I played and played with this repeatedly. I placed the paint onto these acid-free disposable palette sheets and mixed the colors, lifted the silky, luscious paints and applied them to my canvases. In the end, I couldn't figure out what excited me more, the painting or the leftover paint on the palette. The polettes became treasures filled with angelic imagery of the unseen world! One by one, an angel would emerge. They reflected the themes I painted: surrender, joy, faith, hope, graftfude, forgiveness, compassion, guidance, the battle between good and evil, the light and the dark, just to name a few.

A completely new body of work emerged – the angel art. The angels as a byproduct of my paintings become proof to me that there is interaction between the visible and the invisible realms. The artwork erupted with a passion and strength unparallel to anything I had ever experienced. The revelation of these angels was indeed purposeful. I am currently showing the painted angels, compiling the information, writing the stories and hoping to publish a book about the angels – who they are, information on their creation, their activities and purpose as stated in the Bible, their power, the differences compared to us human beings, their need for obedience as they do exercise moral judgment, their ability to sin and fall from their positions (2 Peter 2x4; Jude 6), and also that not all of them are angels of light (2 Continhians 11:14).

From this perspective, I share my personal stories and visual declarations of this invisible world. I believe that it is part of my purpose to bring awareness of the existence and ministry of angels in the world today. I welcome you to experience them through the Painting Angel Collection at my Studio/Callery, or at the ART Gallery Collective at the Vanderbilt Shoppes, and also through my website: www.andreabeloft.com and support me in the process of writing my first book.





# ABOUT THE ARTIST

Andrea Beloff is an American-born artist with a unique background of Argentinean. Brazillan, Russian and Italian influences. She spent 28 years in California, graduated from UCSB, and aftended I Accordemia di Belle Arti in Venice, Italy. She fully developed her career as General Ropermaker during this lime specializing in a very creative colory graper process in a tropical genre. Before moving to Miami in 2012, she began a Sabbalical which set her off exploring and combining other mediums along with her handmade papers and this led to the beautiful LOVE and Abundance Series which can be seen in her Gallery. This was an artistic as well as a spiritual rebirth that fhen took her onto her new poth and here to Naples, pairling abstract expressionsm using potette knives with spiritual underlones.

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# Happy?

Are you happy? When was the last time someone asked you that, and really listened to or wanted to know your honest answer? Happiness is such an ephemeral condition these days, and every intelligent person knows that he or she is the only person responsible for his or her personal emotions. Miserable people cannot drag you down if you don't let them.

As we look around we see so much unhappiness that a lot of people attribute to political unrest. After all, one might question, as members of the most powerful nation in the world, have we ever, in our history, been in such a strange political muddle? While you debate that, I'd suggest that particular breed of unhappiness is not politically-based, but rather spiritual. Think about it: people who are spiritually grounded can deal with almost any problem that faces them in a much healthier way. They don't waste time pointing at others to blame, they don't yell and scream in frustration when they could be directing energy toward solutions, and most of all, they don't "sweat the small stuff" by trying to change situations that are beyond their control and stewing over them. They recognize what they can and cannot do, and work positively with facts towards real solutions. As for "the small stuff", there was a time when many of us were able to summon thoughts of people in worse conditions than ours and find our problems minuscule by comparison. How can we torture ourselves with a broken-hearted relationship when our neighbor is diagnosed with stage 4 cancer?

Another reason I would suggest a spiritual rather than a political component, is the way in which people feel free to address others whose ideals may not coincide with theirs. For a while I thought I was hallucinating, and then I began to listen carefully not just to what people said to each other, but to how they said it. "Disrespectful" is the mildest word I can think of to describe the sneering and offensive words and reactions to people whose opinions may differ. Back in the day, your mother would be applying a bar of soap to your mouth and your father would be whipping off his belt! I'm not suggesting we return to some savage form of physical cruelty and punishment for misbehavior, but when so-called role models do not hesitate to address each other publicly with rude and nasty epithets, how can we hope to get anyone's attention by using mild-mannered language or hope to teach our children by example?

Our homes are bombarded daily by liars, cheats, scam and con artists who think nothing of invading our privacy with dishonest schemes by which they can benefit financially. I suppose there have always been thieves and robbers around but the Internet and telephone, for all their good, provide us with close-up and intimate encounters with unsavory types of people who can access not only our addresses, telephone numbers, and bank accounts but also our formerly private information and identity. A simple credit card is no longer just a convenience, it is now a very real threat and key to open our personal lives. Even your trash is no longer safe and sacred. Just witness the number of personal shredders that are sold or shredding services that do not lack for customers.

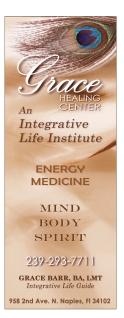
How can we be happy knowing this?

While politicians might claim "Corruption in Washington", I would suggest they look closer to home at the moral corruption that seems to be snaking in and among our everyday lives. There is a certain amount of truth in the 'trickle system' whereby what's at the top slowly drips down and contaminates everything beneath it. But I would postulate that if the foundation is firm and strong, built on a sound spiritual component, it won't succumb to a negative trickle.

None of us has all the solutions to every problem, and in fact, some of us may refuse to recognize a problem at all. That may be part of the problem! But sooner or later some of us are going to wake up and realize that we can no longer depend on a Golden Rule where others treat us as we treat them. When we decide we don't like or deserve being treated with a total lack of respect will it be too late to begin making minor changes — baby steps at first? Where will you find your moral compass? Your happiness depends on it!

Have you ever observed very angry people claiming, "it's a free country and I can say and do what I like!" as an excuse to act in hurtful ways, monopolize a conversation, and share their negativity?

Yes, it is a free country, but freedom has always been a double-edged sword. We have the freedom to act within reason and speak, but also the freedom to walk away from listening to unhappy, psyche-disrupting comments. There is, however, a burden of responsibility that comes with every freedom: we are not free to run roughshod over everyone else and unbidden, rudely dump our opinions on them. I have no doubt at all, that some people spouting "freedom" would fight back in obnoxious ways if anyone ever attempted to vocalize opinions that did not mesh with theirs. We have to maintain our freedom staunchly to enjoy the happiness we earn within our own lives. I used to think a total disregard for others' opinions was simply rudeness and poor manners, which on their own, are bad enough. Now I think it is a sign of something deeper and more disturbing. When people use anger and closed minds to spray everyone else with their unhappiness, a truly grounded happy person can sense their dissatisfaction with the world and how corrupt their moral and spiritual fiber have become. Don't inadvertently play the misery game! There is no shame in identifying negativity and making an intelligent decision to remove yourself from its influence. Stay happy and spread an umbrella of cheer!



# The **Winds** Blow in Energetic Cleansing and Divine Balance

by Beth Brown-Rinella

Is pre-dawn and Hurricane Matthew is off the eastern coast of Florida wreaking havoc and threatening millions of people. I step out on the lanai, which is leeward to the storm winds. No rain right now. But in the dark I feel the wind. I can hear it—a steady flow all around me. I step into my yard. The wind pushes against my skin in a warm-cool stream. It smells of the ocean, even though my home is miles away from the beach. I stand there for many minutes and I dirik in the soft and powerful energies surging in the wind. I am reminded that the wind brings the masculine energy to dance with my ferminine.

Part of what feels so amazing is that while I stand in this gentle, but steady flow of air, I am being balanced by the Divine Masculine, I am usually enveloped in the Divine Feminine through my work and my shop. So to be in such an elemental, balanced state feels wonderful. Air is a masculine element, which brings knowledge, psychic gifts, inspiration, and communication. My backyard is transformed into an altar and I am beina directed to speak.

I begin with grafifude for the wind – for its power to clear and clean away that which needs to go. I thank the wind for its strength which is flowing into me and biringing me new insights. If reminds me to be in the elements, offer my heart, and to be open to the messages that await. As my fernimine energy dances with the masculine wind, I love how bolanced and strong I feel. This is a reminder for us all to bring forth aspects of the masculine, to bring divine bolance into our lives. So offen, women tend to beat the drum for being fernimine and oppose the masculine energies. But the true power comes from welcoming the masculine while holding the fernimine aspect at the same time. Only when we embrace both masculine and fernimine energies is there completeness.

Second, I call in what I wish to draw and direct of the air, I ask for the cleansing of the area to be complete, so that all that needs to be cleared is done. I ask that all the energies become balanced with the big blow from Matthew. I ask that the lands and all who inhabit them be cleared of all energies which hold

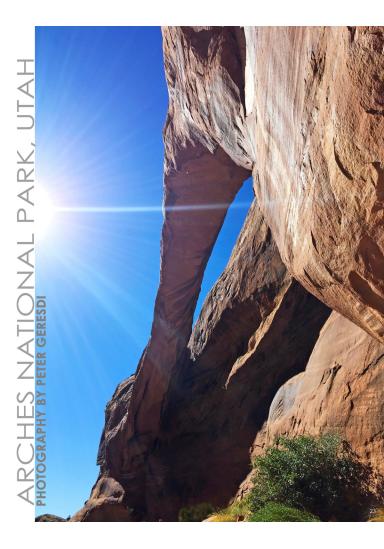
back healing and expansion. I feel the wind respond to my request with a steady "yesssss". I smell the salt in the wind and know that the cleansing properties of salt will help in this process.

Third, I ask that the damage be kept to a minimum as the clearing winds blow today. While I know that through destruction comes new growth, my heart goes out to the victims of Hurricane Matthew. I pray for all souls that are affected by the devastating forces of the storm.

In the wake of Hurricane Matthew, I encourage you all to bring both elements of mosculine and feminine into your daily routines and ituals, so you too will feel that now is the time for all to come together in harmonious flow. Let go of the belief of separation. It is in Unity that we find our greatest strength.

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# NOTE from the Editor

Upon my brother's return from his backcountry frip in Utah, I immediately regrethed that I didn't join him for this year's off-road adventure. His stories and astonishing photos assured me that I would have absolutely loved Utah's Red Rock Country. The main reason holding me back from joining him this summer was the idea of such a long ride: an approximately 6000-mile roundfrip!

Anyone who knows me well enough knows that I can't stand long-distance traveling. My limit in the car before I get flagety and uncomfortable is about an hour and this adventure involved a two-day driving time there and another two days back! After our trip to the Big Bend National Park in Texas last summer, I was certain that Utah was just way to for for me by car.

Surely, my brother and his travel companions didn't mind the long drive and they had a blast off-roading throughout Utlah's Red Rock Country. The parks they visited (Carryonlands and Arches National Parks) offered diverse terrain for backcountry driving; opportunities for exploring and hiking; and breathtaking views of carryons, mesos, arches, and the Colorado River.

My brother described the trip as a truly remarkable experience. He explained that being out there in the wilderness even for a short time made him appreciate the simplest things, and that he realized how little it takes to fully enjoy life when we are in nature.

I followed their journey online via a GPS/satellite service on a real-time topographic map and I also received occasional texts and photos. I knew that they were safe and I knew that they were having a great time. I just wished that I had been there with them. I was upset with myself for missing topoprounity to witness thousands of square miles of untamed wilderness and to explore and photograph some of the most incredible wonders of nature.

On the next overland trip my brother is planning on going, I am most definitely joining him! I'll just have to find an airport nearby to fly into.

AMAZING PLACES Wood for Fin

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# Essential Oil of the Month:

by Bethanny Gonzalez, Certified Aromatherapist



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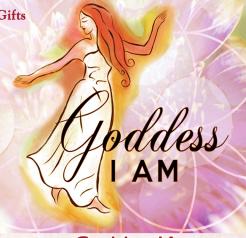
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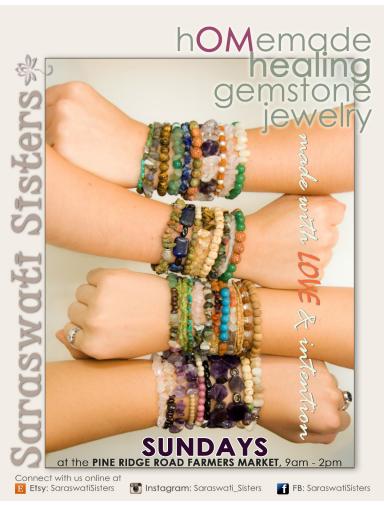
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# RECONNECTION TO NATURE THROUGH OUR 54 INNATE SENSES AND SENSITIVITIES

by Janet Weisberg

My evolutionary journey has taken me to the depths of my body, soul, and spirit, igniting my awakening and connecting my essence to the truths beyond the veils. I now, without hestitation, live and love in a sensory way, knowing I am part of a perfectly orchestrated kings system. I am now fulfilling my contract as a conscious human being living in perfect consort with all kiving systems. My passion and actions are to relignife our collective sleeping systems from states of amnesia, delusion, and denial by reestablishing our innate sensory connection with our earthly home.

My journey to find the most beautiful and effective way to resolve our sulfering began many years ago when I discovered a system that focused solely on the experience of trauma and led to my certification as a Traumatologist. I recognized the viclim/perpetrator cycle in us all and wanted to find why we were and still are so entrenched in destructive patterns. I became skilled in various Tenergy Psychology practices They were good but did not meet my sout's need for the most effective resolution.

So I continuously searched for a simple, peaceful and available solution to our dramas and traumas on the global, local, and personal stages. Several years ago I asked myself a very important question: "Have I taken for granted that it is normal for my awareness to be out of contact with the immediate moment of my life? Where am I if no In the NOW?" I wondered.

I shockingly realized that I was spending most of my waking and sleeping time in the past or in the future. So the obvious next question was "Why?"

I learned that in the past we have our stories (perceptions and beliefs) and that the future holds our dreams. We all have stories and dreams, but most of the time they remain a painful distraction and we become resigned to the outcomes. We seem to somehow be rewarded for this addiction to limited stories and prayerful dreams. The tragedy is that we are not really living and I wanted to LUTE!

Then I serendipitously found the Natural Systems Thinking Process, a practical way to engage in a natural relationship with Nature. I discovered Earth's nature to be sweet, engaging, without judgment, and most effective for reversing what als us. It was and is revolutionary and ancient. I've journeyed, and continue to journey into this brilliant process, I've found that it's possible to heal with Nature, to engage in a balanced life, to feel safe and grounded. The answer came flooding through as I restored and reconnected to the present moment which is where life thrives. It was simple and yet foreign. Why clidn't I know about earth's real flow that supports all life? I have come to learn that this story was intentionally dropped from our awareness. The reasons are sad. However, the importance of our reclaiming and restoring its value is so exciting and it is life-affirming knowing that earth's nature is to restore balance where there is none!

Now I am gratefully living, enjoying, growing and sharing my reconnection to mature by following my natural attractions daily which are sensory "by nature". Earth supports, balances, and sustains all LIFE without judgment. As part of nature, I'm sustained the same way when connected; otherwise I would flounder with the rest, still living out my traumas and dramas:

Our nature-disconnected stories isolate us from the whole of life and its self-correcting ways. The outcome is that we feel like visitors on this beautiful planet living without the benefits of the 54 natural, self-evident senses which are our inheritance. These 54 innate, biological senses reconnect our life with this bolanced and beautiful place we call home.

# THE 54 NATURAL SENSES & SENSIVITIES:

# THE RADIATION SENSES:

- 1. Sense of light and sight, including polarized light
- Sense of seeing without eyes such as heliotropism or the sun sense of plants
- 3. Sense of color
- 4. Sense of moods and identities attached to colors
- Sense of awareness of one's own visibility or invisibility and consequent camouflaging
- Sensitivity to radiation other than visible light including radio waves, X rays, etc.
- 7. Sense of temperature and temperature change
- Sense of seasons, including ability to insulate, hibernate, and winter sleep
- Electromagnetic sense and polarity which includes the ability to generate current (as in the nervous system and brain waves) or other energies

#### THE FEELING SENSES:

12. Sensitivity to gravity

- 10. Hearing, including resonance, vibrations, sonar and ultra sonic frequencies
- 11. Awareness of pressure, particularly underground, under water, and to wind and air
- 13. Sense of excretion for waste elimination and protection
- from enemies
- 14. Feel, particularly touch on the skin
- 15. Sense of weight, gravity, and balance
- 16. Space or proximity sense
- 17. Coriolus sense or awareness of effects of the rotation of the Earth
- 18, Sense of motion, including body movement sensations and sense of mobility

#### THE CHEMICAL SENSES:

- 19. Smell with and beyond the nose
- 20. Taste with and beyond the tongue
- 21. Appetite or hunger for food, water, and air
- 22. Hunting, food obtaining urges
- 23. Humidity sense, including thirst, evaporation control, and
- the acumen to find water or evade a flood
- 24. Hormonal sense, as to pheromones and other chemical stimuli

# THE MENTAL SENSES:

- 25. Pain, external and internal
- 26. Mental or spiritual distress
- 27. Sense of fear, dread of injury, death or attack

(25-27 are attractions to seek additional natural attractions in order to support and strengthen well-being. They are part of Nature's attractive dance, not repulsions.)

- 28, Procreative urges including sex awareness, courting. love, mating, paternity, and raising young
- 29. Sense of play, sport, humor, pleasure, and laughter 30. Sense of physical place, navigation senses including detailed awareness of land and seascapes, of the positions of the sun, moon, and stars
- 31. Sense of time
- 32. Sense of electromagnetic fields
- 33. Sense of weather changes
- 34. Sense of emotional place, of community, belonging, support, trust and thankfulness
- 35. Sense of self including friendship, companionship, and
- Domineering and territorial sense
- 37. Colonizing sense, including compassion and receptive awareness of one's fellow creatures, sometimes to the degree of being absorbed into a superorganism
- 38. Horticultural sense and the ability to cultivate crops, as is done by ants that grow fungus, by fungus who farm alage, or birds that leave food to attract their prev
- 39. Language and articulation sense, used to express feelings and convey information in every medium from the bees' dance to human literature
- 40. Sense of humility, appreciation, ethics
- 41. Senses of form and design
- 42. Sense of reason, including memory and the capacity for loaic and science

- 43. Sense of mind and consciousness
- 44. Intuition or subconscious deduction 45. Aesthetic sense, including creativity, appreciation
- of beauty, music, literature, form, design and drama 46. Psychic capacity such as foreknowledge, clairvoyance,
- clairaudience, psychokinesis, astral projection and possibly certain animal instincts and plant sensitivities 47. Sense of biological and astral time, awareness of past,
- present and future events 48. The capacity to hypnotize other creatures
- 49. Relaxation and sleep, including dreaming, meditation, brain wave awareness
- 50. Sense of pupation, including cocoon building and metamorphosis
- 51. Sense of excessive stress and capitulation
- 52. Sense of survival by joining a more established organism
- 53. Spiritual sense, including conscience, capacity for sublime love, ecstasy, a sense of sin, profound sorrow, and sacrifice
- 54. Sense of Unity, of natural attraction as the singular mother essence and source of all our other senses

# ABOUT JANET WEISBERG

My life's path and purpose are to speak the truths we've forgotten - the truths of who we are, why we are here now and how we need to accomplish real change together; and to offer opportunities that let Earth teach and bring communities together to learn and share.

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# SPIRITUAL TEACHINGS WITH BARBARA COOK

- Guidance Blessed from Living Beyond the Boundaries

## by Barbara Cook

 ${\mathcal J}$  have been an auditory all of my life and twice blessed. After a death bed incident in 1998, I have lived on to share a way that catches closer glimpses of God and God's ways.

Three years after retiring, I realized that I missed what I used to do. One of those things was the School of Thought and the Lightwayz n Godwayz talks: a spiritual training and master session with whoever showed up. The surprise was that we never knew who was coming or what would be said. I missed the sharing and the "light bulbs" going off when someone gets closer to Spirit because of what I said, what I knew, or what I was hearing.

I come from Maline, but now live in S.W Florida sharing the miraculous stories that form the weavings of life. Stories and experiences that tell where the broken threads lead. Why is if okay when things go wrong and how do we read the patterns of the weave? When should we zig and when should we zag? Come and hear the answers, and you'll find your path better lift. You may become aware of how many firms you were guided but did not comprehend. Perhaps you were too busy in the earthly realms to notice the heavenly interventions.

I am here to share a thread with you as we weave a life in these times of drastic change. What you may learn is that all that should be taken from the planet is only what is best for the soul's growth. Also, to understand that although the topestry is more beautiful threaded perfectly together, the stories and the lives are lived in the threading, in the crossover and tucked-under threads. This is the beauty we seek of each other, where imperfections allow the gifts to emerge and be visible.

I believe that life changes are good – not always easy, sometimes not quickly understood, but are indeed for the higher good. I like to walk the lightways on the planet – the earth's meridians for closer contact to the conscious states of God, where we are to live and thrive practicing, not having to understand, but frusting in faith which reinforces trust. I call it "God ways" – a corridor, narrow for sure but meant to enhance personal and spiritual growth, and an earned life with a great story at the end.

Remembering that spirit and matter are partners, we are to live heaven on earth and bloom in the Light using the Master's ways. "How," you may ask, "when there is a world of darkness and shadow?" But I say, "When walking in the Light, there is no darkness."



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## STUCK IN A RUT?

by John McMullin and Leigh Randolph

Do you feel stuck, trapped, suffocated and helpless? Sometimes life creates a scenario that we can't move or it won't let us move. When we feel paralyzed from these experiences, we often feel helpless, hopeless, frustrated, and angry. The illusion is that everything is stuck but in fact life continues to evolve in spite of our stories. We often miss obvious possibilities because we feel frozen with shame, fear, or hurt from our perception of the past or future events. Our ego creates scenarios about the future/past events that become so overwhelming, we actually attempt to disconnect through rationalization of being stuck. We can't move forward from fear nor can we move back from the shame so we stay stuck in the middle. One source of this phenomenon is called "the unlived life". This effect creates stories about the life "I should have lived" versus the "life I have lived". We attach to the "what if" scenarios that brings humiliation to the life we are currently experiencing. When we become threatened or shamed by comparing the story we are living to the story "we should be living", we create reactive behavior of fight, flight, freeze, or facade, Freezing is a popular choice, since we learned the illusion of power as children. Like "Peek-a- boo" -- believing if I can't see you, you can't see me. Sometimes this is called a "deer in the headlights" syndrome. By remaining motionless, we have someone else to blame if there is a collision.

How do we remove our self from the games that parts of our ego play when we feel helpless and stuck? We can begin by taking inventory of choices and their consequences. This process activates the adult mind rather than the childish mind stuck in old patterns. We begin to realize the way out is to create motion and activity. We find the most effective choice and then choose to take the path with its positive and negative consequences. Next, we find a way to value our courage to continue along the path of removing our self from being trapped in a situation that keeps us from growth. We use the language to affirm and inspire our self through our internal dialog. We also ask for external support from those we trust and who understand the difficult challenge of continuing the journey. We don't forget; it often takes a village to support initiating and continuing a journey from helpless toward self-help. The last step is to express gratitude for the illusions of our childish ego that trapped us and the adult ego that created a threshold of courage to overcome feeling stuck.

Without feeling stuck, what would inspire and validate us to grow into a resourceful member of our family and community? Perhaps, through this effort we begin to realize that the life we were meant to live includes knowing that each fork in the road brought choices, and each choice we made had a purpose. The "unlived life" or the choices we didn't make can either keep us stuck or give us an appreciation for what we have gained through the live we have lived. Today is the right time to plan your journey and accept the positive and negative consequences that come from every change. Let us invite you to find your supportive community and let us cheer for you the way others cheered for us along our journey of discovering how to move from stuck toward fluid.





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by Angela Passidomo Trafford

"When the heart weeps for what it has lost, the spirit laughs for what it has found."

- Arabic saying

An interesting article in People magazine told of Gus, the obsessive-compulsive polar bear, it seems that Gus was attracting a lot of national attention because he was obsessively swimming back and forth in his small pool at the zoo. Gus wouldnit 1- or couldn't stop.

An animal psychiatrist was called in to define the problem and discover a solution. After getting to observe and know Gus, the psychiatrist determined that Gus was bored. All his survival needs were taken care of: the deadening routine of his existence was causing Gus to swim for his fittel

The psychialrist and the staff at the zoo figured out a plan. They made Gus find his food and work for it. Peanut butther was smeared on trees, fish were encased in blocks of ice that Gus had to find and excavate. Gus's environment changed to one of interest, fun, playfulness and creativity. The natural instincts of curiosity and play stimulated the creativity of the polar bear.

Gus's obsession was healed. Without the intervention of this outside force, and the resultant flow into creativity of his life, Gus probably would have died.

To me, Gus's predicament is an allegory of life in our society today. With most of our survival needs token care of and only a small piece of earth for each one of us to inhabit, we have lost the freedom of the wild kingdom. We have traded mere existence for the joy of vibranity being allve. We cannot prow the majesty of the mountains, forests, and rivers of this beautiful workd, so we trudge enclessly along the track in our minds, like rats in a maze or hamsters on a wheel. We have been caged.

It is no wonder so many of us are obsessive-compulsive personalities at the mercy of hidden inner drivers, at the mercy of ourselves. The story of Gus is a parable for our society. We all need to be freed from our stulfifying routines and restored from within. The connection to the creative source kindles our very will to live and nourishes the living florme of our lives. Angela Passidomo Trafford Author, Spiritual Teacher

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### RELATIONSHIPS: LOOKING WITHIN

Gram all relationships, we are meant to find ourselves. That is the purpose of any relationships we have in our lives – with our children, our parents, our siblings, our lovers, our spouses, or our friends. Relationship is the only way we learn to love ourselves and others. None of us can escape relationships, even when we are alone. As Dag Hammarskjold wrote in Markings, we all find ourselves "on that midnight fide to the witch's tower where we meet – ourselves, ourselves, ourselves."

A hermit in the woods is living in a relationship with herself, with Nature, and with God. She is learning about herself from the birds of the dir, the stones and rocks in her cave, the these, the plants, and the soil. In her aloneness she is finding herself; and she is finding God.

Learning to love oneself is the most important action a human being can initiate. Loving ourselves is the same as loving God. Only through this love of self can we truly have compassion for someone else.

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#### **ASTRO** Calendar

## November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 ALL SAINTS DAY	2	3	4	5
					Taurids Meteor Shower	Taurids Meteor Showe
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS	7	8 ELECTION DAY	9	10	VETERAN'S DAY	12
13	14  FULL MOON SUPERMOON	15	16	17	18	19
			Leonids Meteor Shower	Leonids Meteor Shower		
20	21	22	23	24 THANKSGIVING	25	26
27	28	29	30		November 14	



ADVENT BEGINS

November 6 DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS

When local daylight time is about to arrive at Sunday, November 6, 2016, 2:00:00 AM clocks are turned backward one hour to Sunday, November 6, 2016, 1:00:00 AM local standard time instead.

Sunrise and sunset will be about one hour earlier on Nov 6, 2016 than the day before. There will be more light in the morning.

Also called Fall Back and Winter Time.

#### SOURCE:

www.timeanddate.com www.mindbodygreen.com www.manspurpose.com



NEW MOON

November 29 NEW MOON

The Moon will be directly between the Earth and the Sun and will not be visible from Earth. This phase occurs at 12:18 UTC. This is the best time of the month to observe galaxies and star clusters because there is no moonlight to interfere.

#### METAPHYSICAL ASPECTS

The new moon is the symbol of new beginnings. This is a good time to omit upon your true mative. Now you can tune into your Soul or Higher Self. Stay calm, and let your Higher Self give you a vision of your true purpose. This is a fine to breathe in deeply and move into a calm state of mind. In this state, you can watch your emotions come and go and not be affected by them. In this camness, you begin to see your life more clearly; you begin to see what is possible.



November 14
FULL MOON
SUPERMOON

The Moon will be directly opposite the Earth from the Sun and will be fully illuminated as seen from Earth. This phase accurs at 13:52 UTC. This full moon was known by early Netwe American tribes as the Full Beaver Moon because this was the lime of year to set the beaver traps before the swamps and rivers froze. It has also been known as the Frosty Moon and the Hunter's Moon. This is also the second of three supermoons for 2016. The Moon will be at its closest approach to the Earth and may look slightly larger and brighter than usual.

#### METAPHYSICAL ASPECTS

Since the full moon pours down a tremendous amount of energy, you must be in a calm state of mind to receive a positive effect. Remember that whatever is going on in your body, mind and spirit will be amplified. Refrain from arguing and getting angry. Think positive thoughts. Envision your dreams manifestined. Meditate. Send blessings to people in need. The full moon is the time to stay calm, let things go, breathe deeply through difficult moments and forgive others for their mistakes.



#### NOTE from the Editor

My dad has been an amateur astronomer for over 40 years. He has gazed at night sky through his telescopes since before I was born. He built several telescopes himself and has taken photos of celestial objects for many years. With the advancements of technology, he has been able to improve his deep space photography—some of yealaxies and nebulae he has photographed are millions of light-years away from Earth! These photos were recently taken in his backwaf in Hungary.





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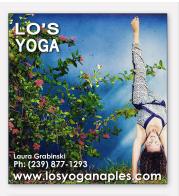
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This glasswork can help heal a grieving heart and will honor the life of a loved one (both human and animal) – not because they died but because they lived and touched our hearts forever.





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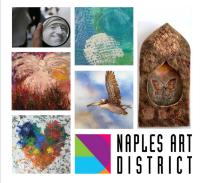
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The exhibition will be held at The Artist Gallery, 6240 Shirley St., Naples FL., Suite 104. Preview showing and meet the artists will be held November 2, 2016, 12pm -3pm and the Opening Reception will be November 2, 5pm-8pm. Small works will confinue through November 30.

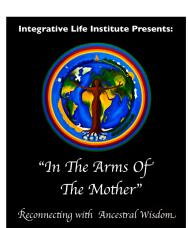
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