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Not Taking No For An Answer

By Shannon Chin

As women, we often find it hard to say NO. It's even harder when we keep getting NO for an answer. Since I started my own business, it was very disheartening when a potential client says no.

Then another and another. In the early days, I've even received criticism for a proposal that I've put forward. The interesting part is that none of it was about the program that I've proposed. They were just nit-picking.

Undeniably, we tend to take things upon ourselves when we get a NO. That hit me quite hard back then. I didn't want to take NO for an answer, I've asked for a meeting but never got a reply. I started to doubt myself. It has rocked my confidence. However, instead of allowing myself to delve deeper into this unpleasant experience and let it destroy my confidence, I've decided that I will reflect on it and pick myself up. I discovered that it was about the person and the situation they're in and not about me. This has also helped me gain better clarity on who I want to become.

When I was facing some financial challenges, I went to the bank to discuss the possibility of a loan but I was declined. It felt like NO has started following me around and I know it is not something I want to accept. From then onwards, I wrote myself a big reminder that I will not take NO for an answer. I've committed to find creative ways to continue to pursue my life calling.

In 2 separate occasions, I had 2 different potential clients who said NO to me. This time around, I never doubted my ability to help them. Instead of accepting the NO from them, I chose to remain in touch, just to offer them some help every now and then because I genuinely want to help them. They became clients a year later.

In life, we grew up hearing more NO than Yes. I still hear many parents using NO with their children. I also hear a lot of NO from people in conversations. Perhaps it has become a subconscious choice of word because we were conditioned to accept NO since young.

In the current situation around the world right now, many people could be facing situations with more NO than Yes. It's important to know what does NO means to us. We can reframe the meaning and use it to reflect, review and reset. More often than not, it's not about us, it's circumstantial. We can turn it around, we can flip it from NO to ON and draw creative energy from it to do things differently. After all, we've already switched ON the creative button.

I'm sharing this because I want you to know that the big fat NO will not take you down unless you allow it to. It is just a test from the Universe to see how committed you are to you. Never ever give up!

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WHAT DRIVES YOU AND DESTINY?

Flipping Out Over Perspectives

By Kara Lambert

How often do you stop and think about the other person when you respond to them? I mean get in their shoes, jump up and down and take them for a long hard hike. You know the hike where your lungs ache and you keep looking at what seems to be a never-ending hill and you hope and pray that your legs will keep you going. Yeah, that deep and that long and not just a fleeting or flippant consideration.

I've been caught out, filling in the blanks with what I thought was happening, what others were thinking... all by filling in with what my drivers (generally fears) are. You know the thoughts, "this person must think I'm an idiot", or "OMG, they hate me", or "But they won't accept it because..." I know I'm not alone and it can be anyone that I do it to, even my spouse.

Our brains hate gaps and its default setting is to fill them with the stories we tell ourselves, the stories we have been programmed with. And rightly or wrongly, they jump right in to fill the void so we don't feel lost and we can make sense of what would normally be confusing.

These stories that fill in the blanks can be peppered with your own drivers. Your fears, your needs, your beliefs, your values, and even your goals. Especially if you fear upsetting people or not being liked, if you need to be accepted, if you believe that your voice doesn't matter, if you value connection, if your goal is to be liked. Your brain fills in the gaps, sometimes to protect you from what you think could be a painful situation and sometimes to defend you from what you believe is an attack, and always with your drivers or stories you tell yourself.

Now think about that person. The one that you just mentally put words into their mouth and did the "they must think xyz about me". They have drivers too & you've just assumed yours all over theirs. You've taken the words out of their mouth before they've spoken and assumed that your words are the right ones. And there's a really good chance you've got it wrong. Perhaps it was from fear of rejection, the need to be accepted, the belief that your thoughts don't matter, that you value being right, or that your goal is to keep the peace. But there's an equal chance that the other person just wasn't thinking any of these things because they have their own drivers. That they fear, need, believe, value, or have a goal that you can help or support them with – and you've just missed a whole opportunity.

So, the next time your brain flies off into, "OMG, they...". Just stop and think. Consider the other person and where they're coming from, their drivers. You'll be surprised how quickly you can calm down with a little flipped perspective, parking your perspective and giving them a go.

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Our Deepest Belonging

By Orlaith O'Sullivan

One of our deepest impulses is to belong. We share this impulse with many other living beings - it's part of what helps us to survive. We organise ourselves (or are relegated) into different groups: according to our gender, our friends, our culture, our interests, our beliefs. Even our suffering forms groups - if we develop an illness or an addiction, we instantly belong to a new group!

And because one of deepest instincts is to belong, one of our deepest hurts is the feeling that we don't belong. Being excluded or ignored or discriminated against can be very painful and can bring up fear, loneliness and shame.

In Ireland when people first meet, there is often a question, "Where are you from?" You talk and then you realize, "I know your sister!" I lived outside of Ireland for about ten years and I was asked that question all the time. And sometimes when I heard the question, it made me feel separate. I felt that even if I lived in that country for 30 years, I'd always be asked, "Where are you from?" My mind added: Because you're obviously not from here.

When I moved back to Ireland, I could hear that the question - which we ask because we want to form connection - can do the opposite. In Ireland the question never hurt me because I feel I belong here. But if I wasn't sure I belonged, then the question can touch that sore spot.

I don't ask the question anymore. In our practice, we aspire to go deeper than our experience of all the different groups, all the ways that we separate ourselves from each other. We try to sense a deeper truth, the experience of no-separation. There are times we may have felt that - being somewhere very beautiful in nature, or singing in a big group, or looking up a sky filled with stars. There are times that we feel connected. That we belong. And we didn't need anyone to tell us. We felt it.

So how can we strengthen that feeling, of knowing that we belong? The very first step is to allow all of us to belong. We exclude part of ourselves all the time. This nice part of me is allowed, but the thorny parts - not welcome here!

We need to allow all of us to be here, bathed in this light of practice. When we practice, we need to include our anger and distraction and our confusion. Because otherwise, we're already discriminating. We're separated from ourselves. So the first peace work - the first unity - is allowing you to be you. Taking time to get to know and understand you. Complete inclusion. We let ourselves be home.

It's our deepest belonging, and it can bring a deep, stable peace to us. Thank you for reading - and take good care of your precious heart.

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THE PATH TO LOVE AND COMPASSION

The Power Of the Mind

By Lynley Evans

We all go through ups and downs in our lives, but have you ever thought that we are in control of what we think, what we take on, and what we portray to the world? We can take on the thoughts that move through our minds, or we can choose to let them just float through. I know from personal experience, I would take on everything I thought, which were mainly negative, not a good thing. And these would eventually become beliefs.

One of the most basic beliefs we carry about ourselves has to do with how we view our personality. A "fixed mindset" assumes that our character, intelligence, and creative ability are static and we can't change them in any meaningful way, and success is the affirmation of that inherent intelligence, an assessment of how those givens measure up against an equally fixed standard; striving for success and avoiding failure at all costs become a way of maintaining the sense of being smart or skilled. Or, we can develop what is called a "growth mindset," which thrives on challenge and sees failure not as evidence of unintelligence but as a heartening springboard for growth and for stretching our existing abilities.

Out of these two mindsets, which we manifest from an early age, springs a great deal of our behaviour, our relationship with success and failure in both professional and personal contexts, and ultimately our capacity for happiness.

The fixed mindset creates an urgency to prove yourself over and over. If you have only a certain amount of intelligence, a certain personality, and a certain moral character – well, then you'd better prove that you have a healthy dose of them. Every situation is evaluated: Will I succeed or fail? Will I look smart or dumb? Will I be accepted or rejected? Will I feel like a winner or a loser?

There is another mindset in which these traits are not simply a hand you are dealt and must live with. In this mindset, the hand you are dealt is just the starting point for development. This growth mindset is based on the belief that your basic qualities are things you can cultivate through your efforts. Although people may differ in every which way – in their initial talents and aptitudes, interests, or temperaments – everyone can change and grow through application and experience.

A mindset tells us what is going on around us. In the fixed mindset, that process is an internal monologue of constant judging and evaluation, using every piece of information as evidence either for or against such assessments as whether you're a good person, whether your partner is selfish, or whether you are better than the person next to you. In a growth mindset, the internal monologue is not one of judgment but one of insatiable appetite for learning, constantly seeking out the kind of input that you can metabolize into learning and constructive action.

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Life Test Or Final Exam

By Penny Myers

When I look back on my younger years of age 8, 9 and 10, I relive the feelings of sadness and loneliness of being unloved. I truly believed I had done something to deserve being segregated from my younger siblings. I can clearly see my struggles in life after the struggles have occurred. When I survive a struggle, another seems to hit me hard. Today I wonder if the struggles were tests that ultimately lead to my exam. I'm still here. Is this a pass or hanging on for the next exam?

My marriage, the excitement of my first pregnancy, the first grandchild and this was the beginning of my family unit. This was most disappointing as Laura was diagnosed with a terminal illness and had 6 months to live. A test? There were the trials and tribunes of a marriage when a child dies. I went on to have 2 daughters who are my pride and joy. My husband and his family had their challenges. Passed Test? My children's father struggled with the loss of his daughter by not talking. Marriage and a family just was not what he thought it would be. A Test?

Fast forward 8 years and my son was born. He cried, cried and cried and little sleep for me and 2 daughters to get off to pre school every other day. Meals, laundry, budgeting with one income provider. My father unexpectedly dies of an aneurysm. A huge unimaginable experience to my siblings and mother. I was ousted immediately after my father's funeral. Our son, age 20 dies by suicide 10 years later. What's lesson I might learn from this? The Exam?

At this time in my life, I was 49 years of age and felt like a 1000 piece puzzle dropped on the floor and scattered. I don't know where to begin to move forward. By now, I have completed many tests. I have made it through and gone beyond and waiting for the, yes, waiting for the celebration of successes. Mmm, the explosion was yet to come.

My marriage is over. I'm moving on. I'm now going to think about my survival and well being. This is more then I expected. Now, I wonder is this the exam? Do I have more to complete to continue on in life or my thoughts are telling me I have a choice to end it or live on?

Can I handle more tests and more exams? Do I want to? What the heck is life then if the tests and exams mean nothing. What if I end it all? What then does my lived experiences matter? Im not sure I want to die. Im not sure I want to continue because, is there beauty and celebrations for me? I am not normally selfish, but I feel I need to stand up for me!

I must continue this, as this decision is vital.

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OUR MAGNIFICENT BLUEPRINT: THE 'I AM'

Serve? Keep — No? Let Go!

By Brenda Pitout

The voices in our world are becoming louder than ever! As COVID 19 takes hold and sweeps communities, countries, and continents it is possible that our own inner voices of intuition, instinct and conscience can become stifled or even muted leaving our existence dictated to by others. We may not have been infected by the virus but each and every one of us has been affected in some form or fashion by its vicious venom.

I have realized that I can become consumed by the sound of suffering if I tune in to the global picture which I can personally do nothing about. I have had to make a conscious choice to rather tune in to my own smaller, safer world and find sanctity and deep gratitude for where I presently reside knowing that things can change but for the meantime I can be at peace whilst I pause and ponder where I want my life to flow to once the pandemic is past.

Our world has become surreal in its unpredictability and uncertainty something which can leave us as its inhabitants reeling from shock and shaking with fear if we try to predict our future. I have learned to simply witness the process of powerful change which was inevitable play out as it profoundly shifts the thoughts, habits and behaviour of every single human being inhabiting the planet.

This world war that is waging is like none other our world has ever known and its outcome is both unpredictable and unprecedented leaving rich and poor, learned and unlearned, weak and powerful, young and old vulnerable to the merciless agenda of an unseen force willing to destroy everyone and everything without any remorse or regret.

I love the fact that my soul knows that this is a cleansing process to enable me to recognize the foolishness of the past so that I can release my attachment to man-made systems, structures, and mechanisms to enable me to realise the wisdom of focussing on that which exists beyond this reality and invest more heavily in that treasure which cannot be taken away from me. That which can be mine when mortality is swallowed up by immortality.

I want to tune in to my own inner voice and the voice of the One who knows the way and who can safely guide me through unchartered waters, so I can cross the trackless desert and walk upon the sea because He is the Way and my hope and confidence can be deeply rooted in Him.

I love that in our world, undeterred by the malevolent presence, the sun still shines warm and welcoming, the birds still sing to their hearts content, the trees continue to flourish producing sweet succulent fruit whilst the blossoms faithfully bloom, the rich scent of their presence filling my lungs with a perfume that nourishes the very core of my being. I am peaceful and content whilst feeling reassured that I am blessed because I am loved - now and always!

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each step of the journey; and not gaining
immediate and false satisfaction when you want it.
Trust the process of the journey; for truly, it is a gift.
Love yourself enough to walk, and not run.

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of your divine dance with the universe by

moving too fast, and demanding too much

from yourself and others.

Self-manipulation is a 100% stress-filled act
of low self-worth and disbelief in self.
Therefore, choose to know in your heart
that you are more than enough
for all the goodness
that's coming your way!



THE PATH OF INNER ALCHEMY

Lost In Transition

By Daniella Schoch

We live in a world of constant change. Which means we also live in a constant state of transition. Change is an outer event - external and situational: Getting a new job, moving, leaving your job, ending a relationship, someone passing away.

Transition is internal. It's the psychological and emotional processing and integrating of the outer change. It follows its own inner rhythm, dynamics and stages, always involving an element of time.

Just because you've signed your divorce papers doesn't mean you're done with your transitional journey. It doesn't matter whether you chose the change consciously (like leaving your job) or it was "forced" upon you (you were let go) - you still need time to process it. Which might seem harder when it was you who chose the change.

Some changes occur within the natural seasons of life, a moment when you sense that something is coming to and end: your orientation in life, the definition of success. It's that midlife turning point where your awareness goes more inwards and your desire to contribute, serve and impact others positively just naturally grows. You want to share the gifts of your life experience.

Every process has a beginning, a middle and an end. Likewise transitions move in 3 stages: the ending, the neutral zone and the new beginning.

The ending is the life event that usually kicks off the process of transition: the end of the relationship, moving, quitting your job, a

sudden illness, loosing someone. It seems straightforward but its usually not as clear cut as it sounds - unless the change is external. You usually have resigned from your job internally before you hand in your resignation. Sometimes we just wake up one morning and realize: I'm done with this. Either way, you need to mark the ending before you can move into the next stage.

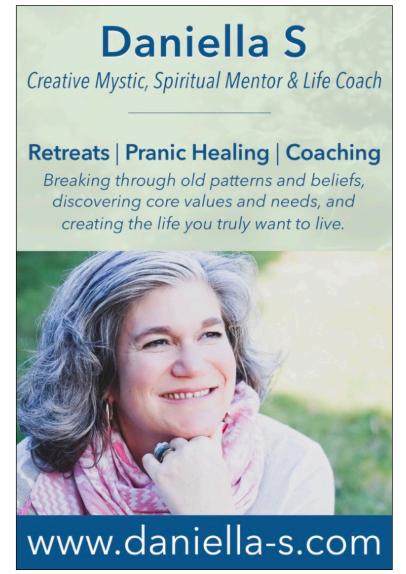
The neutral zone can be the most challenging time when you've left the old behind but the new hasn't emerged yet fully. You've left the safe shore; you're out on the open see with no land in sight. This is a time that can be very strenuous. A time of confusion, depression, anxiety, regret, denial and doubt. We feel we're in a vacuum, in this in between state, in limbo land. Despite all of that it can be where we find the biggest treasures. A time of healing, exploration, inquiry, of reorientation, renewal of energy and purpose, of transformation.

Many of us are in the neutral zone right now - still trying to process all the changes that this year has thrown at us. It can feel like everything we knew to be true, our identity and structures have fallen away. It's important to remember that it's in embracing a new vision that we move through this losses. Allowing ourselves to reorient towards being with the unknowing. Bringing rituals and sacredness back as that constant factor in our lives we can evoke amidst immense life transitions.

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SIMPLE YET PROFOUND

Everyday, Deep Belly Laughs

By Kimberly Hambrick

Laughter is better than chocolate and that is a bold statement in that I am a chocolate connoisseur! But the act and sound of laughter are pure joy to my entire being. Be it a giggle of a child, laughter among friends, or the snort—an unattractive habit that accompanies my laugh when I am truly tickled—all instantly makes me happy.

I am, by nature, optimistic. I believe all things are possible. Yet, just like you, not all things work out as I hope and/or some moments in my life are just unhappy. But I firmly believe that we can

find the good in the bad. We might need to pause a bit longer, but in time, we find the good and remember with laughter.

Recently a colleague/friend lost her battle to cancer. I met her a few years back when we worked together to compete for a large Federal project. We clicked immediately and our expertise complimented each other. Most of the time working together was stressful due to designing a five-year project and working with tight timelines; but it all was worth it in that we were successful and won. Unfortunately, her health took a downward turn and she never truly experienced the joy of the win in that she went on medical leave soon after the announcement.

Throughout her fight, she remained positive. She would send out updates and each one had a line or two that made me smile and laugh. In her fight for her life, she understood the power of laughter and made a point to make sure those who were hurting, were also laughing.

When I learned that she had died, I spent some time crying and praying. And then I started to remember, and my mind went to the moments that just made me smile and laugh. On a planning trip, we took a pour paint class. If not familiar with this, you mix up various colors of paint in a cup and invert the cup over the canvas so the paint pours out and creates a masterpiece.

Her's looked like a Mardi Gras festival. Bright colors dancing together across the canvas. Mine, well it looked like that same festival, only three days after the parades and the crowds left. Somehow my bright colors mixed into a sea of brown and yellow. We laughed until we cried at our end results. And that memory raced back to the surface after hearing of her death. And through my tears, I laughed until I had no more laughter in me.

Life is fragile and short. Enjoy each day and enjoy all the moments, the good, the bad, and the ugly. Take time to pause in the non-good moments and find the learning and the laughter. It is there, I promise. And when you find it, you will realize that the simple yet profound act of a deep belly laugh makes all the difference.

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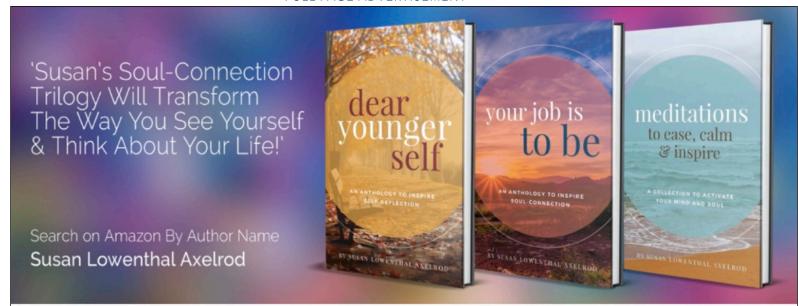


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REAL LIFE EXISTS BEYOND OUR BELIEFS

'I AM' -- A Powerful Medical Compound

By Marie Brunger

Working in a clinic which provided conventional and alternative treatments for cancer patients opened my eyes to the importance of faith in living, dying and recovery. Unfortunately many of the men and women came as a last desperate call for help. And for some, all I could do was to help them find some peace.

I watched the anxiety rise rapidly as patients juggled huge amounts of medications, stressing as they endeavoured to get the right dose, at the right time, in the right order. This alone posed many questions. How much does the fear interfere with the effectiveness of the medication? How does the nervous system react to the medication when taken with large doses of fear? Surely they would have a much better chance of responding positively when the stress is removed from the mind body system?

What if faith is the natural intervention we have been missing? We know that standing strong in faith weakens fear. It raises our energy, helps us all to feel better about ourselves and improves general well-being, regardless of the circumstances. What if recovery is possible by combining the natural medicinal compound of faith with conventional medicine? Isn't it possible that as we raise faith and lower fear, we could also reduce the medication?

I discovered the importance of working with the patient and their family on an emotional and spiritual level before they begin to make important plans and decisions about the treatment. Uncovering any fears and beliefs the client, their families

or support team have about cancer is critical. Creating a team driven by faith ensures that everyone becomes a part of the solution and recovery, working together for the good of the patient. I love the quote 'There is no way to peace, peace is the way" This means that finding peace with 'what is' allows the whole team to openly explore, and more confidently choose possible treatments.

Cancer and other stress-related illnesses are often our wake-up call to return home to Self-love. Having in depth conversations with cancer patients at the point of diagnosis and prognosis is crucial. They can uncover long held fears and limiting beliefs which in turn can expose the root of the problem. By treating the real problem from the onset, the cancer has a much better chance of retreating. If we don't pay attention, those systematic 'messages' will continue to come back, slowing down the journey 'home'.

In spite of millions of dollars being poured in researching a cure for cancer the disease continues to grow rapidly, world-wide. I wonder what would happen if we spent a fraction of that government money to teach our young community the art of developing and sustaining a healthy, self-loving and worthy identity. When we put faith back in the driver's seat, we will more easily put an end to the fight, not only against cancer but against an array of diseases, conditions and syndromes that are crippling man's kindness.

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The other day I was asked by a Maine Black farmer to describe my farm for his local newsletter. I was surprised. I did not see myself as a farmer. At best, I am a gardener. In my mind, there is a difference. I think of gardens are hobbies or projects, while farming is something big, involving profits. Being asked this question stirred up a curiosity within, why am I so drawn to grow food?

I think of myself as a person who cultivates food rather than a farmer. I adopted the term "cultivating" after working with older Sudanese women refugees who resettled in Maine. Demonstrating their pride using rhythmic hand gestures with whooshing sounds, these women explained how they grew and harvested sesame. Cultivating described their way of life- a proud livelihood as Sudanese women taking care of their families.

Farming was a game I played as a young girl. I would play for hours alone on the tar rooftops of her mother's apartment building, conjuring up all sorts of farming adventures while surrounded by the concrete jungle of upper Manhattan. Other days I foraged wild scallions that grew on the grounds of Riverside Drive Park, imagining I was a Muskogee who lived in the tress. I chuckle when I think back to how other kids -who looked like me- teased me and called me weird. They accused me of trying to be "White." After all, we had never seen Black farmers. Our schoolbooks, TV, and storybooks only showed white-smiling- farming- families, with white farmhouses, animals, and lots and lots of fields- I often wondered what it felt like to live with all that open space.

When I became older, I came across a book with old, black and white photos of wide-eyed, tattered, tired, dusty black people called sharecropper. These were black southerners who worked the land to pay off debts of peonage due to Black Codes or due to the whims of The Reformers. I gasped, where these Black Famers? I could now understand my father's disdain and hostility whenever I pressed him to tell me stories about growing up in rural Alabama.

For me growing food is not a hobby. It's a homecoming to a version of myself I touched into as a child long ago. It's a deepening of appreciation in grace, humility, and patience within myself. Today I am the tiller of the soil and soul- an act I now understand is healing my ancestral lineage. The ability to choose to grow food has become reclaiming a sustainable way of life once denied to my ancestors. The term cultivating feels like an organic reciprocal relationship between myself and Gaia -who is also teaching me to trust my instincts. My ancestors inspire me to claim what I call "The knowing in my bones". With their help, I thrive and we thrive as family. I cultivate aspirations. I help others to reclaim their lives with dignity so they can thrive too.

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MEDITATION IS...

By Sibyl English

Meditation is the quiet time I spend alone with God

Meditation is when I sit in wonder and in awe just thinking of all the kindness and mercy I am given each and every day.

Meditation is when I feel the wings of angels brush up against my skin, letting me know that I'm protected

Meditation is when I breathe deeply into my belly, until heaven and earth cohabitate as one.

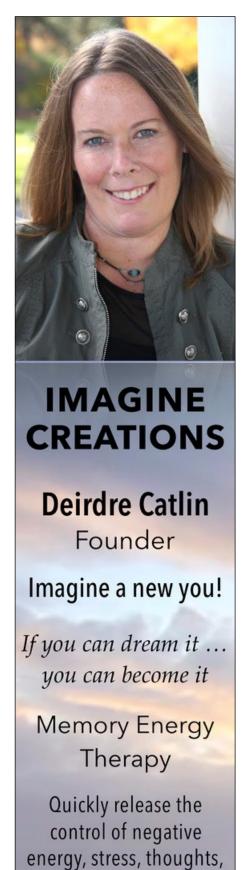
Meditation is when I choose to stop and say thank you, and I love you, and I'm sorry to others.

Meditation is calling my mom on the phone, and talking until she tires from our long conversation, and then we say I love you and goodbye.

Meditation is when I look into my husbands eyes and see a man who loves me to and through the ebb & tide of eternity.

Meditation is waking to the morning sun or the gentle sound of rain, and being grateful to be alive for one more day.

Meditation is the softness of my sheets, and the downy of my pillow, when I lay me down to sleep; and pray the Lord my soul to keep. Amen.



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AUTHENTICITY AT ALL LEVELS OF BEING

By Martine Negro

Is Your Heart Light?

Let me introduce you to your heart, Kardia, which is far more than an efficient pump. In Chinese Medicine, the heart houses your Spirit. It is the container of your Soul and the seat of your higher mind. Heart transplant researches show that the essence states are transplanted into the recipient! In the Egyptian culture, the dead person's spirit was fairly judged by conducting the process of weighing the heart against the feather of truth to assess the quality of its love. If true and just, the heart would weigh the same as the feather. Then the spirit would be free to enter the place of bliss.

If the heart was heavier it was thrown to the demon Ammut who would gobble it!

As your emotional centre, it is directly affected by any emotion. So working on your heart is essential for your physical and spiritual health. Holding on to deep anger, resentment, hurt or hate is the same as swallowing poison every day. It will eat you from inside. In my whole career, I only met two patients who did not want to forgive. One of them was a fifty year old lady whose only son was killed in a motorbike accident three months before she was diagnosed with lung cancer. Within minutes of our meeting, she proclaimed: "I know why I got this cancer, I will not forgive God for taking my son before me! And I don't care if I die!" Grief mixed with anger is pretty lethal. So if you notice some of these heavy energies within, start polishing your heart to energetically transform these buried reactions into forgiveness and compassion allowing you to restore peace within. Your heart will always reveal what is truly going on.

Clinical experience has shown me that every single chronic illness has an unresolved emotional state at its core: anything from grief, anger, guilt, fear or any of the complex combinations they can generate. Until those are properly processed and you are at peace with the situation, the illness cannot clear completely.

The Heart is your most important organ spiritually as it is where the Divine enters the core of your being becoming the ultimate source of your heart beat. Our natural inner state is one of joy and peace. People who are healthy in their golden years, have valued and cultivated these states. That helps them accept what they cannot change (like the death of a loved one) and focus on what brings them joy. They practice altruism and cultivate friendships. They also never indulge in worry, live in harmony with themselves and the world, are easily content yet at the same time open for more! That is an excellent recipe for a long happy and healthy life.

How often do you check deeply into the truest centre of your being? Sense its voice, feel its smile and act from its springing forth guidance. Remember, keep your heart light!

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IGNITE YOUR CAN-DO MINDSET

It Is OK to Take A Break

By Gail Gibson

Since February, I have been working on a hugely rewarding executive coaching project with an incredible team of people. An intensive programme, both personally, and for the group I am coaching. I use the word intensive because there has been a vast amount of learning shared, knowledge gained, and practice implemented. Together, we have delivered many hours of focused hard work, which has had a high level of personal impact, physically, cognitively, and emotionally. As the team progress in their role, from week to week, the pressure has built up, and a personal

limit has been reached. It is time to take a break.

I was inspired this month by a conversation with one of my team, about the dangers of burnout and the importance of self-care. Burnout can take on many disguises, from lethargy and sleeplessness, to low self-esteem and irritability, and all in between. Burnout can lead to stress which is one of the main reasons why people feel worn out and fail to deliver, mentally and physically. Burnout is dangerous with a capital D.

We can all become overwhelmed in the work we do or the life we lead. It happens. Often, when we take on too much, or fail to give ourselves time to step away and recharge. Life can become super-fast paced, and we sometimes believe that we need to keep up with the speed. It is like the accelerator pedal is stuck on maximum. Each day whizzes by in a flash and we become casualties, as we burn the candle at both ends.

It is OK to take a break. This is exactly what my team member did, along with several of their colleagues too. Being within striking distance of burnout was enough to say - "STOP, I need to take a break. It is important for me to step back from what I am doing and to allow the intensity of learning and practice to filter. I need to unwind and rest and shift my focus inward, to take care of myself before I can help others."

What did my team member discover at the end of a week's rest? Instead of saving up leave for one single big holiday, the idea of taking mini breaks at regular intervals can be a better personal plan. By doing so, you learn to take notice of your emerging burnout pattern, and you can give yourself a chance to take care of your mind, body, and soul. It is about self-awareness and for you to realise, that unless you are on full battery power, you cannot perform well.

Building in a routine of self-care habits is positive and progressive. We all need to step away from time to time. When you do so, you will look, feel and be better in yourself. When we take time to be mindful of overwhelm, burnout, and self-care, we can shift focus to give ourselves permission to take a break, to recharge and deliver personal and professional best.

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ACHIEVE, LIVE AND BE YOUR GREATNESS *Living In the Moment*

By Dani Andersen

How often do you have moments that take your breath away and make you feel truly alive? I remember one such experience years ago that happened spontaneously. I was in Cairo, a stone's throw from the pyramids of Giza, walking back to catch a taxi after a wonderful evening spent talking and sharing stories with a new friend whom I had met at the Sphinx and my Portuguese friend who had introduced us, who I had met a week earlier.

As we weaved our way through the back roads to the main street, each in our own mind reflecting on the day's mind blowing events, our footsteps muffled from treading on dirt, I happened to hear lively music and the sound of women laughing and clapping. At first I shrugged it off and continued on my path, not wanting to create any disruption or intrude on their celebration. However, my Egyptian friend noticed my brief pause as my ears pricked up to the sounds and with curiosity clearly plastered across my face, asked if I wanted to go and see what it was about. When I nodded, he motioned for me to follow him.

With only the sound of the music and clapping to guide us, we zig zagged between tightly packed houses, the odd stray dog crossing our path, and then suddenly there was the source of the happy sounds we could hear; women of all different ages laughing, clapping and singing, along with the traditional ululation to signify joy and celebration. Their faces beamed back in excitement the moment they laid eyes on us, as my friend quickly explained to me what was happening. One of the young women was a bride-to-be and was having her traditional pre wedding party with friends and family. I smiled to myself as I thought how this is the same kind of thing women in my culture do too, those universal rituals that we all share.

Before I knew it, one of the women broke free of the group and made her way over to me, grabbing me by the arm and motioning for me to come and join them. The group opened up their circle to allow me, a foreigner, a stranger to join in with their celebration and when the bride-to-be caught my eye she immediately headed my way, encouraging me to dance with her and dance I did. They all made me feel so welcome and accepted that I felt like I was a long lost member of their family.

As I let myself be caught up in the experience, dancing for the joy of life, for the celebration of love, for the moments that make us feel alive and remember what is important, I looked up to the stars above, those tiny diamonds in the night sky and gave thanks for all that is good in the world, all that connects us and the experiences that remind us of the value and beauty of living in the moment.

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Your Mental Diet - Are You Helping Yourself?

By Pennie Quaile-Pearce

The subject of diet is popular in today's world. On-line, off-line Magazines, TV programs, Books are filled with unfolding the mysteries of proteins, starches, vitamins, veggie diets, diets for every condition known to man. Experts on the subject say that physically you become the thing that you eat - that your whole body is really composed of the food that you have eaten in the past.

So, the food which you feed to your mind determines the whole character of your life. It is the thoughts you allow yourself to think, the subjects that you allow your mind to dwell on, which make you and your surroundings what they are.

Your life today, is conditioned by the thoughts and feelings which you have entertained in the past, by the habitual tone of your past thinking. The condition of your life tomorrow, next week, next year will be entirely conditioned by the thoughts and feelings which you choose to entertain from now onwards.

You choose your life, you choose all the conditions of your life, when you choose the thoughts which you allow your mind to dwell on. Thoughts are the real causative force in life. You cannot have one kind of mind and another kind of environment. This means that you cannot change your environment while leaving your mind and thoughts unchanged.

This is the real key. One of the ways to change this and the thoughts that become things is to actively challenge yourself to a 7-

day mental diet. You must train yourself to choose the subject of your thinking at any given time, and also to choose the emotional tone or what we call the mood that colours it. It's important to know, Yes, you can choose your moods and thoughts. Moods and thoughts habitually entertained produce the characteristic disposition of the person concerned and it's his/her disposition that finally makes or mars a person's happiness.

You cannot be heathy; you cannot be happy; you cannot be prosperous; if you have a bad/poor disposition. If you are sulky, or surly, cynical, or depressed, or superior or frightened half out of your wits, your life cannot change for the positive. You need to be determined to cultivate a good, happy disposition, or you give up hope of getting anything worthwhile out of life. Believe me I know.

If you are not determined to start in now and carefully select all day the kind of thoughts that you are going to think, you may as well give up hope of shaping your life into the kind of thing that you want it to be, Because this is the only effective way.

The challenge will be exceedingly difficult for the first few days, but as you persevere you will find that it will become rapidly easier. You will be amazed at the interesting things that you will learn about yourself and what I have found is you will get results almost from the beginning. Good Luck in Divine Friendship, Pennie.

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THE DANCE OF CONSCIOUS PRESENCE

Be With 'What Is'

By Carol V. Meyer

Do you find it easy to 'be with what is'? I admit many times I have found this practice to be extremely challenging. Especially those times when it feels like I've landed in the centre of a prickly-cactus bush.

Then, what does it even mean to be with what is? Good question, isn't it? Most people refer to it as acceptance; I prefer the phrase 'be with what is. Why? It's not because I'm quibbling over semantics; it's because I feel that this phrase carries a lot more weight and here's why. In my opinion, to be with something denotes conscious engagement; deeply feeling and truly experiencing. As such, acceptance is not the destination; it's merely the starting point.

It can be tempting to seek to disengage to escape a situation, experience or event that is distressing, uncomfortable or unpleasant. I get that; I've been there, many times. During one horrendous period of loss; I exerted vast amounts of energy trying to avoid the dark, heavy blanket of grief that threatened to suffocate me. I indeed had accepted the reality of the situation, but I found it difficult to truly 'be with it'. My heart yearned to escape the inexplicable piercing sadness and feelings of abandonment that blind-sided me when I least expected it. I tried to bypass the valley of the shadow of death but soon discovered that the only way out of it was to go through it.

I found solace in writing and painting. As I consciously engaged in creativity that was solely about the process and not the result; it provided relief from the emotional maelstrom. I vividly recall the day I finally surrendered that wounded part of me. It was the part that had resisted feeling because it was too painful to 'go there'. That was the day that I gifted my body with a voice; that voice was therapeutic movement.

I danced to consciously be with what was and to acknowledge my feelings from a place of non-judgement. As my dance honoured my journey, something beautiful happened; as darkness surrenders to the light of dawn, so denial yielded to a compassionate being with the pain. The music, my movement and breath compassionately held me. They transitioned me to a higher place where I felt heard and seen by myself. Movement, music and breath resourced me to be with my experience fully and then, writing to acknowledge, process and gain insight further organically facilitated integration.

To be with your experience doesn't mean that you have to like what's going on neither does it signify that you endorse it. It certainly isn't a licence or invitation to be sucked into the quagmire of apathetic resignation or the torment of rumination. Being with what is requires you to cease the struggle and to surrender. I find it helpful to access nourishing resources like creativity and faith; these create space and the possibility for my experience to shift.

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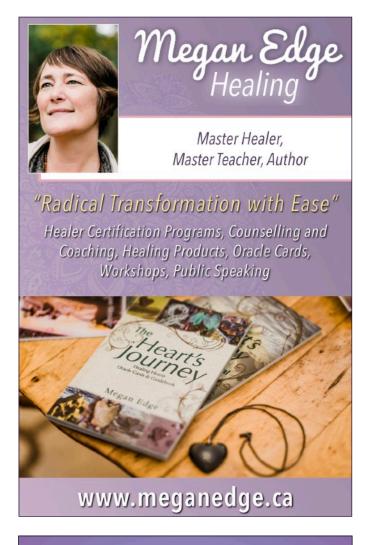
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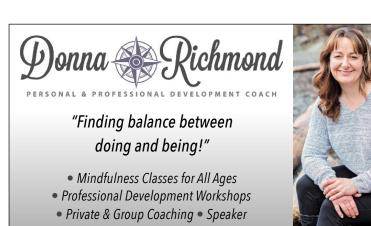




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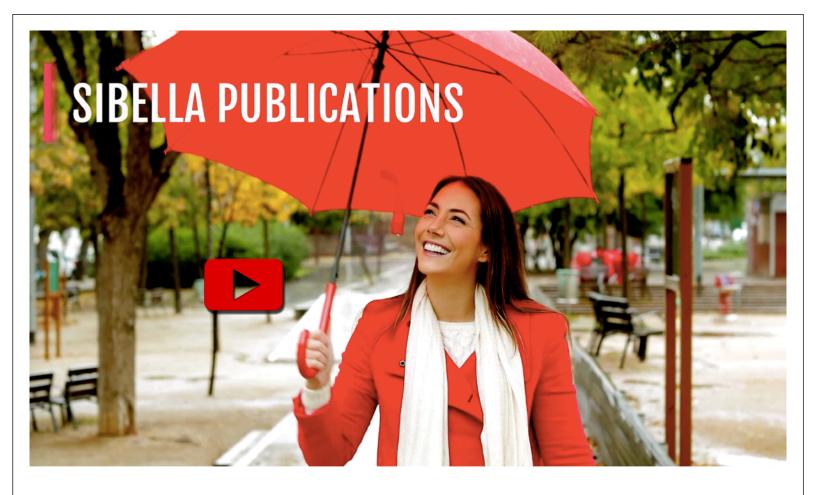
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What Is Imposter Syndrome?

By Margi Batson

Do you ever question yourself, feel not good enough? How often do you think that you aren't capable, that you're not worthy? Even to the extent that it's as if other people are aware of it too and are watching and listening to you and rejecting you.

Imposter Syndrome is very common, even those who have achieved find themselves questioning what they're all about and are concerned that they'll be caught out and exposed as fakes.

My beliefs and feelings of inadequacy began in my childhood years. I lived in an era where showing emotions wasn't the done thing, at least not in my family. There were no hugs, no compliments, and no well-meaning conversations. It's only since I reached my adult years and reflected on my upbringing that I realized how this emotional neglect had impacted on me.

I have certificates and credentials to prove my skills and knowledge, but underneath I often felt insecure in my own skin, waiting and expecting to be judged and exposed. Thoughts would arise like; I'm a fake, why should they listen to me; I got lucky, I was in the right place at the right time. I also struggled to accept compliments and praise, brushing the words aside.

I've since learned to overcome these self-defeating thoughts and beliefs. I pay attention to my not good enough triggers and immediately change my thoughts. I focus on feeling calm and confident and what believing in myself means to me. I'm proud of my achievements and when people acknowledge me, I accept compliments graciously. If any doubts arise, I focus on the positive.

Feeling like a fraud is common, but it isn't often discussed. What sets off your inner critic and what do you say to yourself? How can you free yourself from this conditioning?

Firstly, remind yourself of what you have accomplished, do this often. Disclose your feelings to someone close to you, talk about how it affects you. Seek out a mentor for guidance. Teach what you know, or become a mentor. Nurture others; you know a lot more than you think you do. Allow yourself to fail. Stay humble; know that no one is perfect.

Feeling like an imposter can also be connected to worrying about what others think about us. This inner critic can crop up at the worst moment, like when we're in a group situation and someone asks us a question. We worry about being judged, which is self-defeating. I know I've had the thought, "what if people don't understand me or what if they think I'm irrelevant?"

I focus on positive comments people have made. I tell myself I am a confident communicator, that people enjoy listening to me. I choose calmness, it's like putting a smile on my face, which always makes me feel happier.

When we love and respect and believe in ourselves, that's what we project and that's what we'll get back from others. I constantly remind myself that our thoughts become our reality.

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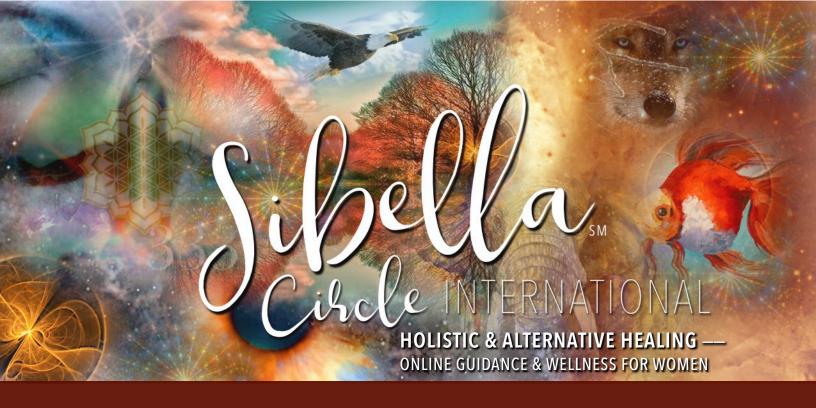
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Embracing Our Imperfections

By Shannon Chin

I become displeased when things are not perfect. I become annoyed when things don't turn out the way I have picture-perfected it to be. I set high expectations for myself. I was a perfectionist.

As women, we tend to score higher on the perfectionist scale. We want to impress others, we want to impress ourselves and we want to feel good. Perhaps that was how I meet my need for significance in the past.

In my corporate life, I spent more effort than others in preparing presentation packs, reports, and proposals, double and triple check them. I was always the last few people to leave the office because I wanted to finish one more task and there was always another email to go through. I initially thought that I was a slow worker, but I later learned that it was because I was always wanting and pushing to be perfect and so I suffocated myself.

Reflecting back, when I started my first business, I spent considerable effort in perfecting every piece of information, perfecting the business card design and etc. I was focusing on creating a perfect image instead of projecting the true value. The perfectionist in me wasn't serving me at all. Why did I even allow it to hang around for so long?

I searched deep within me to find the meaning of perfection and I realised that I always expect myself to deliver my work without any flaw. This thought or expectation in itself is imperfect. I'm a human being and being able to embrace imperfection is giving myself opportunity to learn and grow, and that it is okay to make genuine mistakes, and appreciate the value that imperfection brings. I don't have to focus on me all the time. It is not about me. It is about growing as a person. I finally found clarity.

Few years ago, I had someone who was finding fault on a proposal that I have submitted. Instead of providing feedback on the contents, she was picking out some very minor errors. I took it quite hard back then because my proposal was not perfect, and her harsh words were sharp as a knife, and I was wounded. As I was doing self-healing, I reflected upon that and decided that I'll take it as a test from the universe on how I have been embracing imperfection. I also know that it wasn't about me, it was just the situation that the person was going through that made her a harsh person. I have grown as a person to be able to see beyond the flaws of mine and others. It was a beautiful learning.

Imperfections make us real. Imperfections make us unique. Imperfections allow us to connect with people around us on the next level. Human beings appreciate authenticity. When we are imperfect, we open up more doors to experience the real meaning of life.

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BREAKING OPEN

By Sibyl English

Once again I feel myself breaking open

There is a Light so strong within me, bursting forth.
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Refusing to be contained, my soul rumbles with a talking fire. It is a cleansing, a purging.

And so I whisper a prayer of sweet release and say yes.

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By Sibyl English

Seeing with closed eyes, and an open heart into the third realm—indigo rainbows and iridescent dreams.

Remembering
Sophia as she swims
amongst the waves,
whispering to the darkness,
bursting through the ocean
deep, making her way
back to the light.

Reflecting over time of things I've learned, and people I've met along the way.

The milk thistle heals me, and the camomile eases my mind to a gentle rest; where peace speaks to me; reminding me of the abundant fields of corn, and the dandelions wild.

The fragrance in the air is that of the honeysuckle.

MUSING OF A MYSTIC MEDICINE WOMAN

No Pain No Gain?

By Cynthia J. Harrison

Strength, have you ever considered what your strength really is? Is it a physical muscular process, a subtle energy flow, a heart or mind set? I have been reflecting on my own strength lately, not only maturing in wellness, but as an asset of spiritual development, my Creative Evolution.

What assists our strengths? What I've found is I have a different way of feeling fatigue. The muscle fatigue observed seemed different to others I trained with. In general working with subtle energy strengthens not only your immune system, lymphatics, and meridians, etc, it also provides a physical strength and endurance.

1st example: Working with a personal trainer over the years I understood what it takes to build physical strength and muscle. On return to a gym program after being away for months I was aware that I had to build muscle and the pain is generally intense due to lactic acid build up and micro tears of muscle fibres. I found that as I evolved my energy systems and awareness, that I had much more strength. I was able to work out with load, and repetition and be ok. I would fatigue but it was a complete stop, not a pain or burn as such.

The trainer wanted to test me, giving me loaded workouts, thinking I would not be able to move the next day. However I was fine, the second day is usually worse, but nope I was fine. 3rd day I returned and she loaded me up again. My system was able to flow the energy through the muscle effectively. I simply put it down to my being an energy practitioner with evolved systems, and continued on.

2nd example: As I trained for a half marathon (my first) I found my body would adjust with different sensations. As I ran I would move the energy with my intention, creating space for the subtle energy to continue to flow. Pain is generally an excess of energy in a particular system. When we know this we can assist the movement and create the flow and release of pain or discomfort.

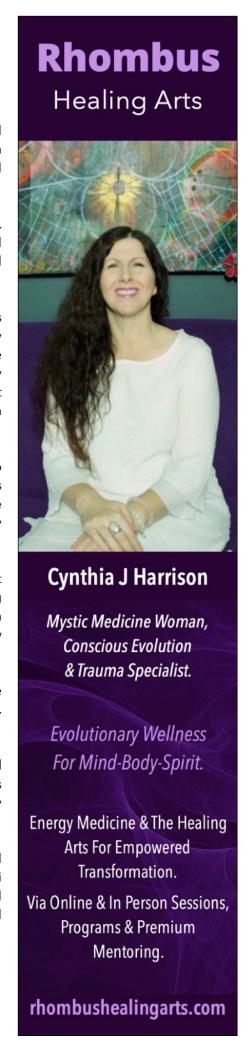
Last example: The past 8 weeks I challenged self using bodyweight and resistance bands, building muscle on a plant based diet and yet again no pain or muscle soreness. Hence, I'm sharing these observations on the benefits of a strong subtle energy system.

I put this to the mastery of subtle energy systems which impact how we see and experience the world. We can work more efficiently and are able to use the lactic acid as fuel rather than it just build up and burn creating pain, and this is used effectively throughout the body for greater efficiency and endurance.

If energy flows well through the muscle and tissue it provides a natural strength and resilience, not only physically but mentally, our thoughts and emotions. Overall a multi system understanding brings us strength, resilience and vitality. My direct personal experience and observation shows our subtle energy systems are imperative to overall strength and vitality at any stage of life.

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Relegsing the POWER WITHIN

By Sibyl English

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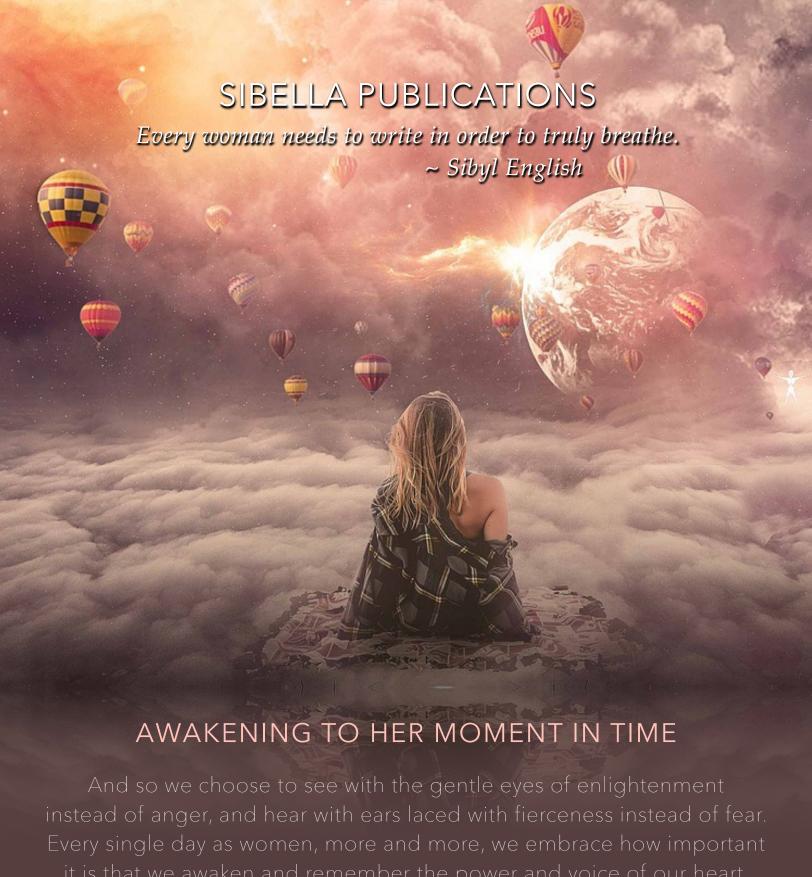
Sway to the rhythm and motion of your feminine curves

Allow your breath to deepen, giving rise to the wisdom of your soul.

Feel the magic inside the moment.
Understand the divine connection of spirit with that part of you who still dares to speak joy into the air.

Don't be timid; instead, stand with authority, knowing the Goddess that you are.

Spread your wings and fly!



And so we choose to see with the gentle eyes of enlightenment instead of anger, and hear with ears laced with fierceness instead of fear. Every single day as women, more and more, we embrace how important it is that we awaken and remember the power and voice of our heart. Moving forward, we must speak from the clarity of our soul, and walk in step with those who choose peace, love, goodness and light.

Darkness is no longer a thread inside the memory of our collective point of view. And so it is. ~ Sibyl English

LIVE FULLY, LOVE FULL

Being Good Enough

By Suzanne Duncan

Have you ever thought I'm not good enough? It's something I used to feel about myself when I started my own business. It kept me stuck and frustrated. It was so easy to spend time and energy beating myself up.

I would find myself thinking if I only I had more confidence then I could build my business and I'd finally feel successful. To be honest it was something I didn't do consciously, it was a pattern from my past that kept me playing a small game.

I was focusing on the having. Waiting for it. Not realising that it was the wrong approach. It's why my dreams almost fell by the wayside and I began to feel disillusioned.

Why didn't focusing on the having work? It was like planting a seed in poor soil. The fundamental essence of who I needed to be was missing. I was running on empty.

When I began my own journey into personal development, I realised how important understanding who I was at my core determined my result. The conditions of being successful were wrapped up in who I was being. I had to start with asking who do I need to be? Especially going forward. This was the key.

I explored my values and beliefs to lay the foundation to succeed. What an adventure. To discover and explore what was meaningful to me because my passion and purpose were reignited and what I focused on changed. No matter where I'd been prior to this, where I wanted to go and what I wanted to achieve started with sorting out my inner world. And I was finally closing the gap between where I was and where I wanted to be.

Once I'd sorted out who I needed to be, I turned my attention to the doing. What was the consistent daily action that I needed to do to achieve my goals and what did I need to prioritise? It was also about letting go of unresourceful habits and adopting new, more empowering ones that aligned with my values. After all what I was doing each day reflected who I was being, and I wanted them to support each other.

My being had to be strong enough to support my doing and the ability to achieve my vision instead of staying stuck. How fulfilling it was to realise that the having, that is the confidence I sought, flowed from this. It was the result of who I was being, and what I was doing consistently that enabled me to have what I wanted.

And this could have been anything. For me, it was success on my terms and the fulfilment of doing what I love every day. The learning on this journey was powerful and the fruits of my labour became the gift to give to others.

By being, doing and having, I am able to share my knowledge creating ripple effects to positively impact others because I, like you, am good enough.

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Does Your Creative Spirit Need A Tune-up? Reboot?

By Marla Diann

In the midst of this constant turmoil with COVID, we can lose connection with our own creative spirit. It can be a challenge when we are constantly required to pivot, change, and then change again day after day, week after week. It can wear us down. I understand.

My creative renewal method was born of my own disconnect from my creative spirit a few years ago. I was impatient, quick to react, unsettled, living in my head and just plain disconnected from my heart until I woke up to the truth that I needed a healing.

I became proactive and reached out to my coach. I made a one- year life plan with her, which to this day, my life looks and feels completely different. I feel peaceful, loving, creative and happy more often. Out of the challenge came a beautiful lesson and gift. That gift is how I coach my creative renewal method to my clients. I watch their stress, anxiety and discontent give way to relief and joy.

You can, too. Here are a few tips to get started.

- 1) I am encouraging you to rethink your relationship with your creativity.

 How can you preserve it and love on it more?
- 2) When have you thought about how you are "in relationship" with your creativity? How do treat it? How do you think, act and feel about your creativity?
- 3) What are you doing to keep your creativity fed and nurtured? Or what can you do to create a new relationship with your creativity to uplift you?

If we are to operate at the levels required in our businesses while also feeling fulfilled and maintain our passion, we must take time to nourish our creative spirit.

For example, have you considered going on a retreat alone for a day locally or a weekend in the mountains? Attend a resort that's open? Or find a new passion in cooking, gardening, writing, donating time to an organization, or some activity related to animals?

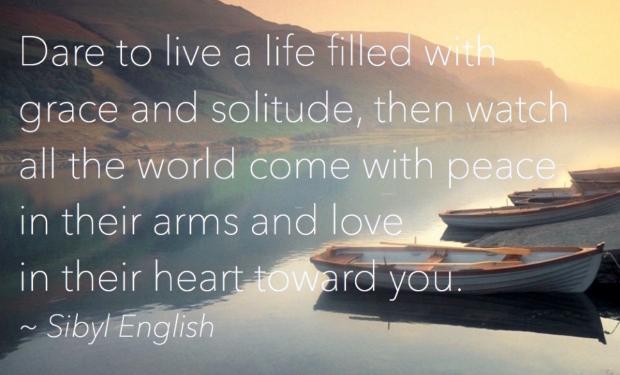
Add play back into your life. I challenge you to feel the feelings of delight! Creative renewal is a wake-up call to pay more attention to our spirit - that which lights us up. As creatives, if we don't up our game in how we nurture our creativity, we can feel dull, numbed out, and sometimes just plain bored.

We can be stuck in doing mode, not expansive creating mode. By allowing yourself to dance, play, take on a new creative activity, connect with nature more, write, or paint, we renew our relationship with our creativity and new ideas come forth.

Did you know whenever Einstein got stuck on one of his many projects needing a solution, he would stop and go play his violin to break his pattern and reconnect with his creativity? What's your violin? Time to reboot and renew!

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Perfection can be so exhausting — moreover, so surreal. Dare to breathe in the goodness of who you really are; then fearlessly move forward in your life toward your highest goals and potential. ~ Sibyl English



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WEAVING THE WEB OF LIGHT

Honoring the Journey, Welcoming the Feminine

By Jill Dianne Bittinger

Welcome Dear Readers! Onward continues the Journey! Thus far we've acknowledged that the decision to cross into the River of Change is the decision to allow the old to fall away and to be willing to vision into something new. We recognize that new options in life require new thoughts and new behavior. To this, I've answered, "Yes!" Thus far, we've seen that it may be scary to feel the death of the old, the falling away of the familiar. We recognize that making the choice towards the new puts one in the river of change. When we honor this change, even when we are not yet sure of what the new territory means, we invite a deeper relationship with

our own Soul. We invite the vision of what we seek, AND, we trust that we are working with spiritual forces in collusion for our Highest Good. These forces may bring surprises to us along the way. Trusting in the Force of Evolution, we continue to step up in each situation and find the possibility for the path of the Christ, the consciousness of Love, the expansion of our Souls, through the experience.

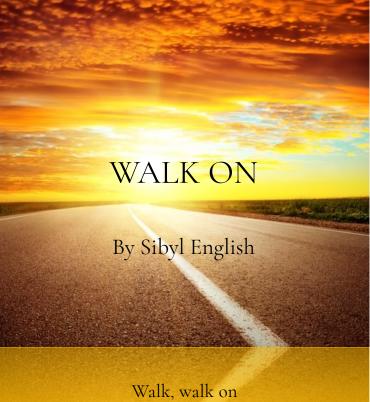
I've shared about my own journey thus far. This has delved into deeply personal aspects of confronting the moments of rejection, feeling "not good enough," the necessity to redefine my love relationships and my career. Where it always arrives is a deeper relationship with my own Soulful Self. In these moments of truth, I remember that my Soul chose to take this journey through the 3D Life experience as a personality and deal with the suffering this journey entails. At the same time, I've honored and claimed the deeper sense of peace growing within. I've named the sifting process that I am presently within, seeking to define and refine each element that serves the soulful journey, and to release the distraction and drama keeping me locked into triviality. My fundamental commitment is to my own Higher Self and the profound

relationship with the Divine Creator of it. In that process, it has been inevitable to come into relationship with the Divine Feminine as a conceptual and emotional building block to relate to the Prime Creator of us all.

Through accessing the portal of the Divine Feminine, I access a deeper level of spiritual understanding. Woman or Man, all of us are provided a pathway of expansion when we move beyond the confines of a Father God floating in the sky, outside of us. Through honoring the masculine/feminine balance of the Spiritual Force for Good in my life, I am given a doorway to honor ALL of me. To this, I say "Yes!" Expand and Infill me to know my true essence! Powerful Teachers like Sharron Rose, author of Path of the Priestess, and others have inspired me, have helped guide me on this journey.

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Walk, walk on
Walk until you feel deep in your heart
that the steps of your present journey have
out run the pain of your distant past.

Walk, walk on
Walk while the sun is shining on your face,
and the shadows of yesterday make reverent
peace with what lies ahead inside
the days of your tomorrows.

Walk, walk on
Walk when everyone else is standing still,
too afraid of creating their own success.

Walk, walk on up the hill, to the very tip top of the hill, where the view commands a homage of hallelujah, and a praise filled with humility and gratitude that only comes from a life fully lived; and a journey so ardently run.

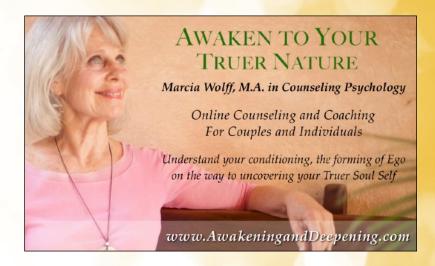
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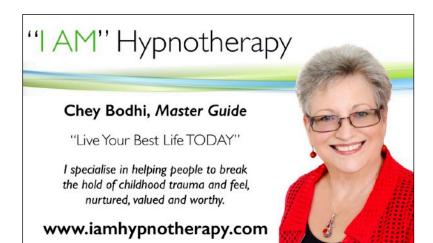
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Character is Built During Diversity

By Lee Stemm

Many experiences that we have in life builds our character. Character is a set of moral traits; character is who we are. Each of us have our own imprint that has been put on us from the environment that we were born in —and it is our life's work to keep building it.

What we keep calling "character traits" are the disciplines we find useful in building our character—and we can all make a pretty good list. They are learned in the process of making decisions and noticing the results.

Watching the actions that some people are taking in Australia around the Coronavirus is quite disturbing. As I walk through the supermarkets and see the empty shelves where the toilet rolls were once stacked, and no trace of a single hand sanitizer in sight. People are fighting over toilet rolls in the supermarket aisles, and the police are called in.

Then I see the complete opposite. Children are taking single toilet rolls, knocking on doors and giving them to the elderly. Are we in a world that most of our population has forgotten about others? Showing kindness and supporting each other. From my perspective, what we focus on will determine our actions and mindset. Do we focus on the children, doing their good deeds, or do we focus on the drama that media thrives on? Sure, it is important to know what Is happening, but are we prepared to be ruled by fear. Allowing fear to dictate our daily actions.

I remember reading about Victor Frankl. He was an Austrian neurologist and psychiatrist as well as a Holocaust survivor. He never allowed anything inside the camp to control his mind. He would look for beauty in everything around him. He survived the worse possible situation that a human being could be put into.

Imagine being in Victor Frankl's position were everyday we would witness other prisoners, being executed, and wondering when his turn would come.

Australia has survived the bushfires; drought and we will survive the Coronavirus. For me, I will adapt and focus on what I have control over. I will continue to run my business, enjoy a nice cup of coffee under those huge trees. Sure, I will take the all the right precautions, however my life continues to focus on solutions. Remember we can not control the outcome, just the actions and processes along the way.

Take courage and know that you will be okay. Courage is about doing what is necessary, when you are in a frightening situation. Courage is that little voice in your head, that knows tomorrow will be a different day. Put things into perspective, keep safe and focus on what you have control over. You do have control over your values, how you communicate, your choices and most importantly your mind.

Make your own decisions on what is best for you and your family. However, remember not to let fear rule your life.. Treat others with kindness and respect even in difficult times. Give others hope.

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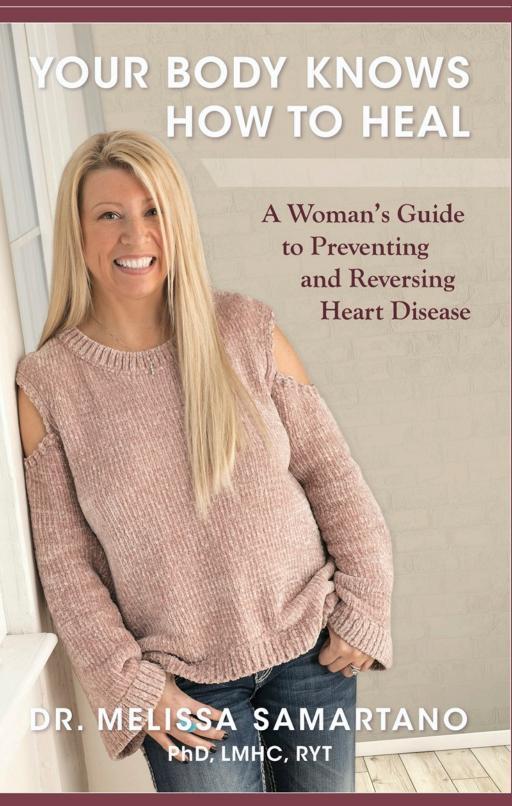
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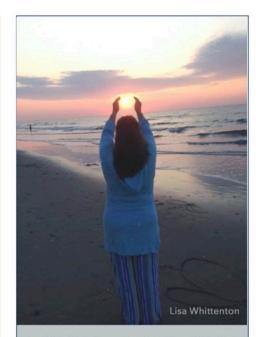
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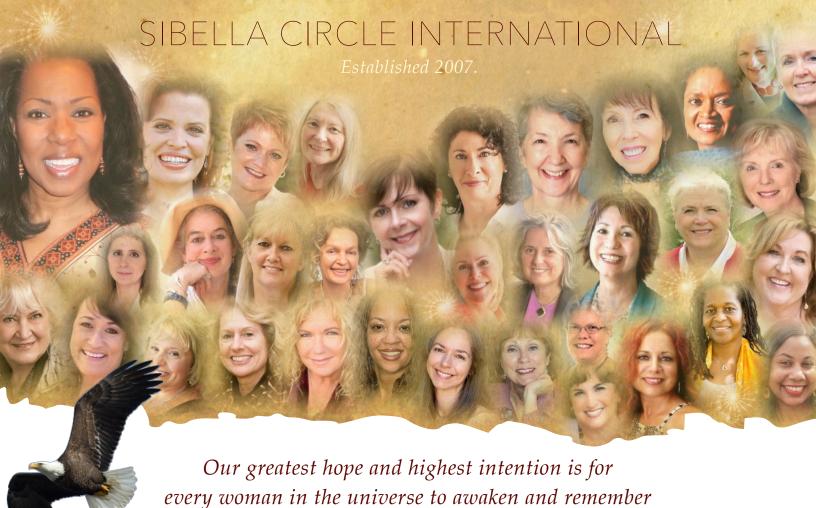
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