

A GREAT TURNING...

"If I had a thing to give you, I would tell you one more time that the world is always turning toward the morning."

Gordon Bok



Greetings Dear Ones,

Blessings on this New Year!

I am pleased to announce a new cycle of The Mystery School Celebration of Life's Journey Program to begin both next Fall and in the Spring of 2009. I will be offering this series where I live, in Nelson, B.C. in three formats.

I have purposely chosen the last three years of The Mayan Calendar as a backdrop for this journey celebrating a quest at this time in history, for inner & outer peace & unity through the healing power of 'Right Relationship' with Self, Others and Life.

Please email me if you would like more information.

In addition, I have listed my *Spring Tarot Reading Schedule* on this page for those of you who live in B.C. and Washington state. Call

the contact person for an appointment. Also, if any of you would like to talk to me personally while I am in your city about the upcoming Mystery School, email me directly.

Now I would like to share some reflections that have arisen from this past year's experiences that are laying the ground for this step & my commitments to you in the next few years.

A QUIET REVOLUTION

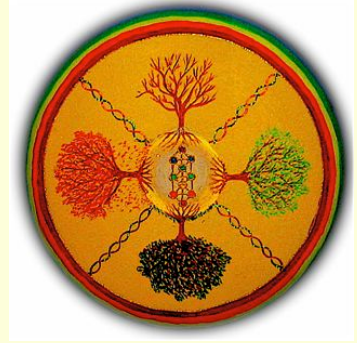
Life is definitely poised to shift to a new ground within the years to come. According to the the Mayan Calendar which I have been tracking the last few years, we are in the "5th Night" where the application of Ethics is arising. If the Mayans had it right, a heartfelt justice would be inevitably and naturally growing in strength and



perhaps, become a norm in quiet, unexpected ways. Look around and you might notice this 'difference' already. The US elections for example. You, yourself, are likely a part of this deeper shift, a turn toward acts of love & compassion as a guiding principle in your life choices.

For inspiration, check out this short video of Paul Hawkin's at a Bioneer's Conference talking about this as he does in his book Blessed Unrest: <http://blessedunrest.com/video.html>

Also, check out Swami Beyondananda's hilarious predictions for the year to come: <http://www.wakeuplaughing.com/news.html>



Spring Tarot Schedule

During this trip, email me with any request, personally or as a group, to talk about The Mystery School...

March 8-9 Victoria, B.C.

Contact Marsha Donner (250) 598-0997 or mmdonner@shaw.ca

March 11-13 Gabriola Island, B.C.

Contact me directly for appts. at cstewart@mysteryschool.ca

March 14 -18 Lantzville, B.C.

Contact Arlene Bishop

(250) 390-4983 or arleneatavalon@hotmail.com

March 19-26 Vancouver, B.C.

Contact Toni Pieroni (604) 737-0168 or tonip@telus.net

March 27-April 4 Bellingham, Wa.

Contact Mirabai Wahbe

(360) 647-1056 or email mirabai@wahbe.com (*Between March 1 - 15, email me directly*)

April 5-10 Seattle, Washington

Contact Bob Owen or Ruth Emerson (206) 324-3495 or email zephyr555@hotmail.com *until March 26 (after, email me)*

April 19-23 Vernon, B.C.

Contact Lucy Feldman (250) 542-1859

April 25-27 Naramata, B.C.

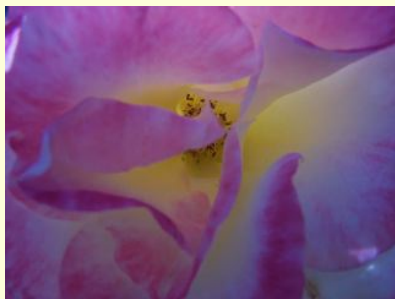
Presenting at the Spring Festival of Awareness - For Information www.issuesmagazine.com

A HEALING PRACTICE

I am very thankful for the perspective of some indigenous wisdom shared by my friend Duncan Grady: According to his elders, he says, "There is a big difference between curing and healing".

Dis-eases of any sort: physical, emotional, mental - personal or planetary/collective - result from a quality of unsustainable or negative relationship with self, others, and/or life. A dis-ease might often appear 'cured' by modern medicine, for example, or by a mass input of money, but if it isn't 'healed', the illness will come back in a more virulent form.

'Healing', from this indigenous point of view, is about a return to a practice of questing for 'right relationship', whether or not a dis-ease is actually cured in time. And 'Healing' is a far greater service, as it reveals the heart & grows one's Soul as an ever-expanding respect for an essential mystery and intrinsic value of self, other, and life. This is at the core of 'right relationship' and its wisdom as a healing practice.



"HEART OF PEACE ROSE"

A FRIEND, JUDY MAYFIELD,
PHOTOGRAPHED THIS BEAUTY
HOW COULD I NOT SHARE THIS
RADIANT WONDER WITH YOU?



Machu Picchu

An Expression of the Beauty of Right Relationship between Earth & Sky

A DISCOVERY STORY...

I used to be surprised that my life took me down the path it has. Becoming a Tarot symbol 'reader' was never in any script I was given as a child. It just evolved as I, as a young woman, explored the paths of education in support of human potential & healing practices.

As many of you know, during my mid-life passage, I found myself living in Peru. A great & loving association with that land & its people continues to this day. My soul found its roots there.

While living in the Andes, I both learned of & remembered the evolution of an unusual culture that had developed there with no *written* language. When the Spanish conquered the Inkas, they interpreted this fact as evidence of their inferiority. Yet, I saw that the Andean people had grown a culture that actually took care to feed all its people with not only life-sustaining food, but also with a spirit-sustaining respectful customs of connection with each other & their environment.

I was told by my friend and teacher in Peru, Juan Victor, that the Inka actually chose their leaders by their 'shining', reflected in a heartfelt & enlightening spiritual connection to their world. The Inkas were to me, a shining example of *right relationship*, & evidence of the truth of a human capacity to live in harmony & natural co-creativity of diversity in unity.

Early in my time in Peru, I recognized that Quechua, the Inka language, seemed to be a language that fostered *direct experience between people rather than promoting concepts*. And to this day, stories of their experiences are expressed through symbols woven into their clothing, as they were traditionally placed also in the design of their pottery & architecture! Machu Picchu is a famous example of this. Such symbols, small or larger, are still a portal to a world the mind cannot contain, but the heart can. Today Peru has become a mecca for seekers looking for the light or 'shining' of another way of living, to help them remember what is within us to live.

I'll never forget the day I put two & two together & discovered that my own attraction to working with symbols had been a natural draw for my soul, given my sense of roots in that culture. Soul roots will be reflected not only in what one values, but choices made that could not come from one's upbringing. It was no longer a surprise that I had found my way to the Tarot symbols. They became my means to discover & tell a bigger story, and my means to explore life & contribute to a healing & unifying view of the world & ourselves in this world.

Over the now 33 years of working with these symbols myself & in my workshops & readings, I have encouraged others to connect with these symbols directly & intuitively, I have noticed how easy it is for people to 'learn' this language as if it is *memory* when given the space to do so. As symbols are a language far older than words, the Tarot & Tree of Life symbols are there to awaken one's consciousness, intuition & heart *to the magic & mystery of one's own life* as well as to Life's more profound possibilities. This has been my personal experience.

I can & do advocate now more clearly for how the Tarot symbols, in their infinite variety, are a profound tool for Self Awakening and the Discovery of the Healing Practice of Right Relationship.

A VISION OF CHANGE

Since 2001 and the end of the last Mystery School cycle, I have taken another leap in my own evolution, as many of us have given the events of past years. My winter newsletters have shared some of this process with you. Recently, I have been passing through my own 'dark night of the soul' & am now in contact with my own inner light! I feel an astounding gratitude for what the dark can reveal.

As challenging as so much of what we all have been facing these years has been to take in, I feel the shift coming is worth affirming. "We are the ones we have been waiting for!" Consciousness is breaking into new territory, like light revealing many beautiful pearls of deeper truths in the dark.

Finding 'right relationship' for me has become an act of



This Year's Mandala

THE DIVINE DARKNESS

*A Luminous Feminine Mystery Arising
Remember who you are!*

*You are the Mystery
and not your history.*

Rita Bresnahan

A Gift from a student...

"You have given us amazing teachings & I continue to reap the benefits in my work & personal life. Life just feels so much more meaningful, fuller, three dimensional, textured, embodied & pleasurable - all these qualities I am experiencing (plus a little hell at times). It's very interesting to be revisiting my reading with knowledge now of the cards - quite magical really.

Roger Luscombe, Nelson, B.C.

awakening profound compassion & clear commitment to create something different & to affirm our future in that way.

I hold that each of us now has an opportunity to become a part of generating a different collective future as we turn away from this night & turn toward the morning of a new day.

"Right Relationships" can grow from learning how simply to say "no" to one way of being & "yes" to another, to that "something in our hearts" we might remember. We can *feel* this needed change as

it does reside in the river of our own hearts. It is time.

A deep expression of our Spirit is a *creativity* in the Soul, becoming creative in each moment, allowing something new to happen. Many opportunities are arising. *I encourage you to move toward your own dreams of a loving & just world in how you live. I am.*

The Mystery School is my vision of change. It is education for deepening the awakening, at this time in history, of the Heart and Soul as guides in co-creating a new human story.

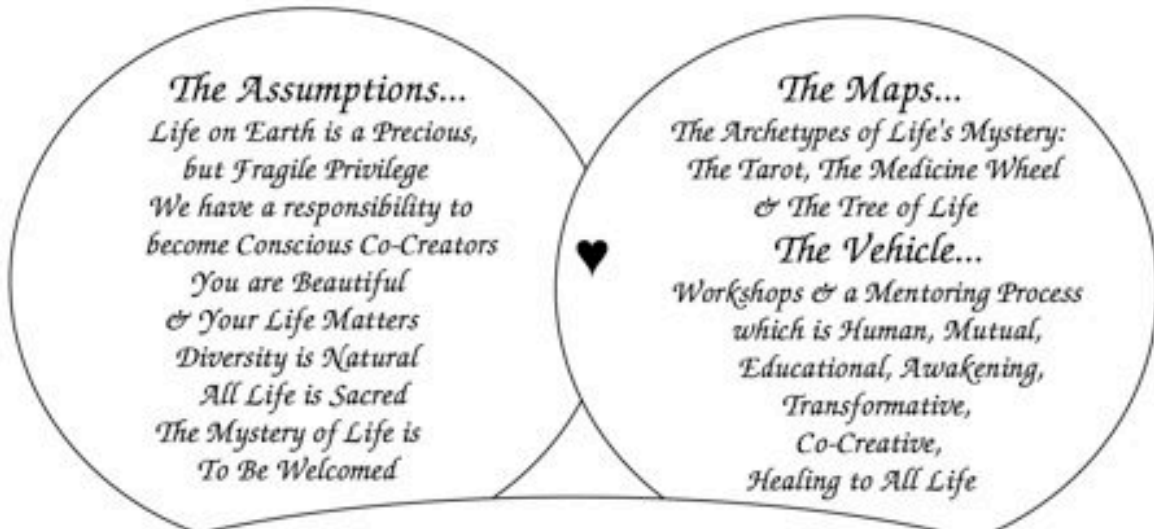
Cultivating self-trust & connection to one's greater Self is a master work & becomes a natural practice for The Mystery School students. The Tarot & The Tree of Life symbols cultivate the freedom to recognize one's authentic nature, realizing an intrinsic & personal connection to all that is. We learn that 'shining' is possible within us.

The Mystery School is a school of the future beginning again. I invite you to consider being a part of this future. Please inquire if you or someone you know might be interested in intentionally Celebrating Life's Journey with me & others over the next few years. I will email you more information.

My prayer is if you cannot join us in this endeavor, you will at least hold an awareness that this school is happening & send your blessings. The precious resources we need to develop now are within each of us! The Mystery School is dedicated to that great work.

Blessings, Respect & Love,

Carol ♥♥♥♥♥♥♥♥



What is The Mystery School?



The Mystery School is:

Δ A school whose purpose is....

- * to awaken, reveal & articulate our human quest for wholeness & right relation to self, other, & life through a direct experiential process*
- * to quicken the birth of the inspiration, the creativity, the love, the genius that exists within the mystery of each one of us*
- * to nurture the paths of the future guardians of the culture*
- Heartful Leaders, Wise Elders, Creative Members of the Community - who are grounded, self-aware, related, visionary, & generative*

Δ A school that....

- * celebrates & accepts responsibility to participate in the evolution of Earth life*
- * embodies the Spirituality of the Feminine & Masculine & thus*
- * is Co-Creation Centered*

Δ A series of Celebrating Life's Journey workshops that occur over a 3 year period

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