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AMAZING
WOMAN'S
DAY

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REFLECTIONS ON A NEW EARTH



Dear Spiritual Partners,

Make every day your masterpiece! Here's the paints, here's the brushes you paint paradise and in you go! However, with so much going on in the planet these days some of us wonder how we can do that! We know that in the New Thought Movement that this is ancient truth applied to our daily lives, which is our temple and religion! However, how many of us truly practice this way of life? I know people who have been in this way of life for years, yet do not seem to embody the true essence of the teaching. When we truly begin to get it something happens within us. The old behavior patterns begin to shift to higher levels of expression and our conversations are focused on what's working!

In the New Thought movement we teach where thought goes energy flows!

Take a moment to look at your life and see what is working. Many years ago I was meditating on this very thing and the Holy Spirit truly spoke to me in a way that I knew it was not me but something larger taking hold. It gave me my Sunday Prayer that we have also included in our web site because so many people have requested it. As we bless all faiths and every area of our lives a Spiritual DNA takes hold and we begin to live from that space. Someone recently shared with me that they almost have it memorized! I said, "Great, now embody its meaning and your life will reflect a spiritual essence that will take you through every experience that arises in your life!" As we repeat these Spiritual Truths we set up a charged energy field that becomes who we are! If you are just going through the motions you will become bored and indifferent, however, once you begin to sincerely speak your word the universe will respond in kind!

As you know, I have been working from *A NEW EARTH* by Eckhart Tolle in my Sunday Messages and themes. I joke that Oprah found out and then she began using it too! However, if you have not read it or listened to the CD's I strongly urge you to do so. One of the most dynamic things that this 21st Century Mystic has stated in his book is:

"As I was writing *A New Earth*, people would sometimes ask me, "What is the new book about?" And invariably, my answer would be, "I only ever write or speak about one thing." What is that one thing? Spiritual awakening. Can a person be awakened spiritually by a book? Yes, if three conditions are met:

Firstly, there must be a readiness on the part of the reader, openness, receptivity to spiritual truth, which is to say, a readiness to awaken. For the first time in history of humanity, large numbers of people have reached that point of readiness, which explains why millions have responded so deeply to *The Power of Now*.

Secondly, the text must have transformative power. This means the words must have come out of the awakened consciousness rather than the accumulated knowledge of a persons mind. Only then will a text be charged with that power, a power that goes far beyond the informational value of the words. That is why such a book can be read again and again and loses none of its aliveness.

Thirdly, the terminology used needs to be as neutral as possible so that it transcends the confines of any one culture, religion, or spiritual tradition. Only then will it be accessible to a broad range of readers world-wide, regardless of cultural background.

Millions are now ready to awaken because spiritual awakening is not an option anymore, but a necessity if humanity and the planet are to survive. Everything is speeding up – the madness, the collective egoic dysfunction, as well as the arising of the new consciousness, the awakening.

We are running out of time. From the perspective of the ego, that's bad news and will give rise to fear. From a higher perspective, the running out of time is exactly what is needed for the new consciousness to come into this world."

As Gandhi said: "Be the change you want to see in the world." Every Sunday you are given the opportunity to have a Spiritual Experience (because I too only say one thing in a million different ways) and leave feeling better than you arrived, for only you can determine how you will embody these principles in your daily life and express them in the world. Yes, we are going higher!

Namast'e and Love,

Dr. Sharron Stroud, Founder



CELEBRATE WITH US



JULY THEME

Affirmation:

I Am created in the Image and likeness of God and I choose to call upon my creative brilliance to live my life! And so it is.

- 6** - Make Each Day Your Masterpiece
- 13** - March To A Different Drummer
- 20** - Seize the Moment!
- 27** - Believe in Miracles - You Are One!

Prayer Ministry

Rev. Ed DiNicola will assist you with your prayer request at the prayer table in the foyer and pray with you personally if you desire.

Founder's Circle

Become a member of the Founder's Circle. Join today by tithing \$100 or more a month over your regular contribution. To join, write Founder's Circle on your check. Talk with Rev. Lloyd Brushett at 770-9263 about the miracles that come from giving to a Purpose larger than yourself.

Friendship Sunday Brunch

The first Sunday of each month

Please join us at the Hilton Hotel (across from the Spa Casino on Tahquitz). Special price \$7.95 to InnerFaith members and guests! All are welcome.

Healing Service

9:30 AM each Sunday morning

Facilitated by the Ministerial Team; experience healing energy and the joy of deepening spirituality

Centering Meditation

By Musicians

9:50 AM each Sunday Morning in the Sanctuary Theater.

INDEPENDENCE DAY

"I believe that the true spirit of democracy is a spiritual conception where there is freedom, liberty without license, and a flexibility that makes evolution possible on the foundation of freedom. As we enter into the spirit of the meaning of Independence Day, the day when liberty, symbolically, was conceived, the day when freedom, objectively, in our country was announced, we should think of it not merely as a political system or form of government, but we should think of it as a spiritual conception, an idea in the Divine Mind Itself, taking form in human experience; we should learn to love that liberty, and in loving the idea we should learn to tenderly and prayerfully handle the embodiment of that idea and nourish it always to greater strength; we should really conceive again the great spiritual conception of that rugged man of God who said: "...that government of the people, by the people, and for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

Ernest Holmes, July 4th 1937



YOUR MID-WEEK FAITH LIFT!



2 Independence Day

There will be No Wednesday Night Live Service in Honor of Independence Day.

9 Dr. Michael Lennox – Numinous Dreams

The Divine Connection – For thousands of years, there have been two constants for all human beings; our connection to the Divine and the fact that we all dream. It is through our dream states that we can access our spiritual nature with the greatest ease. Dreams are also a perfect guidance system to assist us on our human journey. When used effectively, they can help bring clarity to our inner conflicts, illuminate the challenges in our day- to- day environment and relationships, as well as facilitate a deeper, more meaningful bond with our sense of Divinity. Join noted dream expert Dr. Michael Lennox for a stimulating discussion on how to increase the power of your dreams to expand all areas of your life. Dr. Lennox holds a PhD in Psychology and is one of America’s most recognized and respected dream interpreters.

16 Marsh Engle – 6 Essentials Of Empowered Success!

Empower Yourself to Share Your Passions with the World! – Dare to be your MOST AMAZING Self and share your talents with the world! Great things will happen only when you do both, and great things are required NOW. Marsh Engle will show you how to start and offers you six essential tools to keep going! Don’t miss this extraordinary

opportunity to discover ways to envision yourself, your life, and the world! Whether you are looking for inspiration or a fresh sense of direction, Marsh Engle ignites passion like you may have never experienced before.

23 Ahriah Vocare – Channeling The Ascended Masters and The Archangels

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30 Annual Leo Party And Talent Show!

This Year we will present the INNERFAITH TALENT SHOW. It will feature local talent from the Innerfaith Community and the greater Palm Springs area. Each Year Dr. Sharon shares her birthday with her community to express joy and to feel the Spirit of Play! Summer is a time to express Joyology, Playology, and Bubbleosophy! This will be an evening of Love, Laughter, and Light! Yes, Let there be Cake!



MAKE THE MIND, SPIRIT & BODY
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Every Wednesday at 7:00 Pm at the Spa Resort Hotel
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LIVE YOUR CREATIVE BRILLIANCE, NOW!

Noted author, speaker, creative development coach and media personality, Marsh Engle finds the essentials to living amazing!

Marsh Engle is on a mission, one that takes her around the world – whether as an empowering speaker, as an accomplished author or through media broadcast. Drawing on her natural talent as an inspiring communicator and creative life coach Marsh celebrates the power of women everywhere!

For over 20 years Marsh made her living as a highly respected promotional marketing expert leading the launch of successful campaigns for television and film studios including Sony Pictures, Paramount Studio and Universal. She's been nominated among the Power 100 Women in Entertainment and named among Who's Who in American Women. By any standard, she was on the fast-track of success. In 1999, however, a tide of personal calamities forced Marsh to refocus her life direction.

First was the sudden death of her mother. Then, while grieving her loss, she was handed a health diagnosis that threatened to take her own life. Just as she started to regain her health, her father passed.

Charting a New Course

“Out of my despair grew a new clarity. I began by investigating the actions and attitudes of people, especially women, who have attained significant life transformations. I studied their esteem and confidence, reviewed their decision-making process, explored their assumptions and examined their practice of focus and commitment. I looked at, questioned, and learned from them. But, along the way I discovered something very surprising: Throughout the years I witnessed, again and again, the ways in which these bright, intelligent, talented women were struggling to be free and prosperous in their creative expression, happy in their success, balanced in their life.”

Then, came the day that Marsh presented herself with a life-changing question: Why is it that I keep seeing so many women hiding their real creative power, their beauty? “That was it! Wow, I could now see that the struggles of the women I interviewed were the identical patterns I was striving to be free of myself.”

So, Marsh committed to shift the inner and outer-paradigm of Self-definition – first in her own life and then serve others who wish to do the same. To do so she immersed herself in a deep study of world wisdom traditions including the work of don Miguel Ruiz, author of the international bestseller, The Four Agreements. “I’ve discovered that, surprisingly, the fear of being amazing is not relegated to just a few select people. The fact is, when we are ready to grow in our expression, it is natural to

come up against some level of fear and resistance.”

Today, the focus of Marsh Engle is pointed towards sharing all she's discovered into an empowering program that could very well transform every area of our life.



Be willing to grow beyond the defined.

Each moment you have the opportunity to be who you are. All people have an inner-value. Find this innate core value in yourself and look for it in others.

Look for the 'yes' in all things.

It is up to us to see the extraordinary in the ordinary remembering always that everything that happens – or doesn't happen – is necessary to the fulfillment of life.

Ignite the power of possibilities.

Clarity of intention is rooted in the energetic quality by which we believe something is possible – or, impossible.

Play with fresh curiosity.

Enthusiasm is the natural abundant flow of life that propels us through the darkness of doubt to reach new discovery.

Collaborate with sheer trust.

The flow of creative intent is always moving through you. Natural trust is the foundation for spontaneous action.

Bring your creative brilliance to life.

When you are true to yourself, true to others and true to the life you live, then you are in the sphere of creative brilliance.

Marsh Engle Celebrates the Creative Brilliance of the Amazing Women of Palm Springs! “I believe that now is the time to access the untapped creative vision held by women the world over. By challenging our notions of self-definition, we engage in a deeper understanding of our unique strengths. In doing so, we become liberated to expand our web of collaborative relationships, articulate values that inspire real transformation and invite discovery of our full capabilities to implement creative solutions in our life, in our communities and in the world.”

Amazing Woman's Day 2008 is celebrated in Palm Springs on July 19th at the Palm Springs Convention Center.

For more information about Amazing Woman's Day 2008 and the work of Marsh Engle please visit www.MarshEngle.com or www.AmazingWomansDay2008.com

AMAZING WOMAN'S DAY: A MAN'S POINT OF VIEW

When Marsh Engle came to InnerFaith Ministries Wednesday Nite Live services a few months ago she invited me to attend Amazing Woman's Day in San Diego. At the time she said that I would be one of only a couple of men attending but that I "would be able to handle it." She was actually paying me an enormous compliment that she thought I had become conscious enough and that my feminine heart and my masculine mind was in some kind of balance that I could attend Amazing Woman's Day and acknowledge and honor in myself and others the feminine energies of intuition, feeling, creativity and spirituality that are in great abundance at every one of these gatherings. That was partly because I had only recently shifted my orientation from a life of male, left-brained thinking to an opening of and coming forth of heretofore unexpressed creative energies that have opened a whole new career in writing to me. In other words, I have found a better balance between these masculine and feminine energies and ways of thinking in me that allows me to have a more abundant, spiritually oriented and creative life.

What I learned from attending Amazing Woman's Day is that the women who were drawn to participate are conscious enough to acknowledge their active, assertive, "masculine" talents and abilities, necessary to bring their dreams and goals to form in the outer world and to hold them in balance with their "feminine", creative, intuitive minds, talents and abilities and thus become amazing, creative, successful women in the world. Amazing Woman is an event for women AND men who want to celebrate and acknowledge their masculine and feminine talents, abilities and spirituality in balance and harmony within and with each other and the world.

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WHY I SERVE ON THE VISION COUNCIL OF INNERFAITH MINISTRIES WORLDWIDE:

The reason I am on the Vision Council is so I can have a front row seat to see what's happening in the Innerfaith Community. By knowing what is going on I can offer ideas, support others with their visions and be part of the network that helps Innerfaith Ministries Worldwide grow and become even more successful.

Denise Haslam

I am on the Visioning Council because I totally love and support my Spiritual community and our way of life and want to do whatever I can to make InnerFaith Ministries the best that it can be. We are all so blessed to have Dr. Sharron, a totally committed world class speaker and teacher, as our Spiritual Leader. I started here 4 years ago, attending Sunday Services and SOM classes, and the quality of my life has improved so much that I want to continue that growth and give something back. Dr. Sharron thank you so much for being our Way Shower and for all that you do and give unconditionally to our wonderful loving community.

With Much Love and Gratitude,
Linda Orrick

Innerfaith Ministries Worldwide has opened many doors for me while on my spiritual upward spiral. I want to see the opportunities to continue for other people to experience learning with our loving Spiritual family. Anything I can do to aid in the advancement of educating those who are seeking knowledge will help me as much as it helps my spiritual partners.

Mike Burger

It is an honor to serve on the Innerfaith Visioning Committee because it gives me a chance to give back. Innerfaith offers a world of growth opportunity to its members. There are wonderful classes that enrich the understanding of our programs. The services every

Sunday inspire us and take us all to a higher level.

When the Visioning Committee gets together it is a burst of collective energy and an explosion of creative ideas that perpetuate the purpose of Innerfaith Ministries

World Wide. Each person contributes their ideas that will help "grow" this wonderful movement. Ideas on every subject are put on the table. Ways to raise funds...as well as the

consciousness of our message....ways to offer new services to our members...ways to bring in new people...discussion on various events that are being planned to enrich the growth process as well as raise funds so that this program can successfully continue to service the community. We enhance the dedication of Dr. Sharron Stroud by giving of ourselves in a way that compliments

her devotion to Innerfaith. Thank you for allowing me this privilege.

Martin Anthony

My passion and purpose in life is being of service to others as they walk the path of living a life of joy, freedom and peace. I serve as an active Minister of Innerfaith Ministries Worldwide because its teachings are in complete alignment with my own personal philosophy; that GOD and LOVE is all there is!

I AM blessed to be walking this sacred journey with our wonderful community and AM honored to work with Dr. Sharron Stroud.

Rev. Roger Bambenek

Almost 2 years ago a few interested InnerFaithers met informally to brainstorm ways to grow or expand the ministry. During that first meeting, it was discovered that Dr. Sharron had been supporting the church and that her contract had not been honored. To say we were surprised is an understatement, especially considering how beautifully orchestrated every service, church event had been.

So, originally this group was concerned solely with the finances of the ministry. However, over the months the group emphasis was broadened to include many areas including looking to the future, looking how we, this group, could assist in achieving the things we felt important. We became the InnerFaith Visioning Council.

I am a member of this group because I so strongly believe in our message. I know what InnerFaith has done for me, how this new thought has guided or redirected my life and how I view things. It is important to me that I do whatever I can to facilitate the growth of this ministry, this way of life, this way of thinking.

I guess you can say I have the desire to help get the InnerFaith message out to as many as possible. This is a way of life and I love my life far beyond I ever dreamed.

Carl Keith