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A PEACEFUL REFLECTION:

A MESSAGE FROM DR. SHARRON STROUD



Dear Spiritual Partners,

As we move into the months of Autumn I Am feeling so deeply blest to be representing the USA as an Ambassador at the World Forum speaking at St. Catherine's College in Oxford, England. I will be speaking on: World Peace Through Mutual Understanding of the Global Community Through the Arts and Sciences. This will be held in the Hall of Science.

Take a moment to think about what peace means to you. Watch the five minute movie "What is Peace?" (<http://www.peacefulearth.com/peaceflash.html>)

Then take a moment and write down what peace means to you. Or if you feel like it, draw a picture. Start with the words; "Peace is...." Then write or draw whatever comes to mind.

I would love to Interview other people from other cultures. What does peace mean to them? I want to See if there is a pattern. I would make a top 10 list. I would have participants visualize conception of peace.

The Global Art Project creates Peace through Art by:

- Fulfilling the need for new approaches to global stability by connecting people around the world who choose to create and share a vision of global unity.
- Creating a living network of cooperation that can help to make the vision of Peace and Global Community a reality.
- Focusing on the value of the arts as a pathway to understand the world as it is and to imagine how it might be.
- Connecting people of diverse cultural backgrounds, providing exposure to new ideas and a feeling of connection to the whole.
- Healing feelings of separation while helping to show that the world can be safe for diversity.



"Peace Box", Mixed Media, created for the 2004 Global Art Project exchange by Jan Slack of Dahlonega, Georgia, USA

- Exemplifying in concrete form that people can be different and unique yet act together as integral members of one living organism-Earth.

Music has a role to play in spreading the word of peace. I think it is a case of using music to articulate something that you don't find articulated in the mainstream media.

***"this is the world I want to live on
this is the world I want to love
and we are the people to make a change
can't leave it up to the man above"
Bindi Blacher***

Scientist Dr. Masaru Emoto states how the molecular structure of water is affected by our thoughts and feelings...

From Mr. Emoto's work we are provided with factual evidence, that human vibrational energy, thoughts, words, ideas and music, affect the molecular structure of water, the very same water that comprises over seventy percent of a mature human body and covers the same amount of our planet. Water is the very source of all life on this planet, the quality and integrity are vitally important to all forms of life. The body is very much like a sponge and is composed of trillions of chambers called cells that hold liquid. The quality of our life is directly connected to the quality of our water.

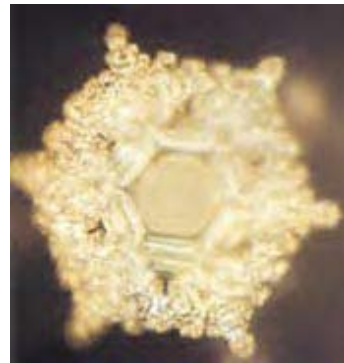
Water is a very malleable substance. Its physical shape easily adapts to whatever environment is present. But its physical appearance is not the only thing that changes, the molecular shape also changes. The energy or vibrations of the environment will change the molecular shape of water. In this sense water not only has the ability to visually reflect the environment but it also molecularly reflects the environment.

After seeing water react to different environmental conditions, pollution and music, Mr. Emoto and colleagues decided to see how thoughts and words affected the formation of untreated, distilled, water crystals, using words typed onto paper by a word processor and taped on glass bottles overnight. The

waters were then frozen and photographed.



Love and Appreciation



Thank You

As we come together as a Global Community through an organization such as the World Forum we are given the opportunity to find the "Unity in Diversity" and the "Oneness in Multiplicity" through the expression and talent of all those in attendance.

Yours in Peace! Namast'e and Love,

Dr. Sharron Stroud, Founder



YOUR MID-WEEK FAITH LIFT!



3 Labor Day

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

10 Brent Phillips – Where Science Meets Spirit: The Formula for Miracles

Brent will lead a presentation and workshop on Theta Healing, an energy healing technique that uses theta brainwaves to identify and change the subconscious core of illness, injury, and unhappiness. Brent will discuss the Theta technique, teach everyone the basics of testing the subconscious mind via muscle testing, and perform group Theta Healing so everyone can have an experience of it!. Brent Phillips was a successful MIT-trained software engineer when his life was shattered by a decade long health crisis that left him in pain and unable to work - until he discovered Theta Healing and his arm healed in an instant! Brent is today a full time Theta Healing practitioner, instructor, and the author of “Where Science Meets Spirit: The Formula for Miracles”, and has facilitated hundreds of instant miracle healings and life transformations.

17 Dr. Yosh Tsuyuki & Keiko Nakata – The Japanese Tea Ceremony

The essence of the Japanese tea ceremony is harmony. Every move or every component about the ceremony brings out the serenity of the whole. The Tea Master keeps to the natural state of things as the ancient tradition is honored. The Japanese tea ceremony had its origins 700 years ago when Zen Buddhist monks began to explore this art form. However, this was only the rudimentary beginning. It was only 500 years ago that founder Sen No Rikkyu began to hone the simple tea ceremony practiced by the monks into a ritual. He transformed the ceremony to one of humility, simplicity, rusticness as well as self-cultivation. It is truly a meditation of souls honoring the blessed energy of one another. Shinto Priest, Dr. Yosh will be coming from his Shinto Temple in Los Angeles and bringing his guest, Tea Master, Keiko Nakata, to share this wonderful evening of ancient ritual and modern grace.

24 Raven Longbow – Autumn Equinox Celebration

Autumn is the time of harvest, a time to reflect upon the harvest of the bounty of the seeds that we planted in the earth and in our souls in the spring. It is a time to honor the changes in our Earth Mother and in ourselves. Come enjoy our autumn equinox celebration with an evening of flute music and stories by Native American flutist, and humorist, Raven Longbow.





YOUR MID-WEEK FAITH LIFT!



1 Dr. William Larkin – Growing the Positive Mind

Dr. William Kent Larkin, a neuroscience researcher, specializes in the science of happiness from the perspective of neuroscience research. He helps individuals and organizations find and build upon their strengths and talents. Educated at Yale University, with a doctorate in psychology and religion from Harvard University, he has also done post-doctoral work and holds a certificate in neuropsychology. Author of the *Self-Esteem Manual and Inventory* and *25 Ways to Be Whole and Holy*.

8 BarBara Whorley – 7 Choices to Creating the Effortless, Energized & Exciting Life of a Spotted Zebra!

BarBara Whorley, founder of Spotted Zebras Coaching is a MotivACTIONAL speaker, business/life coach, and author. She has spoken for companies, retreats, churches and non-profit agencies for over 2 decades, on how to move into action to create the life they desire. She shares how to leave your “Stripes” of limiting beliefs and comfort zones behind - to step into your authentic “Spots” and let them glow. BarBara has discovered through the years “Success is an inside Job”. Unless we clear the inner clutter and static, we can never truly live into all the greatness we have inside us. She is a two-time nominee for LA Business Journal Women Making a Difference Award.

15 Dr. Laura Bushnell – Living Celebrations: Creating Rituals and Ceremonies to Enhance Daily Life

If you are feeling that traditional ceremonies are not feeding your soul -- you are not alone. Join Laura to learn and experience a Living Celebration and prepare for your holidays! For over 35 years, Laura Bushnell has touched thousands of lives worldwide with her innate psychic gifts and remarkable ability to connect with others on a profoundly spiritual level. Named Best Psychic by LA Magazine, she is a gifted mystic, healer, clairvoyant, noted author, and much in-demand public speaker. Nicknamed “Magick Lady” by a client’s children who remarked at what a positive difference Laura made in the lives of their parents, she is the author of *Life Magic* (Miramax 2006), and creator of *Magick Lady Programs*. Combining ancient magic, alchemy and rituals, these life-changing workshops teach participants how to embrace positive energy and dramatically and rapidly improve their lives.

22 Joseph Sheehan – The Ego’s Role in the Evolution of Consciousness

Join Joseph in a stimulating panel discussion on Eckhart Tolle’s and David Hawkins’ interpretation of the ego and how in our stages of life, we can transcend it. The books referred to in this discussion will be Tolle’s book, *A New Earth* and Hawkins’ book, *Power vs Force*. Joseph, who was a monk for 25 years, holds a masters degree in Holistic Health from J.F.K University in California. He also studied Western Spirituality at St. Mary’s University in Texas along with Eastern Spirituality at Vidyajoti Institute in New Delhi. His inner quest led to his study of astrology which he feels provides a profound tool for gaining insight into the Soul’s evolutionary journey.

29 Halloween Party - Amy Lynn Frost– Protecting Yourself from Spiritual Vampires

“Are the events, situations and people in my life supporting me in having the life I want and being the person I want to be?” “Is this a Vampire I am dealing with?” “Living your Truth” can help you spot and deal with vampires. Living your truth is being genuine to your beliefs, your unique process and your purpose. Knowing who you are and knowing what is important to you aids in vampire work. Amy is coming to help you on your quest for healing vampires in your life sharing real life tools to help you NOW. For over twenty years, Amy’s, mission has been to inspire, motivate and coach people and organizations to thrive at work and to guide people gracefully through life transitions. She co-authored *When Work Isn’t Working* with Ann Ronan, Ph.D. and *Drawing Your Boundaries* with Grace with Judy Takano.



CELEBRATE WITH US



SEPTEMBER THEME

Affirmation:

“I declare and affirm that I Am Successful in all areas of my life! It is the Father’s Good Pleasure to give me the Kingdom and I accept it here and now! And so it is.”

- 7 The Source of All Success
- 14 The Energy of Success
- 21 The Success Attitude
- 28 Success As a Spiritual Way of Life

OCTOBER THEME

Affirmation:

“There is One Life, that Life is God’s Life, that Life is Perfect and that Life is my Life now! I Am going Higher! And so it is.”

- 5 Trained Thought Has The Power
- 12 The Law of Attraction
- 19 The Law of Circulation
- 26 Get Specific With the Universe

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.

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.

Healing Service

9:30 AM each Sunday morning

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

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.

Centering Meditation

By Musicians

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



RELATIONSHIP IS EVERYTHING

By Trent Blanchard

There is a financial institution on the East Coast whose slogan is “Relationship is Everything”. I banked with this organization for many years and each time I saw their marketing collateral, remember thinking how brilliant it was for them to have such a powerful motto for their business. Now, as I grow and evolve as a conscious person, I realize more and more how essential this philosophy is in every relationship in life.

What does “relationship is everything” mean? First, let’s start with the definition of relationship- “a particular type of connection existing between people related to or having dealings with each other.” I believe the quality of our dealings with others dictate the effectiveness of the connection, which will then create a positive or negative experience or relationship. Another way of putting this is “connection is everything!” How do we connect with people? The real question is how we go about making each connection or relationship in our lives as positive and beneficial as possible!”

What are the qualities you think of when envisioning a positive relationship? I begin by thinking of the ways I would like to be treated and of the qualities of the people whom I feel are successful in their relationships- be it personal or professional. They are honest, trustworthy, understanding, kind, compassionate and caring. They listen to, appreciate and acknowledge others. My thought is that, if we, to the best of our ability, take these admirable qualities and use them in every interaction with others, we will create positive, effective relationships that would enrich our lives and the lives of others. In doing this, we would reap many benefits; we would feel proud of who we are as a person, we would become an example of how to authentically relate to others and would set standards on how we expect others to treat us!

Another question we should ask is does our behavior differ from our personal dealings to our professional relationships?” Is it possible for us to be this way in all relationships? My belief is that we should aspire to operate consistently, regardless. The important fact to remember is that in both situations, we are all human beings looking for connection.

To this point, Stephen Covey explains in his book, “The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People”, “Next to physical survival, the greatest need of a human being is psychological survival- to be

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understood, to be affirmed, to be validated and to be appreciated.” Fortunately, I have always operated with this understanding, and feel it has benefited me greatly- most especially in my professional career.

I remember a situation that exemplifies this concept while at my first corporate job out of college. I phoned one of my clients, and before getting to the business reason for the call, asked the status of a personal issue she was dealing with that had been discussed during a previous talk. At that moment, I noticed my boss standing at my office door, listening to the conversation. He whispered for me to come see him once I was finished.

I walked into his office and he proceeded to discipline me for making personal calls at work. I explained the situation, and told him that it was, in fact business related. I shared how I felt about the importance of creating personal relationships with my clients outside of the office, which would then support the quality of the working relationship. After some further discussion, he apologized for the misunderstanding and told me to keep up the good work.

By listening to that client and caring about her personally, showing her compassion for her situation, I made her feel important, special and safe, which in return, created trust. I made a personal connection, which therefore enhanced our business dealings. It was a win-win situation! Before moving on from that company, many of my clients were vocal in sharing their appreciation for assisting them in their business endeavors, but more importantly, caring for them as human beings. For this, I am very proud.

This philosophy is perhaps most relevant in my current role as Life Coach. From the minute I come in contact with a client, I try to create a relationship based on respect, honesty and trust. I do this mainly through the simple task

of listening. I know in order for people to feel comfortable enough to share their story- which leads to healing, they need to feel safe and heard. The relationships I build with each client is crucial, as it is all about connection. I firmly believe that people experience the greatest psychotherapeutic growth in and through a relationship with another person who is caring, understanding, and real.

I constantly remind myself that, first and foremost, we are all human beings in need of love, attention and understanding. When I remember this, and become aware of my own personal needs, I then have an understanding of the needs of others.

Perhaps it is time to spend more time on building connection with others in both our personal and professional relationships. If we can do this, our relationships will become much more positive and effective and we will become happier people, encouraging others to do the same. “Relationship is everything” is about how we relate and connect with others. How are your relationships doing?

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SCIENCE OF MASTERY

By Ted Telford

When I first discovered Inner Faith Ministries Worldwide, I had never even heard of New Thought let alone the Principles of Successful Living. So when Dr. Sharron offered the Science of Mastery classes and strongly encouraged me to participate, I thought it would be an excellent “academic” opportunity to delve into the teachings of Ernest Holmes and to study the Science of Mind Textbook in detail. What I did not know about Science of Mastery classes is that, like Reverend Sharron’s Sunday services, they would be weekly spiritual experiences. To my soul’s delight, Science of Mastery has become a course in the practical application of the Principles of Successful Living and a course in daily miracles that has transformed every aspect of my life for the good. Taking Science of Mastery classes has given me the tools to take my personal relationships and even my career opportunities to a higher level that I never could have imagined. Learning how to speak my Word in spiritual mind treatment has truly transformed my life and for the first time I feel the presence of the God-power within working in my daily round.

By taking Science of Mastery classes what I learned is that the Principles of Successful Living are the Universal Laws of human life and are the Universal Truths that have been taught by all the great teachers and enlightened beings of the ages. In the teachings of Ernest Holmes and many other spiritual teachers, philosophers and scientists to whom we are exposed with

the SOM classes, ancient truths like--what we send out into the universe comes back to us in full-blown expression--are expressed in the language of the modern world we live in. One of the other unexpected benefits of taking a course like this is that deep, long-lasting friendships and personal connections will develop between you and your teacher and you and your classmates as you participate in the empowering experience of Master Minding as a group.

Anyone who wants to transform their lives, to take the daily application of these Universal Laws of Life to the next level or who desires to open themselves up to daily co-creation with the God-power within each and every one of us, you should sign up immediately for Science of Mind classes. When you do, be prepared for your spiritual life to go higher yet!



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S.O.M. Science Of Mastery

THE STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

I would love to share my feelings about the S.O.M. classes. First of all it has been a life long dream for me to study as a Religious Science Minister. It has brought a new understanding at a deeper level of the essence of spirit in my life. My ability to manifest has increased and multiplied. My ability to incorporate a deep peace in all that I do is now a constant. I love my life and love our congregation and I am just where I wish to be in this moment.

Blessings to all Denise



I highly recommend the Science of Mastery classes to take spirituality to the next level and beyond. I have become more aware, conscious, knowledgeable, and understanding after completing all four classes. As Ernest Holmes states, "Trained thought is better than untrained thought." It's not woo-woo or condemnation of anything or anyone, it's just plain laws of nature of which everyone needs to be aware.

Mike Burger



The Science of Mastery classes are enabling me to better embody the teachings presented in the Ernest Holmes Science of Mind Text so that my life reflects more of what I choose to experience. Also, the class workbook, written by Ernest Holmes himself, is a real gift to help me better understand the Science of Mind text book. Dr. Sharron is an outstanding Master Teacher and it is fun learning and sharing in a group setting. I highly recommend classes to everyone who's ready to deepen their understanding of our way of life.

Linda Orrick

SOM IV Graduate



To start off, I really didn't know if I needed to take the SOM1 class. I asked several people that had taken it and they assured me it would be life changing thing. So I decided I would take it. I have to say, I am so glad I did. My life seemed to have so many moments where I reacted differently. I found myself in a wonderful happy feeling. I learned how to handle my thoughts better, which I am still working on. It also let me know things I was doing in my life were the right things. It was a blessing, to have been able to take the class and learn so many things that make life even better than it already

is, I too would recommend anyone thinking about taking a class to just say yes. You will be so happy you did.

Love Camilla Anthony, the Greeter



I took the Science of Mastery Class and looked forward to the opportunity of weekly growth. Each lesson from the Science of Mind, Ernest Holmes workbook Led me into New Thought.....it provoked my thinking process to shift old ideas into new ones. This reading coupled with the lesson plan and the open discussion was an eye opening experience for me (and I believe for each student in the class) It also gave me a chance to network with 8 other students and we created a bond of friendship which was another wonderful benefit. The classes are essential for growth and they will lead you down the path of expansion.

Martin Anthony



I would just like to say that taking the "Mastery of the Mind" classes has been a wonderful journey for me because it has taught me how to focus my mind, so that I can create the world that I want around me. To show me how to achieve my goals and desires. I think it is a powerful tool that would help anyone who is striving to live a more fulfilled life. It will help creates clarity in all aspects of your life.

Namaste', Fleet

THE CALL

THIS I SAW, OR ELSE SOME INNER PRESENCE MADE IT KNOWN TO ME;
THE UNIVERSE IS FILLED WITH LIFE; THE AIR, THE SKY, THE SEA
TEEM WITH INTELLIGENCE, WITH MAJESTY AND MIGHT;
AND DEEP WITHIN ME, SOME SUBTLE INNER SIGHT
BEHOLDS AND SEES, COMPREHENDS AND KNOWS THE ALL,
NOR FEARS NOR FALTERS, BUT ANSWERS THE DIVINE CALL
TO BE AS ONE BEYOND THE BOUNDS OF TIME AND SPACE,
TO OVERCOME THE BONDAGE OF THE HUMAN RACE,
AND LEAP, WITH TRUST UNDAUNTED, FREE,
INTO THE DEPTHS OF THAT INFINITE SEA
WHOSE WATERS, CALM, ARE READY TO RECEIVE
THOSE, WHO IN SIMPLE FAITH, BELIEVE.

Ernest Holmes

Dear Dr. Sharron,

As I watched "The Wizard of Oz" this evening, I was taken back to the magical innocence of my childhood. I was filled with memories of sitting on the floor right in front of our tiny television screen, head back looking straight up, eyes glued to the screen in awe and anticipation as Dorothy's story unfolded before me.

Fifty years later, as I look at "The Wizard of Oz," with new understanding, I see the spiritual unfoldment of my life before me. I recognize you, Dr. Sharron, as the Wizard of our spiritual community at Innerfaith Ministries, who patiently and lovingly teaches me, setting the example, showing me the way back home to God. Every Sunday and Wednesday, you take me through the Rites of Passage where you anoint me with courage (a medal), love (a heart), and a divine intelligence (a brain). You take me back to the "Land of E Pluribus Unum" where we are all one with God. You remind me of the truth of my God Self, forgiveness, love, and strength, which I can use to resist and negate my ego self (the Wicked Witch of the West), the illusion of fear and guilt. You tell me to be Dorothy who says that she is "small and weak," but who, in fact, represents true strength through defenselessness. You tell me that "what I am looking for is no further away than my own back yard" (within me). You tell me that I have always had the ability to go home. All I have to do is Believe, "click my heels three times" and repeat "There's no place like home." This ends my illusion of separation from God; "I come home" realizing my oneness once again.

I feel truly blessed to have you in my life, and it is with great gratitude and love that I receive the gifts of Truth that you so lovingly offer me.

I Love You.
Linda



*7th
Over The Rainbow Anniversary Celebration*

*Honoring
Dr Sharron Stroud*

*&
The Innerfaith Community*

November 9th, 2008

*Luncheon Faire, Entertainment & Silent Auction
Specific Details to be Announced*

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Celebrating Dr. Sharon



Science Of Mastery

The Innerfaith Ministries is a campus of Emerson Institute, an accredited learning institution. Emerson Institute believes that learning is a lifelong experience and that to fully grow spiritually, emotionally, intellectually and socially, the individual needs to be "open at the top," as Ernest Holmes stated. Innerfaith Ministries offers programs through Emerson Institute toward Bachelor of Religious Studies, Master of Religious Studies, and other degrees.

Science of Mastery Classes

Monday Evenings Entry Level: 9/29-12/15 7:00 PM

Tuesday Evenings Practitioner Training Begins: 9/30- 12/16 7:00 PM

Monday Evenings Science of Mastery III Begins 9/29 – 12/15 7:00 PM

Thursday Evenings Science of Mastery II Begins: 10/2 – 12/18 7:00 PM

Location: 1359 E Caleta Way, Palm Springs

Why Take Classes? Isn't coming to Church each Sunday enough?

The basic principles we study are profound, but not necessarily easy to embody and practice in our daily lives. Sunday morning is where we hear about our potential, but the classroom is where we experience practical application of the principles. The ongoing process of regular Science of Mind class attendance is where we begin to embody a true change in our consciousness.

What happens in class?

The dynamics in the Science of Mind classes offer fertile ground for growing new ideas. Each Science of Mind class takes on an energy of its own which stimulates the individual's mind. Through lectures, discussions, and workshops, the student learns how to personalize the same metaphysical principles used by spiritual masters throughout history.

Is there tuition for classes?

Yes. Taking a Science of Mind class requires a commitment of both time and money. The truth is, little can be achieved without commitment. Your financial and emotional investment are important for change.

What will you learn?

- About your unity with an infinite power for good which you can use.
- How to apply universal principles in your daily life and get results.
- The art of positive prayer called Spiritual Mind Treatment
- The value of daily spiritual disciplines and commitment.
- You have found new friends and relationships with your classmates - people who think as you do.
- You will learn you really can create a new life by changing your thinking and beliefs.

Dr. Sharron Stroud will be facilitating Science of Mastery I. The tuition is \$255.00

Dr. Sharron Stroud will be facilitating Science of Mastery II. The tuition is \$255.00