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The Path Of Miracles

Dear Spiritual Partners,

Many lifetimes ago, there lived three friends who vowed to climb the snow-capped mountain so that they might sit at the feet of the master who lived there and learn of his wisdom.

As they traveled along together, they came upon three separate paths, all leading to the mountain's crest and to the Teacher of Wisdom. The first path led straight up the mountain. It was the shortest way, but it was perilously steep and fraught with danger.

The second path twisted and turned up through a narrow rocky canyon; and the third path encircled the mountain, ever gently spiraling its climb to the summit.

After much debate among the three friends as to the proper path to walk, it was decided that they would each go their own way, for they could not agree.

After seven days, the one who climbed the straight, steep path arrived exhausted and bleeding from wounds suffered along the way and he sat at the feet of the master and waited in silence for the arrival of his friends.

After seven weeks, the second friend, who had traveled the winding canyon path, arrived distraught from the confusing, stressful journey and he too sat at the master's feet and waited for the one who had chosen to walk the spiral path around the mountain.

After seven months the final wayfarer arrived, filled with the light of an inner peace. As he took his place at the master's feet, the two that had come before him became angry that they should wait so long and suffer so much, while his journey had been a blessing of ease and joy.

Again they argued as to which path was the correct

way to the Master of Wisdom and each turned to the teacher that they might learn the Truth.

The master asked of the first traveler what he had learned on his chosen journey.

He who had suffered the most answered: "I learned that Life can be very short and its way hard to endure. I stumbled and fell along the pathway and suffered the wounds caused by my own fall; and for every step forward, I paid the price of two. Master, did I choose the correct path to come to You?"

The master answered through a heart of Compassion: "Yes beloved one, yours was the right path to walk."

Then the master asked of the second traveler what he had learned on his journey.

He who had been distraught with confusion answered: "I learned that the path through Life cannot always be foreseen, nor will it always lead you in the direction of your own desires. There were times when I thought that I knew the way, only to find the path had changed its course and it continued to lead me to and fro and from experience to experience, until I found myself standing in Your Presence. Master, did I choose the correct path to come to You?"

The master answered with the voice of Understanding: "Yes beloved one, yours was the right path to walk."

Finally the master asked of the third traveler what he had learned on his journey.

He who was joyous and calm answered: "I learned that if you walk through Life with Patience as your traveling companion, the journey becomes not a burden to bear but rather a wonder to behold. The path is straight and the climb is gentle when Love is used to light your way. The Miracle of Life was everywhere present. Master, did I choose the correct path to come to you?"

The master answered with the joyous smile of Love: "Yes beloved one, yours was the right path to walk."

Then the three friends bowed their heads in humble reverence, for at last they knew the eternal truth. Some people say faith comes from miracles. But others know: Miracles come from faith. The Path of Miracles is right where we are. "Blessed are they who have eyes to see and ears to hear!"

**Namast'e and Love,
Dr. Sharron Stroud**

HO'OPONOPONO

By Joe Vitale

“Two years ago, I heard about a therapist in Hawaii who cured a complete ward of criminally insane patients--without ever seeing any of them. The psychologist would study an inmate’s chart and then look within himself to see how he created that person’s illness. As he improved himself, the patient improved.

“When I first heard this story, I thought it was an urban legend. How could anyone heal anyone else by healing himself? How could even the best self-improvement master cure the criminally insane? It didn’t make any sense. It wasn’t logical, so I dismissed the story.

“However, I heard it again a year later. I heard that the therapist had used a Hawaiian healing process called ho ‘oponopono. I had never heard of it, yet I couldn’t let it leave my mind. If the story was at all true, I had to know more. I had always understood “total responsibility” to mean that I am responsible for what I think and do. Beyond that, it’s out of my hands. I think that most people think of total responsibility that ay. We’re responsible for what we do, not what anyone else does--but that’s wrong.

“The Hawaiian therapist who healed those mentally ill people would teach me an advanced new perspective about total responsibility. His name is Dr. Ihaleakala Hew Len. We probably spent an hour talking on our first phone call. I asked him to tell me the complete story of his work as a therapist. He explained that he worked at Hawaii State Hospital for four years. That ward where they kept the criminally insane was dangerous.

Psychologists quit on a monthly basis. The staff called in sick a lot or simply quit. People would walk through that ward with their backs against the wall, afraid of being attacked by patients. It was not a pleasant place to live, work, or visit.

“Dr. Len told me that he never saw patients. He agreed to have an office and to review their files. While he looked at those files, he would work on himself. As he worked on himself, patients began to heal.

“After a few months, patients that had to be shackled were being allowed to walk freely,’ he told me. ‘Others who had to be heavily medicated were getting off their medications. And those who had no chance of ever being released were being freed.’ I was in awe. ‘Not only that,’ he went on, ‘but the staff began to enjoy coming to work. Absenteeism and turnover disappeared. We ended up with more staff than we needed because patients were being released, and all the staff was showing up to work. Today, that ward is closed.’

“This is where I had to ask the million dollar ques-

tion: ‘What were you doing within yourself that caused those people to change?’

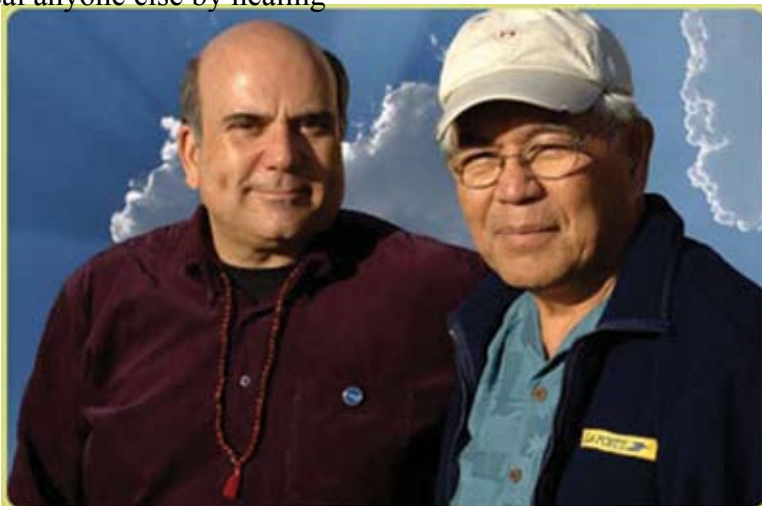
“I was simply healing the part of me that created them,’ he said. I didn’t understand. Dr. Len explained that total responsibility for your life means that everything in your life-- simply because it is in your life--is your responsibility. In a literal sense the entire world is your creation.

“Whew. This is tough to swallow. Being responsible for what I say or do is one thing. Being responsible for what everyone in my life says or does is quite another. Yet, the truth is this: if you take complete responsibility for your life, then everything you see, hear, taste, touch, or in any way experience is your responsibility because it is in your life. This means that terrorist activity, the president, the economy or anything you experience and don’t like--is up for you to heal. They don’t exist, in a manner of speaking, except as projections from inside you. The problem isn’t with them, it’s with you, and to change them, you have to change you.

“I know this is tough to grasp, let alone accept or actually live. Blame is far easier than total responsibility, but as I spoke with Dr. Len, I began to realize that healing for him and in ho ‘oponopono means loving yourself.

“If you want to improve your life, you have to heal your life. If you want to cure anyone, even a mentally ill criminal you do it by healing you.

“I asked Dr. Len how he went about healing himself. What was he doing, exactly, when he looked at those patients’ files?



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Letters

Dear Dr. Sharron,

Thank You for all the beautiful meaningful Spiritual events you provide for us every year during Holy week! Your wonderful message on Palm Sunday started our process of understanding the story of the last days of Jesus the Christ and how it applies to each of us. As students of metaphysics, it is very valuable and meaningful to experience the beautiful Rose Baptism, the 7 Last Words of Jesus the Christ Meditation and Holy Communion you have so lovingly created. Each one gives us an opportunity to experience an Easter ritual, meditate on its true metaphysical meaning, and actively apply it in our daily lives. Our Easter Pageant with readings from The Prophet and music from Jesus Christ Superstar and Godspell performed by our own amazing Fleet Easton was truly a joyous spiritual occasion enjoyed by all. The closure of Holy week with our Sunday Easter Service was exceptional! Your Celebration of Life Easter message was very moving and inspiring. The Beautiful Easter flowers donated by Fred and Ed of Caset Fiore and Fleet's performance of Jesus Christ Superstar and Godspell songs added to the beauty of the service. Much thanks also to Al and Val for the incredible Easter Feast afterwards in the Camelot room. These wonderful Holy week events lift us up in our consciousness to experience the true spirit of Easter. We are so very blessed to have such a wonderful loving community with you as our incredible outstanding Spiritual Leader and Teacher!

With Love and Gratitude,

Linda



Dear Dr. Sharron

Volunteering is a gift that gives back. You will receive joy and a sense of community when you participate in a project.

You will feel the sense of belonging as well as a sense of accomplishment.

For example, when you have helped decorate a room for an Innerfaith event.....and you walk in.....and everyone tells you what a wonderful job you did. This is a feeling of pride. This is a feeling that you get from giving.

This principal is no different than the participation in life.
YOU GET BACK WHAT YOU GIVE OUT.

When you have been part of a successful program and you are acknowledged and your peers admire your participation these are the Miracles that accelerate our vibratory system and we feel the gratitude and love from those we serve.

In serving others, we serve ourselves.

The greatest gift of giving is being a vital part of this wonderful movement and You help make a difference.

Miracles are all around us. Reach out and be a part of the Innerfaith Miracles by participating. You will actually make new friends and expand your world by contributing.

Tap into this level of participation and you will receive that wonderful gift of satisfaction.

Blessings,

Marty

MIRACLES

The man whispered, "**God, speak to me**"
and a meadowlark sang.

But, the man did not hear.

So the man yelled, "**God, speak to me**"
and the thunder rolled across the sky.

But, the man did not listen.

The man looked around and said,
"**God let me see you.**"

And a star shined brightly.

But the man did not see.

And, the man shouted, "**God show me a miracle.**"
And, a life was born.

But, the man did not notice.

So, the man cried out in despair,
"**Touch me God, and let me know you are here.**"

Whereupon, God reached down
and touched the man.

But, the man brushed the butterfly away ...
and walked on.

I found this to be a great reminder that God is always around us in the small and simple things that we take for granted, even in our electronic age ... so I would like to add one more:

The man cried,
"**God, I need your help!**"

And an e-mail arrived reaching out
with good news and encouragement.

But, the man deleted it and continued crying ...

Don't miss out on a blessing
because it isn't packaged the way that you expect.

Moon Surfing

By Claudia Thompson



Dear Dr. Sharron,

Tonight is a night of celebration in the midst of what I know is an ongoing health crisis... my beloved life partner is out of the hospital... sleeping at home for the first time in over 5 weeks. It's a night I've prayed for and affirmed with all my heart.

What a 24/7 roller

coaster ride life has been since I last wrote you! I haven't been able to write a word till now. However, the cosmos has kept spinning and the dance between individual wants and desires (Aries Sun time) and the ultimate reason we're here...relationship to everyone and everything beginning with the most fundamental of small self to Greater Self (Libra Full Moon)... has been fast and furious. Of course, the astrological omens in my beloved moonmate's chart spell it all out. Day and night were spent at the hospital watching a process so many people (current estimates say 42-50% ...can you believe it?!) go through in this day and age, ironically and appropriately known by the same name as the Moon's home sign...Cancer. Ultimately, no matter how much knowledge and information we have, we can only do our best to be unconditionally loving witnesses for each other as we allow each other to walk their perfect path.

One of many things I did to preserve my sanity was to walk 2-4 miles a day observing Spring's constant magnificent reminders that new life will burst forth and new flowers will blossom in the most unexpected places every day, if you keep your eyes, ears, and heart open. There were nights when I'd rise from my knees after praying to tumble into bed...too tired to even describe...and I could actually feel the web of your prayers and support as a palpable part of the spiritual gridwork holding me together. There really aren't words to convey how much that means to me. Thanks also for the supportive notes...and to those of you who affirmed your prosperity and gratitude for the spiritual support you've received from us over the years...I know your gifts will return more than 10 times multiplied.

I have so much more knowledge and wisdom than

before, but I'm also more accepting as compassion, unconditional love, and the need and ability to stay present have expanded to new levels within me. Each angel brought their gifts and blessings of comfort and connection in the perfect way at the perfect time.

Of course, there's a lot going on cosmically speaking, but for now I just wanted to write and say thank you. This recent Libra Full Moon reminded us of the need for balance and healthy boundaries with the Aries Sun ruled by masculine just-do-it Mars lighting up the Libra Moon ruled by currently retrograde oh-so-feminine and magnetic goddess of love Venus. However, my boundaries have no limits regarding my gratitude, and I'm feeling my field expand to include all of you in its embrace.

Passover, Easter...did you know that the bunny is a lunar symbol?. The Moon constantly reminds you and me of the circle of life...death followed by guaranteed rebirth.

Right now I truly feel the reward that comes with focusing on this certainty. Your prayers continue to be tremendously helpful and necessary...and mine continue daily for your abundance, prosperity, and vibrant good health as well. In this moment I want to share my overflowing heart with you.

Easter signifies fertility, abundance, resurrection and rebirth indeed. So please drink deeply of life's sweet elixir of blessings, walk in gratitude, heed Saturn's retrograde journey back through the sign of physical health and daily service... Virgo... and make health your number one priority (health truly is wealth). I urge you to fill your own well fully and often. And... at this time of celebration and renewal...may your own precious unique cosmic egg crack open to reveal a marvelous and magical rebirth of abundance and an awareness of blessings in all things every moment for you.

With Deep Gratitude and Bountiful Loving Moonlit Blessings,

Claudia

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friendship Sunday Brunch



The first Sunday of each month

After church, the first Sunday of each month, join Dr. Sharron and the Ministerial Inner-faith Team at The Rock Garden Café at 777 S Palm Canyon Dr in Palm Springs. Special price \$11.95 to InnerFaith members and guests! Please join us. All are welcome. Spiritual Community is created by breaking bread one with another!

Healing Service

9:30 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.

Children's Ministry

10:00 each Sunday morning

Prayer Ministry

The prayer table in the foyer. Rev. Ed DiNicola will assist you with your prayer request 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. This works out to \$3.25 a day to be a Founder!

Flower Power

Bring flowers to honor a special occasion for the service. Take them with you when you leave to brighten your day!

Men's Group

6:30 PM pot luck hosted by various members of the Innerfaith Community on a quarterly basis. Innerfaith Ministries Men's Spirituality Group, Our Mission: To create a group of Spiritually Minded Men Who Gather Together to make a Positive Difference for Themselves and Innerfaith Ministries World-wide!

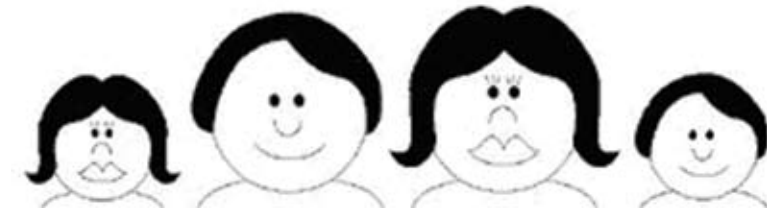
Women's Empowerment - led by Dr. Sharron Stroud

6:30 PM veggie pot luck and vital discussion from Dr. Clarissa Pinkola Estes. Sign up in the foyer.

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Volunteer

A big thank you to all the VIPS (Volunteer's In Progress) who make this ministry happen! You are a gift and you are loved and greatly appreciated. See Martin Anthony our Volunteer Coordinator or call 760-318-3196 to sign up.



Food Drive

Chaplain Lloyd Brushett collects canned goods our partner in charity at The Well in the Desert. Please leave your canned food donations at the designated place in the foyer.



CELEBRATE WITH US

May - Sunday Theme and Topics

Affirmation: I Am Miracle Ready! I open my consciousness to the Miracle of life and create a life of peace, joy, health, wealth and wisdom! And so it is.

May Sunday Theme: **Miracles in May**

- 3 - Touched by a Miracle
Bring a Friend and join us for Friendship Sunday Brunch at the Hilton
- 10 - Miracle of Work
- 17 - Miracle of Relationship
- 24 - Are You Miracle Ready?
- 31 - The Miracle of Life

June - Sunday Theme & Topics

Affirmation: Everywhere I turn Divine Substance is manifesting for me in rich sums of money, loving relationships, and a healthy body temple. I Am the Experience God is having! And so it is.

June Sunday Theme: **Spiritual Economics**

- 5 - The Truth About Substance.
Friendship Sunday bring a Friend and join us for brunch at the Hilton after the Rose Baptism Ceremony
- 14 - Your Fortune Begins With You
- 21 - Discover the Wonder of Giving
- 28 - A New World Order

THE SPIRIT, MIND, & BODY CONNECTION



WELL SPIRIT FITNESS CENTER
SPA RESORT HOTEL

Every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Tahquitz Room (Off the main lobby at the Encilia and Tahquitz Canyon entrance)

May

6th – Peter McGugan – The Second Coming of Consciousness – We can feel it in our hearts; there is a sweeping shift of energies, values and mass consciousness. It's something that's changing everything and this experience will help you understand what's happening from a big picture, quality of life perspective. You'll understand how and why the mass consciousness is shifting; we're replacing doing well materially with being well energetically and this really opens the season for transformational opportunities. You will remember this experience as an awakening for years to come. Peter, a leading expert on managing change and reinvention, was California's Society of Association Executives speaker of the year. Peter is also the president of Sobriety 911, an exclusive service providing individual recovery programs for high profile individuals. This presentation is sponsored by The Emily Andrews Foundation.

13 – Jeff Skorman – Primordial Sound Meditation – Join Jeff, a Chemical Dependency Counselor and certified Chopra Center for Wellbeing Primordial Sound Meditation Instructor to learn about Primordial Sound Meditation which is a technique originating in the ancient wisdom of India. Primordial Sounds—the basic, most essential sounds of nature—are used to disconnect us from the activity of life. These individually selected sounds, known as mantras, are based on the vibration the universe was making at the moment of our birth. Practicing Primordial Sound Meditation on a daily basis can help us to manage stress and reduce anxiety, create inner peace, awaken our intuition, and connect to spirit.

20 – Jasenka Sabanovic – Overcoming Obstacles – Join life coach, Jasenka to hear her personal story of living through 4 years of civil war in her native country, Bosnia and how she turned this greatest pain in her life to her greatest asset. She will discuss goal setting, changing patterns and beliefs that do not serve us in being happy and balanced, and how based on our significant life events, we create beliefs that guide us throughout life.

27 – Lara De Ann – Piece of Planet or Planet of Peace: A Journey Through Letting Go told in Prose and Poetry – Join Lara De Ann as she tells of her experience of a Trust Walk without money in order to let go of a loved one. As we forge a new identity, it helps us to let go of tragedy. Lara, a non-religious Reverend and author of four books, does Energy Healing combined with Insightful Guidance, leads hikes, and is the creator of The World Peace Necklace.

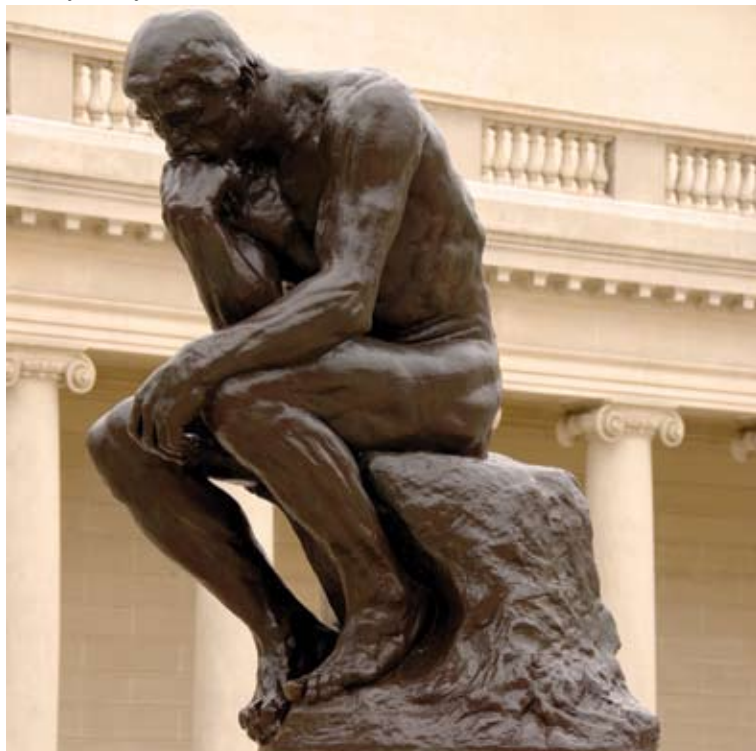
June

3rd – Kae Schreiber – Are You Looking For Love? It's Right in Front of You! – Join Kae, an amazing Palm Springs Intuitive Palmist/Medium, to explore "The Heart Line." Your heart line identifies your emotional system. It tells how you want to be treated in relationships and what motivates your behavior with others. Heart lines provide an easy way to gain understanding of yourself and others.

10– Judy Cali – ANGELS, Guardian Angles and Guides – What are Angels and how do they assist you? Who are the Archangels and what is their role? Guardian Angels and Spirit Guides: How are they different and who decides which ones you get. How about free will and asking permission for assistance? What about Earth Angels? Do Angels have wings? Judy will share some Angel stories she has experienced. We will also do a prayer to invite Angels to actively participate in our lives and shower us with blessings and love.

17 – Daryl Frazier – Ho'oponopono – The ancient Hawaiians believed that illness & misfortune came from an imbalance in the relationships between people and their Gods. Join Daryl, certified in Reiki, Theta Healing and a certified trainer and master in NLP, Time Empowerment and Hypnosis, to learn about the traditional therapeutic practice of ho'oponopono which literally means "to put things right" and originally referred to a family conference in which relationships were "set right" through prayer, discussion, confession, repentance, mutual restitution, and forgiveness.

24 – Dr. Debra Jensen - Savitt – Remote Viewing – Dr. Debra will teach you how to Remote View People, Places and Events from a Distance. There will be several exercises to open up your "clairvoyant" vision to allow you to sense, see, and feel people, places, and events from anywhere in the world. Then we will open up the class to practice remote viewing people, places, and events (past, present, and future). Come and join in the fun and learn how easy it is to learn "Remote Viewing." Dr. Debra is a Chiropractor, Holistic Health Instructor, Spiritual Coach and Guided Imagery Specialist. She has continued with studies in the ancient art of Shamanism, Spiritualism, and metaphysical subjects for the past twenty five years.



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How to Attract Money

A Review

By Sharon Michaels



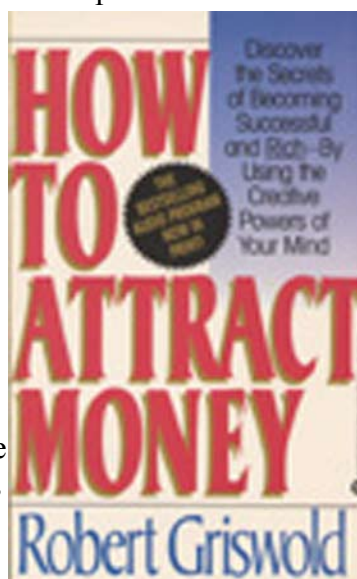
Your mind can be a powerful wealth-building ally, especially in this negative economy. In his classic book *How To Attract Money*, Robert Griswold shows us how the mind is truly a moneymaking wealth building machine. This book is about more than positive thinking; it's about positive doing!

Written fifteen years ago the information is as valuable (if not more valuable) today. In my opinion, a wealthy mindset is vital to acquiring abundance and wealth. *How To Attract Money* by Robert Griswold shows us how to use the creative powers of our mind to make more money. Acquiring and keeping wealth is a blend of belief, mindset and consistent positive action. This book shows how to put all these wealth-building pieces together.

Robert Griswold gives us a thorough and hands-on approach for attracting money. *How To Attract Money* is about taking control of your moneymaking mindset. Sitting around thinking positive thoughts is nice BUT they won't make a wealthy difference in your life without the second component - taking consistent positive action.

In my opinion, *How To Attract Money* is especially useful because of the in depth hands-on activities. If you're serious about using the power of your mind to change your financial life, you'll have to commit time to working the activities. This book is only as valuable as the time you're willing to put into it. You control your financial future by the emotional and physical actions you're willing to take.

Robert takes us step-by-step to help reprogram the emotional and often unconscious negative prosperity tapes that limit our ability to become more prosperous, rich and successful. In order to



appreciate the full value of this program you should plan on committing time to work each chapter. You'll find affirmation, visualization, self-image and goal setting activities. It's filled with positive and powerful information but it will take time to put them into everyday practice.

Here are some examples:

1. Learn how to accept that is "morally right" for you to be prosperous. Robert shows us how to eliminate the negative programming that may be limiting our ability to create wealth.
2. There is an entire section on how to set and achieve financial goals that are natural, keep us young and allow for flexibility.
3. He also has an entire chapter on "Quick Tips for Successful Living."

The quote from the back cover says it all, "You can eliminate the roadblocks to prosperity. Create your own luck. Free yourself from financial limitations. Maintain your wealth and live a happier life."

In a nutshell, it's up to you to take the action that will make your life financially secure. There are no magic bullets. There are though, resources to provide you with guidance and options. It's your choice to decide what works best for your life. I've heard it said many times before, change your thoughts and you'll change your life.

I recommend *How To Attract Money* as part of your financial library. Here is a direct link to Amazon.com if you'd like to read more about this book: [How to Attract Money](#)

I've also included a link to my book about conquering self-sabotaging behaviors. Ready to conquer self-sabotage? [How To Give Yourself The POWER To Succeed - How To Give Yourself The POWER To Succeed](#)



and envy. Then, cleanse it by the purifying waters of peace, tranquility, devotion, and love.”

– Paramhansa Yogananda, *Inner Culture*, 1940

Spiritual benefits of tithing:

Paramhansa Yogananda said that we are blessed when we give money to God’s work.

The act of giving helps us affirm that we are part of something much bigger than our little selves. The more we think of others, the more we grow spiritually.

When we give, we open a door for God to guide us. If we give regularly, this door opens wider and we experience a growing sense of self-fulfillment.

Tithing helps us purify our hearts that we may feel God’s joy as in a tangible way. We also feel a deeper sense of inner peace. Our concerns begin to melt away.

Tithing will give you greater faith in God as the source of your abundance:

“Divine Abundance follows the law of service and generosity. Give, and then receive. Give to the world the best you have, and the best will come back to you.”

– Paramhansa Yogananda, *Inner Culture*, 1940

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ON TITHING

Tithing is a spiritual practice—just like prayer or meditation. It is the regular act of giving the “first fruits” of your labors to God.

Tithing is an act of faith based on the divine principle that everything we have comes from God’s hands.

“Think of Divine Abundance as a mighty refreshing rain. Whatever receptacle you have at hand will receive it. If you hold up a tin cup, you will receive only that quantity. If you hold up a barrel, that will be filled.”

– Paramhansa Yogananda, *Inner Culture*, 1940

If you want to invite God more fully into your life through tithing, agree in your heart on a percentage of your income that you will give to Him regularly.

Give God the responsibility of taking care of you. If you continue this practice, you will ultimately be free of the fear of not having enough money because you will KNOW from your own personal experiences that God will fulfill your needs.

“What kind of a receptacle are you holding up to Divine Abundance? Perhaps your receptacle is defective. If so, it must be repaired by casting out all fear, hate, doubt,

Our Community



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Frank And Dr. Sharron

New Thought

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The Miracle of Daily Living

I have said it before, and I will say it again, we are living in interesting, yet exciting times! We are seeing great changes in our country on the political front, while simultaneously many are experiencing challenges on the physical level- affecting us mentally,

emotionally and spiritually - making us question everything. Is this happening by chance or is it happening for us?

It is happening FOR us-as there is no such thing as “by chance!” We might not understand why in the moment but Truth states that what is happening in our lives today is happening FOR us- for our growth, healing and evolution as Spiritual Beings.

The current opportunity happening for us is to see daily life as it truly is- a miracle and a blessing. A Course in Miracles defines miracles as “a shift in perception”, so the question becomes “how are we viewing life from moment to moment and what are we looking for?” We know that life truly is about our perception of it- so are you looking for the ordinary miracles in life or just the opposite? This is important because we will find exactly what we are looking for!

Albert Einstein once said, “There are two ways to live: you can live as if nothing is a miracle; or you can live as if everything is a miracle.” I choose the latter! How about you?

As we approach the half-year point of 2009, how perfect that we have this opportunity to remember how precious and miraculous life is and to not waste a single moment. We can take Einstein’s suggestion to live as if everything is a miracle. Let us make May our time to refocus on ordinary miracles.

What are such ordinary miracles in our daily lives? Every second on this planet is a miracle. Every breathe you take is a gift. Every mechanical action in your body temple is a miracle and every event, situation and encounter with another person is a miracle- as it gives us the opportunity to return back to the precious moment of NOW, devoid of thought, where love abides enabling us, if we chose, to bask in the beauty of its miracles.

Trent Blanchard is available for Life Coaching, Spiritual Direction and Commitment Ceremonies. Visit his website at www.TrentBlanchard.com for more information.

However, we clearly know we are not meeting the mark when we experience the situations that “disturb our inner peace.” These can be very challenging, but also our greatest gifts, for these are moments for us to stop, get out of the past or the future where our upset, depression and anxiety live, and get refocused on the moment at hand. We do this by remove ourselves from the chatter of the mind that gets us away from fully enjoying it and being present for such miracles. Use that moment as an opportunity to look for the miracles- see the love and appreciate what is.

In this moment, stop and gaze at the glorious color and size of the mountains that surround you. Right now, listen to the music of birds singing and the wind blowing outside of your window. Go ahead and smell the delicious fragrance of a rose blooming in your garden. Right now, go feel the soft caress of the gentle wind as it runs by you. Everything is a miracle around you- everything- don’t wait another minute to acknowledge and embrace them. Why are you still sitting there?

A helpful tool is to identify when you hear yourself saying “I hate what is happening right now” then ask yourself, “How I look at this situation differently?” and “Where are the miracles in this moment?” Then sit and see what happens. What you will probably find is that simply by asking the question, you have shifted your focus and that which was escaping you will soon appear, with great clarity.

These interesting times bring forward the opportunity to return back to the present moment where ordinary, everyday miracles live. Life, in of itself, is a true miracle. Look for today’s miracles and they will expand.

Happy miracle hunting!



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He Goes Before Me...

Prayer Treatment

for Work

Father/Mother God, as I enter this work place,
I bring your Presence with me.
Speak Your peace, Your grace,
Your love, and Your perfect order into this office.
I acknowledge Your power over all that will be spoken,
thought, decided, and done within these walls.

Divine Presence, I thank You for the gifts you have
blessed me with. I commit to using them responsibly in
your honor.

I accept a fresh supply of strength to do my job.
As you Bless my projects, ideas, and energy, I know
that even my smallest accomplishment may reflect
Your Grace. I know that my abundance and prosperity
are but a Sacred Reflection of you doing a Good Work
through me.

I accept that, *All that the Father hath is mine.*

Father/Mother God, when I appear to be confused,
guide me.

When I appear weary, energize me.

When I appear to be burned out, infuse me with the
Light of the Holy Spirit.

May the work that I do and the way I do it bring faith,
joy, and a smile to all that I
come in contact with today.

And O Divine Presence, when I leave this place, accept
within me traveling mercy.

I know that you have Blessed my family and home to
be in order as I left it.

O Divine Presence, I thank you for everything
You've created, everything You're creating by means
of me, and everything you have created in the entire
Universe.

I Am a co-creator with you.

God and I are the Majority and my Day is Blessed!
I give thanks that this is so, and so it is. Amen.



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Join Craig Ferree, a local rebirther and breathworker, to learn about breathwork, an amazing tool for personal and spiritual growth.

When properly guided, this deep and relaxed circular breath dissolves our physical and emotional barriers and leads to an openness of mind and body.

Through the process of breath and surrender, we can open a clear connection between our self and Spirit.

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With full relaxation, Breathwork can be profound and healing. The Breathwork I teach is simple, clear and direct. It is energetic work. When practiced, it creates a greater flow of energy in the body. This energy flow increases our awareness of the experience of ourselves, as it relaxes our defenses against the experience. What the flow cleans from its path and creates, in its essence, is an open conduit to Spirit.

Something we may notice after one session is a deeper, more restful sleep. I have often heard people say to me the next day "I slept like a baby." Of course you did: a baby suffers no

physical or emotional defenses!

Over the course of multiple sessions, the experiences deepen and broaden. I call the process I teach Transformational Breathwork because, with our increased ability to sense, accept and release our thoughts, feelings and emotions without judgment, we undergo a positive transformational shift in our whole attitude towards life. One day you will simply notice that a behavior you once had, that maybe you didn't like, just isn't there anymore. It has a "wow" factor.

There are many other subjective benefits as well: We have more energy, less stress, greater mental clarity, inner peace, contentment and even joy. Objectively, pulmonologists report increased heart and lung function, tissue uptake of oxygen is enhanced and electrical activity of the heart improves. Our ability to self-heal the body is the direct quantifiable result of Breathwork.

Practicing Breathwork is a show of love for the body through a spiritual and physical exercise. And it's all about you. You're the benefit. You're the one you're working on. You're the karma!



Breathwork is a wonderful step on the path but it is not The Path.

A friend once said to me that The Path is not about clinging to happy experiences.

He said you need to be willing to let them go so that you can move onto the next batch of experiences.

The Universe has at the ready whatever it is that you already need. But if you're holding onto old experiences, even the fantastic ones, there's no room for new experiences to take up their place.

Breathwork is Path-supportive. As a regular practice, it speeds the process of purification of the subtle energetic system.

It is a part, but not the whole, of raising your level of consciousness.

An honest teacher will also encourage you to read books of Truth, utilize mantras, meditate and seek out Spiritual Masters.

- Craig Ferree

"ALL THINGS SHARE THE SAME BREATH"

-CHIEF SEATTLE

The Pet Ministry

By *Kate Porter*



The Story of an Animal Rescue Miracle

(and the little Church with the BIG heart that made it happen...)

As we leave a beautiful windy Spring for Summer, I am aware of how life's seasons play an important part in creating miracles. I believe when the time is right, the miracles appear.

A few years ago, I had a vague idea about converting our homes (and small animal sanctuaruaries) garage ("Fat Quail Farm" in Joshua Tree) into a pet rescue center for the Critter Coalition. Too often my effectiveness as an animal rescuer was thwarted by a lack of space to buy a shelter pet (in danger of being euthanasia) time, by fostering them myself until we found the right "forever home".

I envisioned a safe, pleasant place for them while we found that home. As time passed, that vision grew very real to me. Though no artist, I drew a map of laying out the contents and surroundings of this ever more real safe house. I listed things we would need, measured, and-dreamed. Oddly, I did not stew about money to create this happy place. I knew as the vision grew stronger and worries about "how" didn't arise. I think back and wonder at that. (Hmmmmm, maybe my frame of mind was the beginning of the miracle? Ya think? lol!)

When Dr. Terre and I first came to InnerFaith, Dr. Sharon asked me to develop a Pet Ministry. I am honored to do so and am grateful for the continuous support, spiritual and financial, that the church family has gives us.

One recent Sunday weekly program insert included our Pet Ministry. That day two special gentlemen, Jack Dancey and Elwood Pushee, "just happened" to come to church. They visit the desert from Vancouver part of each year and knew Dr. Sharron from years gone by.

As Jack tells it, seeing the Pet Ministry "blurb", they were delighted and grew curious about the Critter Coalition. Asking around, (especially of Lou and Lloyd Brush-

ett, two of our much loved resident Angels...), apparently we "passed muster" and the ball began rolling.

A week or so later, Jack, Elwood, Terre and I were laughing over lunch at the Crossroads Cafe in Joshua Tree and talking "animals"! Dessert was a delightful and very appreciated monetary gift to support the sanctuary pets with a promise of more to come thru the upcoming year. What fun! And the miracle was on a roll.

Jack and Elwood wanted us to meet two dear friends who also love animals, Ted Price and Bob Rodgers of Washington State. These special fellows also visit 6 months every year. We sat down with them twice in the next week and I was thrilled with the level of enthusiasm and interest they had in for the pet "safe house".

I came alive in that environment of encouragement and warmth! Ideas flowed like a sweet spring - bubbling over the rocks and twigs of resistance instead of being stopped by them. We had a great afternoon in their lovely desert home that first time and were in agreement that the Critter Coalition and the ideas I had to grow it were a very good thing.

So, where's the Miracle? Simply put, in the bank! Ted and Bob donation will build our pet rescue safe house!

A back-up generator to keep the animals cool or warm if electricity fails; materials for their little indoor/outdoor lattice pens; months of food and supplies; enough for spaces for the foster fur babies saved from death and given a second chance...the happy list goes on and on.

I am so grateful! And truly thrilled with the beauty and elegance of this Miracle unfolding and each piece falling into place. True, I was ready. Yes, the vision was clear and the heart was passionate. But the miraculous element to me is the way God moved us all, from place to place on His divine chess board. The synchronicity is profound and being a part of this experience has done something to me personally that I will forever cherish.

The animal Angels are smiling. I am smiling. Dr. Sharon is smiling. Dr. Terre is smiling. Jack, Elwood, Ted and Bob are smiling! And now YOU are smiling too, I bet. And so it is...and we shall go higher yet! :)

Please visit my sites and YouTube channel... :)

www.CritterChitChat.com

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The Miracle of Prayer Treatment

“Treatment is definite spiritual thinking within ourselves, about ourselves, to change ourselves.” (Raymond Charles Barker)



“A treatment is a conscious movement of thought, and the work begins and ends in the thought of the one giving the treatment.” (Holmes, Textbook, page. 171)

“Treatment is the science of inducing within Mind concepts, acceptances and realizations of whatever the particular need may be.” (Holmes, Textbook, page 164)

Prayer treatment is our directed mental energy for a concise purpose. It is to form a desired result or manifest a certain and specific cause and effect consequence.

The mind and life being the mirror of what we experience brings us to the thought of re-creating our illusion. The vision in front of us or someone else isn't always what we desire to view as we live this life.

Prayer treatment is the course we chart when seeking a change in our lives. Illness, relationships, finances, where we live, what we drive or how we feel. Any thought perceived has the foundational properties of energetically creating change. Prayer is specific thought, formulated to exhibit the most lush response when planted in the ever fertile Universal Mind.

First, when we pray we must recognize the Nature of God, the authorship of creation. Sacred and valued audible truths. There is one Life, that Life is: Infinite, Loving Eternal Presence, Good, Father Mother God, Holy, Divine First Cause.

Second, is our Identification with this Ultimate One Source: that Life is my Life and I am a Divinely created part of this One Sacred Presence. Perfect, complete, whole, intelligent as well as any other attribute you may offer up that connects you with your own Oneness with God.

Third, acknowledge whatever your desire is an already accomplished fact in the One Universal Mind that is also Your Mind. We observe, the perfect body, (organs) and anything unlike perfection is uncommon to this perfect Spirit Body. We address it as neither person, place or thing. Remember you are speaking of thought and thought, dreams and desires have the properties of perfection in perception.

Four, Address, in specific detail, your desires. Count hairs if necessary but be specific. As the Spirit knows your heart, so the intelligent scientific movement In the energy of Mind knows only the details that will be mirrored back to you. Multiplicity= Spirit and Mind connection.

Five, We are grateful for that which has been truly imbedded In the Consciousness of the Universe through our desired Prayer. We say, “thank You, it is done”. To not release prayer, standing at the door waiting and worrying will only exasperate the reason you've prayed. Remember, thank Spirit for your Prayer already answered, now stand back in gratitude.

Six, Release, let go and hold only to the peace of knowing that no thought goes unheard and no prayers when prayed believing and not In conflict with the Divine Right Action and the Laws of the Universe go unanswered.

Remember

Acknowledge to whom you Pray.

Your relationship to that Source.

State your belief in the Prayer.

Be specific about your desire.

Thank the One Universal Divine Presence for Prayer already answered.

Release, “I commend this Prayer into God's ever knowing Mind, Thank you Father Mother God”.

Love and Blessings,

Rev. Rich



Millionaires Creed

I Am a millionaire. I think like a millionaire, I talk like a millionaire, I walk like a millionaire. I believe, feel and act like a millionaire.

Like a radio that is tuned to one frequency, I Am tuned to the millionaire frequency. I continually condition my mind to think rich and abundant prosperous thoughts. I talk about the endless possibilities to all who will listen.

I definitely read what millionaires read. I soak up the biographies and autobiographies of millionaires and billionaires. I drink in their wisdom and insights and their deep understanding.

I think about creating valuable multiple million-dollar enterprises, during the day and I dream about them at night. I enjoy creating million-dollar enterprises. I Am creating multiple millions, honestly, ethically and morally.

I Am a wise steward over my money. I master my money and my money does not master me!

I love to serve. I realize that it is the quantity and quality of my services rendered, with a positive mental attitude that grants me unlimited, overflowing and ever flowing compensation. I am constantly rendering increasingly better service. The better I serve, the more I receive.

I love challenges. I conquer my wealth building mountains with glee and joy in my heart. There is a banquet of prosperity ready and waiting for each of us. I cheerfully help others on their journey to wealth riches and true spiritual abundance.

Being a millionaire means I live the abundant balance, life serving, growing, sharing, and it is Great To Be A Millionaire!

My Business is Booming!

HO'OPONOPONO

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"I just kept saying, 'I'm sorry' and 'I love you' over and over again," he explained.

"That's it?"

"That's it.

"Turns out that loving yourself is the greatest way to improve yourself, and as you improve yourself, you improve your world.

"Let me give you a quick example of how this works: one day, someone sent me an email that upset me. In the past I would have handled it by working on my emotional hot buttons or by trying to reason with the person who sent the nasty message.

"This time, I decided to try Dr. Len's method. I kept silently saying, 'I'm sorry' and 'I love you,' I didn't say it to anyone in particular. I was simply evoking the spirit of love to heal within me what was creating the outer circumstance.

"Within an hour I got an e-mail from the same person. He apologized for his previous message. Keep in mind that I didn't take any outward action to get that apology. I didn't even write him back. Yet, by saying 'I love you,' I somehow healed within me what was creating him.

"I later attended a ho 'oponopono workshop run by Dr. Len. He's now 70 years old, considered a grandfatherly shaman, and is somewhat reclusive.

He praised my book, *The Attractor Factor*. He told me that as I improve myself, my book's vibration will raise, and everyone will feel it when they read it. In short, as I improve, my readers will improve.

"What about the books that are already sold and out there?" I asked.

"They aren't out there," he explained, once again blowing my mind with his mystic wisdom. "They are still in you." In short, there is no out there. It would take a whole book to explain this advanced technique with the depth it deserves.

"Suffice It to say that whenever you want to improve anything in your life, there's only one place to look: inside you. When you look, do it with love."

Speaking to the World

Dr. Sharron Stroud will be an Ambassador for the United States of America at the World Forum on June 29, 2009 in Washington D.C. Dr. Sharron will be speaking on The Biology of Belief at the Historic Willard Hotel hosting the World Forum where Ambassadors from over 40 countries in the world will be represented.



The World Forum Federation writes to Dr. Stroud:

“Dear Dr. Stroud,

You, Dr. Stroud, are extremely important to the World Forum Federation. Without you our goal to host annual gatherings of the world’s most intellectual and powerful persons could not be fulfilled. Your presence here at the 2008 World Forum in Oxford, England, undoubtedly added an essential, unique element to our international assembly that would be dearly missed were you not present in 2009 in Washington D.C. It is of course also extremely important that your country of The United States receive adequate representation at the 2009 World Forum through your Ambassadorship. The American Biographical Institute will be hosting its 2009 World Forum and individuals who have been selected from over 40 countries and recognized as Ambassadors of their country, bringing to the Forum their intellect and considerable talents for the purpose of exchanging brilliant ideas and sharing their cultures. A week of stimulating symposiums, friendship, and discovery will ensue.



The event will be held at the Historic Willard Hotel in Washington DC. The historic luxury hotel is a Washington institution that has hosted almost every U.S. president since Franklin Pierce in 1850. Politicians, heads of state, celebrities and other famous guests have frequented the hotel. The Willard Hotel is located in the heart of downtown, one block from the White House and within walking distance of the Smithsonian Museums, the National Theater and other major Washington, DC attractions.



An Italian Visit



Dr. Sharron lighting a Candle for InnerFaith Ministries Worldwide in the Duomo, at the Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore in Florence, acknowledging that InnerFaith Ministries Worldwide is a Divine Idea in the Mind of God whose time has come, the time is now and the place is where we are! We know that we let our Light so shine before the world that every one who comes within our energy field is healed and uplifted in our presence. And so it is.



Wisdom Of the Dalai Lama

At the end of the talk someone from the audience asked the Dalai Lama, "Why didn't you fight back against the Chinese?"

The Dalai Lama looked down, swung his feet just a bit, then looked back up at us and said with a gentle smile, "Well, war is obsolete, you know. "

Then, after a few moments, his face grave, he said, "Of course the mind can rationalize fighting back... but the heart, the heart would never understand. Then you would be divided in yourself, the heart and the mind, and the war would be inside you."

via Sally Bacon and Jane



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