



INTERFAITH INSPIRER  
WE SHALL SURVIVE EDITION #2  
MAY 2020



SHORTENED VERSION DURING THE PANDEMIC

# MINISTERIAL MISCELLANEOUS BY ANNIE KOPKO

Are you out in your garden today! Or outside to get that fresh air and that inspiration that we all receive from nature.

Springtime seems like an easier time to connect more fully with our Source, both our source in nature, and our source in Spirit. Especially when I am feeling confused, I affirm that Spirit will guide me in the right direction. I remember that there are an infinite number of things going my way, and just a few that are holding me back. And then I try to bring some humor to whatever I am doing to myself at the moment. It is so good to remember that we have choices. In every dark thought there is the light. And we can choose the light to focus on and to become. Believe me, when I say, I do not always choose the light.

It is very exciting to connect with everyone each week. I am feeling much gratitude to Layla Ananda, who, every Monday sends out the links for the online Zoom events for the week.

In addition to the Sunday Service (Youthful Spirits at 1PM) and the other events during each week, you will see the Zoom link for Death Cafe this week (once a month, first Tuesday) on Tuesday at 6:30PM.

Check your Monday email for the links to these weekly events:

Monday, ACIM 6:30PM

Tuesday: Sufi Class with Kamau Ayubbi 6:30PM

Wednesday: Metaphysics of Spirituality 9:15AM

Wednesday: Interfaith Social Hour 2-3PM

Thursday: ACIM 12 noon

Friday: Interfaith Social Hour 5-6PM (new)

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You will also find additional meditations with Brett Koon and Holly Makimaa and Yoga with Jennifer Lenders and Mary Seibert. David Frankel hosts a prayer group on Wednesday. Thanks to each of these wonderful people for stepping forward to offer this to everyone.

Please check the website for more details and relevant information

I feel so blessed by your presence in my life. I am so much better in so many ways because of you all.





# SUNDAY CELEBRATION SERVICES FOR MAY 2020



LET'S TALK

May 3<sup>rd</sup> Service Leader: Rev. Dave Bell

Speaker: Randall Counts: "The Endless Enormity"

Reading: Mary Alice Truitt

Meditation: Lyriel Clare

Special Music: Laz Slomovits

May 10th Service Leader: Janet Somalinog

Speaker: Mother's Day Open mic: Remembrances and Blessings on "Mothers and Mothering"

Reading: Melissa Whitney

Meditation: Layla Ananda

Special Music: Don Digirolamo

May 17th Service Leader: Rev. Lyriel Claire

Speaker: Dolores Rubio-Turtle: Wesak Festival

Reading: Idgie Patterson

Meditation: Dave Bell

Special Music: Carol Bardenstein

May 24th Service Leader: Rev. Delyth Balmer

Speaker: Rev. David Bell: TBA

Reading: Mary Alice Truitt

Meditation: Laurie Knerr

Special Music: Marlena Studer (not yet confirmed)

May 31st Service Leader: Rev. Annie Kopko

Speaker: Jennifer Lenders: Health Empowerment through SELF-Awareness

Reading: Rob Fagerlund

Meditation: Annemarie Howse

Special Music: TBA

# VOLUNTEER CORNER BY BOB HOPKINS

**This space will be used to identify volunteer needs and appreciation**

**as of April 12, 2020**

**We need people to volunteer for the expanded function of the Communication team – see Erik or Layla**

**We need people to communicate any urgent or emerging needs – see Caring Committee**

## **APPRECIATION**

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**THANKS TO: Pat Root for serving on the Nominating Committee to identify potential Board members.**

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# PEGGY'S COLUMN

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## THE FAE FOLK AND THE VIRUS

**Note:** "Fae Folk" is a term I use to include the vast variety of not-human nature spirits here on Earth. I asked the fae folk representatives who connected with me, what impact (if any) the coronavirus has on their people. *mans and naturally wish to support them in times of trouble. Many of us are engaged in lifting the spirits of humans, causing smiles by tickling babies, singing to one who is discouraged (not in a way that can be heard), and so forth.*

**Another voice:** *The fae live mostly in the Now, the Moment. One of our specialties is to encourage humans to focus on the here and now, on this perfect moment. This can be as simple as bringing attention to a beautiful design the human has seen every day, but never paused to appreciate. Another good example is a stunningly beautiful sunrise or sunset. (This is done in cooperation with the beings responsible for those displays.)*

*We have been/are pleased to see so many humans turning to Nature to refresh/restore bodies and minds weakened by stressfulness. Those who are so inclined, might encounter fae folk "in person", as you say, for life-changing experiences. We see this as a very useful opportunity to grow positive interactions between our peoples.*

**Peggy:** Are there any ways that the fae could help in a physical sense, perhaps by encouraging the virus to depart from infected human bodies?

**Fae:** *Not at this time. We are instructed by Creator to allow human ingenuity to address these issues.*

**Peggy:** How do the fae view the scenario of panic buying and extraordinary fears?

**Fae:** *Many of our cultures include individuals who are susceptible to the vibrations of excessive drama, fear, and other not-useful energies. This is something we share with humans. But there are few among us who show these symptoms of spiritual and energetic imbalance. Compassion and affection are extended to those few, to help them survive their fears and to encourage the seeking of healthful balance in their lives*



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**Peggy:** Do the fae ever experience the equivalent of a virus outbreak, a rapidly spreading illness of some kind?

**Fae:** *The Fae are not susceptible to human viruses. However, we have not stood by without attempting to help human friends. Understand that most humans have resident gnome families living with them; other fae folk choose to live with, or near, humans. So, we become attached to "our" hu*

**Fae:** *Yes, historically. At times such a disease is generated from extremely polluted water sources, or air, which are accidentally encountered. Another example would be the unexpected application of poisons to the area we are living in, by humans. Our healers are well able to reverse the "dis-ease", although it often takes some time to remove it from our bodies. Occasionally, one dies from the severity of the illness.*

**Peggy:** Some of our readers might be wondering whether the fae could predict the length of this epidemic?

**Fae:** *Since we are able to exist across space/time, the answer is, yes. We could seek out the timing of the ending of the sickness. However, again, Creator has requested that we avoid such sharings.*

**Peggy:** Is there anything else any of you would like to say about this situation?

**Fae:** *One could say that if any species can survive such an experience, it is humans. We have absolutely no doubt that humans will persevere in this matter, to produce the desired result of health and safety for all. Every human knows this, in [their] heart, regardless of outward appearances. **The human heart is the key to every mystery, every fear, every sorrow, and every challenge.***

*We are done.*

# CONSTRUCTION OF A PRAYER / PART 8 BY ROBERT HOPKINS

**O Creator of the Universe Who was manifested in Jesus Christ, Buddha, Confucius, Gandhi, Quimby, Moses, Muhammad, Bah Allah and Rumi, Whose Spirit spreads and reigns throughout the world: I pray in gratitude for all the wonders of the world, wonders of the Universe.**

Having identified each of the eight deeply spiritual and influential personages considered in depth in previous installments of this series, my prayer seeks to affirm the unifying Spirit. This Spirit not only underlies the work and links those eight personages, but all of us. It is in keeping with the teachings of many of the world's religions and especially our own here at Interfaith. In each of our services, we make the bold and indisputable claim that we have no binding beliefs or theology to which anyone must adhere. That is generally true. HOWEVER, there is one truth we affirm and assume that all of us at Interfaith hold. There is one Spirit of which we are all part and resides within each of us. It may be true that the pantheists and pagans among us, may not see this exactly the same way. However, I would argue that we all agree that there is one, unifying Spirit underlying all and linking all of creation and all of humanity.

Thus, my prayer makes the claim that this Spirit spreads among all of creation. It is shared by all of creation. We cannot be apart from it – even if we believe that to be true and even if we act in individual or selfish ways to make it appear to be untrue. I use the word “reigns” to emphasize the vast power of that Spirit. I do not use it to suggest that we are apart from that Spirit or Force or that we are subjugated by that Spirit. It is just that, as the Spirit pervades and extends everywhere, it is the Ultimate Power. The Power of the Spirit is so pervasive and so formidable that it reigns beyond all imagined limitations. The Spirit is limitless and beyond imagination and time.



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The remainder of my prayer is just that. It is a compilation of prayers, really. Having addressed and shown due deference and humility to the vastness and pervasiveness to the Spirit, I direct my prayer requests. There are many such requests in the balance of the prayer as I have constructed it, but I begin with these two for this installment.

My prayer starts with gratitude for all the wonders that are contained in this world and in the universe. I do not pretend to know all the wonders contained in this world. Despite the intricate communication, age upon age of discovery, transportation options that are beyond the imagination of our ancestors, I do not believe that we collectively know all the wonders that this world holds. I am wise enough to know that I am familiar with only a fraction of them. Others, wiser than I may know of far more than I do, but I am confident that no one knows them all. It might also be argued that the limitless imagination of man, guarantees that new wonders, new discoveries, new inventions and innovations are perpetually taking place – with ever more to come. I am reminded of the old maxim that ALL THINGS WORK FOR GOOD. Given the truth of that proverb, I am confident that I can be grateful for all of these wonders, without reservation.