



INTERFAITH INSPIRER
WE SHALL SURVIVE EDITION #2
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SHORTENED VERSION DURING THE PANDEMIC

MINISTERIAL MISCELLANEOUS BY ANNIE KOPKO

To paraphrase Charles Dickens, "It is the best of times and it is the worst of times." It is the best of times because we really don't get much of a choice about what is happening to us, so to make the best of it is what we can do. Acceptance is a choice. We get to have the choice about our reaction to the pandemic and to staying at home. That is the best of times.

It is the worst of times because there is no doubt that this is difficult in different ways for each of us. Each of us is getting a chance to recreate our lives by making new choices whether we intended to or not. We may not even feel that we are getting much of a choice, especially if we have just lost a job. This will be stressful, very stressful.

One of the best things we can do for ourselves is to be present with our feelings and watch our thoughts. Be a witness, without judging yourself. Another thing is to do breathing exercises. Peggy Cappy, a Yoga teacher appearing this week on PBS's Spring Drive suggests alternate nostril breathing for 10 minutes every morning.. So Google alternate nostril breathing and see how you like it. I have done it and have experienced the calming effects. I am going to do it again.

The ministers and board members are working on the plans for reopening and what that looks like and what that means, and we will keep everyone posted regarding the guidelines from the governor and CDC.

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Meanwhile every Monday, Layla Ananda sends out the links for all of our weekly activities on Zoom. Look for this in your email. (donations welcome)

Sunday, June 7 Dr. Ali Hussain will be our speaker.

Sunday, June 7 Youthful Spirits class for Young People 1 PM.

Mondays at 6:45 PM Course in Miracles study group.

First Tuesdays, Death Cafe 6:30 PM.

Tuesdays, Sufi Class with Imam Kamau Ayubbi, 6:30 PM, \$5-10 donation welcome.

First Wednesdays, Science of Mind Study Group 9:15 AM

Wednesdays, Interfaith Social Hour, 2-3 PM

Thursdays, A Course in Miracles study group, Noon.

Friday, Interfaith Social Hour, 5 PM

THIS SATURDAY, Accessible Yoga and Meditation Workshop June 6, 11AM to 1 PM

Led by Jennifer Lenders, \$5-25 donation. Email for more info: lenders4j@sbcglobal.net

Wishing everyone blessings and happy days outdoors.

Annie



SUNDAY CELEBRATION SERVICES FOR MAY 2020



June 7th

Service Leader: Rev. Lyriel Claire
Speaker: Speaker: Dr. Ali Hussain: "Music as Healing: Beauty and Majesty"
Reading: Eric Nowakowski
Meditation: Craig Brann
Special Music: Kath Weider

June 14th

Service Leader: Janet Somalinog
Speaker: Rev. Lyriel Claire "Vibration = Reality"
Reading: Janet Somalinog
Meditation: Craig Harvey
Special Music: Craig Brann

June 28th

Service Leader: Annie Kopko
Speaker: Imam Kamau Ayubbi: "Multiplicity & Unity: Navigating From Dissonance to a Cosmic Melody"
Reading: Idgie Patterson
Meditation: Rev. Dawn Swartz
Special Music: TBA

June 21st

Service Leader Rev. David Bell
Speaker: Swami Atmananda Saraswati
Reading: Laurie Knerr
Meditation: Janet Fry
Special Music: TBA

PEGGY'S COLUMN

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A CONVERSATION WITH THE DEVA OF CANNABIS

By Peggy River Singer

In the mid-1960's, my mother thought someone had planted marijuana in our old back pasture. She told me to yank out all the illegal weeds -- a whole acre of them! Fortunately, I found someone who confirmed that the plants were innocent wildflowers called Cinquefoil. I know how to tell the difference now, but that long-ago experience remains in my memory whenever I see cannabis or marijuana mentioned in today's headlines. That's why I thought this would be a good time to chat with the Deva of this intriguing plant.

Deva: *[chuckling] What a delightful story, young one! And not the first time I have heard such. How can I help you today?*

Peggy: As a Deva, do you work only with cannabis, or with other plants as well?

Deva: *I am one of the countless Devas who look after all growing things. My task is indeed specific to cannabis, since it plays such an important part in human history.*

Peggy: Those who study cannabis with an open mind find out more and more about its potential. Would it be accurate to consider it a "super-plant", like bamboo, which has been designed especially to be useful to humans?

Deva: *Yes, that is an appropriate comparison. Everything Creator fashions is the result of careful consideration and intention. Creator's connection with all timelines simplifies tweaking and enriching the genetics of plants, for example, to suit human use. Your scientists and others have only begun to understand the magnitude of this plant's potential service.*

Peggy: Can you share some of the usages we have not discovered yet?

Deva: *We may not disclose.*



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Peggy: I understand, thank you. Do the individual plants have awareness of the scope of their role?

Deva: *Not exactly. Each has its own level of awareness of its environment, the sun and rain, that sort of thing. They do not have the higher functionings that would make it possible for them to understand our discussion.*

Peggy: Do the cannabis plants have fairy attendants, as other plants do?

Deva: *Yes, indeed. As you might expect, cannabis fairies wear a kind of camouflage, made from the plants, in order to blend in. In that way, they can go about their work without calling attention to themselves, from humans or predators.*

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Deva: *NOW you are thinking outside the box, congratulations! I mean no disrespect; so many of your people are so human-centered that they don't consider such things.*

Peggy: I hear a gnome giggling!

Deva: *Let us ask him to explain, then.*

Gnome: *Hi-dee-ho, neighbors! We've been enjoying listening to this talking, couldn't help laughing a bit. There's a whole LOT of fae folk who make use of this plant, in many many ways that are totally different from human uses. Because we're NOT-humans, get it? [snork] Anyway, the answer is a big YES. Can't give you details, I'm not allowed.*

Byeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeeee...

Peggy: Well, that was fun! Deva, is there anything else you'd like to share with those who will read these words?

Deva: *I will say, look to the Earth for wisdom, look to all elements of the Earth: air, fire, water, plants, animals, minerals. Treat them with respect. Any one of those elements might provide the next miracle medicine, when humanity is ready. I am done.*

Peggy: Thank you so much, I've really enjoyed this talking.

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS

Dear All,

Please join me in expressing great gratitude for our united spirit in maintaining connection during this surreal time of non-physical gathering. (10 weeks and counting!)

In particular, I would like to acknowledge the expertise and unwavering service offered to us by Layla Ananda and Erik Nowakowski. They have been the quiet force behind the scenes consistently ensuring that our Sunday Celebration Services are up and running each week. Believe me, it's more than clicking a start button. From Layla's weekly announcement for events offered and maintenance of the website to Erik's care in bringing audio/visual/tech support throughout the week and during services. I am grateful for their calm, steady presence of mind in teaching us how to use Zoom and in managing the technical host functions during the service.

On another note, I would like to express my gratitude to Randal Counts for devoting much time, energy, and care in cleaning our carpet at the Center. So far, he spent two days spot cleaning the stains, and another full day with a small crew made up of Connie Snow, Ted Poprafsky and myself, to run the carpet cleaning machines in the Sanctuary, Social Hall and large and small classrooms. Thank you Connie and Ted for your help. More work is to be done to arrange furniture in the coming week. Rest assured, the space will be very clean and welcoming when the day comes that we are able to resume activities at the Center.

Much love to all, Delyth