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SHORTENED VERSION DURING THE PANDEMIC

# MINISTERIAL MISCELLANEOUS BY ANNIE KOPKO

I am hoping, if nothing else, you are finding new ways to make life interesting these days. It seems that it will be some time before it gets back to normal, if ever. My life is quite different, both because of the cancer and especially the coronavirus.

Even though I have noticed that when I go out, I feel afraid of and vulnerable to other people who are not wearing a mask, I still feel very connected to this Interfaith community. I am so grateful to those who make it possible for all of us to stay connected: Delyth, Eric, Rob, and Layla. (and many others) In some ways I feel more connected than ever. The groups I join during the week have become more powerful and interesting than ever. I think I am not the only one putting more of myself into the opportunities available right now. I feel as if I am getting to know you much better as we interact in new ways.

I am also looking forward to “opening up” in whatever safe way that will be able to happen. I know Delyth is contacting groups that meet weekly (10 participants or less) and some of them will be continuing to meet on Zoom, instead of at the Center. The Death Cafe, for one, meets on Tuesday, July 7 this month, and we will be meeting on Zoom.

Every Monday Layla still sends out the links to the Sunday service and each of the weekly meetings. You will find this in your email, if you are on the Yahoo group list. If not, it is easy to sign up on our website: [Interfaithspirit.org](http://Interfaithspirit.org).

There is one special event this month: Jon Mundy will speak at our Sunday July 26th service, and then give an online workshop from 2-4 PM. \$20 suggested donation. More details are on our website.

See you soon on Zoom! Blessings to All, Annie



# SUNDAY CELEBRATION SERVICES FOR JULY 2020



5: Music: Don Allen

Speaker: Rev. Delyth Balmer, "The Gift of Quarantine: No Escape from Oneself"

12: Music: Peter Madcat Ruth

Speaker: Craig Brann topic TBA

19 Speaker: Brett Koon, "You Are The One That is Aware Of It All"

Music: TBA

26 Speaker: Jon Mundy, PhD "I Am Responsible for What I See"

Music: Mark Maxwell (Sound Healing)

# PEGGY'S COLUMN

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## **A CONVERSATION WITH THE DEVA OF THE MACKINAW BRIDGE**

### **By Peggy River Singer**

The Mackinaw Bridge opened on November 1, 1957; and my parents couldn't wait to try it out for another camping trip Up North! I was only four years old, but I remember the excitement of that first crossing vividly, the glorious beauty of a sunny day and the song of the car's tires on the roadbed. I've taken that bridge many times since then, and it never fails to work its magic. July is the perfect month to connect with this Michigan icon!

**Bridge:** *Well, here we are at last! I perceive in you a very long thread of connection, it is most pleasing.*

**Peggy:** Thank you, what a pleasure to be able to speak to you! How shall I address you?

**Bridge:** *"Bridge" will be fine, thank you.*

**Peggy:** It takes many years of planning, and more years of construction, to create a bridge of your size. At what point did you, as a Deva, come onto the scene?

**Bridge:** *Excellent question. My awareness took shape during the planning stages, as I wished to be involved from the beginning, you see. Creator thought that would be the most beneficial approach, since my physical structure is expected to last for a very long time. You may visualize it as me looking over the shoulders of those working on the design and details. As the project moved along toward completion and became more "real", so did I develop the abilities to care for it; so the physical structure and I are very nearly the same thing. I do retain a separate level of awareness that allows me to function in, and connect with, the "real world"; and of course my connection with Creator remains pure.*

**Peggy:** Did you play any part in the selections of materials, the hiring of personnel, or other details?

**Bridge:** *I did influence the selection of the designers, Creator allowed me this. At other times I have "nudged" a few decisions here and there. Other than that, I am not routinely involved in such.*

**Peggy:** I've seen videos of people climbing the towers and cables for maintenance, especially painting. Do you offer them any protection as they do their work?

**Bridge:** *I shall say, I am expected by Creator to avoid interfering with individual life path decisions.*

**Peggy:** Are you able, or willing, to call attention to dangerous developments such as cracks or steel failures?

**Bridge:** *I shall repeat my previous comment.*

**Peggy:** I understand. Do you control or influence the land under the ends of the bridge, and the approaches to the bridge?

**Bridge:** *I have a cooperative arrangement with those who specialize in those areas.*

**Peggy:** The towers extend more than 200 feet below the bridge, and are rooted in bedrock. Will you speak about your relationship with the bones of the earth which allow the bridge to be stable and safe?

**Bridge:** *This is a question I have been waiting a long time to answer. Another wishes to speak.*

**Another voice:** *Here am I, the rocks of whom you speak. Thank you for granting me this means of expression.*

*Thank you for extending proper respect to my role. I agreed to allow the drilling and construction involving massive changes to my physical forms, at the request of Creator. My role in the success of the bridge is not apparent to those who see only the above-level structures; but some do think about the "big picture" as you say, and it pleases me to entertain their interest.*

**Peggy:** I'm so glad you have spoken up! Our part of the country does experience earth movements occasionally. Do you allow those to happen, or do you take some action to protect the integrity of the columns and other structures you support?

**Rock:** *I am instructed by Creator to allow the movements as they occur.*

**Peggy:** Is there anything else you'd like to share?

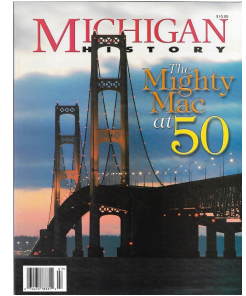
**Rock:** *I am content.*

**Peggy:** Thank you. Bridge, I've never walked across on Labor Day, but I have friends who love to make the trip every year. How do you feel about this tradition?

**Bridge:** *Whoosh! That is how much I look forward to the walking! Only at this time can a large number of humans fully experience my structure, my BEING, and connect with my spirit if they are so inclined. They can feel the rumbling of the vehicles passing, feel how the winds cause me to sway gently; they can look down and see the waters sparkling so far below. Some of them can hear my voice, the singing of the cables as they vibrate in the wind. It is a very special time.*

**Peggy:** That sounds lovely! What else would you like to say to those who will read these words?

**Bridge:** *Find your bridge, that which connects you with something you treasure. The bridge is part of the journey, so honor it equally. I am done.*



# BOB'S REFLECTION, PART I

## REFLECTIONS ON SPIRITUAL READINGS

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### CITATIONS:

Giovanni and the Camino of St. Francis Chapter 8 "Perfect Joy" pp. 77-84

A Course in Miracles Chapter 4 "The Illusions of the Ego" Introduction p. 52

A Course in Miracles Lesson 25 "I don't know what anything is for" pp. 38-39

A Course of Love Chapter 14 "Special Relationships, Earthly and Human" pp. 108-110

Isaiah Chapter 13 "The Burden of Babylon" King James Version pp. 461-462

Guideposts The Bible Club "Light" 4 page pamphlet for the month of June, 2020

The 99 Names of God "Al Qhafur (The Most Forgiving) pp. 56-57

## BOB'S REFLECTION, PART 2

### **IMPRESSIONS:**

The immediate halt in the journey led to an encounter with two priests, one of a worldly preoccupation, who couldn't be bothered with the strangers and one who naturally, effortlessly assumed a role of helper, guide and listener – showing the depth of St. Francis in his kindness and humility. Egocentrism is the epitome of a dispirited nature and inspiration is being attentive to the spirit of God within. The crucifixion was a necessary preparation to show the way to transformation and escape from separateness. A sense of one's goals and ambitions is often rooted in the illusion of separateness and does not perceive clearly what is really in one's best interest. The exercise of identifying one's expectations often reveals contradictions and the deception that one knows what is best. When love in this life is perceived as being special to someone else and heaven is perceived as a just reward for a life well lived, real love is unattainable. Specialness and the desire for it are illustrative of the illusion of separateness. Isaiah foretells in detail the end of the kingdom of Babylon and how it will be destroyed and wiped off of the face of the Arabian peninsula. Selected quotations ranging from Psalms to Proverbs to John to First Corinthians to Ephesians describes the role of God is dispelling darkness by means of lighting the lamp of light within human consciousness which is designed to spread the light and eschew the darkness. We can be transformed by the light into light and know and spread the Truth. Al Qhafur emphasizes the endless capacity of Allah to forgive all wrongdoing. It is noted that false idols can be chosen to take the place of the awareness and compliance with God's will. One of these idols can be the desire to always be right and that idolatry (shirk in Arabic) can take many forms.