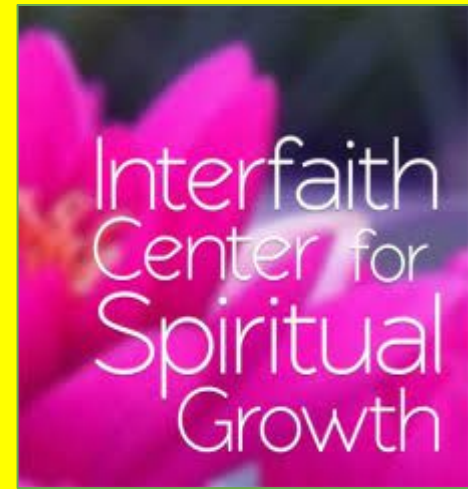




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SHORTENED VERSION DURING THE PANDEMIC

MINISTERIAL MISCELLANEOUS BY ANNIE KOPKO

Happy 4th of July and a celebration of our freedom! Life will always make sure that we all continue to grow and change and adapt to something new. The circumstances differ for each of us according to our age, activities, desires, finances, hopes, circumstances, and just about anything else that you can think of!

And it is all a gift! Imagine that! Some of these recent gifts I do not like at all! A few months ago I found this quote from Winston Churchill "Never let a good crisis go to waste." I do not think I have spent my life preparing for crises, but there is no question I have accepted some deeper challenges, so I do feel prepared for just about anything. The only thing necessary for us of course, is to be prepared spiritually. I really do spend some time each day in quiet. Contemplating "disaster" is not "planning" for it, but taking a bit of time to see the bigger picture of our lives is quite invaluable. I don't care how positive you are, someday you will die, just like the rest of us. Nonetheless, we need to make sure that we observe the positive aspects of our lives and of the Spirit that makes it possible. We are the Spirit that makes it possible! We are that Spirit, exploring and expanding, creating and recreating human and spiritual reality, and that will go on forever. Let's love each other and have a lot of fun!

Blessings, Annie

P.S. Join us at Interfaith or on Zoom for all the activities of our loving and vibrant community! (Many are or soon will be returning in person.) Every Monday afternoon, Layla Ananda keeps us up to date, sending out a list to our group email and posting on our website Interfaithspirit.org.



SUNDAY CELEBRATION SERVICES FOR JUNE 2021



July 4:

Service Leader:

Message: **Rev. Dawn Swartz** *“Seek Spirit; Never Stop”*

Reading:

Meditation:

Special Music: **Linda Teaman**

July 11

Service Leader:

Message: **Claire Groshans** *“All Aboard: Meaningful Life
Lessons from A Virtual Train Ride!”*

Reader: Heide Kaminski

Mediator:

Special Music: **Jill Halpern**

July 18

Service Leader:

Message: **Rev. Annie Kopko** *“The Healing Power of Trees”*

Reading:

Meditation:

Special Music: TBA

June 25

Service Leader:

Message: Rev. David: TBA

Reading:

Meditation:

Special Music: **Laz Slomovits**

PEGGY'S COLUMN

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A CONVERSATION WITH BAMBOO

By Peggy River Singer

My love affair with bamboo began in the long-ago days of my youth. Back then, every kid knew that summer hadn't really started until your folks took you to the hardware store so you could select a new bamboo fishing pole! Aside from bamboo's usefulness for putting fish on the dinner table, I loved its design: the regularly spaced joints, the smoothness of the golden surfaces, and the countless ways these poles could be put to use. Today, bamboo is seeing a huge surge in popularity, and I decided it would be fun to find out more about this extraordinary member of the grass family.

Peggy: May I speak to a representative of the Bamboo family?

Bambu: *Here and waiting, thank you for connecting. We are pleased to feel your affection for our people. We do indeed have a long history together of plants and humans interacting in different ways. Once it was possible for our bodies to be moved from place to place on the globe [early trade routes], it was delightful to spread out into new territories, quite an adventure as you might say! So you can easily see that our relationship with your people has been one of mutual benefit.*

Peggy: I'm wondering whether a shipload of bamboo plants, traveling to an unknown place, might have felt fear of the unknown?

Bambu: *No, not at all. We are intimately connected with Creator as well as the Plant Folk Oversouls, so the young plants you are imagining in the dark, noisy storage [the hold] of an ancient ship were well aware of what their new growing place would be like, differences as well as similarities. They could communicate perfectly well with each other, telling stories to pass the time, and so forth. And of course they could also connect with the wood and other materials the vessels were made with, the wind, the sea, the merfolk and water life. There was no need for, or expectation of, being afraid.*

Peggy: That certainly creates an entirely new picture of their journeys, thank you for the explanation. Those who will be reading these words are already familiar with bamboo. Will you share some things that we probably do not know about your people?

Bambu: Gladly! [winks] I am allowed to say that we are one of the most successful of the plant folk. You are thinking, "We already know that," but let me continue. Our history on this world is very long indeed; in fact, Creator brought us here early in the development of the planet, so we are what you might call one of the Founding Beings of Earth. Our roots, stems and leaves played an important part in creating soils and oxygen that also assisted and supported other plant and animal species of the period to "take root" or establish themselves and begin to flourish.

Peggy: Bamboo plays many roles in human cultures: medicine, food, construction, and spiritual and philosophical beliefs. Was this something you helped to bring about yourselves?

Bambu: Let me say first that this compatibility, as you might call it, was foreseen as a possibility from the beginning. However, the weaving together of meanings, symbolism, and practical usages is purely a result of human creativity. You could say that over time, humans found more and more things to admire about Bamboo, and discovered more and more ways to make use of it. Your shamans and mystics also provided insights from conversations, just as you and I are doing, and fresh ideas arose from that source.

Peggy: Bamboo is extremely adaptable: there are more than 1,000 species, and probably as many varieties developed by humans. Do Bamboo plants actually cooperate with humans to create new varieties?

Bambu: This does happen, yes. If we become aware of humans who wish to develop a new variety for their purposes, we may decide to share our energetic essences so as to contribute to the endeavor.

Peggy: Do you need to be growing close to those humans to accomplish this?

Bambu: No. The energy can be directed wherever we wish to send it.

Peggy: Would this be so, even for humans who are destructive and disrespectful of the natural world?

Bambu: We follow the directives of Creator in such situations.

Peggy: Is your relationship with Panda Soul similar to your relationship with humans?

Bambu: Indeed, and we were expecting this question. Creator wished to create an animal species that the whole world would take an interest in, and care about. This project has succeeded magnificently, and has brought much attention to human destruction of the natural world and its inhabitants.

Peggy: Thank you. Now, before we finish, what else would you like humans to know about Bamboo?

Bambu: We have always been, and will always be, friends and partners of the human race. We feel and enjoy the energy of appreciation of this intricate and sacred relationship. And we encourage humans to continue to explore this connection, to the benefit of all. We are done.



Board of Trustees

Board meetings are held on **Zoom** the **3rd Sunday** of each month from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. unless otherwise announced. The meetings are open for all to attend and community input is greatly appreciated.. You may communicate with the board by email at board@interfaithspirit.org .

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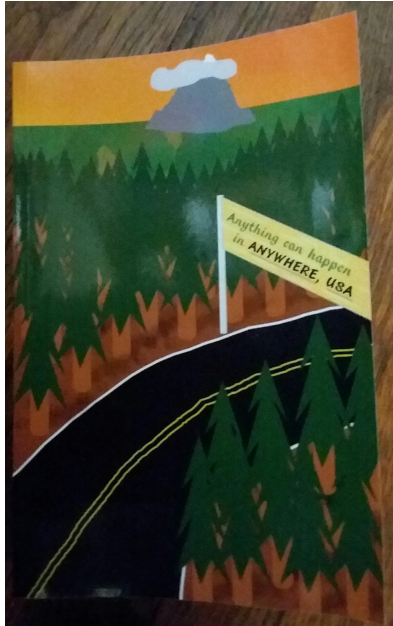
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DRUMROLL, PLEASE....

Anywhere, USA: An Adventure Away from Reality

Magic, myths, and monstrous creatures: what more could you want during these troubling times? Take a break from real life and escape to *Anywhere, USA*, a town of dark secrets, rural charm, and a history cloaked in mystery. Join along with Jules and Elliot Paige as they dive headfirst and blindfolded into a world they never knew existed, where fairytale creatures—both good and bad—roam the Earth (or at least roam this one national park in Washington State). There, they will fight for their lives and for the town they've come to call their home, not only discovering the great evil that lurks beneath, but also a little something about themselves as well. Available on Amazon. Suitable for ages 13+.



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