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Sanctuary News

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Dear Members, e-subscribers (and other kindred spirits who may read this),

As I begin this Newsletter, it is somewhat hard to focus on the job in hand due to the traumatic bush fire situation in Victoria at present. Here in the Yarra Valley, we've been on high alert now since Saturday 7th and, like everybody, stunned and saddened by the ferocity of it all. At Woodlands Sanctuary we have been spared any physical onslaught – and we hope and pray that this status remains. We understand that our guides and helpers in the Spirit World are watching over us and I was advised on Saturday, Jan 31st (by an elevated spirit, Sakara, via Audrey's trance mediumship) that a disaster was looming close to home – which I took to be Australia – but that “you and yours” would not be affected. “You and yours” I took to be Audrey and myself, family, and extended family. Now I figure that “yours” probably encompassed Woodlands Sanctuary. I hope so! And thank you spirit friends: so far, so good. It is hard to appreciate the extent to which we may be protected, both by way of spirit help and by way of destiny/fate already written by the omnipotent power that underlies our lives, our purpose and our very existence. We are all blessed to be here: life is surely a wonderful mystery.

And, knowing that heartfelt and soulful thoughts contribute to the workings of the divine plan, let us pause, frequently, to emit positive thoughts to help all those in need at this time of tragedy and suffering, on both sides of the veil: be they near ones and dear ones or fellow “kindred spirits” that we may touch and help – merely by seeing them on TV or hearing their voice on radio – with our healing thoughts.

On a broader front, the whole world has been experiencing economic turmoil for over a year now. Property, commodity, and stock market values have fallen heavily following speculation and greed by speculators: and major financial institutional collapses have occurred as ‘toxic’ loans become bad debts and credit availability is tightened. Many have been forced to de-leverage their grossly excessive debts by selling into the meltdown. Indeed, even some governments have fallen under the weight of debt or are tottering on the brink.

In addition we have religious-based terrorism and other dictatorial powers continuing to plague human rights, continuing famine in poorer countries and earth changes occurring as global warming (so called ‘Acts of God’) are accelerated by carbon emissions produced by human activities.

In these circumstances, I clearly recall Colin Fry's ‘Voice of the Diamond’ (a band of spirit beings) – Magnus – who controls Colin in a deep trance condition, responding on 25th September, 1998 to a question regarding changes prophesied for the coming century/millennium. It was at Karralyka Theatre before an audience gathered for the launch of the *Spiritual Kinship Society Trust* and was recorded and transcribed. I felt it an appropriate item to read out at our Candle Lighting Service last December, and will provide a copy with this mailing for your consideration.

We had a WSF Committee Meeting scheduled for Sunday 8th Feb – and duly proceeded with it, all being quiet at “Woodlands Sanctuary” after the unforgiving heat and winds of the previous day, and our not knowing the full extent of the carnage. Matters of significance discussed and agreed are as follows:

- **The Annual General Meeting** was set for Sunday 15th March at 4.00pm (at the conclusion of a Mediumship Camp to be held that weekend). Please find the “Notice of AGM” herewith.
- **The Accounts** for the year ended 31/12/08 were presented by the Treasurer, Peter Hui, approved, and commended to the AGM.
- **The annual subscription rate** for 2009 was set at \$20 – both for individual members and for family members (down from \$30 single, \$40 family) and it was resolved that, with the lower rate, it be collected ‘early in the year’ and the rolling quarterly renewal schedule be abolished. Accordingly, a renewal notice will be enclosed for your kind attention – except for members paid up to 30th June or 30th September 2009 who are exempted for calendar 2009.

- **The membership joining fee** remains at \$10.
- **A free “e-subscribers” list** is to be formally established. This is to facilitate email communication with people interested in the Foundation’s activities - at no cost to either party. They will not be members and so will not be able to borrow books or be entitled to member discounts, but it will keep us in touch. To unsubscribe, a return email marked “unsubscribe” will suffice.
Should any present members wish to transfer to this e-subscribers list, please advise either the Secretary, Robert Gwynne, or myself via a quick email to rgwy2599@bigpond.net.au or woodway@bigpond.net.au. And, should any continuing members be agreeable to receiving their communications from us by email (other than any occasional issues of *Woodland Way* which would be printed and posted), then similar notification would be appreciated.
- **The 2009 Calendar** for workshops and weekly evening groups was reviewed and finalised. Please find a copy attached, along with advance information as to the “Winter Soiree” program. [The Calendar will also be posted on our website www.woodlandway.org]

Other items which I need to report on are:

1. The Foundation’s Library – has been considerably enhanced by book donations from the Irene Visser Collection and from Linda Bowden. We have purchased 2 more book cases and located them in the office to accommodate the growing size of the library and to get more of the Gwynne collection out on display. The new shelving enables the more esoteric and specialised material to be maintained in the office whilst the more basically “spiritualistic and psychic interest” material is housed in the Library /Reading Room.

Many thanks to Irene (in spirit) and to Linda; and I should add that Irene’s extensive collection included many duplicates of what we already have, plus other material such as health, herbal, gardening, arts and craft, etc. which we are selling off or giving away.

2. Woodland Way – A Path to Spiritual Enlightenment – I was rather chuffed to receive a receipt from the National Library for a copy of the last occasional issue of *Woodland Way* – and still don’t know who lodged it! (Maybe someone reading this Newsletter?) Upon enquiry, I was told that, yes, I should lodge a full set with them. So I sent off the full 37 issues a couple of weeks ago. A week later, I got advice from the State Library of Victoria that I was obliged to lodge a full set with them, too! Which I will gladly do when I’ve photocopied additional copies of the 4 issues which have run out.

3. 2008 Candle Lighting Service – we endeavoured to gain greater attendance by holding it on a Tuesday evening rather than a Saturday, but this was not successful, there being only about 20 of us in attendance. Nevertheless we raised \$114 for the Salvo’s Christmas Appeal; and many thanks to Robert for his violin playing and to Elizabeth and helpers for preparing the supper and the kitchen work.

At the end of that Saturday Jan 31st session with Sakara, I’d asked if we ought to meet again the following Saturday. After a thoughtful pause, he said ‘No... Sunday, at the closing of the Committee Meeting. Clearly, he could see that Saturday would be a problem; and he wanted to talk to the Committee. He duly did so, and Peter Hui recorded part of the brief session on his mobile phone. The following is an excerpt from that recording:

...for there is still much disaster to come; and even though a small pocket has been felt within your own backyard, within your own state, there is still much more that can be touched. That can – I will not say ‘be avoided’ – but can be helped through the changing path of Grace; through the changing power of prayer, and the enlightenment that there is ‘thought’ which can be shared amongst many. As you undertake to work and to share your lives, there is also a greater part of your thinking that you can process into ‘thought’ that goes out, and then meets many a barrier... (The recording quality trailed off at this point.)*

* My inverted commas: thought, the product and past tense of thinking: thinking being our considering our inner feelings and converting them into expression. We need to ‘turn things over in our human minds’ by thinking, and then we express them as thoughts (with varying degrees of conviction, and by no means necessarily in words).

May the blessings of the Almighty be with us all.

Yours truly,
Garth Willey
13th Feb, 2009

Magnus, speaking via the trance mediumship of Colin Fry, at the SKS launch at Karralyka Theatre on 25th September, 1998 said in response to a question regarding changes prophesied for the then coming century/millennium:

My dear friends, you exist in the time of change. Rather than look to the beginning of your next century as if, well, someone's going to strike the light – is going to set off an almighty explosion – accept that you are in the time of change; it has begun.

Now, in times before your own, there have been those that have been sensitive – seers, prophets – they have said that they have seen many things. There are some that tell you they have seen an apocalypse, an Armageddon, and there are others that say that they have seen the dawning and the opening of a wonderful new age. Now you may say to me “Magnus, they can't possibly both be right.” But, of course they are. Those that know me and have the gift of seership but have fear in their soul, see how all that is dark and negative must fall; but those that are inspired by love see beyond this. And they will see what will and must come. A plane of existence for you that is more akin to what you accept is of our side of life. Now many of you make the mistake of looking to our side of life as the paradise – a state of spiritual perfection, which indeed of course it is – but you fail to acknowledge that you live in a state of spirit: that you live in paradise, you exist in paradise. And if it is not so, then it is not so by your own making. Look at yourselves my friends and look outwards into your world: and you will see war and hatred and corruption: and you will say “Oh, I can do nothing about this.” Stand up my friends. It was you that caused it in the first place. If you can start it, you can finish it. If you can create it, you can bring it down. Every single thought that you have is an act of creation. If there is war and hatred in your world, remember it is the accumulation of every dark thought that human spirit has had in its physical form. Darkness and negativity is weak and insidious. Positive thought is powerful, and light. You are all capable of positive, inspired, spiritual, loving thought. If so motivated, the human spirit can move mountains. Dare not one of you say “I am too small to make a difference.”

If you are fearful of the time of change, then indeed you shall be consumed in the change. But if you are positive, and have love within your spirit, you shall ride with the change. And what is to be lost in this time of change? Let us look at what is to be lost:

- *Great institutions of government – corrupt and insipid – will fall in chaos. Good riddance!*
- *Religion and structures of church that have stopped teaching the people the truth of God – however you understand God – will crumble and fall in chaos. Good riddance!*
- *Institutions of finance – that have deceived you for so long in believing that money has any value – shall fall in chaos and confusion. Good riddance!*
- *Hatred – between brother to brother and sister to sister, colour to colour, creed to creed, sexuality to sexuality – shall fall as being the great illusion. Good riddance!*
- *Your world shall shift and change by her own desire, in her own sentience to evolve. Oh, joy!*
- *Respect shall be shown towards all life that walks the lands, swims the seas, flies the skies. Oh, joy!*
- *You will start to refuse the limitations of your form and acknowledge that you are capable of so much more. Oh, joy!*

The human spirit, by its desire, by its spirituality, by its desire for greater for all life, shall once again begin the process of evolution - and your forms will change as you move from one vibratory state into a higher vibratory state: Other forms of life in your world will move into that vibration and they shall begin to evolve greater. This is a joyous thing. What then is there to fear of the time of change? As spiritually inspired people you should rejoice that the time of change is upon you. There have been times of change before - opportunities presented, and the human spirit in its morphic form has not grasped these and realised the wonderful opportunity presented. Of our side of life now, we implore you, we instruct you: Take this opportunity, break the cycle of repetition: of rising and then falling in failure. As the corruption of your world falls in chaos, do not make the mistake of before, do not rebuild upon the rotten foundations of what once was. Brush aside and start anew. Acknowledge that you are spirit and all life that you encounter is spirit - and in this you have your affinity with God, God that is Truth: True God - not the words of deception, that have deceived you for so long. And I heard an expression recently that is a saying of your times, and I think it highly appropriate: *It's time to move on* up! You will see much fall that is dark and negative. And as I have said already: It is one opportunity, my friends, that you can be like Nero: Fiddle while Rome burns! It is like a forest fire - and the best way to control a forest fire is let it burn itself to exhaustion. No more must the fears and the doubts, the angers, of the human spirit feed the fire of negativity. Death in terms of the spirit is a lie: but give negativity the only thing it deserves - a once and for all, final death!

Thank you for your inquiry, my dear. Let us move on.