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Dear Friends:

We would like to thank all of you who wrote us saying you wanted to remain on our mailing list. To those who did not return the reply form, and who still want to receive the Golden Dawn, this will be your LAST CHANCE to do so. We will be sending the Golden Dawn only to those on our new mailing list starting with the next issue.

Here it is! The Golden Dawn's new format! Those of us here who helped put together the Golden Dawn are very excited by all the possibilities we have with this new newsletter. So you will probably see a lot of growth and changes in our future issues.

If any of you would like to contribute any of your experiences, stories, poems, etc., please feel free to do so. We would greatly appreciate them. Please send your submissions to: Golden Dawn Submissions, c/o City of the Sun, P.O. Box 370, Columbus, NM 88029.

I would like to thank Marie T. Russell, of InnerSelf Publications, for allowing us to reprint her article titled, "Free Up Your Self."

I hope you enjoy this issue of the Golden Dawn.

Peace, Love & Joy to you!

Scott P. Feiten

The Elemental's Forum

Of the sky, of the earth, of water and fire and a part of you.

We are part of all these things and much more!

We have been called the "Little People," "Nature Spirits" or "Elementals."

We have been here since this planet was first formed. Our love for this planet is Great Indeed!

Our love for humans is also great but there is also a Great Mistrust of the human beings among us. Do you blame us? What we have worked so hard for over the centuries takes man (in his blind arrogance), but a blink of the eye to destroy.

But we also must say at this time there is a great joy and happiness and hope among us for you humans, as you become more aware of the Spiritual workings around you and you begin to show more care and Respect for Our planet (meaning all of ours, both human and elemental) for we both are caretakers.

Although, we must admit, we still do not fully trust the human being yet, but we are hopeful our two kingdoms will once again work hand in hand together. As We Once Did!

Love, Peace & Joy to you!

The Elementals

A Letter to My Mother

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By Scott

Dear mom,

I hope that everything is going well with you! I am doing just fine.

I was out meditating in the desert today and I had an experience I would like to share with you.

I was sitting on the edge of a small arroyo, just enjoying the different sounds and feelings around me, when I noticed a small, yellow and black flying insect hovering (a Hoverbug!) about two feet away from me. So I said, "Hello little guy. How are you this fine afternoon?"

Well, it must have realized that I was not going to harm it because it flew over and landed on my shoe and then started to feed (I must have spilled something really good apparently) and then it started to speak! Now that brought two points immediately to my mind: 1. "I didn't know that bugs could talk" and 2. "How do bugs talk with their mouths full?"

Anyway, the insect started with the question, "How would you like to be a small insect and feed off of somebody's foot?"

I thought about that for a minute and I replied, "Meaning no disrespect, but first of all I don't think I

would want to be an insect at all and secondly, that would all depend on whose foot it was." Have you ever heard an insect laugh? It's really quite unique.)

After awhile he started to speak again. "Well you may not believe this, but there are advantages to being an insect," he said. "And what are those?" I asked, now extremely curious.

"Well, first of all, we have not lost our connection with the source of all things. Can you humans say the same? When you hear an insect "buzz," as you say, do you think it's just some noise we make? No, I tell you. It is our most sacred mantra. It is the expression of our joyful celebrations of life. It is our song to the mother/father God! Our celebration is continuous—it has no beginning and it has no end. We are in a constant state of joy. And you humans call yourselves advanced!"

Then, with the sound of its very unique laughter in my ears, it flew off. All I could do was sit there and stare after it for quite awhile.

Well, mom, that's my story. I'll write again soon!

Love,
Scott

Who Are You?

When each person knows who they really are, they will soon realize the indestructible part and will be able to expand in consciousness and experience the totality of Universal Consciousness. Nothing within the universe can destroy this consciousness.

Those who wish to survive eternally, can identify themselves with the Eternal Consciousness, and given such identification, they are eternal.

When one wishes to survive in brief gratifying moments, one feels life is over, when the experience is gone.

When one looks back and continues to pursue the experience of that great moment, never to find it again, feelings of having lost something of great importance occur.

What people are truly seeking is Eternal Bliss, that lasts forever.

This bliss comes to those who surrender themselves to the Highest and Best, to that which is the Divine Consciousness of God, the Divine Consciousness of the Universe.

After surrendering, one might expect gratification — this will not come. What comes is a sense of peace, a feeling that you have transcended the finite body and that you are eternal in nature. You may, of course, jump back into your infiniteness and back and forth from infinity to finiteness, according to your choice.

The more permanent approach would be to identify yourself with Cosmic Consciousness of the Universal Body and see yourself from that Universal Consciousness operating through your physical body, doing the chores that you were, as a physical body, destined or sent here to do.

The more you can identify yourself in the Universal Body, the more permanent your sense of eternity, yet you still have use of the physical body as a vehicle, or tool to be used for the glory of Divine Consciousness. Cosmic Laws will never ask you to do anything that would violate another.

Once you understand you need never fear again. Your own Higher Self will keep you safe and out of harm's way.

Marilyn Whitehead

There are many people who take a momentary payoff, though it costs them in the long run, either in character, or social reputation. They may cheat a friend to gain a few dollars, or risk their reputation to gain a momentary gratification.

Are too many people seeking this way, without embracing the long-term value system, recognized by society? This value system stresses, for example, the importance of friends and wholesome relationships that are held together by integrity, honesty and clear behavior.

Too often people take advantage of their friends and then leave them. They later wonder why nobody wants to help them anymore. If people could understand the value of cultivating friendships and cultivating wholesome reputations as good, dependable citizens, they would recognize more reward.

These rewards accumulate and they assist in building greater courage, inner strength and confidence to go out and accomplish things in their world without

fear of being judged from past behavior. One's reputation as an honest social member is of great value and can be compared with treasures of gold and silver. As you develop credit for your good behavior, others recognize this and assist you in times of crisis.

These are important considerations in strengthening fortifications so that society works for you rather than as an enemy to you. Meet your debts, Pay your debts, create and honor your friendships, for these are things that are most important to your security in society. Your own self-image will then be strengthened.

If you are plagued with fear, rather real or imagined, you tend to draw in energies that fulfill the fears you hold.

! THE THING I FEAR HAS COME UPON ME!

You can know about negative powers and threats in your world without drawing these things to you, as long as you refuse to let fear control your life.

M.W.

FROM THE DESK OF "CRITTER" (called Critter because I knew I would have to learn to love this computer, as I have a great love for animals. It took a lot of years to get over the machine's intimidation. My friend told me to treat the computer like it was an idiot. Well, that was a big one, knowing the idiot was a lot smarter than me. Anyway here I sit working a lot nowadays.

Things have been so busy here this past year.

We now have a new meeting room 30 feet by 30 feet thanks to a donation by one of our members. Thank you sir.

It is about time for a lot of members to return from their summer's work so they can now start the winter work. We have been a small crew this summer and will be glad to see our friends return.

The membership voted to open more lots on the north side of the arroyo, so William has been surveying most of the summer. It was kinda hot so he could only work early and late. Members have already requested four or five lots there.

We would like to welcome the new members. July McClure (our Foundation's new secretary), Walter Simpson (maintenance supervisor), Nacho Vasquez and Rudy Reyes. WELCOME!

There have been many visitors these past few months — prospective member and many friends, too many to mention at this time.

Dr. Verlie Barton has taken many trips and is due for another one this month.

Ted is working hard on his house.

Barbara has her house near completion.

Lester went to Colorado and is under family care. He wants to come home for the winter.

Faun fell in the chicken yard, broke her hip, but is doing fine and is home now.

The Guilfords have a big garden and are always fixing up their home. Looking good folks.

Helen and Mark Pope are in intense study at Unity Village, Missouri.

Scott is learning to be invisible. Some of us can still find him though.

Connie moved to Deming and we all wish her our best. She lived here for 11 years.

Rev. Hastings is serving on the Board of Trustees.

Joyce took a break from building and has been traveling the past month or so.

Susan and John spent a month or two here during their travels.

Mary Strange and Bess are in Seattle with Kirstin for a few months.

I know I must have missed a lot of things. Time is moving so fast it is hard to keep up.

Sending light and love to all of you,

Martlyn

Free Up Your Self

Marie T. Russell

Freedom is such a powerful word, yet do we really know what it means? For years freedom has been tied to the concept of slavery...having the right to have no one "own" you. In the Bill of Rights, freedom is spoken of as relating to religion, speech, lawful assembly and much more. Freedom is one of our basic rights.

Yet are we really free? Are we free to choose our course of action? Are we free to really express ourselves? To answer that we truly need to look within ourselves. For centuries the concept of freedom was related to freedom from others...to the thought that "others" were doing it to us, that our freedom was taken away from us by others outside of ourselves.

But think about it...Who really holds the key to your freedom? You do. We all have the ultimate choice of whether to be independent of influence and manipulation, or to succumb to the lower impulses. No one else has the power to remove our freedom, just as no one has the power to make us happy or unhappy. Those choices reside within each one of us.

So what is freedom? What is it that we need to be free from? It is said there are only two emotions — love and fear. Looking at it from that perspective, then what we need to be free from is fear. If you reflect on everything in your life that you feel is oppressing you, you will realize that what it lacks is love and what it

reeks of is fear. The beliefs in injustice, in lack, in oppression, are all expressions of fear.

So the true path to freedom and independence is through letting go of fear and embracing the path of love. Once we are really coming from the heart in all our decisions and perceptions, then we are truly free. We then become independent of petty thoughts and fears. We become free from worry, doubt, anger, resentments and feeling that we have been unfairly treated.

When we can elevate our thoughts out of the muck of fear, we see that we have truly been free all along. We simply needed to change our perception from one of lack and separation, to one of Oneness. When we see that everyone is simply reflecting our own beliefs — including our fears and insecurities — we understand how to be free of the shackles we have placed on ourselves.

We need to free ourselves from the fears that have taken up residence in our being. We need to release them to the Light of Love and affirm our Oneness with Divine Will and Divine Plan. We can free up ourselves from whatever is unlike Love and truly become free to express the Love and Joy that reside in our true Self.

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Subud Talk Given at City of Sun

On August 27, Emmanuel and Maria Elliott joined a small group of City of the Sun members in an informal and impromptu talk concerning SUBUD, an international spiritual brother/sisterhood. Emmanuel, who is originally from England, and Maria are currently living in Kingston, New Mexico, a small town 100 miles north of Columbus. During a driving trip last June, the couple met Steven Hawson at the City of the Sun and 12 days later, Steven was in Kingston to visit with them.

The word SUBUD is a contraction of three Sanskrit words, Susila, Budhi, and Dharma. Loosely translated, SUBUD means "living rightly from within, by the will of God (however one might define the divine force) and by His/Her Grace." SUBUD is not a religion, but is based upon a religious experience; a direct contact with the power of the Great Spirit.

Mr. Hawson received the "opening" or first contact Aug. 1 and is now a member of SUBUD. Membership is open to anyone over the age of 17 who desires to worship the creative force (God, Brama, Allah, Divine Mother, etc.) and to surrender their will to it.

There seems to be great interest among some City of the Sun members and it looks likely a SUBUD group will soon be forming down here on the border. If it is Her/His will, SUBUD may bring a new development in the growth and evolution of our little desert community.

Maria and Emmanuel will be returning soon to the City of the Sun. Those members and guests who weren't informed of the unscheduled and spontaneous Aug. 27 meeting will be able to meet them and ask questions.

S.H.

I have received many calls and letters from different people saying basically the same thing: "What is wrong? Nothing is working. We have prayed for the healing of the planet and war continues; people are starving; black magic is running rampant; people are dying one at a time and in bunches."

Many have lost faith in their prayer work, their healing talents and so forth.

Well, in my meditation I received a loud message — "All is working in the divine plan, it is our judgment (little ego) of these seemingly tragic situations that doesn't seem to work.

We all think we know what we want to happen, the final outcome of any given situation, instead of turning to the creative force of divine will.

Our "little ego" is sure bruised and battered, eh! To let go and let God is "surrender" and that is what all of this is about.

True surrender is a tough one. It has taken me a lot of hard knocks, which I am still getting, by the way. I

surrender, then things don't go as I expect, so I jump in and take control again and again and get knocked again and again.

Must be a slow learner, eh?

The earth has been in constant change always, so what makes us think we know the best way for the change to occur? We want to hang on to our land, house, family, friends, etc.

In trouble? You bet we are. We can't seem to turn all there is over to the divine plan.

We could look at our land, house, and possessions as not owning them, but the Grace of God letting us use them while we are here on this planet. Let go of mine, ours — All is God.

Do you think then we could get over our greed?

When we leave this life, we can't take it with us, only the memories of it.

In my heart I know the divine plan has work for me.
A WAY WILL BE PROVIDED.

M.W.

How to enter into God Consciousness

Here, in my Consciousness, this instance is a State: a motion of light, which is all inclusive Intelligence and Power. "A Law unto its Self" — effortless, timeless, spaceless. Complete. An utterly simple unseen. Yet conscious. Stillness. The God consciousness in my entire body. My conscious awareness is quickening that God consciousness in me. Like a tingling electrical sensation of Warmth, Quietness, which is His Peace, His Joy, His confidence "Inspired." It is the Permissive Will in any consciousness.

God Thy Father! God, my whole Love Consciousness.

God — His Beloved Son. Responding to my conscious awareness of Him, of His being my consciousness, His perfect gift to me, His blessing being perfect, being all powerful, being His perfect intelligence, His grace, His truth, instructing, guiding my understanding in His

Perfect Way. His perfect thoughts intuitively teaching my understanding to prosper all my activity and profit by it. My God conscious awareness is any believing. And believe every Wonderful Christed Thoughts. I release in it — into its living existence.

I now, consciously recognize my God conscious awareness in all my thoughts, in all my thinking, in all my activity, as being — My Lord, My God of Host, in whom I trust.

My Lord, the living in living Christ in me, my Redeemer perfecting, releasing, doing every thought which now comes into my consciousness, as being fulfilled.

Now! Speak to him. The Work is Done!

It is finished and here and now consciously received. "Om."

A meditation submitted by Ellen Killeen — member

Dear Light Seeker:

As long as we search outside of ourself for someone else to fix us — or think it takes people, places and things to make us all right, NOTHING changes.

THE REAL QUEST IS WITHIN YOUR OWN BEING.

WHEN YOU CAN MAKE PEACE WITH YOURSELF, that in turn will make peace with others.

Please remember. You can change no one except yourself.

Being a medicine woman, I council on the spiritual path. My life of tests and experience is what I have to share. This is the way I made myself all right with GOD'S HELP.

Being Medicine Woman is sharing that experience, that in turn makes you know you are the power within yourself and you alone must accept that and do for yourself.

Making the commitment to GOD: By myself I can do nothing, but with GOD I can do all.

Stand firm with GOD and your commitment. Know you are that power with the creator.

Search within for your answers and truth. GOD is within each soul.

If you are strong in your commitment, your life will take on new meaning, you will begin to understand the all or the one.

The things around you may be in chaos, but to know your inner peace and power with GOD makes things easier to overcome and keeps you from getting caught up in the games or drama of others.

When you can accept that you alone have set up your life path of learning experiences, you can go through each test, knowing you have created this for your own growth and learn from it. You can say to yourself, "OK, I have learned that now and forever I will create a new experience and accept the responsibility for what I have created."

Do not blame others and don't be so hard on yourself. That is the way to get off the Karmic wheel (cause and effect).

Take each day one day at a time, forgiving yourself and others. GOD has already forgiven you for your mistakes.

WE ARE IN THE STATE OF GRACE.

Treat yourself with kindness and love first, then spread it around — household, family, friends: expanding on and on.

—Marilyn Whitehead

Pov-Man Say



The excesses of the 80s must be paid for in the 90s. One way we can all help is by giving up some of our ego fantasies. Let's get grounded and then look up. A very interesting future awaits us.

Commentary and drawing by Ted Specker

I hear the eagles call,
 My heart answers your heart, at the City of the Sun.
 Purple mountains, lifted in majesty above a high desert chaparral.
 A great healing City whose time is come.

New plans, great labors
 Physical man under direction of Heavenly Host.

The City of the Sun —
 A City to heal the mind, the heart, the soul.
 A City to help heal a broken planet.

Brother and Sister without regard for creed or color
 Standing hand in hand calling forth a New Age —
 The Age of Peace and Splendor.

Shall we dream a dream at the City of the Sun?
 And hear the eagle's call?

Shall we dream a dream and plant a seed
 The seed of the personal Christ within us all
 Fatherhood of God
 Brotherhood of Man.
 Harmony from diversity
 The Law of Love
 Oneness with the Creator.

The City of the Sun —
 The problems seem many from a human standpoint,
 But man is sometimes shortsighted.
 The Hosts have ordained, and it shall be,
 with the help of God, a Healing City.

The City of the Sun
 standing on a verdant Earth surrounded by majestic
 purple mountains.

I wish to live a dream with my Brothers and Sisters
 in the City of the Sun.

I hear the eagle call.
 My heart combines with your heart.
 May Peace return to Earth.
 May we do our sacred duty in the City of the Sun.

Mary Jane Switzler

Serenity Prayer

God grant me the
 SERENITY
 to accept the things
 I can not change
 COURAGE
 To change the things
 I can and
 WISDOM
 To know the difference

Saturn's transit can cause major changes

By Elvin Noel

Saturn's return to the same place in your horoscope it was at the time of your birth marks the ending of a 28-year cycle and the beginning of a new one. It is a cycle of major importance which occurs two or three times during each lifetime. Since its influence is felt about two years before and after the time of exact transit over the degree it occupied at birth, it may be said to make one go through a period of crisis some time between 26-30, then between 54-62, and, if one lives a long life, between 84-86. Its action is always along similar lines and the results are lasting.

During the time of such a transit, you can expect an increased awareness of yourself and the world you live in, and of surrounding conditions and people. It forces upon you fundamental realizations of your own limitations, capacities and possibilities and opportunities. Necessary confrontations and unavoidable realizations arising within you generally lead to a complete revision of plans, ideas and aims. By the time the aspect is passed, you are a new person, living a new life, having a deeper purpose and knowing more surely what you are and where you are going.

Saturn's first contact with your own Saturn (at about age 26-30 years) causes your mind to turn inward and to think long and deeply about yourself and what you have already accomplished. It is a most important period of introspection and self-analysis which may directly arise from yourself or may be forced on you by circumstances. Frequently a shift in relationships is indicated here: marriage, divorce, change of jobs, loss of job, separation from parents, move to a new locality, or something in the world outside you which alters the course, direction and pace of life.

It is within yourself, however, that the major changes are going on. You are reviewing the past, taking stock of your aims, your accomplishments, your desires, revising deeply your notions about many things. As a result, by time this period is past, you will find yourself a new person. You will stand freed, when this transit is passed of many former inner restrictions. You will have swept your nature clean of dead wood and cleared the decks for action. In short, you will have matured, grown up, "put away childish things" and you will be ready to take your place in the world as an adult.

Saturn's transit over its place at your birth is the most important period in which free will operates in

one's life, unrestricted and as free of circumstances as it will ever be. Strangely enough, this often gives the uncomfortable feeling of being adrift and at the currents of chance. But being cut loose from the past brings renewed opportunity. Accept the obligations of this privilege; assume here and now the mastery over life and over yourself that is yours for the taking. You will not stand so free again for 30 years. The choices you make are yours; make them wisely, for here it is that your free will forces your fate for a long time to come, if not indeed for the rest of your life.

This is always a period of unforgettable stress which climaxes from a year to eighteen months before the actual contact of Saturn with its own place. The tension may come from temperament, or from illness—physical or nervous. The illness in all probability has a psychological basis and is merely the body's way of aiding and abetting the resentment of the personality against the unpalatable necessities of life that are being impressed upon you.

It does not pay to lay the blame at the door of circumstances. These will seem harsh; but they are only the reflection in the outer world of something within yourself that needs revision and change. To get the most from this transit — to be one of the "twice-born" to whom life is forever after a different and exciting adventure — you must shoulder the blame for everything that happens to you. You must assume full responsibility because no real self-determinism is possible without it. You must be able to say, "I am to blame. I did these things to myself. You must realize it is not what happens to you that counts, but your reaction to it and your handling of it. And part of your right reaction and handling is a willingness on your part to forgive completely others as well as yourself. Charge it all up to the high cost of buying experience.

As a result of this transit, you can either bog down under the burden of it all (having failed to learn sufficiently from experience) or you can make the necessary adjustments, pick up the pieces, renew your goals and life purposes, regain your self-respect and self-assurance and go forward to bigger and better things.

You may be sure this is an IMPORTANT PERIOD and from it stems a new life in which you are able to live more freely and more efficiently in direct proportion to the alacrity with which you accept the revision of deep, inner attitudes and ideas now. Reject the illusion that you and your difficulties are unique. Refuse to dramatize your difficulties and do not yield to the temptation to be tragic.



P.S.

At a special meeting Sept. 21, Mark Andrews and Kara Naber were accepted as members of City of the Sun. Mark and Kara are already well-known by many of the members and they'll be a valuable addition to our community. Within the next two months several other people have applied for membership and are expected to join the community soon.

The next issue of The Golden Dawn will be published in January. We do not charge anyone for this newsletter. It is truly a labor of love by many of us here at City of the Sun and we would not deny anyone this publication because they could not afford to send a donation. But we are grateful and appreciate any donations you are able to send. Thanks to all of you who have sent them in to us.

As we have stated on the first page of this issue, if you wish to continue receiving The Golden Dawn, please send us the following form. While many of you have filled out and sent back the form we sent in June, requesting to remain on the mailing list, others have not yet responded. Please do so, as we do not want to cross anyone off the list, who wishes to continue receiving the newsletter!

Peace, love and light! ♪

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