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Message From Angie

Birthing Our Freedom
By Rev. Dr. Angelo Pizelo



It has been said that “to experience anything other than abundance in our life necessitates our actual resistance to our greater good.” When we hang on to the past, we literally, by our own design, decide to resist our greater good. **During the month of March,** we focus on the empowering theme of forgiveness, the igniter of an enhanced human experience. Forgiveness means to give away, to release our compulsive attachment to what happened in the past. It extinguishes fear, resentment and doubt. It detoxifies our conditioned mind of poisons that prevent us from living a healthy life in the now. But what it really does, more than anything else, is give birth to our freedom to be

what we were meant to be, pioneers in the ever blossoming glory of creation. We can't do that if we hold within our consciousness the regurgitation of the things of the past. To birth our freedom, to be all that we can possibly be, to experience the new, to explore the wonders of creation, to be excited about the present moment necessitates that we “unburden” our minds from the events of the past and make room for the new.

Our minds are like parachutes, they only work for our greater good when they are open. So this month, let's take the opportunity to focus on what we would like to experience in the moment, and release the past, making room for that which will bring joy into our experience, the unlimited abundance that is ours just waiting for our decision to receive. And So It Is.

FORERUNNERS OF NEW THOUGHT by Mary Elliott

This section will profile people who have been instrumental in developing the New Thought movement. To learn more about them, their books are in the Mindshop or can be ordered.

Emma Curtis Hopkins is known as the greatest teacher in New Thought - “Teacher of Teachers.” Born in 1853, she entered Woodstock Academy (Connecticut) at age 15, and because of her genius soon became an instructor. Later she went back to being a student with Christian Science and spent a couple years as editor for the Christian Science Monitor. But, because of her independent thinking, she was ex-communicated, and so started teaching on her own. She gave lectures throughout America and eventually started a Seminary in Chicago. Authors, preachers, homemakers all came to her for instruction and she touched them with the power of an illumined soul. Her aim was to produce leaders of the New Thought movement - and that she did. Her students went back to their homes and were some of the most powerful influences and healers of the new movement. The founders of all three major New Thought churches - Unity, Divine Science, and Religious Science - all studied with her. She based her work on an esoteric outlook of the teachings of Jesus and other Master Teachers.

NOTE: A class based on Emma Curtis Hopkins' best know book, “Scientific Christian Mental Practice” will be offered in April. There will be more details in next month's newsletter

WHO'S WHO at PLC

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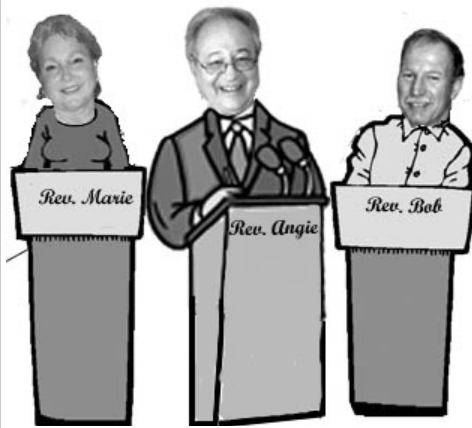
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THE FOCUS

The PLC Newsletter

You are invited to participate in this on-going dialogue with others of like mind by sharing personal stories, poems, inspirational pieces, humor, etc. The **PLC FOCUS** is published **monthly**. Please have your submissions in the office by the **15th of the month**. If you prefer, you may e-mail your article to either of our editors:

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WHO & WHEN

February 10:00 A.M. SERVICE

March 4

Speaker: Sheyla Cook

March 11

Speaker: Rev. Bob Hand

March 18

Speaker: Rev. Angelo Pizelo

March 25

Speaker: Rev. Marie Lane

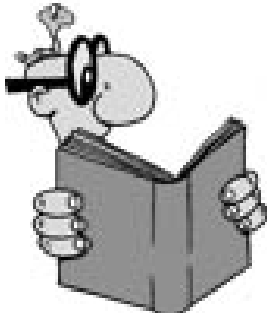
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THE MAIN CONCEPTS OF NEW THOUGHT

Formulated by
The Seminary of the Sierra
Graduating class of 2007

1. God is everything; everything is part of God.
2. Ideas are realities and all primary causes are internal forces.
3. When we change our thinking, we change our lives.
4. Mind is primary and causative, while matter is secondary and resultant.
5. The remedy for all defect and disorder is metaphysical, beyond the physical, in the realm of causes which are mental and spiritual – we do not deny sickness or pain – but we hold that they are not realities – but rather lack of ease, harmony and health.
6. Sin and moral evil are ignorance of Infinite Love; a separation from the Divine.
7. New Thought is profoundly spiritual in consciousness.
8. New Thought is the present and progressive revelation of Truth.
9. New Thought has no formal creed.
10. New Thought is a philosophy of life.

MIND SHOP FEATURED BOOKS - By Rev. JoAnn Burgess



A NEW EARTH

By Eckhart Tolle

A New Earth must be a really good book because I've read it three times and am working on the fourth time. Every time I read it I get something new and go to a deeper level of understanding. I liked the statement, "As you read the book, a shift takes place within you. If the awakening process has begun in you, the reading of this book will accelerate and intensify it."

We are studying this book in our Monday afternoon class. It is stimulating some profound discussions and sending us out the door high on life.

MIND SHOP NEWS

The Mind Shop Bookstore's books will appeal to every reader: fiction and non-fiction works, mythology, self-help, spiritual healing, diet and health related books, and many other categories. Come in and treat yourself to a new, or one of our very reasonably priced used books. If you don't find what you want, we can order it for you. We can also order any book you could get at the major bookstores or on-line.

There is generally a volunteer at the bookstore Tuesday and Thursday, but call ahead to be sure we're open. Because we are staffed by volunteers, previously scheduled appointments or family emergencies can prohibit our volunteer from coming in. Our number is **559/642-4614**.

Speaking of volunteers, the Mindshop could really use more volunteers to work a few hours a week. *It's really a tough assignment for an avid reader.* You have to sit there, sip your tea, and if you don't spill your lunch on them, you are free to read the books on the shelves.

Monday 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 PM Dawn White
Tuesday 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 PM Sheyla Cook
Tuesday 2:30 p.m. - 6:30 PM Debrah Van Arsdale
Thursday 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 PM Isabel Ganz

And, of course, there is always someone there on Sundays after service who will assist you with a book purchase. Don't forget all PLC members get a 10% discount on books.

Our *new* MINDSHOP BOOKSTORE *online* is in the works.
Look for the dates and web address right here.

Janna & Mary talk about . . . FORGIVENESS



Janna: The month of March deals with Forgiveness, among other things, and I certainly can see the spiritual aspects of that word. But before we get into the realm of forgiveness purely on a spiritual plane, I want to share a story from my past. About 25 years ago someone was instrumental in changing my life through an act that at the time seemed horrendously unkind. Due to something she revealed about me (something only she was privy to as a very good friend) I was forced to make some very huge changes in my life. I remember stewing about it for several months, trying to find forgiveness in my heart (where none seemed to exist). Then, one day, it occurred to me that



I was the one fretting and stewing; she had gone merrily on with her life. I began to look at the whole picture from another perspective and realized that there was nothing to forgive. What she had done was entirely within the scope of her personality, including the fact that she believed she had done it for my own good. She was, in fact, merely Elsa being Elsa – and being very good at it, indeed! I have looked at forgiveness in that way ever since: there is never anything to forgive - we are all merely who we are - doing what we do. If someone bothers me in some way, it is I who needs to look within myself to see what buttons are being pushed – and why. What's your take on Forgiveness.

Mary: I agree with you, but I'd like to say something about the "process" of forgiveness. My friend Harry was married for 10 years to Vickie. She was the love of his life even though when they met she was a prostitute and heroin addict. She cleaned up and after eight years she decided to go to college with his total support. Then she left him. Harry said he hated her for about two years. During that time he couldn't ground himself. His hateful thoughts repeated constantly. He blamed her, himself, her job, her new friend. Then he said, "I realized I had to forgive my hatred." After that, he could let her go and quit loving her for himself, and love her for Vickie. Are we saying the same thing?

Janna: Indeed we are – just different words. The bottom line is that forgiveness is something we can only do to or for ourselves. But I'd like to take that a step further. When we say there is nothing to forgive – that should include ourselves. I believe we all do our best at any given moment. If we knew better we would have done better. That includes murderers and thieves, to name a couple unpleasanties. Whatever we do it is to make ourselves feel better, and as we grow in awareness, we begin to understand the nature of what we do and that we already are "better". Regardless, it doesn't require forgiveness, in my opinion at least; not if we are all Universal Beings using bodies to experience Life. What do you think?

Mary: I absolutely agree, and to get back to the process but on a higher level, I think one of the first things to realize is that if we feel a need to forgive, we had to first make a judgment. And as I believe you say (although in different words), becoming aware of humanity's true nature as Love, we wean ourselves off judgment. In my experience judgment comes into play when I perceive some kind of fear or threat - be it the loss of self-image, a person in my life, lack of trust, or dragons in the night - about what's going to happen next. As we relax into the knowledge that there is one Power for good that has us in Its grip and that we are protected at all times, we can let go of all that stuff. In my opinion, the only thing to forgive is our ignorance of humanity's divinity. Sounds like humility is involved here doesn't it?

Janna: I'm sure there are those who will enjoy the paradox of letting go of the ego's grip of believing we have *to do it all*, and *humbly* acknowledging that we really don't do **any** of it, while, at the same time, recognizing our own *divinity*. This seems to be a truly enlightened moment when we have thus arrived – and a truly enjoyable journey getting there. Thanks for reminding me.

Mary: "Enjoy the paradox?" I can't relate to your choice of the word "enjoy." My experience was more like getting angry, beating my head against the wall, making up fantasies about how the "other" would be punished, and not trusting myself if I did let go of my ego trip. (But then, I'm not the brightest bulb in the chandelier.) I finally learned the secret of realizing how to forgive, let go, and still know who I am. It was to admit I didn't know what to do - a difficult thing for someone who privately called herself Marvy Mary. But now I'm getting better at it and using it more and more with great results (when I remember). And when I don't, I forgive myself. Same time — next month!

DISCUSSION GROUPS, CLASSES AND STUDY GROUPS

MONDAY 2:30 - 4 p.m.
"The Secret"

In our continuing education on we will be starting a new class based on *The Secret*, the book behind the phenomenal new film by the same name. In order to attend our retreat in April, previous practice of meditation will be necessary. This class will get you started, prepared and qualified for that.

Six weeks starting Monday, March 12th through April 9th upstairs. Cost is \$75.

Facilitator: Rev, JoAnn Burgess

For information call **559-222-8307**

TUESDAY NIGHT - LIVE! 7 p.m.
AN ON-GOING SPIRITUAL DISCUSSION

Do you feel "stuck" in some part of your life? Would you like some tools to help you move on? Those are a couple of the subjects we're going to touch on this month at our Tuesday Night discussion group. This weekly meeting gives everybody a chance to listen, express themselves, teach, and learn from each other. Because our members are individual in their viewpoints with strong beliefs, these meetings are interesting, mentally stimulating, and often down-right rambunctious. All community members are invited to attend and throw in your two cents. Join us Tuesday nights at 7:00.

Facilitators are Rev. Dr. Angelo Pizelo and staff.

WEDNESDAY: 2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
SEMINARY CLASS

A seminary class is held every Wednesday in the church office. This class is required for minister interns, and is open to completed Practitioners and practicing ministers. Guests are welcome to partake in these study groups and join in the thought-provoking, often spirited discussions.

Facilitator: Reverend Angelo Pizelo

For information call **(559) 642-4616**

FREE - Introductory New Thought Concepts Class - FREE
SUNDAY MARCH 18 12:30 - 2:30

A new class is being offered "free" for all newcomers to Positive Living Center. This introductory class will help those who attend know what we PLCers are all about, what we believe, and how we put New Thought Concepts into practice in our lives. The History of New Thought through the ages will be a key part of this new class, as well as the five components of Prayer Treatment, with hands-on participation doing a Prayer Treatment by class attendants. We hope this mini course will answer initial questions of those new to PLC and the NEW THOUGHT Concepts, and time will be allotted for an additional "Question and Answer" period.. There will be time for a lunch break after Sunday service, and then you will return to PLC ready to participate in class.

Facilitators: Rev. Dr. Rozella Dudley, 683-4212 and Rev. Sunny Redd Baker, 642-2204.

Please call either one to register for this free class.

DISCUSSION GROUPS, CLASSES AND STUDY GROUPS

WEDNESDAY NIGHT 6:30 p.m. REIKI

The wonderful tool of Reiki is available to the public every Wednesday night in the sanctuary. Practitioners help recharge you with spiritual energy that flows to each part of your life, causing healing at all levels - spiritual, mental, emotional and physical. Please take advantage of this service when any part of your life is out of alignment. A donation to the building fund would be appreciated.

Facilitators: Bill and Betty Fleming

For information call (559) 683-2274

THURSDAY 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. "EFT" (EMOTIONAL FREEDOM TECHNIQUE)

This is an on-going workshop that meets every very Thursday. You will get a FREE demonstration and be able to practice EFT, a simple powerful process that can be of great benefits for your emotional, mental and physical well-being. It is easy, effective and produces amazing results. "EFT offers great healing benefits", says Deepak Chopra, MD.

Facilitators: Elizabeth Fleming, RsP, and Dr. Izabel Sonia Ganz

THURSDAY NIGHT 5:50 - 7:00 p.m. STRESS RELEASE

Stress is an everyday fact of life. We can't avoid it. Stress is any change that we have to adapt to, ranging from the negative extreme to the positive extreme; from loss of something or someone you love; to the exhilaration of falling in love or achieving a long desired goal. However, not all stress is bad. In fact, stress is not only sometimes desirable, but also essential to life. It can be motivating and keep you focused. This class will focus on how to handle stress, and build your sense of control and mastery over the stressors in your life.

The class begins on Thursday Mar. 8th continuing thru Apr. 12th. There will be a 2nd part to the class beginning 2 weeks later. Both will be held in the sanctuary and will be facilitated by Rev. Rozella Dudley. You can receive Emerson credit of 1 unit, if desired. The cost of class is \$75.00.

Facilitator: Rev. Dr. **Rozella Dudley**

For information call(559) 683-4212 or e-mail rozell@sti.net

Friday: 9:30 a.m. to Noon LIFE STORY WRITING

Join us if you enjoy writing stories about your life. We write and share stories each week and have been for nine years. Join us any time.

Facilitators: Dr. Ed Hibler & Jackie Hibler, e-mail: edhib@sti.net

MEDITATION RETREAT

Do you need a rest? Do you need to wipe out the stress you've accumulated over the past year? Do you want to have the experience of "the art of doing nothing?" All the above will be available to meditators at our annual meditation retreat.

Where: Sierra Sky Ranch in Oakhurst

When: From Friday, April 20th at 4:00 PM until Sunday, April 22nd after lunch.

Why: We meditate, do a bit of yoga, eat delicious food, walk along the river, sit by the fire, nap and rest, rest, rest. We also seem to laugh a lot.

To attend, call **Rev. JoAnn Burgess, 559-222-8307** as soon as possible.

Cost is approx. \$225 (I'll know the exact amount later). \$75.00 of that is due at sign-up.

Spiritual Thought

Release and Attachment

By Mary Elliott, RsP

A couple weeks ago I made a life changing decision that demonstrates two of this month's themes, release and attachment. I left the mountain area here in 1977 and returned in 2001. Not a day during that time went by when I didn't dream of coming back.

Life has been very good to me in the last six years. I have many friends, joined PLC, am teaching classes (something I love) and will be ordained in June. I also have a nice independent income and a house in Oregon rented to a friend - so I have visitation rights. Like I said, life is good.

But, for the last five months or so I've been discontented. I even thought about moving back to Oregon, but logically that didn't seem right after yearning to come here after all those years. I was stewing about these things the first part of February when I went up there to visit. After four days I just got tired of stewing and released it.

The next day I had lunch with the minister of the local Religious Science Church who is under the Emerson umbrella. We totally hit it off. She is retiring in July and has someone to run the church, but nobody to speak or teach. Wow! A place to continue my spiritual work.

I've had to release the thought of returning to Oakhurst permanently like I dreamed about all those years, and attached onto a new adventure. Furthermore, looking back a year or so, I see the Universe has guided me toward this move.

This proves to me release and attachment is the process of changing your life by changing your mind.

By Dr. Janna Lewis

It sounds like all of us who have grown to know and love you for both your wit and your wisdom will need to "release" you to go on to your new adventures. Perhaps it is true that not only must we release our old to encompass our new, but we must release our cherished to allow them to encompass their new. Blessings in your new adventures.

"It is done unto us, we do not have to do it, for it is done unto us of a power that knows itself to be all there is." Ernest Holmes

"The unforgiving mind hides from our awareness the fact that we imprison ourselves by holding on to anger and hate." Gerald G. Jampolsky, M.D.

PLC Members are encouraged to submit original works and/or interesting pieces written by others.

THE TENTH CIRCLE

by Jodi Picoult

Several weeks ago Linda Olsen read the following excerpt from "The Tenth Circle" by Jodi Picoult at our Sunday Service. We believe it bears repeating here.

"...the Gnostic Gospels - part and parcel of a religious movement that was denounced as heresy by Orthodox Christianity in the middle of the century, Gnosis means knowledge in Greek - and the basis for the Gnostic's belief is that to know God, you have to know yourself. Or, in other words, there's a little bit of divinity in all of us, coded and hidden . . . and it's up to each of us to figure out how to get it out. The Gnostics felt that religion was something that by definition had to be personal-and that if you simply believed what others told you to believe or said the right words during a church service or got baptized, it wasn't enough to reach spiritual fulfillment. Above all else, the Gnostics said, ask questions. Don't believe everything you're told; don't assume that just because someone says, "This is the way it should be done" that he or she is right. There are a lot of reasons—political and religious—why Orthodox Christianity rejected the Gnostic movement . . . but in a way, the baby was thrown out with the bathwater. Not only were these Gospels lost for thousands of years . . . but so was some of the open-mindedness about faith in general. "If you bring forth what's within you," Jesus says, in the Gospel of Thomas, "what you bring forth will save you. If you do not bring forth what is within you, what you do not bring forth will destroy you." Sounds like a riddle, right? But it's actually pretty simple: The potential to free yourself—or ruin yourself—is entirely up to you. And just maybe instead of focusing on the destination, we ought to look at the journey."

TEACHING

by Tao Te Ching

Some say that my teaching is nonsense. Others call it lofty but impractical. But to those who have looked inside themselves, this nonsense makes perfect sense. And to those who put it into practice, this loftiness has roots that go deep.

I have just three things to teach: simplicity, patience, compassion. These three are your greatest treasures. Simple in actions and in thoughts, you return to the source of being. Patient with both friends and enemies, you accord with the way things are. Compassionate toward yourself, you reconcile all beings in the world.

Setting an example is not the main means of influencing another, it is the only means.
-- Albert Einstein

You have not lived a perfect day unless you have done something for someone who will never be able to repay you
--Unknown

"Watch your thoughts, for they become words. Watch your words, for they become actions. Watch your actions, for they become habits. Watch your habits, for they become character. Watch your character, for it becomes your destiny."

Members' Page

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ALL ONE TRIBE DRUMMING CIRCLE

A new Drumming Circle will begin at PLC On March 17th at 5:30 pm. This new Circle will be hosted by Sunny and Bob Baker, and will meet on the third Saturday of each month. **See scheduled dates below.**

To begin with, the Drumming Circle will follow a basic Native American, or Earth Honoring format. However, Sunny and Bob are hoping to implement this new Drumming Circle as an on-going "cultural" exchange. They call upon any of our PLC members who have traveled to other countries and have observed how these cultures express the Divine Healing Energy, or do Healing or Energy Rituals; Song or Dance., to please, come forth with a willingness to share your experiences with others. If would like to do this, please contact Sunny, 642-2204, so you can be scheduled for a month that works for you.

One thing that will be a constant in the **ALL ONE TRIBE DRUMMING CIRCLE**, is that at least one drumming will be done to raise energy for a specific cause, or for the healing of those whose names are put into the circle.

Bring your drums, rattles, and noise makers and join Sunny and Bob on Saturday, March 17th at 5:30 pm. **A LOVE OFFERING** will be accepted and given to PLC in appreciation for the use of the space.

ALL ONE TRIBE DRUMMING CIRCLE SCHEDULE **FOR 2007**

March 17	August 18
April 21	Sept 15
May 19	Oct. 20
June 16	Nov. 17
July 21	Dec. 15

Note: This event does not conflict with the Drumming Circle which will take place the 1st Saturday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at Inanna's Gallery in Coarsegold. See below

A (Different) DRUMMING CIRCLE AT INANNA'S GIFT GALLERY in COARSEGOLD

Jazz musician Thomas Massey will lead a gathering of drummers in a guided rhythmic spiritual event, through which participants will explore their connection to self and others through primal sound. The first Saturday of each month, 5:30 - 7 pm, March 3, April 7. Bring your DRUMS and RATTLES, free offering for the leader - everyone welcome!

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND PLC ?

NEEDED: Volunteer services coordinator and volunteers to provide needed assistance on a temporary or permanent basis for persons who are ill or disabled. Services could include providing rides to doctors' offices, visiting, phone calls, shopping, etc. For more information call Rozella @ 683-4212 or Angelo @ 642-4616

SMALL POTATOES will perform AT PLC on Easter Sunday, April the 8th.

They will do the music program for the Sunday Service and will then return in the afternoon at 1:00 pm for a fine concert as only *Da Spuds* can do it. We'll be requesting a love offering of \$7.00 (or more if you wish) at the door, a percentage of which will go to the PLC building fund.

In case you haven't heard of them, Small Potatoes is Jacquie Manning & Rich Prezioso from the Chicago area. They are national songwriting champions and virtuosic instrumentalists. They play many styles ranging from Western to Celtic, Blues to Folk and even some things you have probably never heard of before. Whatever you call them, prepare yourself to be thoroughly entertained.

To learn more about them, you can go to their website at www.smallpotatoesmusic.com.

Anyone wishing to volunteer to help get the word out, take donations at the door, provide & serve refreshments etc. can contact **Joe Nelson** at 559-970-6625. Please come out and help support this fine act and contribute to the funding for our new building.

FOOD EXCHANGE: BRING SOME IF YOU HAVE IT! TAKE SOME IF YOU WANT IT!

PLC is starting a new project and we invite you all to join. Shelves are being placed in the snack room to hold food-stuff. If you have something extra from home (or added something you don't need to your shopping cart) bring it on into PLC. It will be circulated to those who can use it. The food will be available to anyone who wants it. Take it for yourself, or take it for someone you know who could use it.

Please make sure that all donated food-stuff is of good quality, unopened and non-perishable. This means **NO** fresh produce and **NO** open containers.

Bring some if you have it! Take some if you want it! Food Exchange.

POSSIBILITARIAN STUDIES CYBER CAMPUS

This is a new web-based learning environment created by Director, Dr. Janna Lewis. She'd like to invite those of you who don't like to leave home for classes, but do enjoy learning, to visit the site. *Possibilitarian Studies* hosts many different types of classes taught by many different instructors from around the country. Besides the *Practical Spirituality Courses*, it is the home of courses in *Personal Growth, Religion Studies, Business Advancement, Cultural Studies, and Child & Youth Development*. Possibilitarian Studies is an affiliate of Emerson Theological Institute, and all Practical Spirituality courses plus many of the others will count as credit toward Emerson Degrees and Credentials.

Check out the website at www.possibilitarian-studies.org

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND PLC ?

RECYCLE . . . RECYCLE . . . RECYCLE . . . RECYCLE

Recycle your bottles and cans and earn \$\$\$ for the building fund.

We have registered **Positive Living Center** with the new recycle center in Coarsegold. What this means is you can take your recyclable materials to them and tell them it is for PLC. They will weigh it and write down the amount on a sheet. You initial it. It will add up if we all do this. Periodically they will add 15% to our accumulated total and PLC will receive a check.

ANDERSON RECYCLE CENTER
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PRICES PAID FOR RECYCLE MATERIAL AS OF JANUARY 1, 2007

<u>Aluminum Cans (s/w)</u>	<u>\$1.55/lb</u>
<u>Glass (s/w)</u>	<u>.102/lb</u>
<u>BiMetal Cans (s/w)</u>	<u>.38/lb</u>

PLASTICS (s/w):

<u>#1 PETE (soda water etc)</u>	<u>.89/lb</u>
<u>#2 HDPE (water, juice etc)</u>	<u>.51/lb</u>
<u>#3 PVC (juice)</u>	<u>.56/lb</u>
<u>#4 LDPE (juice)</u>	<u>2.21/lb</u>
<u>#5 PP (juice)</u>	<u>.55/lb</u>
<u>#6 PS (juice)</u>	<u>3.88/lb</u>
<u>#7 OTHER (juice)</u>	<u>.51/lb</u>

PER COUNT UP TO (50) CONTAINERS: .05/ea

They take paper, magazines & newspapers,
They **DO NOT** take cardboard or Styrofoam.

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UP-DATE ON PLEDGE DRIVE

You probably received a letter in the mail last month from Rev. Bob Hand about our pledge drive for manifesting our wonderful new church building. I have great news. Working together we now have pledges totaling right around \$65,000. The philosophy behind the drive is that we not only put the idea of our new church building into Mind, but we "Treat and move our feet." Now is the time to take action.

Rev. Bob said, "The action I am suggesting we take is to make a one to five year pledge for the amount of money each of us will be able to donate annually toward our building fund." Look what has happened. From zero to \$65,000 in one short month. By everyone in our spiritual family giving what they can, we are sure to reach our goals. No amount is too small, so consider what you can give today.

Please use the tear-off form below for your pledge. If you have not already done so, please fill it out and return it with your first donation to the PLC office or during Sunday service.

Positive Living Center of Central California Contribution/pledge Card

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OR

I desire to make an annual donation. This year's donation of \$_____ is enclosed.

The PLC is a 501(c)3 church and most donations are tax deductible. We recommend checking with your own tax advisor.

A pledge drive enables us to better stabilize the financial requirements that will ensure the construction of our new spiritual center in a timely fashion.

Positive Living Center of Central California

Practitioners Corner

By Mary Elliott RSP

It is so exciting that prayer works. Rev. Angie was recently telling me a story about when the church formed and we needed a piano and organ. So he asked the practitioners for spiritual mind treatment about receiving them. We received (free) 4 pianos and 3 organs and ended up giving some away.

We are fortunate here at the Positive Living Center to have such a wide variety of personalities among our Practitioners. We have quiet ones, loud ones, laughing ones, and serious ones. They come in assorted sizes, genders, ages, and backgrounds. But what they all have in common is that they are highly trained and dedicated to helping YOU.

How do they do that? They absolutely know the Universe is perfect Life, perfect Harmony, perfect Love. They work from this knowledge in Mind so your requests and healing will be unfolded in your life. No challenge is too big or too small. Try it yourself. Phone or personal treatment is available for a fee from a licensed practitioner. Or take advantage - at no charge - of a Licensed Practitioner after Sunday service. Intern Practitioners are available and do not charge fees. Religious Science Practitioners at PLC are listed below. **PLC practitioners are listed below.**

Quote from Joel S. Goldsmith's The Art of Spiritual Healing:

“. . . You do not give the treatment that heals: You are but the vehicle through which it comes. Your treatment is merely to prepare your consciousness for the receptivity of the real treatment, the word of God which comes to you from God within.”

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RELEASE AND ATTACHMENT

I just re-read a book I've had for years - "Psychic Politics" by Jane Roberts. She writes about what she calls "aspect psychology" that is in essence what we refer to as that field of all possibilities we tap into in spiritual work. The interesting thing is Roberts uses psychological terms so she approaches what we do from a different angle.

Two things about her theory struck me as important for personal development. First, what we refer to as the "ego" she calls our "focus personality." The word "ego" has a negative connotation for many people. They believe their ego is a part of the personality that is a hateful dictator, causing them to make mistakes, keeping them from fulfilling their potential, and generally being the bane of their life. They perceive it as tricky, cruel, and generally up to no good.

The truth is the ego's role is to access reality—both the seen and other parts of our multidimensional being. Calling it the focus personality denotes a gentler, kinder, and more intelligent part of our selves with the boundaries of its perception blurred rather than cut in stone – a framework rather than a fortress.

This brings up Roberts' second point. Instead of the field of all probabilities and personal potential as something we go inward to find, the aspects of the field are constantly flowing through us. We always have the ability to snag these aspects/ideas and bring them into our conscious mind and therefore into manifestation **Or not.**

The above ideas dovetail into this month's themes of release and attachment. Our very Selves arise out of this rich bed of dynamic, flowing, probabilities, and it's up to us to recognize the tremendous energy available to form our reality. Yet, what do we do? We stereotype ourselves within the framework of the focus personality. That causes the dilemma of being unable to release what we no longer need or want to manifest or to attach onto what we prefer. On the three dimensional plane we call people who are not willing to change to be addictive and/or compulsive. Yet some of us embrace irrational consistency with our entire focused being, afraid to let go or to welcome the new.

As a Practitioner, I have had several prayer requests recently where the clients want prayer so they will express outwardly who they believe themselves to be on the inside. I believe the way to solve this impasse is to play with this new way of assessing who we are. It could become a helpful tool for an expansion of consciousness and a practical way to solve problems. I tried this recently with outstanding results. After I centered myself in peace, I felt various aspects quietly flow through me. The challenge I was facing showed up as a blob of *stuff* - completely separate, harmless and powerless over me. I calmly said, "I no longer need or want you in my life". The problem drifted away in my mind, my attitude changed from fear to empowerment, and the problem is being solved, thank you very much.

To me, my life is a grand mystery, and I never want it to be solved. How boring. I believe if you are a fairly intelligent person, and a fairly brave person, you should always be willing to touch new kinds of fire. By developing the skills to release the old and unwanted, and attach to our dreams, we can have a fulfilled and joyful life.