



GODDESS SPEAK

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The new year has begun! What does it hold? My thought is whatever you want it to hold! I am very clear that our thoughts indeed create our reality and so this year can be whatever we want it to be providing we are clear about our outcomes and have our thoughts, emotions and feelings in harmony. So, have you written your goals for 2004, covering personal, relationship, financial & professional. I think we are going to see magic this year in many areas and that we can indeed start to create Heaven on Earth.

Here's my list of what I loved most not necessarily in order.

1. More fun and not be so serious.
2. Learn something new.
3. Quality time with loved ones.
4. Read more.
5. Walk and cycle more.
6. Write and publish more.
7. Make a difference to someone
8. Time by myself.
9. Listen to my inner voice more
10. See the big picture always

FAVOURITE BOOKS this year.

1. All MILK books, Family, Friends, Love.
2. The Isiah Effect.....still.....
3. Circles (Kerry Armstrong)
4. The Proposing Tree (Twyman)
5. The 4 Agreements.....still.....
6. The Vagina Monologues
7. Do They Hear Me When I Cry?
8. Resurrecting Sex (D. Snarsch)
9. David Dieda's books... still
10. Knights without Armour

A FEW 2004 MOVIES

Calendar Girls.. a must for women
Lord of the Rings 3
Life as a House... still
Dragonfly... still
Antwone Fisher... a must for men

TEENAGERS? If you have teens, check out Discovery (World Youth International) My son Adam did it when he was just 13 and it is great.
info@discoveryaustralia.org.au

ASTROLOGY for 2004

2004 is a year when globally, socially and personally we will reap the consequences of planetary cycles that started some time ago, as well as new beginnings with Uranus in the sign of peace, Pisces.

Early in 2004 will bring about a brief but intense challenge to world co-operation. Inspired communication will help out and secret deals will be made. Social precedents will be dissolved but at great expense or with corruption involved. An important inter-national treaty will be dissolved or a new one may emerge making old agreements dysfunctional.

The rift that happened between Europe and America could turn into a gaping chasm. Previous international agreements are likely to come unstuck or be superseded. This will have serious implications for Australia's role in America's Alliance of the Willing. The inter party split in Tony Blair's cabinet will escalate.

2003 saw huge Peace marches and we can expect more. The intensive questioning of the evidence that justified war will see further revelations about the real reasons for war. When Saturn was in this same position 29 years ago Gough Whitlam was dismissed from office, an unprecedented event. This time around the Labour Party is likely to suffer more internal power struggles. Howard's greatest challenge will be the information that may come to light about secret commitments undertaken on behalf of Australia.

In 1945 Little Boy was dropped on Hiroshima and Fat Man was dropped on Nagasaki. These nuclear bombs began a new era in the terror of war. Now it is the Saturn return and nuclear terror looms again. Nuclear proliferation will be a burning issue for 2004 and will feed into the growth spurts of the Peace Movement.
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CALENDAR FOR 2004

TANTRA – ADELAIDE

January 21-26

There is one place left for this training

GODDESS WITHIN

February 21 & 22 Adelaide

March 13 & 14 Riverland

Reviewers are \$150.

You are welcome to come in and sing the last songs at 5pm.

MAN'S INNER JOURNEY

ADELAIDE

April 23, 24, 25

SPIRAL JOURNEY

July 23, 24, 25

TANTRA BALI

August 4-9

This course has three places left
So if you are interested, let us know.

GODDESS MEETINGS

First Monday of the month at Katts restaurant, 24 O'Connell St North Adelaide. Cost \$6.

CIRCLES

3rd Monday of the month
run by Sandra and Barli
and for people in the south
another circle run by
Mandy, Deb, Hazel and Cathy.

MEN'S GROUP MEETING

Starting in February also.

Our sincere thanks to everyone who assisted either at seminars or on the committee or who attended our courses or turned up at the meetings.
We cannot thank you enough - words are so inadequate.
Suffice to say we couldn't do what we do without you.

Blessings and much appreciation.

Check out: www.worldpeace.org
for world peace Meditations.

ONE DAY

One day you finally knew what you had to do and you began... though the voices around you kept shouting their bad advice... though the whole house began to tremble, and you felt the old tug at your ankles. "Mend my life!" each voice cried. But you didn't stop. You knew what you had to do... though the wind pried with its stiff fingers at the very foundations... though their melancholy was terrible.

It was already late enough, and a wild night, and the road was full of fallen branches and stones.

But little by little, as you left their voices behind, the stars began to burn through the sheets of clouds, and there was a new voice that you slowly recognised as your own, that kept you company as you strode deeper and deeper into the world, determined to do the only thing you could do--determined to save the only life you could save. YOUR OWN!

Written by - Mary Oliver

BELIEVE IN YOUR HEART

Believe in your heart
that something wonderful
is about to happen.

Love your life.

Believe in your own power
And in your own potential
And your own innate goodness.
Wake every morning with the awe of
just being alive

Discover each day the magnificent,
awesome beauty in the world.

Explore and embrace life
in yourself and in everyone you see
each day

Reach within to find your own
specialness

Amaze yourself and rouse those
around you to the potential
of each new day

Don't be afraid to admit you are less
than perfect

This is the essence of our humanity
Let those who love you help you
Trust enough to be able to receive.
Look with hope to the horizon of
today for today is all we truly have
Live this day well.

Let a little sun out as well as in.

Create your own rainbows.

Be open to all your possibilities.

All possibilities and miracles.

Always believe in miracles

**REMEMBER THE GIFT
YOU ARE & HAVE
ALWAYS BEEN**

JANE FONDA'S SPEECH

National Women's Leadership Summit Washington, D.C. 2003

Before I turned sixty I thought I was a feminist. I was in a way - I worked to register women to vote, I supported women getting elected. I brought gender issues into my movie roles, I encouraged women to get strong and healthy, I read the books we've all read. I had it in my head and partly in my heart, yet I didn't fully get it. See, although I've always been financially independent, and professionally and socially successful, behind the closed doors of my personal life I was still turning myself in a pretzel so I'd be loved by an alpha male. I thought if I didn't become whatever he wanted me to be, I'd be alone, and then, I wouldn't exist.

There is not the time nor is this the place to explain why this was true, or why it is such a common theme for so many otherwise strong, independent women. Nor is it the time to tell you how I got over it. What's important is that I did get over it. Early on in my third act I found my voice and, in the process, I have ended up alone but not really. You see, I'm with myself and this has enabled me to see feminism more clearly. It's hard to see clearly when you're a pretzel.

I want to tell you briefly some of what I have learned in this first part of my third act and how it relates to what, I think, needs to happen in terms of a revolution. Because we can't just talk about women being at the table - it's too late for that - we have to think in terms of the shape of the table. Is it hierarchical or circular (metaphorically speaking)? We have to think about the quality of the men who are with us at the table, the culture that is hovering over the table that governs how things are decided and in whose interests. This is not just about glass ceilings or politics as usual. This is about revolution, and I have finally gotten to where I can say that word and know what I mean by it and feel good about it because I see, now, how the future of the earth and everything on it including men and boys depends on this happening.

Let me say something about men: obviously, I've had to do a lot of thinking about men, especially the ones who've been important in my life, and what I've come to realize is how damaging patriarchy has been for them. And all of them are smart, good

men who want to be considered the "good guys." But the Male Belief System, that compartmentalized, hierarchical, ejaculatory, and centric power structure that is Patriarchy, is fatal to the hearts of men, to empathy and relationship.

Yes, men and boys receive privilege and status from patriarchy, but it is a poisoned privilege for which they pay a heavy price. If traditional, patriarchal socialization takes aim at girls' voices, it takes aim at boys' hearts - makes them lose the deepest, most sensitive and empathic parts of themselves. Men aren't even allowed to be depressed, which is why they engage so often in various forms of self-numbing, from sex to alcohol, drugs to gambling and workaholism. Patriarchy strikes a Faustian bargain with men.

Patriarchy sustains itself by breaking relationship. I'm referring here to real relationship, the showing-up kind, not the "I'll stay with him cause he pays the bills, or because of the kids, or because if I don't I will cease to exist," but relationship where you, the woman, can acknowledge your partner's needs while simultaneously acknowledging and tending to your own.

Now, every group that's been oppressed has its share of Uncle Toms, and we have our Aunt Toms. I call them ventriloquists for the patriarchy. I won't name names but we all know them. They are women in whom the toxic aspects of masculinity hold sway. We need to understand it and be able to explain it to others, but it means, I think, that what we need to look at is "is that woman intact emotionally," ..has she had to forfeit her empathy gene somewhere along the way for whatever reason?

And then, of course, there are what Eve Ensler calls Vagina-Friendly men, who choose to remain emotionally literate. It's not easy for them - look at the names they get called: wimp, pansy, pussy, soft, limp, momma's boy. Men don't like to be considered "soft" on anything, which is why more don't choose to join us in the circle. Actually, most don't have the choice to make. You know why?

Because when they are real little like five years or younger, boys internalise the message of what it takes to be a "real man." Sometimes it comes through their fathers who beat it into them. Sometimes it comes because no one around them knows how to

connect with their emotions (This is a generational thing). Sometimes it comes because our culture rips boys from their mothers before they are developmentally ready. Sometimes it comes because boys are teased at school for crying. Sometimes it's the subliminal messages from teachers and the media. It can be a specific trauma that shuts them down. But, I can assure you, it is true to some extent of many if not most men, and when the extreme version of it manifests itself in our nation's leaders, beware!

Another thing that I've learned is that there is a fundamental contradiction not just between patriarchy and relationship, but between patriarchy and Democracy. Patriarchy masquerades as Democracy, but it's an anathema. How can it be democracy when someone has to always be above someone else, when women, who are a majority, live within a social construct that discriminates against them, keeps them from having their full human rights?

But just because Patriarchy has ruled for 10,000 years since the beginning of agriculture, doesn't make it inevitable. Maybe at some earlier stage in human evolution, Patriarchy was what was needed just for the species to survive. But today, there's nothing threatening the human species but humans. We've conquered our predators, we've subdued nature almost to extinction, and there are no more frontiers to conquer or to escape into so as to avoid having to deal with the mess we've left behind. Frontiers have always given capitalism, Patriarchy's economic face, a way to avoid dealing with its shortcomings. Well, we're having to face them now and inevitably - especially when we have leaders who suffer from toxic masculinity - that leads to war, the conquering of new markets, and the destruction of the earth.

However, it is altogether possible, that we are on the verge of a tectonic shift in paradigms - that what we are seeing happening today are the paroxysms, the final terrible death throes of the old, no longer workable, no longer justifiable system. Look at it this way: it's Patriarchy's third act and we have to make sure it's its last.

It's possible that the extreme, neo-conservative version of Patriarchy which makes up our current Executive

branch will over-play its hand and cause the house of cards to collapse. We know that this new "preventive war" doctrine will put us on a permanent war footing.

We know there can't be guns and butter, right? We learned with Vietnam. We know that a Pandora's box has been opened in the Middle East and that the administration is not prepared for the complexities that are emerging. We know that friends are becoming foes and angry young Muslims with no connection to AlQaeda are becoming terrorists in greater numbers. We know that with the new tax plan the rich will be better off and the rest will be poorer. We know what happens when poor young men and women can only get jobs by joining the military and what happens when they come home and discover that the day after Congress passed the "Support Our Troops" Resolution, \$25 billion was cut from the VA budget. We know that already, families of servicemen have to go on welfare and are angry about it.

So, as Eve Ensler says, we have to change the verbs from obliterate, dominate, humiliate, to liberate, appreciate, celebrate. We have to make sure that head and heart can be reunited in the body politic, and relationship and democracy can be restored.

We need to understand the depth and breadth of what a shift to a new, feminine paradigm would mean, how fundamentally central it is to every single other thing in the world. We win, everything wins, including boys, men, and the earth. We have to really understand this and be able to make it concrete for others. So our challenge is to commit ourselves to creating the tipping point and the turning point. The time is ripe to launch a unified national movement, a campaign, a tidal wave, built around issues and values, not candidates. That's why V-Day, The White House Project and their many allies are partnering to hold a national women's convention somewhere in the heartland, next June of 2004. Its purpose will be to inspire and mobilize women and vagina-friendly men around the 2004 elections and to build a new movement that will coalesce our energies and forces around a politic of caring.

The convention will put forward a fresh, clear, and concise platform of issues, and build the spirit,

energy and power base to hold the candidates accountable for them. There will be a diversity of women from across the country who will participate in the mobilization. There will be a special focus on involving young women. There will be a variety of performers and artists acknowledging that culture plays a powerful role in political action. There will be a concurrent internet mobilization. There will be a caravan, a rolling tour across the country, of diverse women leaders, celebrities and activists who will work with local organizers to build momentum, sign people up, register them to vote, get them organized and leave behind a tool kit for further mobilization through the election and beyond. This movement will be a volcano that will erupt in a flow of soft, hot, empathic, breathing, authentic, vagina-friendly, relational lava that will encircle patriarchy and smother it. We will be the flood and we'll be Noah's ark.

*'All that is required for evil to prevail
is for good men to do nothing'*
Edmund Burke (1729-1797),
British writer and politician.

WORLD YOUTH INTERNATIONAL

In 1985 I met Robert Hoey, a young man who inspired everyone with his dream of bringing the world together. When he sadly died, his parents, our good friends Ralph and Ann took on his dream. Together with their other son Terry, they offer some wonderful opportunities for us to give, to support, to make a difference! In the last couple of years they have built a school and an orphanage in Nepal and now a Children's home and medical clinic are almost finished. All money comes from donations!

JAZZ IN THE PARK: an annual event held on the island, Rymill Park on February 13th from 6-pm. They offer jazz, drinks, cocktail food and a silent auction. (So if you would like to donate something, let them know) Let's make up a party. \$40 head

SPONSOR A CHILD in the Nepalese orphanage and know ALL your money will go to the child **CALENDAR** - 2004 available at \$14.50 plus \$1.50 postage. WYI takes no directors or admin. Fees. Stunning. **BUY A BRICK** for \$100 for the Owiti home in Kenya and much much more including going overseas and helping out. Contact them on 8340 1266 or wyi@worldyouth.com.au

HAPPINESS

She is 92 years old, petite, well poised, and proud. She is fully dressed each morning by eight o'clock, with her hair fashionably coifed, and her makeup perfectly applied, in spite of the fact she is legally blind.

Today she has moved to a nursing home. Her husband of 70 years recently passed away, making this move necessary.

After many hours of waiting patiently in the lobby of the nursing home, where I am employed, she smiled sweetly when told her room was ready. As she manoeuvred her walker to the elevator, I provided a visual description of her tiny room, including the eyelet curtains that had been hung on her window.

"I love it," she stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old having just been presented with a new puppy.

"Mrs. Jones, you haven't seen the room... just wait," I said.

Then she spoke these words that I will never forget:

"That does not have anything to do with it," she gently replied.

"Happiness is something you decide on ahead of time. Whether I like my room or not, does not depend on how the furniture is arranged. It is how I arrange my mind. I have already decided to love it. It is a decision I make every morning when I wake up. I have a choice. I can spend the day in bed recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that no longer work, or I can get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do work. Each day is a gift, and as long as my eyes open, I will focus on the new day and all of the happy memories I have stored away... just for this time in my life."

Old age is like a bank account. You withdraw from what you have already put in. -- Author Unknown

NEED A DRESSMAKER

One of our Goddesses has just left her stressful job and is doing what she loves which is working with material and making beautiful clothes for people. For that special something please contact Alison on 8371 3106

*Be realistic...
Plan for a Miracle
Bhagwan Rajneesh*

ARCHETYPES COURSE

Don't miss this opportunity.

Archetypes are such powerful aspects of ourselves. All of you have heard of someone who is a 'born leader' or a 'natural mother'. Well some of our archetypes are serving us and some are not. We have 12 of them and in this study group you will learn what they are and how to deal with them... Caristia's knowledge is exceptional and you will learn a lot about yourself which is what it is all about She is offering 3 study groups this year.

Wednesday evenings

Monday and Thursday afternoons

Also another for the Southern areas

They will be 9 week groups starting the week of January 26th.

Cost \$150 with a \$50 deposit.

Contact Caristia on 8333 2197 or email at: caristia@ozemail.com

DOLL MAKING COURSE

Marye Hobbs has kindly offered to teach us yet again, how to make a Goddess Mother Doll. The materials to make the doll are \$55 and everything is pre-cut so all we have to do is create her with lots of help (I can't sew.... up until now).

We have offered this before so if you were interested, take up this great opportunity. Please contact me for the finer details of when, cost etc.

FABULOUS CLOTHES?

Hawker Brown is run by the gorgeous Micheal and Tracy and they sell from markets and fairs. Their stuff is fantastic and reasonably priced. I love it so much I thought I would give you the web site: Stunning fabrics, stunning colours!

www.hawkerbrown.com.au

BEING BORN

At Goddess I talk about the book on the different styles of birth, like forceps, caesarean etc. Very valuable for understanding your patterns around birth. The book I use is out of print but.... the goddess smiled and a wonderful woman created a book called Being Born which covers all those things and is brilliant. You can get it from us for \$39.95. It is a must for those interested in unravelling some of the patterns that keep us stuck or at least being in formed..

*A soul without high aims is
like a ship without a rudder:
Eileen Caddy*

GODDESS CALENDAR

Diane in Byron Bay made these. They are very large and contain everything you need to know for the year, moon phases etc. It has the name of the Goddess under the day of the week, e.g. Saturday is Hecate, Thursday is Isis. It gives the Feasts and symbols for each month. Very informative. To order go direct to: goddessgifts@bigpond.com



GODDESS COMMITTEE

The Goddess Meetings have been going for 14 years in 2004 which is very remarkable.. This year we have a new venue and we desperately need 2 things, more people on the committee and for you to turn up! Without your support in turning up, these evenings will stop as we travel so much I can't always be there, but the wonderful committee kept it going. Please consider being on the team, you will have fun and it is a good way of making sure you have an evening for yourself. Phone me if interested. Apologies for the continual change of venue but hopefully we will be at Katts Restaurant forever now.

STAY ON DATA BASE

As you can imagine we have thousands of people who have done our programs and we know people move on to other things. Every January we update our records to ensure its accuracy for everyone. **SO... if you want to keep receiving the newsletter, do this:**

1. Click reply.
2. Delete the newsletter
3. In subject line: **KEEP ON LIST.**
If I don't hear from you within one month, I am sorry but I will delete you! (Sadly and tearfully.. but nevertheless very definitely)

MICROWAVE OVENS

Do you know the real dangers and the latest research on the horrors of this form of cooking. Just ask me and I will be happy to send you the information. It is very scary and says simply what I have believed for years.

BACH FLOWER REMEDIES

These have been used almost forever, discovered by Dr Bach. They work wonders. Available from health food shops. You simply take 4 drops three times a day.

Agrimony: Love and trust yourself

Aspen: Helps dispel fear

Beech: Creates acceptance

Centaury: Releases the need to please people.

Cerato: Trust your inner guidance and Divinity

Cherry Plum: Accept your emotions and surrender to feelings

Chestnut Bud: Move forward in life and overcome denial

Chicory: Release the need for approval from others

Clematis: Alive in the present moment

Crab Apple: Accept life's big picture and not want to 'fix' things

Elm: Helps you honour yourself and ask for help if needed.

Gentian: Helps you persevere without losing sight of the goal

Gorse: Helps stop projecting the past onto the present – Depression

Heather: Source nourishment from within

Holly: Forgive those who don't love you the way you want

Honeysuckle: Allows you to embrace new experiences and let go

Hornbeam: Lets you be open to new ideas and be excited by life

Impatiens: Great for impatience

Larch: Self trust, acceptance, no judgement

Mimulus: Bravery, courage, confidence

Mustard: Awakens your soul

Oak: Endurance, gives you a higher perspective

Olive: Regeneration . Harmony

Pine: Self Acceptance, self love

Red Chestnut: Release

Rock Rose: Liberation, surrender

Rock Water: Flexibility

Scleranthus: Balance, trust in self

Star of Bethlehem: Comfort, shock

Sweet Chestnut: Deliverance, trust

Vervain: Enthusiasm, passionate

Vine: Authority, let go of control, respect others

Walnut: Break ties, move forward

Water Violet: Communication

White Chestnut: Clears head of anguish and allows trust of self.

Wild Oat: Discover true calling

Wild Rose: Zest for life, change

Willow: Destiny: step into power, let go of jealousy and victimhood.

KNITTING NEWS

The Tasmanian Conservation trust needs volunteers to knit sweaters to outfit 15 inch tall fairy penguins whose habitat has been polluted by oil spills off the coast of Tasmania. The sweaters should cover the penguins from neck to flipper help keep the birds from ingesting toxic oil as they clean themselves. For more information visit www.tt.org.au

CHOCOLATE!!!

Recent research shows that chocolate is more than just a blissful indulgence. The dark bittersweet varieties in particular, stimulate the stress relieving brain chemical serotonin and are a good source of anti oxidants.

A BATH ANYONE?

Some simple things to assist in your health while you are bathing. You can also use oils but only 3-4 drops. Light some candles and put on some lovely beautiful music and heal yourself while you are relaxing!

Apple cider vinegar works for sore muscles or itch skin. 1 cup to the bath. Very good for sunburn also. It restores the natural acid balance.

Bicarbonate of Soda. Also good for itchy skin. Add 1 cup to the tub.

Epsom Salts. Good for easing sore muscles. Add up to 500 g and soak for up to 20 minutes. It also eliminates toxins from the skin.

Ginger. Add up to 1 tablespoon of powdered ginger to bath water to help ease sore and aching muscles. Good for bringing out a sweat if you are coming down with the flu.

Lemon Juice. Add up to one cup of freshly squeezed lemon juice and throw in the skin. This tightens the pores, cools the skin and reduces oiliness.

Apricot Kernel Oil. Best of all oils for moisturising dry skin (most commercial bath oils contain petroleum by products. Soak in the bath for 10 minutes first to soften your skin then apply liberally.

Oatmeal. A very soothing bath additive for dry and irritated skin. It helps redress the oil balance and is useful for acne. Make a bath bag by taking a handkerchief sized piece of muslin or gauze and put two handfuls of instant oats in the middle of the square and gather corners together and fasten with a twist tie. Toss into the tub.

FRAGRANCES FOR HEALTH

One of the best ways to use is with 6ml of a good base oil like Apricot and then add a drop of oil and rub all over your body starting at feet. Of course you can also bathe in it or use in oil burners.

Basil: Congestive problems in the lungs, sinusitis, asthma, flu, digestive disorders, vomiting, refreshing to the skin, insect bites, cleanses kidneys. Good for people who feel vulnerable and afraid, helps assertiveness. Stimulates the mind. Promotes feelings of self worth.

Bergamot: Cooling and healing for skin problems, insect bites, mouth infections, sore throat, tonsillitis, loss of appetite, thrush, cystitis, gallstones, fever. Good for anxiety and depression, Soothes highly emotional states. Good for shock. Uplifting to the mind. Stills the conscious mind allowing us to access our intuition.

Cedarwood: Dries out phlegm, helps arthritis, helps genito-urinary problems. Comforts the heart, gives fortitude, improves self esteem. Boosts mental faculties. Releases obsessions. Boosts nervous system. Aids meditation by grounding.

Chamomile: Good for nervous dyspepsia, nervous bowel, tension headache, sleeplessness, menstrual problems, dermatitis, burns. Good for worry, tension, releases anger and fear. Helps headaches, relaxes the mind, calms, helps bring peace and patience.

Clary Sage. For all inflamed conditions, ulcers, high blood pressure, pains, throat infections, asthma, cramps, flatulence. Releases guilt and fear, builds inner strength. Good for depression, migraine, nervous tension, obsession. Promotes humility.

Eucalyptus. Sore throats, soothes respiratory tract, clears mucus, clears head of hay fever, colds, infections, decongests liver. Cools and comforts, dissolves bitterness and resentment, guilt. Lifts depression, aids concentration. Clears a path for past life recall by opening the heart to universal love.

Frankincense: Assists with heavy periods, Uterine haemorrhages, drains lymphatics, aching limbs, heals wounds, burns. Slows down breathing and brings calm and acceptance. Elevates mind, opens crown chakra and releases anxiety. Known as a spiritual teacher.

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2004 is the first time the "grand Conjunction" will occur. It points the way to continuing social change. The management of human health and social responsibilities, policy making and production techniques will be an area for deep ongoing trans-formation. This dates from seeds planted in the 1960s, the sexual revolution, the health revolution and the birth of the computer age.

Jupiter and Saturn met in Taurus in May 2000 and this set the theme, related to the state of our planet, in particular the surface level which allows a harvest and land ownership. Earth's resources require solid structuring and protection to fulfil the growing needs of the human community. Also early genetic engineering debates, warnings and serious reports about climate change. Between May and September there will be a breakthrough, perhaps a genuine attempt to work with the inherent nature of the land is coming. You can't drought proof Australia. The Taurus theme means that Earth's resources are increasingly seen as a source of growth and prosperity. Also the most unpleasant changes are likely to be earth changes and linked to destructive business and agricultural practices. We have the opportunity for easy improvement.

Not just genetic engineering but also the huge environmental damage that comes with war will be on the agenda for 2004. Also a connection may be made between poor air quality from lack of pollution controls, genetic research and strange new diseases. New treaties, agreements and licensing rules will take shape from May to September, all designed to restore and protect the land upon which we depend.

Business practices are also likely to be overhauled in the same period. A greater emphasis on good common sense in business will come. Agricultural reform is likely in March and April 2004.

What dreams were you weaving in 1997 because a magical synergy of shared vision can take you closer to your dreams now.

As we enter 2004 we enter a brand new vista on the mysterious sign of Pisces (water). Trail blazing planet Uranus plays the chords of oceanic consciousness, of remembering pure water as our most

precious resource. There is likely to be a deep sense of outrage likely to be made more volatile by the sudden insights of Uranus. The emphasis on water signs in 2004 suggests that pure drinking water, uncontaminated food, oceans and what lies beneath them and the ground waters of the earth will all be areas requiring greater attention.

New seeds for new action will address the needs of children and families. Harsh realities exposed or health crises will activate supportive networks for those in need.

The world community will have another chance to get something right with regard to the Great Barrier Reef and protecting it from fishing. Redrafting policies to protect the Reef's resources, to change the Atlantic Fisheries Policy and redrafting the Peace Process in the Middle East will make progress in March April 2004.

George W. Bush can expect many more reality checks regarding the actual reasons and the costs of the war. His relationship with the oil and energy cartel that supported his election may undermine his position, particularly since the collapsed multinational, Enron was his largest contributed. The last time Saturn was in this position President Nixon resigned under a cloud of controversy. Will history repeat itself?

Damage to the Mesopotamian Basin is reaching mounting health crises. Damage has been enormous since the first Gulf War, many forms of contamination are linked to war. The use of depleted uranium has left radiological hot spots across Kuwait and Iraq. These are linked to health problems and birth defects. 60 million barrels of oil were poured into the deserts of Kuwait that have poisoned 40% of the underground water. Expect to hear more about uranium and chemical pollutants in 2004 with a major revelation in mid July. A can of worms called radiation poisoning could be opened wide this year and health problems will be the target of public furore.

Pisces rules peace. This will show in election campaigns. Waging peace entered the language of possibility coined by Dr Muller. Huge peace movements will be an ongoing theme and a dialogue has begun that will its way into politics. Parties brave enough to champion this

will build popular support and will bring more women into leading roles.

'All means prove but a blunt instrument if they have not behind them a living spirit.' World changing scientist Albert Einstein wrote these words and they state the case for astrological fire. Fire is the force of Spirit. Yet too much fire can also destroy life and so fiery passions and beliefs have a very destructive potential, destruction such as terrorism and war based on fervent beliefs. Religion and higher education will also continue to have their share of turmoil for years as serious transformation continues. Pluto was near the sun and the shadow side of the eclipse fell across SA which coincided with the worst fires for a century. The astrological set up suggests that the establishment of a nuclear dump in SA would be a regressive move for Australia. The ongoing drought in NSW is unlikely to break before March when the weather pattern holds the potential for a wet season. The water sign signature might mean that in true Australian style, floods will follow droughts.

Since water symbolises the Feminine energies of receptivity, inspiration, fertility, intuition, sensitive, healing and spirituality, there is reason to hope that a genuine change of heart will occur on a wide scale. The desire to heal our ailing planet on which we depend, may slowly balance the desire for material gain. It is a respect for the more mysterious and subtle aspects of life that will be linked to this change of heart. Again a gem from Einstein: the most beautiful experience we can have is the mysterious. It is the fundamental emotion that stands at the cradle of true art and true science. *Christine Broadbent, kindly excerpted from Astrolog which contains tons more info Highly recommended. Available from good newsagents.*

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