

# Ring of Light

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This 2008 Spring Equinox delivers a fresh perspective. Julian announced in “The First Ten Years of the New Millennium Workshop” that in 2008 it was time to organize ourselves from the inside out, time to actively apply what we know and understand in our life, and a time to build bridges.

All the articles in this publication support Julian’s Predictions for 2008.

In this newsletter, Eleanor’s key words of planting seeds as well as “change, change, change as the consciousness of the Universe is demanding it”; Anne Claire’s synopsis of Larry Scheer’s Workshop that of working from balanced space of body, mind and spirit is essential; and Blanche’s qualities of friendship—trust, honesty, acceptance, respect and no expectations allow us to build bridges within ourselves and others. Being the Light. Holding the Light.

As most of you know, Joy Srour has made her transition. She has left us with indelible memories. Our next issue will contain letters, notes from those she had touched deeply.

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## Julian Predictions for 2008

### The First Ten Years of the New Millennium

2008. Organization. Getting your act together. Not only yours, but the world’s in general. Bringing some kind of organization that helps to build bridges rather than walls.

Over the years, I have worked with you for quite a long time, and you have built a little community. You call it a following in your world, but you have also kept the balance, I hope, of not saying that this is some kind of a god. This is someone, a teacher, who comes from the other realm, (who) has been asked to help you unfold yourself.

And so organization has to come from inside the self. Organization, says ok I have had all this understanding, how do I want it to be now? How do I want it to be now in my life? How do I want it to be now in my world? Because we are going to talk about the pillars that are behind this decade. Also before we are through, you could call this reorganization. Where you reorganize after you experience these other things.

- Astral travel with the whole body going out.
- The Universe will be accepting of it.
- Visual realization. Being able to see what you see inside, outside.
- Feedback to the universe in the form of visualization.
- Organization—getting your act together—personal as well as world wide.
- Get to a point where you can help build bridges. Organization has to come from inside the self.
- Ok, I have all this understanding now; how do I apply that within my world? Reorganization.

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# ” Astrology

Feature Column by Eleanor Johnson



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Welcome to Spring. Spring is always associated with New Beginnings. Plant seeds for your future so they may reach fulfillment at the Fall Equinox, the season of harvest.

Change! Change! Change! The consciousness in the universe is demanding change. The planets beckon us to accept the changes and to flow with the energies being presented to us.

Saturn, the Tester, Teacher, and Ruler of the earth plane is in the sign of Virgo. In this sign there can be no nonsense but just getting down to facts. It is important to discriminate between the essential and the trivial. It is hard to work in this practical sign concerned with accuracy.

Saturn focuses on the appropriate issues. It will express, in this sign of Virgo, on the issues related to food and its manufacturing. Grain is ruled by Virgo, as well as all products related to food, work, and services. It is present within the first five degrees of this sign. This places an emphasis on the mercurial mental faculties which gives us much to think about and ponder.

Virgo is the last of the personal signs opening the gateway for universal awareness. The situations we may encounter, the challenges we meet are opportunities for involvement and growth.

Jupiter and Saturn this year are both in earth signs. These two planets work together as a team.

Jupiter is in the sign of Capricorn until January 2009. Jupiter can express with great integrity. Since Capricorn, rules

government and people in high responsible positions of power, respect and reward have to be earned in this sign. Power entails great responsibility. May we all use it wisely and well.

April has its ruling planet Mars in the sign of Cancer. The sign of Cancer rules our country. Mars in this sign can be sensitive and emotional. On a personal level it rules the home and family. There can be much emotionalism in family affairs. This is not an appropriate area for the energy to be expressed. Since Mars is a physical energy, it can be used positively in improving the home through useful projects and repairs.

Venus, the goddess of love and harmony, is in the sign of Aries during April. That tends to sweeten the energy of Mars. It can lend sparkle and enthusiasm in starting new creative projects.

May brings Venus in Taurus in its own sign. It brings harmony, beauty, and love. It can enhance the ability to have patience in whatever we are doing. You may want to dig into the earth to cultivate your flowers to bring beauty to your surroundings.

In May and June Mercury enters the sign of Gemini. It is comfortable and at home in this sign as it is its ruling planet. Mercury is at its best in the field of communication. Our curiosity and our desire is aroused to learn new things. Friendly debates might be active during that time. Gemini loves to debate various issues.

Mercury will retrograde May 26th to June 19th. As usual with Mercury retrograde, check all mechanical and electrical things especially computers. They could be temperamental. Mercury retrograde is great for doing research! Catch up on your correspondence! Words can be eloquent with Mercury in Gemini!

‘Till next time. Enjoy the energies at your disposal. They can give us new insights.

## Healing Ourselves and Healing the Earth.

A synopsis by Anne Claire Venemans

The focus of the 10th Gathering of Light that was held in October 2007 was 'Healing Yourself and Healing the Earth.' Different speakers talked about how we could make a difference in the earth, and in the universe, through healing ourselves first. Larry Scheer spoke about the magus perspective. The following synopsis of his presentation is being published with his permission.

The magus, or magician, works with the harmonic of the Divine. The intention of the magus is to apply energy for the good of yourself, of mankind, and of the universe.

In order to accomplish this, the magus follow a number of basic concepts that are of the extreme importance:

**Balance, balance, balance!** Working from a balanced space is essential. Balanced in mind, balanced in body, and balanced in the soul. Without this balance, the goal may not be achieved.

**Respect.** In order to make a change for the better, respect is needed. Respect for yourself, for others and for the situation at hand.

**A goal.** The goal provides a focus for the work to be done. Focus, then is the congruency of mind, word, action and purpose.

**Understanding.** Not only the understanding of what it is you want to change, but also the understanding of the ramifications of these changes, without letting any preconceived ideas to get in the way.

**Acceptance.** Acceptance of the situation as it is; at face value.

**Trust, belief and faith.** Have faith and believe that you will succeed in making a difference!

Whichever way we chose to apply the energy it is important to do so from a non-personal awareness; detached from our emotions, and from out preconceived ideas as to the desired outcome. It is also important to not force the energy. To relax the mind. Where the mind is placed, the energy follows. Mind directed become mind force directed becomes a power...

The key to the work of the magus is application, to really step out there and 'do good'; make a difference! This is something that is an important focus in all the Julian Teaching: Use what you learn in order to become a more aware, more balanced person.

How can we apply this to the theme of the Gathering: Healing ourselves and healing the earth? With that question we split up into smaller groups to come up with a way in which we wanted to work with healing ourselves and healing the earth...

The group I was part of came to the consensus that "Balance, balance, balance" indeed is the most important thing to accomplish! Through balance our sense of wellbeing is enhanced. When we are balanced, we impact our environment in a positive manner (whether we are consciously aware of that or not), and ultimately we bring balance to the earth. Through balance, healing occurs.

To take Larry Scheer's presentation a step further, there is a simple process that can help us gain greater in our lives, as well as spread through the earth, and the universe. It is a simple process I like to practice on a regular basis—and it only takes a couple of minutes.

I trust, believe and have faith that it will make a difference.

When we center ourselves and allow ourselves to become quiet, detached...

We can breathe in balance, and breathe out the irritants of our day...

We can breathe in balance, let balance fill us, and breathe out all that is bothering us...

We can breathe in balance, let balance fill us, and breathe out balance...

Allowing this balance to spread through the environment...

Allowing this balance to spread through the earth...

To wherever it is needed...

So be it!



**Power of Friendship**by **Blanche Duffy, Saugerties, New York**

What an interesting subject! What seems like a fairly straightforward topic begins to take many twists and turns as one thinks about it. I have mulled over this topic for quite some time while thinking I'll whip something up in no time flat. But then the twists and turns begin to sprout and I'm back at the beginning thinking this should be easy!

But friendship is not an easy, uncomplicated happening!

When I began thinking of some of my friendships – where they began and where they have led – good gracious! I could write a soap opera about some of them! But there seems to be one common thread that prevails throughout which is that when both of us took the time and effort the friendship has developed into something wondrous and uplifting.

Friendship is not a one-way street! Friendship will not flourish (in my opinion) unless both people put effort into it. Many times there is so much compatibility that neither is aware of the effort being expended. That's so great and I have had and still have several friendships where this has been the case.

Others take effort! You see something in the other person that you like, perhaps compliments something in you, or maybe even a quality that you need in your life. Whatever the reason you make an effort to encourage and grow a friendship. Sometimes the effort pays off and other times the effort is spurned. Sometimes it is we who do the spurning! Whatever, we must accept that not everyone we meet is going to become the bosom buddy we would like or have envisioned in our lives.

When I began looking at some of my close friendships, some of which have been developing over decades, there are a few qualities that stand out and have grown

over the years. The first is honesty! There is no pretense in the friendship at this point. There may have been some pretense in the beginning but that has fallen by the wayside. Doesn't mean that every friend knows every thought, secret, idea that I have. But...what we share is shared in honesty.

Hand in hand with honesty is trust! One will not flourish without the other. Depending on the depth and breath of the friendship we are subjecting ourselves to varying degrees of vulnerability. I need to know that when I open myself up to a friendship it will not be used against me. Trust is one of the major ingredients of a friendship and the friendship is nothing without it.



Another quality in these friendships is that neither of us makes demands or has expectations of what the other should/must do. This is not to say that in the beginning of the friendship there were no demands or expectations! On the contrary! But over the years we outgrew the need for making demands or expecting the other person would act in a particular

way and learned to accept each other as we are! If we cannot outgrow our need to place demands or expectations on a friendship it probably will not grow into the love and respect that friends usually develop for each other over time. Over the years one tends to realize that the only person we can change is ourselves – otherwise the friendship will most likely turn into a casual acquaintance relationship or perhaps ends.

There are some friends that I see or have contact with on a regular basis and others that I may not see for months or years at a time. But with true friends the daily contact is not as important as the connection – like a connection of our souls – that has developed which lets us pick up where we left off regardless of how much time may have passed since we last spoke or visited. And often the conversation begins with the topic we were discussing when last we visited.

But there is one ingredient that is common in all of my close friendships. We are there for each other when one or the other has need of a friend! We are there for each

other without judgment, without recrimination, without “I told you so”, without lectures... There is just a sincere willingness to help make things better. Fortunately, however, so far I have not been asked to help bury any bodies! Hope I never have to make that decision!!!

Thus far I've talked only about human friends but we also have our animal friends who give so much and ask for so little in return. Over my lifetime I have been blessed with wonderful human friends and also incredibly wonderful animal friends. I remember many years ago there was a mutt that I rescued from going to the pound. He repaid me every day in some way. At one point my personal life went straight down the tubes and I was so upset I sat crying and wishing my life would end right there and then. Snoopy got up on the couch and licked away my tears, then snuggled up as though he was trying to embrace me with his paws around me. The love and caring coming from that four-legged friend was so great I realized I could not disregard his trust in and love for me and I would find a way to overcome the hurt I was feeling at that moment. Snoopy was a terrific therapist!

Friendship is one of God's greatest gifts to the world! It gives us a reason for being, for carrying on, for doing great things! Friendship helps us climb out of the muck and the mire! It helps us to soar into the heavens and beyond! We are truly blessed when we can call someone "Friend"!



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## Saul's Ode

And a promise that  
would last forever.

Joy left our physical presence  
to be reborn into the Divine Light.

Joy's Transition on December 25, 2007

It was on a night that was filled  
with silent peace.

The stars shone brightly  
with hope and expectancy.

The sun rose shining in  
her glorious radiance.

Shining brightly on her  
beautiful face.

With a song sung with  
the deepest love.



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You're invited to the West Coast Gathering !!

April 12, 2008

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

At the last October Tenth Gathering of Light, a number of participants desired to meet more regularly, than every four years at a Gathering. This would be the first of many Spring meetings to exchange ideas on topics of general interest.



The purpose agreed upon was to bring those working with the Julian materials and other studying in the metaphysical area together for a day of sharing, exploring, laughter, and friendship. Connie Golden volunteered to organize the April 12, 2008 event.

This free event will be held at Monte Valley Park in the Olde Mill Club House on 552 Bean Creek Road in Scotts Valley, CA.

10:00 AM Welcoming - Bonnie Paradies, Mistress of Ceremony  
Opening Ceremony - Karen Ehrenfeldt

**Topic 1: Science Meets Shaman** Topic Leader - Archie Mulvena  
How do recent scientific discoveries and theories explain how the Shaman, Magi, and other skilled users of Universal energies do what they do?

**Topic 2: The Age of Siblinghood** Topic Leader - Andrea Smith

Lunch Break Participants Picnic Bag Lunch or Take-out from TOGO's (coordinated by Chuck Golden)

**Topic 3: Healing** Topic Leader - Adele Lederman  
A demonstration of healing techniques.

**Topic 4: A Celebration of the Life of Joy Srour** Topic Leader - Bonnie Paradies  
Saul Srour will be participating and showing a DVD he made for last month's celebration in New Jersey. All will be invited to share their favorite remembrances / stories about Joy.

The format for each topic is as follows: Each leader will present a short opening on the topic, followed by a brief modified panel discussion, and then it will open to the participants to ask questions as well as contribute their personal experiences.

Please contact Connie or Bonnie if you plan to attend, as seating and parking arrangements need to be made for your convenience. For further information or directions, contact:

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## 11th Gathering of Light



Dear Friend of the Light,

The First "Gathering of Light" occurred in 1998. It's purpose was & still is to bring those working with the Julian material together for a weekend of sharing. This gives those people from across the country & abroad the opportunity to renew old friendships & make new ones. Everyone working with the Gathering has volunteered their services in order to keep the weekend low in cost but high in Spiritual Light and Laughter.

**DOUBLE OCCUPANCY COST IS \$325.00 (PER PERSON)**

**SINGLE OCCUPANCY COST IS \$485.00.**

**THIS INCLUDES ROOM, BOARD, AND TIPS**

**(Dinner Friday Night, Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Cruise on Lake George - Saturday Night, and Breakfast & Lunch on Sunday) Note: Limited number of Lakefront rooms available.**

Please indicate if you wish to room with a specific individual on your payment submission.

A \$50 deposit per person is required to hold your reservation. Balance due June 1, 2008. Directions and balance due notice will be sent May 1, 2008.

ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT SAUL.

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A full refund for any cancellation before August 1: between Aug. 1st - Aug 15th, a \$25 per person administrative charge will be withheld by Lake George Center.

Love, Light & Laughter,  
Saul

**Because of decreasing enrollment at the past Gatherings (in NY & CA), the 11th Gathering could be the last Gathering.**

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**Next Issue Theme: "Joy, a woman for all seasons"  
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