

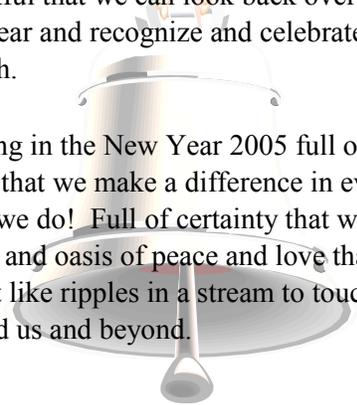
Ring of Light

A Newsletter for the Members of the Julian Community

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2004 has brought many changes to all our lives. We are thankful for the freedom we enjoy and the path we have chosen. Thankful for having such wonderful teachers in our lives, especially June/Julian. Thankful that we can look back over this past year and recognize and celebrate our growth.

We ring in the New Year 2005 full of certainty that we make a difference in everything we do! Full of certainty that we do create an oasis of peace and love that will go out like ripples in a stream to touch those around us and beyond.



JULIAN AFFIRMATION for 2004

Divine presence fills me,

Surrounds me and guides me.

As I enter this New Year

it holds for me all possibilities.

As I work with it I am guided to

the proper steps to my greatest fulfillment.

So Be It!!!

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Astrology



Feature Column by Eleanor Johnson

La Grangeville, NY

December in time for the holiday season finds Mercury, Venus, and Mars in the fun loving, adventure-some sign of Sagittarius. Lots of partying and travel while Jupiter, the planet of expression and opportunity, rules Sagittarius. Have fun, but be sure to keep things in balance.

December 26th brings a full moon in the sign of Cancer. This sign rules the stomach in the physical body. Another good reason to keep the goodies at a minimum.

Jupiter is transiting the sign of Libra until October 2005. Jupiter in this sign is very cooperative as it is in the sign related to the "We Consciousness" not just me and mine. Idealism is strong in this sign and is friendly and outgoing in it's nature. It is also excellent for expressing any artistic inclinations. If you have ever had a desire to put your creative abilities into action, this would be the time to do it. Venus being the ruling planet of Libra would be happy to oblige your efforts as the planet Venus rules the arts.

The new year brings Mercury and Venus in the sign of Capricorn. Capricorn is serious and conscientious. Mercury and Venus are in the domain of Saturn so there is an entirely different expression of both planets which are personal planets.

Mercury in Capricorn will aid us in paying attention to our words and expression. Attention to detail is one of its positive attributes. You want to be practical and down to earth when Mercury is in this sign making for an ability to organize and take things one step at a time. Ambition also runs high in this sign.

Venus in Capricorn is not too comfortable here. There is seriousness, caution and pride: a reserve in expressing feelings. Venus in this sign is great for business where it can express at its best. It gives strength and patience.

January 10th brings in a new moon in Capricorn. A new moon has a four week influence. This new moon will be in opposition to transiting Saturn in the heavens. This might make us a little more cautious. It might be difficult to be flexible and spontaneous. It may block emotional expression. This may not be negative as this new moon is also square Jupiter in the sign of Libra. Squares can represent challenges which can help us with this configuration not to go overboard in order to keep things in their proper perspective.

February brings Venus in Aquarius which can give us a detached perspective helping us to see all aspects of a given situation. Venus in Aquarius is friendly to every one in an impersonal way. It will trine transiting Jupiter during its reign.

Vacations are wonderful when Venus trines Jupiter. It gives optimism and cheerfulness.

Enjoy your transits. They are gateways to opportunity.



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PRAYER FOR PEACE

Submitted by **Diana Dunkelmann**
Campbell, California

May peace prevail in our hearts and minds,

May peace prevail in our thoughts,

Our speech, and our actions,

May the light of truth shine through

The darkness of the world,

May divine love be awakened in all hearts,

May peace prevail in our hearts and our minds.

May peace prevail.

Aum, Shanti, Peace, Amen



Julian Discusses

Excerpts from 7th Gathering of Light—Monterey, California

In your life don't think of quantity. Think of quality. The quality of your life is important. Because you can have the biggest bank account in town, and have no quality in life. Give yourself time to love. Give yourself time to share with friends. Give yourself time to be a person. Bring it back into balance in your self and around yourself.

Every new potential you discover in yourself will have a door open in the universal world and the physical world for you to use it. Its time to release the new person within the self. Recognize that each time we are in a space of change, the changes are not always going to be what we like, but rather what we need.

Taped version, edited by consent of June/Julian

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Community Announcements

TE 41 Make up Class by Sam Holland

Sam will be giving a TE make up class of the last initiation given in TE 41. All TE students are welcome including those that attended the first TE 41 class.

Wednesday, January 12, 2005 at 7:30 pm. The cost is \$25.00

The TE 41 make up class will be held at Bonnie Paradies's home.

The address is 20020 Scotland Drive, Saratoga, CA. (408) 872-1535

Software Divination Program from Sam Holland



Sam has completed a software divination program that uses the energies in the book "The Universal Energies of Sacred Sites."

The program creates affirmations that will help manifest the solution to your question. People that have used the program have found it to be "uncannily accurate and powerful". The program runs on both PC's and Mac's and costs \$20.00.

A PDF description can be downloaded from the web site www.mysticpath.com or, to order it, drop Sam a line at sam@mysticpath.com or call (408) 892-9724

TALKING WITH THE WHALES

by Saskia Newport Newlyn, Cornwall

O = Me; X = whales?

O Will you help me, whales?

X Mmm--m-m maybe-----but you need to slow down – on one level at least, though your mind may be really fast---- or not - - let's see.

O Did singing to you help make contact?

X Of course, we feel much through sound - it's the vibrations.

O I would like to learn more about sound vibrations in a practical rather than theoretical way.

X Yes, of course, this is right for you but you may like to look into some technical stuff later, as it seems.

O You are so ancient and wise.

X You too are ancient and wise and we feel/hear your wish to "osmote" new for you, old for us knowings.

O Will I be able to act as a pathway/bridge for other humans?

X If you like. We don't care. Maybe they have to find you or your work with us and learn that way.

O Do you mean rather than them also communicating with you?

X Maybe. Only they can know their path.

O I feel very safe in your presence, calm and soothed. Do you impart healing knowledge - for the body?

X We are able. Is that what you want from us?

O Partly - I don't really know what to ask for. I feel somewhat overawed by you.

X Do you remember how you rode with one of us to the very depths of the ocean and deeper?

O Oh yes, I felt totally safe and protected.

X Your Soul requested information, and we were pleased to assist. We think you could take a break now. (Pushkin cat wants some food) It is good that you feel your animal friend's need. Your deep love of the animals is the bridge to us. (I feel an emotional reaction to this) It is time now for you to have more belief in yourself. Julian has told you this. Listen to such gentle ones. It is the way. (A photographic image of a Whale's eye comes in to my mind) Yes, the image may be used as a tool if you like although it is not necessary. We like the singing. You can develop this.

O Should I record my sounds?

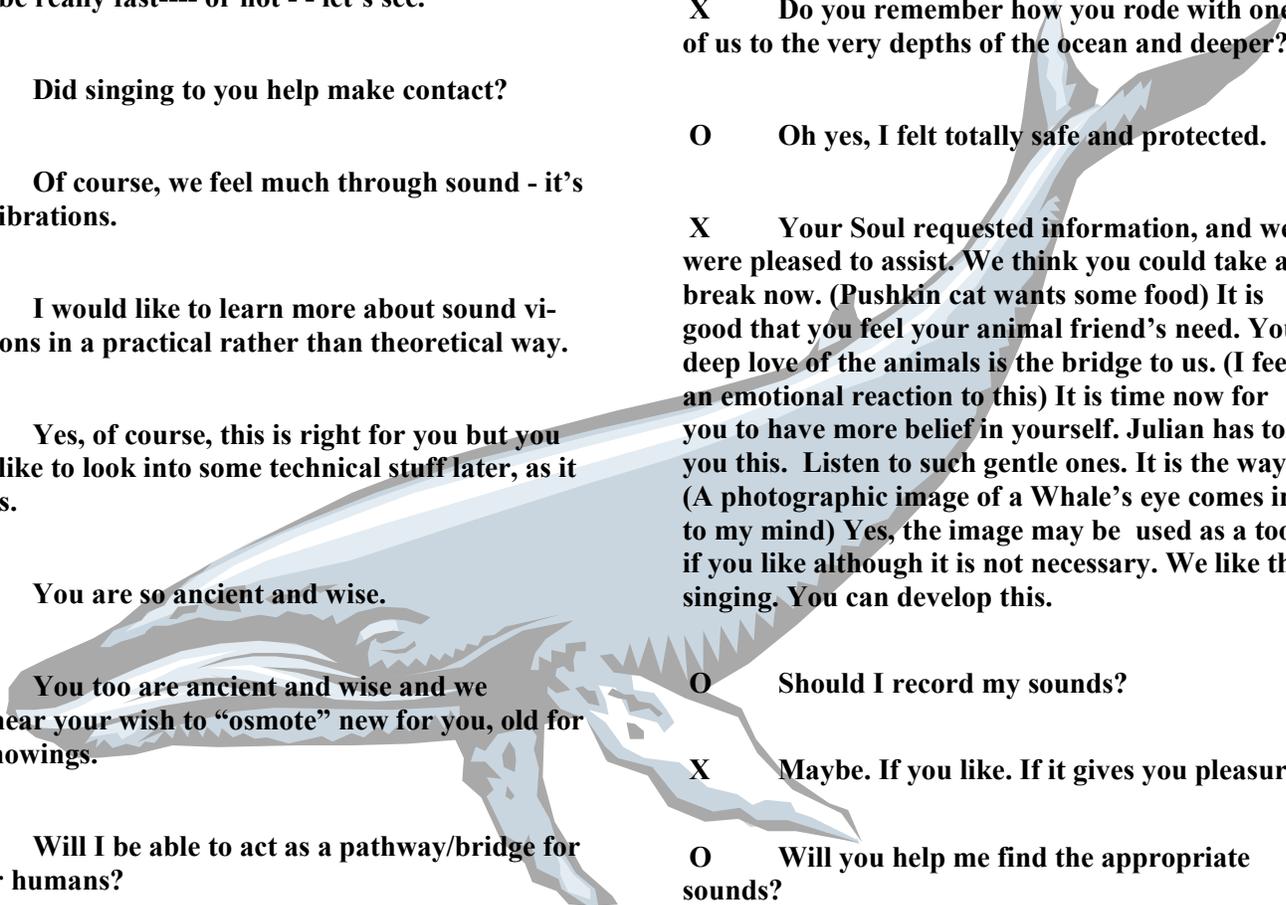
X Maybe. If you like. If it gives you pleasure.

O Will you help me find the appropriate sounds?

X This just happens. How do you think we heard you?

O Through my mind?

X Yes that is very powerful, but the sounds in their tentative and searching/questioning way were more seductive. Yes go and get a drink of water. An hold an Onyx stone if you want but YOU DON'T NEED IT.



O O.K. Thank you. I am trying to learn self value. It seems like I have always been told not to be egoistic or big-headed.

X These are outmoded human judgments to do with gaining power over others which are no longer pertinent. Earlier you pulled the Rune "Othile" - separation/Retreat/Inheritance. "Inheritance (may be) derived from something you must give up."

O Ah yes, self judgment? I must strive to give up self judgment?

X Yes. It is difficult for you because of the way you have been taught by humans. Parents, family, teachers, and religious leaders for much of history. You must find a way, and you will. You have the strength of perseverance.

O I would like to retain the ability to assess and make informed choices.

X All that is in a state of change. Go away and think about that. We will speak again if you want to and sing for us.

O Thank you.

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IN THE SILENCE, DOORS OPEN*

Ann Hardin Strauss Boulder, Colorado

**In the silence,
Doors open,
Eyes open,
Heart opens.**

**In the silence,
Questions are answered,
Spirits are lifted,
Hope is reborn.**

**In the silence,
All becomes one,
Joy flows freely,
Stars shine at dawn.**

In the silence...

*Thanks to my sister, Joyce Hardin Rohde, for this title.

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Collective Prayer

Submitted by Blanche Duffy Saugerties, New York

In WWII there was an advisor to Churchill who organized a group of people who dropped what they were doing every day at a prescribed hour for one minute to collectively pray for the safety of England, its people and peace.

There is now a group of people organizing the same thing here in America.

If you would like to participate, every evening at 9:00 pm Eastern Time, (8 pm Central, 7 pm Mountain and 6 pm Pacific) stop whatever you are doing and spend one minute praying for PEACE IN THE WORLD and for the safety of the United States, its citizens, and its men and women in the military plus all of the innocent victims on the planet.

If you know anyone else who would like to participate, please pass this along. God Bless You!

Matthew 21:22 And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

The Toad

Submitted by Edu Rippe, Diepenheim, Netherlands

Jack hurried through the evening rush hour. He was tired and only wanted to be home. He longed to take a shower and for the quiet of his own apartment.

Tonight, he would go to sleep early. It had been one of those days. Those days when nothing worked out right and you had better stayed in bed. It started when he overslept and was late for work. All day long things continued to go wrong.

He was irritated by the penetrating cacophony of sounds. Today, it was too much. He rushed along the iron fence of the city park, when a toad jumped out of the grass. He almost stepped on it. Jack shivered and was aware instantly. He didn't like the idea of stepping on a toad. He liked frogs and toads, especially toads. He always ran into them in the strangest places. He wondered how they could end up nearby and he would pick them up to bring them into safety.

When he squatted down and put his hands around the toad, he noticed a man standing in front of him. His hands protecting the toad, he looked up.

"I'm sorry, I didn't see you," Jack said. He realized he said something ridiculous. The man looked at him and smiled. He seemed untouched by the chaotic commute around.

Jack waited until the man would say something but he just observed him and smiled. It made him nervous and he stuttered, "I...I... found a toad."

Jack realized that this remark was even more ridiculous than the first one and he avoided the man's eyes.

By now, he was so confused that he could not think of anything else to say then: "Eh, I am Jack." His hands still formed a protective shield around the toad. Saying his name sounded even more

ridiculous than his last remark. Jack had always felt he had a funny name. In school, it had been the cause of many jokes. His funny name only added to the confusion. Now he had made a complete fool of himself.

Still smiling, the man stood in front of him.

Then he said, "Hello Jack, so you like to rescue toads. You like toads and toads like you."

How do you know, Jack thought, how can you know all that?

"Had a rough day, did you not?" the man said, "one of those days?" Jack felt the man could read his mind and knew him better than he knew himself. This didn't scare him but it brought him comfort instead. He felt less tired and less confused. The cacophony of the evening traffic didn't irritate him any longer.

"What are you doing to yourself, Jack?" the man said. "Why are you giving yourself such a hard time? Why are you looking for the right things in the wrong place?"

"I... I... eh, don't understand." Jack replied.

"Why do you look for heaven on earth?" the man said.

Isn't everyone, Jack thought?

"Maybe so," the man said. "But that doesn't mean you have to."

"This is who you are, Jack. If you try to grab heaven and try to make it work you miss the point. Heaven cannot be grabbed for and held in your hands. You will hold only disappointment. Heaven is not the result of your action. Heaven is always there if you open up to it. Open your hands and let the disappointments go, Jack."

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“See how close heaven is, Jack,” the man said,
“you can live like that all the time.”

The man had a strange effect on him. His tiredness was gone and so were the sounds of the evening commute. He felt lifted above the events of the day and his cramped-up shoulders. Jack felt like being wrapped in a tissue of well being. All of a sudden he could see the beauty of it all. The true wonder was the wonder of being alive in the first place.

Now he could see how he had been running around like a mad man, like the people around him. They didn't seem to notice the two men, one standing and the other one still squatting, his hands on the pavement. The hurrying crowd seemed so foolish now. Jack realized he didn't know the man's name. “Who are you?” he asked.

The man hesitated for a moment and than said: “I am a man.”

Beneath his hands, Jack could feel the toad move. He carefully picked it up and put it in the moist grass under the park's fence. In the evening light, he saw the toad's throat move up and down. When he got up, the man was gone. He looked around but didn't see anyone that resembled the mysterious man. He stretched. How long had he been sitting there? Five minutes, an hour?

Jack walked through the large cast-iron gates into the park. The scents of flowers and moist grass filled the soft evening air. He inhaled deeply and wondered about his unexpected meeting with the mysterious man. He didn't know who the man was and where he came from. He didn't even know his name. But it felt as though the man was still around and reminded him of heaven.

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