

The Summer of Love

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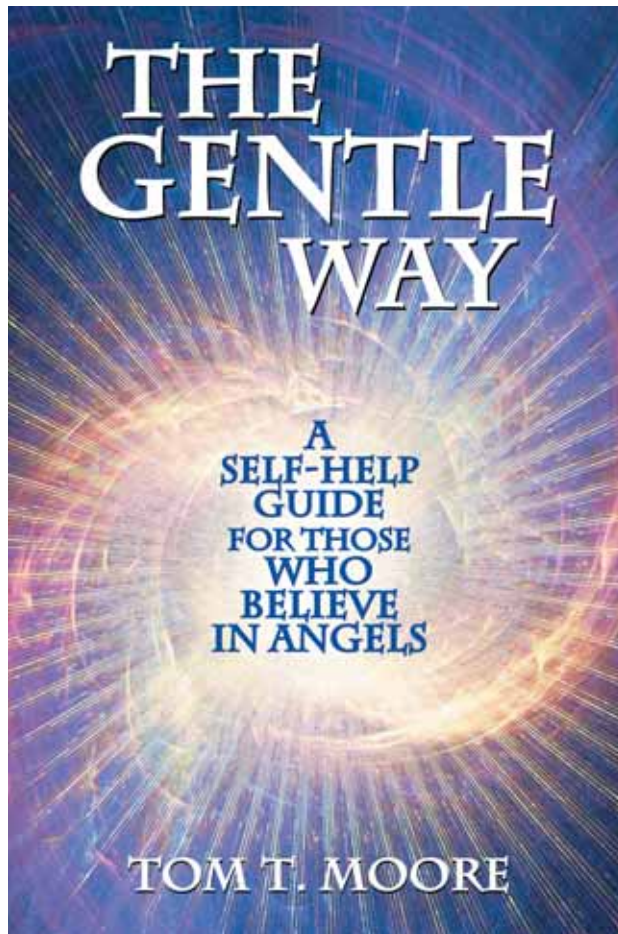
June will again launch another SUMMER OF LOVE. This phrase was originally coined in the summer of 1967 when a flood of young people traveled to San Francisco to experience communal living, free medical services, and free love. There was a second Summer of Love in 1969, forty years ago this summer, climaxing (a little humor here) with the Woodstock Festival and Concert in August. If you ever watched the documentary, who can ever forget Wavy Gravy saying over the loudspeakers, “Good morning, what we have in mind is breakfast in bed for 400,000 people!”

Forty years later people are still looking for that “special someone,” or if they’ve found them, many will tie the knot in June. About thirteen years ago I found that I could request Benevolent Outcomes for everything from the mundane, such as requests for a parking spot in front of a busy mall or restaurant, all the way up to the important things in my personal and business life.

So if you haven’t found that special someone to spend his or her life with you yet, you can say, “I request a Most Benevolent Outcome for the perfect mate (here you can substitute husband, wife, or partner) for me, thank you!” When you make these requests a most amazing thing happens- your Guardian Angel responds with assistance (they’re not allowed to assist you unless you ask). When you ask for something big like this, you may not see the results in one week, one month, or perhaps one year, but the wheels are set in motion for the two of you to meet, and most importantly, connect!

Of course, you’re not supposed to sit in your home waiting for that special someone to walk in the door, so get out and mix and mingle! Each time you leave your home, request a Most Benevolent Outcome (MBO’s I call them) to meet someone interesting wherever you go. And if you think you’ve met someone that you might be compatible with, say, “I request a Most Benevolent Outcome that this relationship is benevolent for me, thank you!” It will quickly end if it isn’t.

As an example, one of my newsletter readers, Tracey, wrote, “I was told about the MBO’s and started saying it. I went to my son’s boot camp graduation. I said I request a MBO for meeting a great guy on this trip (because I love military guys). Plus I’ve been single for 16yrs. I’m looking to get married soon. I went to his graduation and met my son’s Master Drill SGT. And now for my birthday,



which is September 26 he’s sending for me to come and visit him and I’m requesting a MBO for this to be something very serious. Thanks for this information.”

So in what ways can your Guardian Angel assist you? Here’s a question I asked in meditation of my own Guardian Angel for someone who wrote me:

Theo, Araceli wants to know if H.M. is right for her- a perfect mate?

We don’t normally give advice in love matters Tom. She should be receiving this advice in the form of intuition, inspiration or those “whispers in your ear” that each Guardian Angel for that person continually sends. What is her “gut feeling” about this person, Tom? How compatible does this person feel for her? When she asks these questions of herself, does she get a warm sensation in her belly? We are there to assist, but as I have said before, we cannot tell you directly to take this road or that road. You came to earth to learn how to do these things and to learn to recognize the feelings involved with such choices. So tell Araceli and all your readers to open up and feel. You will notice something that tells you to go this way or that way,

or yes on that decision or no on this decision. Again we are there to assist. Just open up your hearts and trust your feelings. Don’t try and override them.”

If the person really excites you and you decide to have sexual relations with him or her, I would suggest, as I wrote in my book, “I request a Most Benevolent Outcome that I remain safe and disease free with my sexual partner (you can substitute their name here), thank you!”

After you’ve found someone, perhaps you’ll want to move in together, but neither of your homes is sufficient or large enough. Then you can say, “I request a Most Benevolent Outcome for the PERFECT home for me, thank you!” These requests always have to be for something specific for you, but there is what I call “The Radiant Effect” where other people are benevolently affected by your request. Naturally saying this request works EVERY TIME you decide to move to a new location.

So now things have progressed to the point that you’re being married this summer. What an experience, but what planning and stress! My daughter was married last summer, and you would have thought that my daughter and wife were planning the Allied landing on the Normandy beaches.

There are many different MBO’s you can request as you proceed on your planning- for finding the right wedding and bridesmaid dresses, choosing the right tuxes, choosing the right caterer, choosing the right location for the rehearsal dinner and reception, choosing the right florist, and the right person to officiate your wedding. Oh, and don’t forget requesting a MBO for your honeymoon to go smoothly and to be even better than you can hope for or expect! Get in the habit of requesting MBO’s for everything in your life.

Each step of the way, there are Benevolent Outcomes to request so that your life will be less stressful, more successful, and more Gentle! By requesting Benevolent Outcomes in your life, you will become more aware, the “veil” will begin to thin, and it raises your vibrational level- what a great benefit! Have a great summer!

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CHALICES OF MYSTERY

Jesus of Nazareth and Mary of Magdalene

John Beverley Butcher

I have been fascinated with Jesus all my life and with Mary Magdalene for almost as long. There is something about them that draws me like a magnet. I feel an intense need to study all the information about them that I can get my hands on.

The great joy for me is that our database on Jesus of Nazareth and Mary of Magdala has been dramatically and substantially expanded by the discovery of the Gospel of Thomas, the Secret Gospel of Mark, the Gospel of Peter, the Gospel of Mary, the Gospel of Philip, Thunder, and many other significant sacred texts.

Most notable was the discovery of the Nag Hammadi Scriptures in 1945, the same year that the atomic bomb was first used on other human beings. One kind of explosion leads to destruction and death, the other discovery provides us with Wisdom for restoring us to our true humanity.

Since 1977 when these scriptures were fully translated and made readily available, there has been intense research by many competent scholars leading to a creative explosion of new books on Jesus and on Mary Magdalene. The implications are enormous and challenge us to rethink our understanding of these two people, their relationship, and their wisdom teachings.

The conventional New Testament has scant information on Mary of Magdala which diminishes her and keeps her mainly in the background. With the new data available to us, we can see clearly that she is the closest woman companion to Jesus. She joins her energy with his in their shared work of teaching and serving as catalysts for healing.

Those who heard Jesus and Mary were astonished at their teachings since they spoke on their own authority and not as the conventional religious leaders. I am convinced that their authority originates with their experience of Sacred Mystery within, between, around, and beyond themselves. In other words, first comes their experience, then comes their teaching.

What were their experiences? And who were the people who were most influential in their lives? These are among the questions that energize me in researching the documents and doing my own writing and teaching. I am seeking to rediscover and reclaim them both as historical and archetypal characters.

In researching the dynamics of their sacred partnership, I am discovering texts like these that jump right off the page:

+ Mary is a woman who fully understood. *-Dialogue of the Savior 20:2*

+ Mary Magdalene is the Companion of Jesus and they kissed each other often.

-Gospel of Philip 32

+ Jesus loved her more than any other woman. *-Gospel of Mary 6:1*

+ Jesus knew her completely and loved her devotedly. *-Gospel of Mary 10:10*

+ Jesus says, "When you drink from my mouth you will become like me; I myself shall become you, and the hidden things will be revealed to you."

-Gospel of Thomas 108

The evidence is clear that Mary of Magdala and Jesus of Nazareth are Companions, soulmates, and deeply engaged in their sacred partnership for work and ministry.

The evidence is clear: together they are seeking to assist people in discovering their essential Union with All that Is. They speak from their own experience with each other and with the Source of



Life, that Amazing Mystery, the pulsating Energy of the Universe who is within, between, around, and beyond us. They embody the Mystery who is our Mother, Father, Teacher, and Lover.

In addition to their wisdom teachings, they use energizing rituals as revealed by the central theme in the Gospel of Philip. Jesus and Mary "did everything in a Mystery: a baptism, a chrism, a eucharist, a reconciliation, and a bridal chamber." Philip 68

What would happen if both Jesus and Mary were to be integrated more fully into our present day rituals of baptism, eucharist, foot washing, and anointing? With this question in mind, I have been developing and field testing fresh rituals rooted in ancient texts.

I now recognize that Mary Magdalene, along with women whom I have perceived as carrying her energies, has been the object of my own intense projections for many years. Gradually my view of Mary Magdalene has shifted. I am seeing her more clearly as a person in her own right. With this shift I am able to see other women more clearly as well.

What might the Gospel story look like and how might it read if Mary of Magdala were to be returned to her rightful place? My task is twofold: to put her back into the story where she belongs and to restore the neglected wisdom teachings from her and from Jesus.

BIO:

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During the 2009 Mary Magdalene Celebration to be held in Sedona, Arizona, this summer from July 17 - July 22, we will be exploring their spiritual experiences, their partnership in life and ministry, their teachings and rituals. We will focus special attention on the Gospel of Mary which reveals that after the death of Jesus, Mary of Magdala continues, and expands what she discovers with him.

The celebration opens at the Sedona Creative Life Center on Friday, July 17, with an art exhibition on Sacred Partnerships, seminars, rituals, vibrant songs, and sacred dance.

It continues on July 20 and 21 with an Energizing Rituals Intensive at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and climaxes with Immersion in Mystery on Mary Magdalene Day, July 22.

Special attention will be given to developing and enhancing daily spiritual practice and taking part in developing local ritual study groups. Everything is designed to help participants to practice wisdom and compassion, relate freely and openly with all whom we meet, become catalysts for healing, confront the Powers that Be, and work for justice and peace. You are invited.

2009 MARY MAGDALENE CELEBRATION JULY 17 & 18
AT THE SEDONA CREATIVE LIFE CENTER

Chalices of Mystery: Jesus of Nazareth & Mary of Magdala, Sacred Partnership
Featured presenter: John Beverley Butcher, M. Div., author of *The Tao of Jesus*

"He knew her completely and loved her devotedly." - Gospel of Mary 10:10

Music, Dance, Art, and Ritual - Lunch included

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