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BELOVED BERNADINE

PASSES ON

We've lost Bernadine Greer who died in Oklahoma City on December 24, 1995. We love her dearly and all send prayers. A well known astrologer, teacher, and friend, "the Reverend" as Shyam fondly addressed her was ever cheerful, helpful and full of fun, in spite of a long term battle with pain and illness. Her astrological work has helped hundreds of people and she often offered her counseling services other seekers. She is survived by her husband Richard and adult children. Celeste Miller, her spiritual daughter, shall carry on the work of the Wellness Center which Bernadine started in Fayetteville, Arkansas.



Bernadine and Shyam in Fayetteville, 1994

the other hand, this very world displays harmony, integrity, love, compassion, and unity. The ancient sages who deliberated on reality for ages did not insist upon giving an answer, but directed the attention of the human race to the riddle of reality which is not solved by great thinkers, philosophers, and even scientists to this day. The ages, as

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People ask,

"What is reality?" A good question, a question asked for thousands of years and answered in thousands of ways. On the one hand, we live in a world of diversity, duality, contradiction, conflict and disharmony. And on

a matter of fact, did not belong to any religion, cult, or division. They lived in the same world of apparent contradiction, enjoyed the diversity and wondered at the mystery of the creator.

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The creator is not the Absolute transcendental other. The Creator, the Creation and the Created meet at centers everywhere in an Eternal tapestry of complexity, and also commonality. The sages generally experienced in their sacred centers, which they found in their physical forms, the ecstasy of the divine and the bliss of the divine. This ecstasy or bliss cannot be put in words because they transcend words or worldliness.

When I was growing, I remember hearing stories from my grandmother about the divine presence as she experienced it in day to day life. There was a system in India in ancient times that all the children around the age of five, without exception, were supposed to go to a teacher who lived in the forest with a small family with barely any means of material possession or support. The students ate with the teacher, ate the food his wife prepared and studied 64 arts including archery, defense, philosophy, religion, astrology, astronomy, herbs and nature in general for a period of twelve years. The students then returned to their parents well equipped, with a balanced knowledge of life and the world. As a result of this discipline, the whole human society grew up as a link between the Created world and the Creator. The life process under these congenial circumstances was smooth, peaceful, and well connected. The relationship in the family was governed by devotion, obedience, and spiritual inquiry.

Obviously, the scientists of those days were not biased against the opinions of sages about reality. The sages really contemplated unconditionally on the immensity of reality in their own selves and arrived at profound truths. If the Creator is real, the Creation is also real. The Creator can only be realized in the Creation.

They called the energy behind the Creator's wholeness, creativity. And the creativity is equated with the female principle or the mother's love. Since we cannot see the Creator directly, there appears to be no Creator. And if we analyze any object in creation, this leads to a subjective experience tantamount to "nothingness."

Now we'll come to this "nothingness." Even in the 19th century, this idea of nothingness was considered to be a blasphemy. Therefore, it became the part of the scientific world to go back to this nothingness to the "thingness." Every visible thing was particularly analyzed to reach back to the origin, which became the future of the science, from solid or from matter to mind and mind to energy and energy to the essence, which cannot be

pinpointed but can only be realized by the mind. This paradoxical situation puzzled many great thinkers and scientists. When Einstein propounded the theory of relativity and the unified field, he must

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have experienced it on a different level of existence. From this experience came the theory and the proof of the theory. Still the discussion is going on and it will go on forever. A scientist when experimenting is in deep meditation. All the currents of energy are concentrated on the object of meditation, which in the course of time, becomes a subjective reality. When a subjective reality is expressed in a limited vocabulary, it becomes a finding and the finding depends upon the experiencer who is also the experienced. They exist together in the exuberant consciousness which has linked itself to the ecstasy of one's own bliss. This experience is spread throughout the world in different forms with different interpretations causing confusion and conflict. This is the reality of human

limitation and the knowledge expressed through different conditions.

The unified field theory explains that every human being can have unity and diversity. Somehow there are impartial thinkers who have taken the hint from the ancient thoughts and tried to apply it to the present day world. For example, meditation and yoga have become a combined answer to human problems, mental as well as physical. These two methods have found their place in hospitals, in healing programs, and redemption techniques. This simply means recovery from limitation and conditions that lead to limitation. Limitation implies that human beings attach importance to appearance and form which comes under the diversified field of the explicate order. Connected to this is also the inner field of vision and realization which is governed by the implicate order leading to understanding deeply and inwardly. This trend leads to freedom from both and a human being becomes a human being in the real sense and connects himself or herself to the universal mind which enjoys freedom of expression and impression in a cosmic sense. A bird flies in the sky, a human being walks on the ground, a river flows in the wilderness, and oceans roar around the earth in a natural order. To be in tune with this natural order and to be proud of being alive is the purpose of human endeavors. To cry in the wilderness is not a human trait. To enjoy the purpose, to enjoy the spontaneity and to live with peace, harmony and propriety is to live in heaven here and now.

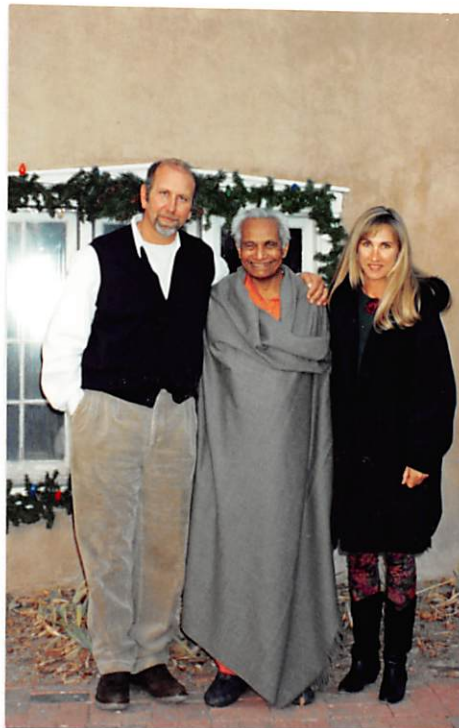
(c) 1996, "Shyam" or Shrikrishna Kashyap

transcribed by Laura and Steve Barnett,
rewritten by Shyam

By Celeste:

May the blessings be manifest and spin out into the spirals of cosmic light. Swirling amid the sparks of creativity - acting as mirrors, reflecting the infinity of images we call ourselves, until we remember the rivers of our imagination - rippling with galactic

awareness - carrying the mass consciousness beyond it's deep sleep - awaking to the radiant space which dwells within the heart of the Divine Mother - birthing the world anew, into the Dawning of the Age of Aquarius. Water bearer, pouring forth the aerated waters of transformation flowing with the timeless Grace of pure integrity and we will thirst no more.



Shyam with board members Elliot and Susan McDowell, 1995 (photo by PB)

News in Brief:

Lynn Walters,
Treasurer of Wisdom Wave,
known for her wonderful

food as owner of the Natural Cafe and author of Cooking at the Natural Cafe in Santa Fe, has now embarked upon an adventure in the Santa Fe Public Schools as project director of "Cooking with Kids, a school nutrition program. The program works with students, teachers and school staff to promote a more enlightened approach to good nutrition, by cooking international vegetarian foods in the classroom and then serving these foods in the cafeteria.

AVE evaluation yields positive results:

A research study by Patricia Brown in conjunction with the folk opera *AVE*, with data analyzed by the consulting firm of Mary Ann Shaening, yielded positive results for attitude change in three performances for youth. Five hundred questionnaires, returned after the secondary school performances, showed that the audience felt the play would help to increase awareness of the problems of sexual assault and child abuse, that the audience felt personally more interested in helping others with problems of abuse and that the play may help increase the community's efforts to help prevent these problems.

The folk opera was a multidimensional work addressing contemporary problems of abuse, women's issues, and metaphysical dilemmas. It grew out of inner psychospiritual work and professional work as a psychotherapist in Northern New Mexico where the universal dilemmas of unhealthy libidinal attachment and spiritual anguish have taken deep root. The metaphysical message of the play is that the untamed force of the feminine, creative energy represented by Mary Magdelene can only be harmonized by the genuine manifestation of spiritual love in the persons of the blessed Mother and her son Jesus. Put simply, nature will only bow to spirit, and nothing short of that. On the levels of inner depth psychology as well as social interrelationship, the divine feminine or the blessed mother, through compassion, friendship and sacrifice, provides the essential link in bringing this natural power into relationship with the Christ or Higher Consciousness. Mary is already one with the Christ energy, but Mary Magdelene has been split off from the Godhead through the abuse, exploitation and abandonment of the natural feminine by the human race. Mary's sacrifice demonstrated in the play is that of the feminine which puts the welfare of others above her own needs for attention or even affection from others. The emphasis here is upon the natural sacrifice that occurs in helping others and not upon suffering or penance as a release from "sin." Mary's autonomy from social convention allows her to reach out to another woman in true compassion, overcoming the usual competition women feel in encountering the wild power and beauty of the Goddess in another woman. Mary's sacrifice further occurs in the play in that she leads Magdelene to see Jesus, who as the manifestation of the highest male spiritual expression, completely takes hold of Magdelene's heart and she is utterly healed. The focus remains upon Jesus and not so much upon Mary, whose own crucifixion is internal and unseen but nevertheless potentially real. Whether the play actually communicates

the depth of this message is unclear, but it seemed worthwhile to share this inner message with our Wisdom Wave friends. Again, *thanks to all* who made these performances possible. Production of musical theater is an enormous task, and it is not known at this time whether another production will manifest.

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COSMIC CHUCKLES

A perplexed Gip Brown still has not made any sense out of the unexpected visit to the May 1995 retreat by Lady Theodora Higgenbotham of Great Britain. (Correct spelling thanks to Natasha Mansfield of Miami)

A RETREAT IN MAY:

Once again, Wisdom Wave is sponsoring a retreat with Dr. Shyam. See the attached flyer for information, and remember try to submit your registration early for the best assurance of a place since usually Shyam likes to keep a small group of not more than 25-30 persons. *Our Memorial weekend retreat in Santa Fe is May 23-26, 1996 at the beautiful Sangre de Cristo retreat center just outside of Santa Fe, New Mexico.*

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