



Emerging Spirits Happy-nings

Reverend Jymmisms

Behind every strong Mother is a very grateful daughter! If I were to use words to describe my mother so you would get an idea that my life growing up was anything but normal, the words would be, independent, hilarious, creative, colorful, serving, generous, and kind. I grew up with Lucy Ball and what is funny her mother, my grandmother worked for MGM and worked on the "Longest Trailer, starring none other than Lucy Ball. So do movies imitate life or does life imitate movies? Yes.

I was raised in Covina and my father was a very successful life and accident insurance man. We lived across the street from Covina High School which my sister graduated from in 1963. Even though she was right across the street, she still managed to be late to school. Our 3 bedroom large home was the last stop of the "60's ratted bouffant hairspray Clearasil" friend of my sisters, before heading out late to school. I had to fight my way through, "Aqua Net" and, don't tell dad, "cigarette smoke," to use the bathroom, the other bathroom was "Dad's," and you just didn't use that one.

We had a large mirror and two sinks to accommodate pretty much the whole sophomore class of teens.

And Mom took this and so much more in stride, a short 4'11" cute, "a-lined" skirted, March of Dimes Volunteer, professional knitting, gambling, proud, catholic Irishwoman, created in me a sense of humor, loyalty, adventure and independence. It was my father that was the nurturer. My brother and sister and I are 10 years apart. So by the time I came along my parents were ready for retirement, while I was ready for the "60's."

I had every opportunity to fully experience the "60's, until my Dad took Mom and me out of the city and plopped us in the middle of nowhere, Onyx, Ca., population, 105 which was its average age of its citizens. It is amazing that I survived. Mom joined the Women's club of Weldon, had a canasta group every month and of course was a devout congregant of the St. Jude's Catholic Church in Weldon which is practically across the street from the Assembly of God Church that I defiantly attended. To cope, I slept through my first summer.

Being a Mother is being able to be in constant change and flow. Or as my Mom would say, "Ya gotta roll with the punches".

She should know she was an avid boxing fan. I have been blessed in my life with the Mom I chose to be born through, even though growing up I didn't think so. But time has a way of rounding out the sharp and cutting edges and smoothing out deep wrinkles of our lives. It is a healing agent. I want to take this opportunity to say, "Thanks Mom, you were and still are the strongest woman I know, "The Leader of our Pack.""



Reverend Jymme Taylor



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Mother's Day

Join us for a Celebration of the
Feminine and Nurturing Essence of Life.



Practitioners' Corner

Mystical May

Where does the time go? Here it is May already. How can we slow down the clock? These may be some of the questions that you have been asking yourselves. Yes, time is flying by. There is no flipping a light switch to stop time. As the saying goes, if it is beyond our control, do not worry about it. We might as well accept it and make sure that we are using our precious moments in May in the best way possible.

I googled the meaning of the month of May (probably no surprise that would be the first thing I do) and found some information regarding the spiritual

meaning of this month. It appears that the number 5 or the fifth month of the year offers abundance, fortune and excitement with a lot of positive energy to work on your desires and projects. Looking at the month of May from a mystical point of view, one may want to take this month to begin working on something that has been just resting deep down in your heart. If you already started on a project but is now stuck or you were lacking the energy to complete, now may be the time to try again with a new positive perspective of I CAN DO IT! Let's all give it a try this month and see what happens.

May is also a month of nurturing. Take the time this month to nurture yourself and others. Our world is hurting right now. We are seeing signs of hate, anger, bullying, dysfunction and greed. Let your feminine and nurturing side become more prominent this month. Seek and find the divine essence of all. By using the abundance, fortune, excitement and positive energy that comes with the month of May, we can work together to transform our world to a place of love, service, kindness and peace. Have a happy and blessed May.

Lorraine Patch, ESCSP

Lessons of Nature by Karen Ann Fort

"Grandma, come here! Look at all the different colors of green!" It took my four year old grandson with eyes that truly saw all the beautiful shades of green in our orchard's trees to re-awaken my love of Spring.

Growing up on a farm instilled such an appreciation for nature and animals, and taught so many life lessons. Experiencing birth and death, close up, instills the Circle of Life within. Spring time has become my favorite of all the seasons.

How exciting it is seeing a baby calf or lamb valiantly struggling to be born; watching the tenacity of a new chick as it pecked itself out of the egg; or viewing a newborn foal slip from the amniotic sack as the mare instinctively licks it all over; or its perseverance as she nudges it to stand, fall, stand again, fall and then finally rise on wobbly long legs to run just minutes after birth. All these spiritual lessons I learned as a very young girl.

I came to treasure each of the gifts of Spring. Whether it was planting bulbs with my grandmother, seeing a tulip or iris flower push through the dark soil, or viewing the fruit trees burst forth with their myriad of colorful buds, all were cherished.

All life is precious and beautiful. I began to feel that we are individually connected to the earth, and to each other. Even the animals. We are One! A spark of God must be in all things. Growing up, I began to believe as the Indians, that the "Great Spirit" or some kind of Spirit is in all of nature: in rocks, trees, flowers, insects and animals. Being able to help raise a baby lamb, newborn calf or chickens, and actually love them as a pet, helped me to sense that treasured, unknowable life energy that is a part of everything on our planet.

Look at our society! Millions live in cities of concrete, steel and glass. Yet they flock to the country, seashore or mountains for

weekends and vacations. Many have even started roof-top gardens atop high-rise buildings. And pet ownership is at an all-time high. Our souls seem to be crying out to re-connect with nature and animals.

My personal belief is that the further we remove ourselves from the earth and its creatures, the less human we become. Compassion, caring and understanding are giving way to competition, selfishness and self-centeredness. However, studies show that even criminals and juvenile delinquents change their behavior when given a garden to tend or animals to nurture. Our true nature as a human being comes to the surface when we connect with mother earth and her critters. I believe that no matter who we are, or what our perceived differences, each person, animal, plant and element share the seasonal cycles and are affected deeply by the turning of this

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planet. We can learn so much from every season, but I have gained the most from Spring. It is newness of life and fresh beginnings.

As humans, because of our amazing mind, we can choose. Even choose to begin anew each day! We can grow and change into more caring, loving people. And exhibit those characteristics of patience, tenacity and perseverance I have learned from Spring to change our world for the better.

Authors say the voices of the wind, weather, elements, plants and animals all have truths to share. We must only remember to stop, be still, listen and open our eyes wide to connect to the magnificence of nature.

Karen Ann Fort is a member of the ESC Joy of Writing Group

Ministry of Prayer — The Ministers and Practitioners are here to serve you with prayer. Prayer request slips are on the table next to the Prayer Chest. Each request is confidential. This powerful tool for healing can be utilized everyday. You need not wait until Sunday. Simply call 805.651.0361 and leave a message or go to the website at emergingspirits.org. You may also call one of the Practitioners and talk with them personally. Your request will be put on the prayer circuit immediately, and all you need do is let go and let the healing be revealed.



This **Memorial Day** we remember and honor those people who died while serving in the country's armed forces and all Americans who died while in the military service.

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There is no charge for this service, however, a contribution may be made to the Ministry of Prayer.

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
	1 10am Open Board Meeting	2 6:30p A Course In Miracles	3	4 12pm <i>The Joy of Writing</i>	5	6
7 12 noon Service ESC 7th Anniversary Potluck	8	9 6:30p A Course In Miracles	10	11	12 6:30p Movie Night	13 6pm Timber Hawkeye
14 12 noon Sunday Service 	15	16 6:30p A Course In Miracles	17 12:30p Iphone/lpad Workshop	18 12pm <i>The Joy of Writing</i>	19	20 10am Men's Group <i>Marie Calender's Camarillo</i>
21 12 noon Sunday Service	22	23 6:30p A Course In Miracles	24	25	25 6:30p Movie Night	27 12 noon Book Club
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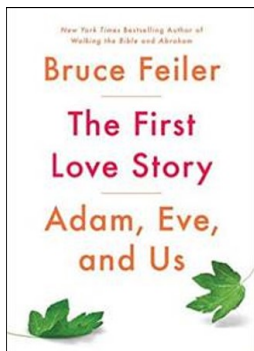
happenings

**Come grow with us...
Sundays at Noon**

Book Club

Saturday, May 27 12pm

The First Love Story: Adam, Eve, and Us



Adam and Eve introduced the idea of love into the world, and how they continue to shape our deepest feelings about relationships, family, and togetherness. In this fresh retelling of their story, New York Times columnist and PBS host Bruce Feiler travels from the Garden of Eden in Iraq to the Sistine Chapel in Rome, from John Milton's London to Mae West's Hollywood, discovering how Adam and Eve should be hailed as exemplars of a long-term, healthy, resilient relationship. At a time of discord and fear over the strength of our social fabric, Feiler shows how history's first couple can again be role models for unity, forgiveness, and love.

Containing all the humor, insight, and wisdom that have endeared Bruce Feiler to readers around the world, The First Love Story is an unforgettable journey that restores Adam and Eve to their rightful place as central figures in our culture's imagination and reminds us that even our most familiar stories still have the ability to surprise, inspire, and guide us today.



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REV. JYMME TAYLOR'S

7TH ANNIVERSARY

SUNDAY, MAY 7

It's the 7th Anniversary of ESC officially becoming a Non-Profit Church and Public Charity AND the Ordination of Reverend Jymme Taylor as our Minister. Celebrating with an Hawaiian theme. Service at 12 noon, followed by celebratory Potluck meal.