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“Sacred Relationship, the Community of Life”

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Our nation, and the world, is right now, living in a time of great change. A time when many people see a great deal of need. A time when the power of nature beckons a new way of living, and working with her. A time when war, the dramatic rise in the price of gasoline, and keeping up with the fast paced, ever demanding lifestyle many of us are struggling with, are all on our minds. What does this all mean? What if there are more challenges to come? How do we cope with the ones already present? Answers anyone? Thank God there are many answers, thank God for the indomitable human Spirit that opens up to the creative flow of solutions, and can put that Wisdom into action. We’ve all been witnessing a great deal of that action, as well as many of us being a part of it in a plethora of ways. And those ways continue to grow. Each of us carries a piece of a solution, for within each of us is a magnificent Spirit that holds unlimited possibilities. That Spirit has clear vision to see what *can* be done rather than what isn’t, or seemingly cannot, be done. We might have to step out of our comfort zones to move some of that energy in a more powerful direction, and as we do, we see that the pay off is worth it. The human Spirit is very much alive and well, and ready for what ever needs to be done, as it’s needed, with full confidence and wide open hearts.

Here are some Wise words from my dear friend Sandy Penny from her most recent news letter delivered on Labor Day:

“The darkest hour is just before the dawn. This is the dawning, the birthing, a labor of love...help transform the world into the one you’d like to see. Do not allow yourself to get lost in the frazzled astral fears and your first chakra survival issues. Call your energy back into your body and infuse it with change, love and acceptance. Move into sacred relationship with everyone in your life and on this planet. It’s an act of faith and an act of magic. You are all so powerful and so beautiful, and I know you want this as much as I do. Join me in seeing the highest and best outcome for this huge transformational energy.”

Sacred relationship holds a reverence for all forms of connection. One relationship that stands out for many of us right now, in the wake of the Katrina Hurricane, is community. No matter where you live, or how long, deep connection with community is a place where there are no fences. Where the true Spirit of belonging is honored, no one is left behind, and lives are enriched.

Know your neighbors, not just their names, but know them in a way that creates an authentic connection. Let them be there for you, be there for them, and know that community is the larger family that reaches out from around the world to each back yard, and to each heart. The stronger our community connection, the stronger we grow in our Spirit connection, where our true power comes from. Some of us have attempted it, and found some hard places...it does not mean those places can’t be healed. Healthy boundaries are always a good thing, walls are never healthy, and only lead to a limiting experience for those who build and hold them in place. Some

ask “where do I start”, or say “I don’t have time.” Whether just a brief moment of connecting is noticed, received, or appreciated, show up, share for the sake of sharing...knowing that that first step leads to the next. It does make a difference. The walls come down, the fences open, a world is brought together, and lives are blessed all the more for it.

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