

The Miracle of Serving a Higher Purpose

There is no doubt that I have always loved animals, including reptiles, as you know from my recent snake story. Some insects however, are another story. As a child some of my biggest fears were of bees, wasps and spiders. It was not until my adult years that I overcame these fears and learned to respect, appreciate and actually love these creatures. How I got to that point is another story. For this story all you need to know is that I did.

Earlier this summer, when I walked out onto my front porch, I noticed some flying activity that I had not seen before. Upon further investigation, I discovered a bald faced hornet's nest in a shrub right next to my front door. It was literally within a few feet of the front door to my house.

Now ordinarily, I do my very best to honor any insect friends that I encounter in or around my house and try not to disturb them. If they need to be moved, I talk to them and am as gentle as I can be in order not to hurt or kill them.

In this case, that was not an option, because I had recently decided it was time

for me to sell this house and move back to the country. It just did not make sense to have a huge hive of hornets greeting people coming to see my home.

I talked to them immediately and explained that they could not stay in this location and why. They told me they already had set up their nest, had babies on the way and moving was not an option for them. I was not surprised by that answer but I was not happy either. I did not want to kill them. Fortunately, I knew there might be another solution.

As you may know, I have been doing a radio show about animals for many years. Last year, I did two entire shows all about bees and wasps (you can listen to the archived shows on my website at www.marthanorwalk.com). One of my featured guests was wasp expert, Dick Cheney, (425) 485-0103, a very nice man whose business is getting rid of wasps and he doesn't just kill them. He comes to your home or property and vacuums them up. They do have to die but their bodies are used to make human anti-sting vaccine. I figured that if my hornets had to die at least they could serve a higher purpose with their lives by helping to save humans who are allergic to their stings. I called Dick.

He told me that these hornets were very much needed this year and that he would come to get them but not for about 10 days as he was very busy. We set up an appointment.

In the meantime, I worked on developing a relationship with the hornets. I talked to them every day and told them how much I admired their architectural and building capabilities. They seemed to be able to add an additional paper covering around the entire hive everyday. In a very short period of time the hive was larger than a bloated basketball. I never had any problems with them.

The day before my appointment with Dick, I called him to discuss the details. He explained that he would dress in his bee suit and vacuum up as many wasps as he could. Then he freeze dries them, waits a while and repeats the process in order to capture as many wasps as possible before destroying the hive. Then he dropped the bomb.

He explained that he can never get all the wasps and there could be a few hundred left



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behind. He also said not to worry because those remaining would not work without the hive and queen. They would just hang on the branch where the hive was and starve to death dropping off into the dirt. What? I was devastated imagining my hornets hanging there starving to death. This was definitely not acceptable. I refused to let this happen. I knew what I had to do.

I called on the over-lighting diva of bald faced hornets and the diva of this particular hive and asked for their help in communicating with the hornets. Then I explained everything. I told them about Dick and what he was coming to do. I apologized for having to remove them again, explained how they would be giving their lives to serve a higher purpose to save humans and reminded them that this is just "one" lifetime of many. I told them that Dick would arrive in a red van the next day. I asked them to stay close to the hive because if they traveled too far away

they could miss Dick and would be left alone to die without their family.

The following morning when I checked on the hive I was immediately struck by the lack of activity around the hive. There were usually many, many wasps coming and going but not this morning as there were only a few. When Dick arrived I told him how I had talked with the hornets and that I expected them all to be around and waiting. He was not impressed and went about his business saying that even so, he thought there would still be one hundred or more left behind. I stepped up my communication with the hive and sent out the message to get back to the hive if they did not want to be left behind.

Dick did exactly as he had explained to me. After he had finished the final vacuum, had destroyed the hive and was starting to clean up, one hornet came screaming into the area. I swear I heard "Wait for me, wait for me, I want to go too!" I pointed it out to Dick and he restarted the vacuum and got the late arrival.

For the next few days, I watched the area like a hawk and I am delighted to share with you that Dick got every single one of them. Not a one was left behind. Now I consider that a miracle.

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The key to having your own original ideas is to keep your higher chakras well tuned. You have to be living in spirit to get those "ah ha" moments. The higher chakras feed our spirit, but do us no good unless we are grounded in the lower chakras. Imbalanced lower-chakra people feed off those who are inspired, and top-heavy chakra people depend on others to help manifest their visions.

Balance is the key, and the heart chakra is the critical element to wholeness. Self love, connection to others, and being motivated by love will bring about such balance. Communities and groups can thrive when individuals have their intangibles acknowledged and appreciated.

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4. To dissolve this wall of separation we must know that God is the all in all, everywhere, all-powerful and all-knowing. And yet God's omnipresence and omnipotence remain meaningless to us unless we open our awareness to a conscious realization of the divine in the same way that radio waves permeate everywhere but we need a transistor to capture the sound they carry.

5. We function as transparencies and windows through which we can consciously allow God to shine and demonstrate divine grace and presence in the world.

6. God's grace, service to others and forgiving our enemies help dissolve the wall of separation between us and God. This union with God transports us beyond good and evil, as we cease to judge and find fault with others, releasing us from our dependence on the outside world to solve our problems.

7. To pray is not to ask for healing, material things, or change circumstances. Rather, prayer is an act of allowing God's power to flow through us as we become aware of our union with the divine.

Basic Practices You Can Use

In addition to these and other principles, Joel taught many spiritual practices. The first involves reading, listening to, and studying the word of truth. This leads to Practicing the Presence, a simple but powerful spiritual exercise he emphasized.

You perceive God in all things, peoples and events at all times.

Since Joel had a Judeo-Christian background, he suggested that his students think often about the statement: "I and the Father are One." You can use other words

that work for you. For example, "Thou art That" from the Chandogya Upanishad and "This Self is Brahman" from the Mandukya Upanishad. You can modify these and say: "I am That," and "I am Brahman." Or you can say: "I and the Goddess are One," or "I am Sophia."

Think of your oneness with the source of all creation. Reflect on your awareness as the consciousness of the creator. Be filled with awe and know that everything about you is holy. You are standing on sacred ground.

Joel made a distinction between affirmations and meditation on statements of truth. The mystic frowned on mindless trance-inducing repetition of statements. Rather, he would like for us to reflect in full awareness on words of power as reminders of truth in our daily situations.

Online Resources

The Internet harbors abundant resources about Joel S. Goldsmith. Enjoy the sweet smelling of Joel's spiritual roses in bloom. I always bless the day I discovered this great 20th century American mystic. May you, too. Begin here: www.joelgoldsmith.com. Then visit this site: www.theunofficialinfinite.com. Join the Infinite Way Yahoo Group if you so desire at: www.groups.yahoo.com/group/theunofficialinfinite. Oprah Community thread on Joel S. Goldsmith: www.oprah.com/community/thread/30575.

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