

NEWSLETTER FOR MID-OCTOBER

Dear Readers,

I feel as if I have been around the world on some strange dreamlike adventure and am now back on track and talking once more to you.

In September, I went on holidays in the UK and to the south of France, and left a day of 30 degrees of sunshine in Nice for a miserable 13 degrees in overcast Belgium. From there, I had to make my way to Holland by train, and had no idea which train would take me to my destination there. I boarded one at random and told two passengers on the other side of the train where I was heading. They said they were going to the same place, and didn't know if they were on the right train, either! 'But,' they said, 'this one will take us closer.' I was given these two angels to guide me to my destination via four trains, and they even carried my suitcases. One of them has a brother who lives on the street where I spent my childhood...it was a weird world that day.

I met several fans who had corresponded with me frequently after reading my book. I had some very special meetings, some that will stay with me for life. I am thankful for the friends who offered their hospitality so generously in England and Holland, and took me to see the sights. I presented a workshop in Dutch with the help of an interpreter who filled in the odd word here and there. I finally met up with Janneke, who translates this newsletter. She is a dynamo of a young woman living three storeys up the Dutch house she rents, half my size and with twice my energy. Like most people in her neighbourhood, she only owns a bicycle, and parks it outside in the space provided for bikes on the sidewalk.

The part of my experience that was more like a nightmare than a dream was my website and how this was handled by two people I should not have trusted. Among the things I have learnt in the last three months is this: I don't have to like everybody. I can even tell them so, or at least tell them that I don't like their *attitude*. That leaves the door open for the attitude to change, and hey, presto, they can become a nice person again! But usually the miffed ego likes to keep being miffed on principle.

I apologise to my readers for the appalling state that my website has been in. It was due to the devotion of some of my friends who took valuable time off their own work, that some old files were resurrected and restored. It isn't complete as yet, but the website is at least workable again.

My life is changing rapidly. I have had some clear insights as to what it is I am supposed to be doing and what not. I have withdrawn my membership from business networks. I am not going to any meetings that are not filled with spiritual worth. I am committing time to writing. Since office work is not my forte, I have Kathie who just

loves this sort of work come in twice a week to help me out. Since I hate organising venues and putting brochures around, Eva does this for me and is getting a healthy suntan doing it! I love paying these loyal helpers for enabling me do what I love to do - write and meet clients for counselling.

While I was in Holland, I met up with publishers from Unieboek. *God's Callgirl* is being re-launched there for the mass market, and the workbook for women is going to be released in Dutch in April of next year. It has the title: ***Out of Love For Yourself***. My second book has had a name change: In Australia it will be called ***DESIRE – the awakening of God's Woman***. Its original title, ***The Price of Passion***, will be retained for publication in the UK. The release date in both countries is April 2008.

I hope that if you live in Perth, you will come along to the talks and seminars offered here in November and December. See my website on the Workshops page for details. If you live interstate, want to have talks and workshops in your town and have organisational skills, why not arrange for some to happen in your area? I won't promise as yet to travel out of the country for giving seminars unless it means travelling in style. I will be 69 in a few days and comfort is something I enjoy more and more!

My relationship with my previous partner, Aaron, has now completely dissolved into a genuine friendship. I am so lucky to have loved a person who has taught me so much, and who, like me, treasures what we have gained. Those who say that it isn't possible to be friends with former lovers haven't completely come to terms with all the issues that arose during the time they were together. Of course it takes both parties to do this, but then there is no reason at all for any tensions to remain. That is the way to end a cycle, and to avoid the karma of having to meet the same traits once more in another partner. I am now open for a relationship in which I am one of two people who can mutually support and enjoy each other. Say Amen to that!

Blessings of abundance,
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