

Growing BIG In Love

A Practical Guide For Loving Deeply

And Healing All That Keeps You From Doing So

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What follows is the biggest, most efficient guide to Loving yourself you may ever find.

I Fell in Love

by Tina Benson

There was a time in my life where I fell in love with someone I could not "have..."

That became one of my greatest teachings...

Faced with the choice to either continue loving without expectation of "having" or closing down my heart and shutting off the love...

I chose love...

I allowed the love to pour out of my heart towards him without demand or expectation of anything in return...

I wrote love poems never sent...

I danced my love feverishly on dance floors covered in my sweat and tears...

I not only allowed the love to continue to pour forth from my heart, I fanned the flames...

Until a miraculous thing began to occur...

I became LOVE itself...no longer aimed at "him," but a gushing torrent of love begging to offer itself to LIFE...

I could have easily closed the faucet off at the very moment circumstances forbade our love to be consummated, or I could choose to honor, and allow, and say, "YES" to the love that was the truth of my heart...

I chose LOVE...

And I have been choosing it ever since...without demand of return, for I realized...

LOVING ITSELF WAS THE REWARD...

BEING LOVE filled me with all the love and more than I had ever hoped to receive...

I choose LOVING...no matter what...I choose loving

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Introduction

Our Incredible Human Condition

Every upset, every emotional upheaval we experience, is an opportunity for us to grow bigger in Love. And if we choose to get bigger in Love, we can learn to heal whatever makes us upset, forever! **Can you imagine what your life would be like if there was nothing left to upset you?**

What creates upset in you is different from what upsets other people, but we do have many commonalities. What things cause you to feel unhappy, worried, disappointed, or distressed?

- Fear about not having enough money?

- Being abused, lied to, controlled, chastised?
- Feeling lonely?
- Feeling jealous?
- Being late for appointments?

- Being driven crazy by your kids, dog, cat, partner, or spouse, parents?

- Feeling terrified you'll make a mistake, screw something up, or that someone will judge you?

- Being stuck in traffic, hitting a red light, dealing with idiot drivers, feeling crappy about how your car looks?

These are only a few of the possibilities. We still have sex, politics, world calamity, work, relationships, mates, family, drugs, alcohol, religion, and war. There are a lot of things that can make you feel unhappy and afraid. It might be enlightening for you to make your own list.

And every time you find yourself feeling upset by anything, it takes you time for that feeling to go away.

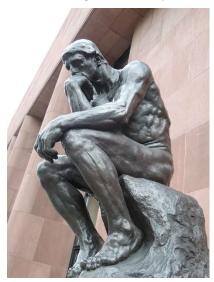
So, please let me show you just how much a simple upset affects you. If you work with me here, you might discover something profound about your life.

Every unloving emotion is a kind of pain. Hatred, fear, jealousy, shame, guilt, greed, anger, boredom, loneliness, and hurt are all different kinds of pain. And every unloving emotion you have ever experienced has been caused by an unloving belief you have within you, a belief that is not Loving. Unloving beliefs trigger unloving emotions, which create pain.

To see how this works, think of something that made you feel

upset in the last few days, some experience that made you feel frustrated, angry, or annoyed. As soon as you have the experience in your mind, relive it for five seconds. Then stop and feel where the pain of the experience shows up in your body.

Where did the pain show up for you? Your gut? Your heart? Your throat? Your head? Somewhere else? Isn't that amazing?! That pain you just experienced was caused by an



unloving belief about that experience. And as soon as you let yourself think about and feel the experience, your unloving belief about the experience triggered an emotional response and you felt the pain of it in your body.

Now let's try another one. Think of some other experience that made you feel frustrated, angry, or annoyed, something that is in no way related to the experience you just now relived. As soon as you have it, relive it for five seconds and see where that pain shows up. Where did the pain show up this time? Was it in the same place? Was it in a different place?

From my experience, in a room of a hundred people, about eighty will feel the second pain in a different place while the other twenty will feel it in the same place.

What this experiment shows is that throughout your life you have accumulated and stored hundreds of unloving beliefs about many different things in your body. **Every time** you think of something that triggers an unloving belief **or whenever you are in the presence of the subject** of an unloving belief, **it triggers the pain** of the unloving emotion created from that belief. We experience these painful feelings many, many times a day, day after day, and they cause chronic pain, accidents, calamities, disease, emotional and mental disorders, and eventually death. That's a lot of pain! Our bodies can only handle so much pain before they break down, grow old and die.

Fortunately, we have the antidote to pain already inside us. All we need to do is to learn to tap into it. Some of us are not able to feel it, but all of us have it in us.

We have Love! What is Love?

Love is simple by nature. It is the energy of life that moves through us and all around us, and it makes us feel good in our hearts. It is the energy that is behind all of creation, which expands in every direction in all space and time. It is yummy and marvelous, amazing and peaceful, extraordinary, flamboyant, silly, cute, hilarious, jovial, sexy, sensuous, quiet, extremely loud, exuberant—I could go on and on! Love is part of wonder and gratitude and all things beautiful. There are infinite ways of experiencing Love.

Love is possibly the reason life exists at all! Learning to focus on Love all the time makes living life extraordinary and doing so empowers us to live life fully! AND, for most of us, we have a wondrous gift within us that enables us to experience Love any time we want. It is called the power of a Loving Smile.

One of the fastest and easiest ways to put Love into action is through a **Loving Smile**.

Let me show you how a Loving Smile works:

Start by sitting up straight and proudly. Make yourself comfortable. Now slow your breathing just a little and breathe deeply. Concentrate on something that makes you feel Love. Smile really big and allow the smile to make you feel happy and Loving. You might envision what a person in a state of Love looks like and imagine yourself looking and feeling that way. Or go back into your memory and recall a time in which you felt a lot of Love and relive it. Maybe you have a lot of Love for your lover, your mate, a child, or a pet. Relive that experience in your mind and smile really big. You might think of sitting next to a beautiful waterfall or the ocean. You might imagine sitting up in a massive tree. You might think of something that makes you laugh or feel silly. Allow yourself to feel as much Love as you can.

Once you are feeling Love so much that you have a big smile with your teeth showing, read on.

Now, don't change your posture, the way you are sitting or breathing, and especially don't change your smile in any way—see if you can make yourself feel sad. Don't change your smile.

You can't do it, can you? Isn't that amazing?! Let's try another one.

While you're still smiling and sitting in a strong posture, see if you can make yourself feel angry.

Isn't that incredible? You can't do it! No matter how hard you try to feel sad or angry, if your physicality and physiology is happy and Loving **and you are smiling big**, you can't do it. Your inability to feel **any** unloving emotion when you're expressing a Loving Smile with a strong, proud posture is a **metaphysical principle of life**. It just works that way for all people. **It's a truth we can rely on.**

I call it the Loving Smile Principle.

It is an incredibly **practical** tool, because all you have to do to feel and use Love is to smile a Loving Smile and think of anything that opens your heart and opens you to the experience of Love. By "opening your heart," I am referring to your spiritual heart. Your spiritual heart gives you the ability to control how you feel, moment by moment, by affording you the choice to choose to be in Love or not. If your heart is open, you can feel Love. If your heart is closed, you will feel unloving emotions. Each quality of Love has a reversed quality: happy – sad; Loving – hateful; fulfilled – bored; confident or safe – afraid; peaceful – angry; excited – depressed, and so on. If your heart is open, you will feel Love, you will be smiling and feeling good. If your heart is closed, you will feel unloving feelings, you will not be smiling, and you will likely feel some kind of pain. This principle is what makes the Loving Smile a **practical** tool. It gives you the awareness to know if your heart is open. It empowers you with Love and gives you the benefits of being in Love, which are substantial.

The bigger and stronger your smile is, the more Love you will be able to feel and enjoy. Once you master the Loving Smile, you won't even have to think of anything Loving to activate and utilize it. You'll just feel Love from the smiling. This ease makes a Loving Smile one of the most useful tools on the planet, because isn't Love and all the many qualities of Love what most of us want to experience all the time? Once you get the hang of smiling to open your heart, your smile will become your knowing that your heart is open. If you think you are feeling Love and you are not smiling, chances are your heart is not open. As you work with this more and more, you will come to know that your heart is open because you are smiling. This knowing becomes very important when we get into helping you heal different aspects of your life. Again, from my experience, in a room of a hundred people there are usually two or three who cannot open their heart enough to feel the Love experience described above. If you are one of these people, there are many reasons why this can happen, so please do not feel bad or feel like you're doing anything wrong. You are not broken. You might try the exercise again in a few hours or the next day, and with repetition you may be able to feel Love in your heart. If you still can't get to the point of feeling Love, keep reading this book. We'll show you tools that you can use to remedy your situation so that you can learn to understand how to feel Love too.

When you Lovingly smile, you are shining. You are radiating Love from within you in every direction, and it affects **you and everyone** and **everything** around you. This makes it one of the most **powerful** tools on the planet because when you use it, **you are radiating the power of Divine Love**, which is like blessing yourself and everyone and everything. And it is free. It costs nothing at all for you to spread it around to your heart's content.

I'm sure you've had this experience: You're sitting in a room full of people and someone who is really happy walks into the room. She's beaming from ear to ear, and her happiness radiates throughout the whole room. Everyone starts smiling just from seeing her happiness. Well, now that person can be **you**! **You** can make your smile radiant by simply choosing to express your joy. **See how many rooms you can light up with your Loving energy, your radiant smile.**

You can Lovingly smile and **make yourself feel any type** of Loving feeling. You can smile and make yourself feel wonder, excitement, silliness or peace. **Take a moment and try this**. Recall an image of a person in a state of peace. Now adopt the same facial expression and posture. Stay with it for a few moments and notice how you feel.

Let's try a couple more. Call to mind an image of a person experiencing a state of elation. Adopt the posture and facial expression that you're seeing. Make yourself sit or stand strong and proudly, speed up your breathing a little, smile and notice how you feel. Isn't that an amazing feeling?

Smile and see if you can access the feeling of "silly." Make yourself laugh and make anyone around you laugh. Have you ever thought of Love as being silly? Where do you think laughter comes from? Being silly can be a lot of fun!

Now, of these three Loving emotions—peace, elation, and silliness—which one was the most powerful for you? That's fun to know. In the next few days, you might see how many different kinds of Loving emotions you can bring into your space in different situations. This can totally rock your day. Try it with wonder, compassion, and appreciation, or any quality of Love that moves you. It's like trying the smorgasbord of Love.

For most of your life you have probably been using the Loving Smile as a reaction to things that make you feel good. That's great! Keep doing that! Now that you understand the Loving Smile Principle, you can use it to proactively make yourself feel Love, joy, and excitement about all parts of your life more often and whenever you want. This can be an invaluable tool when you are learning to understand and heal the unloving beliefs in your life that cause you upset.

Proactively adding Love into your life gives you so many benefits, and there is so much to share about it I decided to dedicate Chapter 3, The Benefits of Growing Big in Love More and More Every Day, just to that. But for now, I want you to put that idea on hold so that I can explain the biggest challenge most people are facing. I already explained how your unloving beliefs give you pain every time they are triggered, but there is another phenomenon that creates more pain than unloving beliefs and is stronger than beliefs. It controls us ruthlessly and causes us to act and react in unloving ways every day, and it makes it extremely hard for us to change. I call this phenomenon a **Love Reversal.** I coined this term because I have not found an existing word or phrase that fits this concept.

Love Reversals

When a child experiences something **unloving** over and over again, many times a day, day after day for years, that unloving pattern becomes comfortable in the sense of becoming familiar, habitual, known. The child then can misinterpret the unloving act as Love, when it is not. This is a **Love Reversal**.

For example, if a child has a mother or father who only knows how to parent by yelling loudly with disdain and anger and hitting the child often, the child becomes comfortable in what is clearly an abusive relationship. As the child grows older, s/he attracts abusive people to her/him because those are the kind of people s/he feels comfortable with. If a truly Loving person enters her/his life, s/he may feel annoyed and agitated because the Love is so foreign to her/him. S/he feels comfortable only in abusive relationships because they are familiar, and s/he could actually misconstrue the abuse as Love.

I have found that most Love Reversals are developed in early childhood, from ages 1 to 7. However, it is the strength of those Love Reversals that are developed in early childhood that makes it possible for people to develop more Love Reversals after childhood.

It is the constant bombardment of trauma that makes Love Reversals different from unloving beliefs. They are much stronger, more powerful. The trauma/abuse can come through physical (hitting the child), verbal (yelling at the child), emotional (guilting, hating, or raging at the child), mental (manipulating, betraying the child), sexual (sexually abusing the child), spiritual (telling the child that God will punish them) and metaphysical (channeling hateful, angry, hurtful energy at the child) abuse. The intensity and the duration of the abuse have everything to do with how strong a Love Reversal is.

That being said, the Love Reversal described above is an obvious one. It was caused by very strong trauma of the child being

yelled at and hit every day. But we experience many different kinds of trauma every day and some of the trauma is quite subtle. Some of those subtler traumas can cause us to develop many different kinds of Love Reversals as well. We will give you an example shortly but before the example there is more to know.

On top of all the different ways a person can be abused, Love Reversals are usually composed of more than one belief. There can be two, three, or more unloving beliefs working together to create a Love Reversal. If a person has more than one unloving belief causing a Love Reversal, each additional belief makes the Love Reversal stronger. The stronger a Love Reversal is, the harder it will be for you to identify, understand, and heal.

So here is an example: You might enjoy making money and be very good at it while at the same time be terrified you will never make enough. Then, through learning how to understand and heal your unloving beliefs around money, you might find that your father was terrified he would never make enough money. You might recall how he complained almost daily about the fact that the family never had enough money, and you might come to understand that your patterns of acting and reacting in fear—your unloving beliefs around money you actually learned from him. This type of Love Reversal could have many unloving beliefs connected to it, like being afraid to pay the bills, being afraid to buy necessities, being afraid you won't have enough work for the week, etc.

We learn most of our unloving beliefs, Love Reversals, and habits from being around and imitating our parents and siblings, or from those who raised us when we were children. In this way, the unloving patterns are passed from generation to generation through our lineages.

Here's another example: You might notice that whenever you get into a new relationship, you panic if your partner does something without you. You just feel terrified that s/he is going to leave you, and the fear affects you so strongly that you have a meltdown almost

every time it happens. These reactions then make you feel clingy and insecure and they make it hard to develop a Loving relationship with a partner. Then, upon working on yourself, you remember that when you were a child, your parents divorced, and your father went away. You were so hurt, you were crushed, and felt abandoned! The abandoned feeling was so strong that it created a traumatic feeling of deep loss you experienced every day for a long time, which is what caused the Love Reversal. Now that you are older, it comes up strongly every time your partner doesn't include you in an activity or conversation, or even every time they turn away from you just to go to work.

Love Reversals are easy for other people to see in us because they can observe us acting and reacting in unloving ways, but they are very difficult to see in ourselves, especially when they involve multiple unloving beliefs. They feel comfortable and normal to us, so we often do not see or feel them as unloving in ourselves.

Love Reversals can be stronger than instinct. When we experience trauma, our instinct is to fight, flee, freeze, or fold (fold means to pass out like an opossum). If a parent is hitting or beating you, you can't do any of those things. You can't do what is instinctual. (Actually, some children have been known to faint or fold, but this is rare.) You may not be able to fight or get away and you may just have to take the beating, the pain. Taking the pain is stronger than instinct, so when Love Reversals develop under that kind of trauma, it can take a **tremendous act of willpower** to change the unloving habits that have been established.

One of the biggest things to understand about Love Reversals is that they can make us numb to our pain. When a person experiences trauma, her/his body goes into shock. One of the biggest qualities of shock, is that it makes us feel numb. When we experience a type of trauma/pain over and over, day after day, we become numb to it. This numbing quality is a big factor as to how we become comfortable or used to the pain. Every time a child experiences trauma either through physical, verbal, emotional, mental, spiritual, or metaphysical abuse, or any combination of those abusive actions, her/his body goes into shock from the trauma of it and her/his body becomes numb to the pain as a result of being in shock all the time. I have had clients who could not remember any of their childhood because there was so much numbness. This numbness and pain also made it difficult for them to be playful. They were never able to relax, and that state became normal for them. It's as if they were shellshocked throughout all of their childhood. So, this numbing quality of Love Reversals effectively hides the pain we should feel when we act and react in unloving ways. Without this guidance system, it is very difficult to know the difference between right and wrong.

Our instincts protect us. They are there to help us preserve our lives. Since Love Reversals can be stronger than instinct and are the opposite of Love, the Love Reversals lead us into a distorted view of the world and are the underlying cause of **obsession** and **justification**.

If Love Reversals did not exist here on Earth, **living in Love would be much easier**. When you are in a strong, Loving space and you move away from Love in any fashion, **it hurts. It hurts a lot**. If there were no Love Reversals, we would never even consider getting angry for any length of time, especially at someone we Love, and especially at a child because we would feel how much we are hurting the other person and ourselves. We would never even think about hating anything. It would just hurt too much to do that. We would find it very difficult to lie, or cheat, or steal, or do anything that was not Loving because it would simply be **too** painful.

But we do have Love Reversals in us, and we are numb to the pain. We are so numb **that we actually feel justified in acting and reacting in unloving ways**, even when it hurts us and other people. We feel compelled to act and react in unloving ways, believing we are right. Some people will even kill to prove they are right. If you ever feel justified about doing something, you are most definitely under the influence of a Love Reversal. It is very important to not make decisions when you feel justified. Feeling justified is one of the most poisonous and painful feelings you may ever feel, and it is one of the most powerful deceptions there could ever be. Feeling justified makes you feel good about hurting other people or feeling good when other people hurt. Find a way to get your heart open. Try to get in a Loving space before you make a decision.

As you can see, becoming aware of what Love Reversals are is a very big deal. Every argument, every fight, every war that has ever happened, has happened because of Love Reversals. Most of the pain that people experience on a daily basis is caused by Love Reversals. Most diseases and health challenges are caused by Love Reversals. They make us do things that we would not do if we knew they were there and we knew how to heal them.

Fortunately, once again, the antidote for healing Love Reversals is within us. It is growing big in Love that will enable any person who seeks to take on the challenge of healing their own Love Reversals, possible.

Loving energy is a marked contrast to Love Reversals. So, if you learn to use all of the seven Love Tools in this book (the Loving Smile was just the first one) and you learn to add more and more Love into your life on a daily basis, it will become possible for you to **see** Love Reversals within you because of the contrast. It will also become easier for you to recognize and to heal the Love Reversals once you find them.

By using the Love Tools daily, you are growing your willpower through your heart instead of your head. Empowering your willpower through your heart gives most people an experience of life they have never had before. It makes you more aware of what is happening to your heart, thereby making it easier to see, understand, and heal old unloving habits. You grow stronger and stronger in Love, which gives

you the power to affect the **tremendous act of will you need to heal** Love Reversal habits!

Goddess God, the Universe, our creators or guides or whatever you believe in, went to a lot of trouble to make Love Reversals as real as they are. In fact, when you get deep into the art of healing your unloving beliefs, you will find that the strength of will and intelligence and all the other benefits you gain from healing Love Reversals has no equal. In fact, from this perspective planet Earth seems to be designed specifically to enable us to develop Love Reversals so that we can heal them. It is possibly the sole purpose for which the Earth is being created. They are that important. The end results of the healing of all the Love Reversals and the unloving habits that go with them leave the one who has healed standing and living in the field of integrity that can only be gained by said journey. And the path that stretches out before this healed one is very wondrous indeed! It constitutes a whole new way of living!

I would like to offer you a way to heal your Love Reversals. The process is called the **Love Healing Process** and it is simple.

- **1.** Grow in Love more everyday so you become bigger than your pain.
- 2. Understand that the unloving beliefs that are causing the Love Reversals are not true.
- 3. Heal the trauma that caused the belief.
- **4.** Release the pain that you could not release because you thought the unloving beliefs were true.
- 5. Change the habits caused by the unloving beliefs by developing Loving habits.

The **Love Healing Process** is the subject of the second half of this book where each of these concepts will be explained in detail.

I will explain what becoming bigger in Love means throughout the book and I will help you understand everything you need to know to heal your own unloving beliefs and Love Reversals, step by step. Up to this point on our planet, it has been a rare thing for anyone to heal all of their unloving beliefs and Love Reversals completely. If you should choose to take on this healing journey and you do the work to heal all of your unloving beliefs and Love Reversals, you will have reached a state of being that is very rare indeed. You will be a very powerful Loving Being, a new breed of human being! You will also be helping heal your lineage.

Imagine the possibility of people being able to heal their pain on a planetary scale. Billions of people, from millions of lineages, each lineage unique. There are many factors that make each one unique: religion and spirituality, race and nationality, language, location (cities to towns to rural or wild settings), climate, type or lack of government, age and gender! If you consider that every person is a part of Goddess God, then Goddess God is gaining an incredible experience here through each person's uniqueness. You can see that these widely varied conditions that we are living through are no accident. If you help heal your lineage by healing your unloving beliefs, Love Reversals, and past trauma, you will be left with incredible gifts that our planet is in need of.

Possible Gifts You Can Receive from Healing

Here is a list of the kinds of gifts we are talking about:

- The ability to understand your pain and gain the wisdom that comes from the understanding
- The ability to Love yourself in ways never dreamed of before!
- The ability to communicate with Goddess God, your Guides, the Divine, or whatever you believe, wholly, effortlessly, and as easily as talking to your Loved ones
- The ability to be a master of playfulness, laughter, and the awareness of wonder
- The ability to live your life disease-free
 - The challenge with healing diseases is that there are so many different ways people can contract

disease and health challenges. And there are almost as many different ways to treat or heal diseases or health challenges, so that it is very difficult for people to know which ones will work for them. This is where growing in Love will help tremendously. The bigger you are in Love, the easier it is to discover what you need to do to heal your conditions.

- It's important to remember that the Love Healing Process is a new paradigm, so it's going to take people time to figure out just how it works.
- Should you keep working with your doctors?
 Absolutely! It's important to keep working with your doctors and healers. You can do both: work with your doctors and healers and work on yourself at the same time.
- When people learn how to access deep healing through Growing Big in Love and understanding how their unloving beliefs work, they will be able to actively heal all their unloving beliefs and Love Reversals, diseases, and health challenges.
- The ability to attract Loving and like-minded people
- The ability to create and grow amazingly deep intimate relationships
- The ability to be sensuous and sexual for hours at a time
- The ability to enjoy every bite of every meal as an almost sexual experience
- Many will gain the capability to develop any or all of the following abilities at varying degrees of clarity:
 - Clairsentience the ability to feel the spiritual energy, the Love, and the pain of other people, animals, places, and/or our planet

- Clairaudience the ability to spiritually communicate with those on the other side, like ghosts, people who have crossed over, your own Guides, angels, Goddess God, other people's Guides, etc.
- Clairvoyance the ability to spiritually see the other side, visions, other people's and/or animals' energy or auras, places, and/or our planet's energy
- Intuition the awareness of what is right for you and possibly others and our planet
- If you are psychic, your abilities will become clearer, bigger, and more tuned into the Divine.
- You will come to enjoy a state of peace with money, business, and earning a living, so much so that you will Love whatever it is that you do to achieve the abundance that is yours. (Our planet is abundant, and Mother Earth/Goddess God wants you to grow into that abundance.)
- You will come to enjoy a state of peace with time. One of the by-products of growing and healing more and more every day is that you become naturally aware of how you are spending your time and you'll find yourself choosing the Loving experience, which makes your time warm, Loving, and juicy!
- You will come to absolutely Love and enjoy serving
- If you drive, driving will become a joy
- You will find that the Divine will support you in amazing, miraculous ways

This is just a short list because every time you open yourself to heal one unloving belief completely, you will then know what is true with regard to that subject for you. You will be stronger, wiser,

happier, and healthier than you have ever been before, and you will be stronger in Love.

You get all that from engaging into healing one unloving belief at a time. When you heal one belief completely, you make it possible for everyone around the world to heal that belief more easily. You can watch your immediate family change as a byproduct of you healing and growing from eliminating that one unloving belief. What a joy that is! And every time you heal one unloving belief completely, you make it easier to heal your next unloving belief. With each healed belief you become stronger and more Loving, and you can continue to use the same healing process over and over again and thus ending up with all the gifts on the list above.

Healing My Love Reversals

I have learned the processes and understandings I teach through necessity. For over twenty-five years I experienced chronic pain so intense that I could not find relief. I tried many healing modalities to no avail. For those twenty-five years, if ten is the pain of death, my pain rarely went under a four, and usually hovered around five to six. It spiked up to seven and eight quiet often. It went to nine a few times, and once it was a ten off and on for three weeks, but I did not die. In order for me to heal from my traumas and challenges, I had to learn to Love my way to health. Through the processes, tools, and understandings that I am sharing with you in this book, I have healed almost everything there is to heal in my life, and my life is amazing! I have achieved all of the gifts on that list. I feel blessed because these processes, tools, and understandings have helped not only me, but also hundreds of people who have likewise healed from their many challenges and diseases. My dream is for it to help thousands, millions, and billions of people.

When I was thirty-two, I **learned how to** talk to my Guides. My Guides are my very intimate connection to the Divine. I have had an ongoing relationship with them for all these many years, and it is to them I attribute the success I have had in learning to heal myself through Love and in helping others heal themselves. It is the most intimate relationship you could imagine. We talk the same way I talk with you or anyone in my head and heart. They have Loved me and guided me. They have helped me learn to open to my pain so that I could learn from all my experiences. I have never been alone! It is why I say, "**we** recommend" instead of "I recommend" throughout the rest of this book.

If you do not have a relationship with your Guides already, you can go directly to Chapter 11 and learn how to communicate with your Guides, God Goddess, the Divine, All That Is, or whomever or whatever you believe in, although for many of you it might be better if you learn to use all the Love Tools first. Growing in Love and getting big in Love will make it much easier to learn to communicate with your Guides. And from this point on throughout the book, any time we say Guides, we will be referring to your Guides, Goddess God, the Divine, All That Is, or whomever or whatever you believe in.

Next, I would like to tell you a story about one woman who used the Love Healing Process with my help to heal herself so that you can see how powerful it is. The woman's name is Dot. She gave me permission to share her story (from my perspective) so that you can see how it works.

Dot's Story

When Dot first came to me, the cyst in her throat was very noticeable. It was about the size of a golf ball and was hard to the touch, kind of like feeling the bone in your elbow. It was so big it was becoming difficult for her to swallow. Both her doctor and acupuncturist had told her that it needed to be surgically removed, which would have been a complicated surgical procedure. The surgery would have left her scarred on both the inside and outside of her throat. Dot was afraid of having the surgery.

The first thing I had her do was give me a short version of what her life was like from as early as she could remember. She told

me a little about her relationship with her mother and father, and then I had her lie down for a session so that she could totally relax. I use a verbal technique called Voice Activated Integration. It is a process in which the client uses their own voice to communicate with their beliefs. Some clients even have direct conversations with their beliefs.

Once Dot was relaxed, the next thing that I asked her to do was open to the pain, to feel the pain in her throat and notice if she could feel what was causing the pain. As she opened to the idea that her pain could lead her back to the original trauma that was causing the painful cyst in her throat, it led her to a time when she was eight years old and she was trying to stand up to her father. She had done something that he misunderstood, and when she tried to explain it to him, he raged at her with his voice and shut her down so severely that she had been unable to speak up for herself since that day.

Dot was fifty-two years old at the time of the first session. The pain and the growth in her throat were being caused by the stress of constantly needing to speak up for herself but not being able to do so because she had a belief that she could not and was terrified to try.

Next, we talked about her current relationships with her lover and some of her friends. I discovered that she was having a hard time standing up to any of them. She needed to speak up for herself in a number of ways, but she couldn't. There was one person in particular that she was having a hard time standing up to. I asked her to tell me how he treated her, and then, with her permission, I took on the role of her friend. Since she trusted me and knew I wasn't a threat to her, she was able to tell me exactly what she needed to say to him. We were both in awe at how much she had to say! It was truly amazing to see her stand in her power for the first time since she was eight.

When Dot left that day, she looked like a new person and carried herself very differently from when she'd arrived.

When she came to see me two weeks later, she was excited. After our first session, she had successfully been able to stand up for herself with the people that mattered. She had changed a life-long way of relating to others. And that wasn't all that changed. The cyst in her throat was starting to change. It was already much softer, more like the taut muscles on your palm.

The focus of our remaining sessions was teaching Dot how to use some of the Love Tools. Here is what happened for Dot in her own words:

I have been working with Raven for several months. I have a cyst on my throat; the Western Medical solution is a slightly complicated surgery. Not only did my progressive doctor tell me to have it cut out, even my acupuncturist said to have the surgery. Needless to say, I was not happy and pretty scared. This cyst had been with me for over a year and it was getting bigger. Basically, it looked and felt like I had a golf ball lodged in my throat. After working with Raven for about a month, it was half the size and much softer. I knew then that it would go away, and my fears also went away. As we have continued to work together, the cyst keeps shrinking. It's barely noticeable now.

This process is so powerful. I am learning how to heal through my own efforts, and I have full faith that the cyst will be completely gone as I continue to do this work.

In addition, I have experienced many added bonuses by doing this healing work. Other things in my life have gotten easier. Way more is being healed than just this cyst. The cyst is just an outward manifestation. I am experiencing more Love in my life through my choice to be Loving. I am happier and often feel a sense of awe and inspiration. My life feels richer. I have more awareness of the ever presence of the Divine in my life.

I am grateful that Raven crossed my path when he did. He is a marvelous healer and a truly warm, generous human being.

This healing took place in early 2007. Nine months later Dot's cyst disappeared completely and has never come back. This is one story from many of how the Love Healing Process can help anyone

heal almost any disease or unloving condition if they are willing to do the work. There are nine more stories in this book just as powerful as Dot's.

If this information resonates with you, then you have six more Love Tools and the Love Healing Process to learn about and grow with. I'm sure you have heard before that if you want to get more out of your life and your relationships, you need to learn to Love yourself first. Well, what follows is the biggest, most efficient guide to Loving yourself you may ever find.

Let's do this together!

If the miracle of Dot's story stirs a need in you to help others, I have created a mastery program for those of you who wish to become healers. You will want to master the process yourself, so that you can teach it to others. We're going to need a lot of healer facilitators.

For those that decide to become healers facilitators, we have potentially billions of clients. WE have a lot of work to do.

People helping people grow BIG in Love!

Chapter 1 My Story

I did not follow a traditional path to become a healer facilitator, teacher, speaker, and author. Because of this I have decided to tell my own story here. It feels like the most authentic way to show you how and why I am qualified to write *Growing Big In Love*. It's a long story. It is filled with Love, an incredible amount of pain, and the passion to learn why I am alive, which has driven me all of my life.

From a child's point of view, my parents provided me and my younger brother with an amazingly abundant life. We always had nice clothes, a warm, clean house, and amazing food, which equated to every kind of sweet you could imagine (with a little healthy food here and there). We also always lived in nice neighborhoods and attended good schools.

I was a headstrong, high energy child, and physically adept. I taught myself how to ride a bicycle at the age of two and a half and was given my first bike at three. At five, I could roller skate faster than any child my age and even faster than anyone who was riding a bike in the neighborhood. Left on my own, I would play for hours with matchbox cars and Popsicle sticks, building towns and racetracks, and building all kinds of contraptions with an erector set. If there was snow I would spend a whole day sledding.

Both of my parents were raised in very rough conditions. My mother was the baby of her family. She was born thirteen years after her youngest sister. Since her mother was a single mom in her forties, she was raised mostly by her brother and two sisters who didn't treat her very well. My father had a twin sister. His father was involved with the KKK. He was mean and rough, he beat his wife, and was controlling in every way. The methods of discipline my parents learned and used to raise my brother and me were harsh and painful. My mother would talk to me with an attitude of disdain. When I was old enough to think about these things, I came to believe that she just didn't like me (even though she Loved me). No matter what I did, I felt like it was never good enough. Inevitably, I would do something wrong, so I got a spanking almost every day from ages two through five. If she felt what I did was bad enough, she would forgo the spanking until my father came home. Then she would tell him what I did, and he would beat me mercilessly. When my father beat me, he would go into a rage and he would hit me so hard it would give me welts and bruises. Over the course of my childhood, I was beaten with belts, bolo paddles, and switches. If nothing else was available, he would use his hands and they would leave welts all over my butt and legs. One time, he was using a bolo paddle on me, and it broke into tiny pieces the first time he hit me, so he kept hitting me with his hand. Then he got even madder at me because it hurt his hand.

I remember when I was three, my father was beating me so badly I thought, "How could anyone beat a child like this for anything?" Even at that young age, I knew that my father was doing the only thing he knew to do. Quite often, when my father was through beating me, I would feel this feeling of euphoria come over me. I'd think, "Oh my God, it's over, oh my God!" I remember having this feeling that I relate to now as being or feeling cleansed. But the beatings were for something like walking through a mud puddle with my clean clothes, or not playing fairly with my brother, or doing something I was told not to do. I was just being a child. My mom stopped spanking me when I was eight and my dad stopped when I was fourteen.

I had no chemistry with my mother. She never played with me even though I wished she would. She told me a number of times that it wasn't a mother's job to play with her children. She took care of my other needs well. She clothed me, helped me with my homework, celebrated all the holidays in style, but I had a hard time appreciating the care because of the constant static between us.

I had really good chemistry with my dad though, despite the beatings. When my dad was not in a rage, he was a fun, easygoing

man who Loved to play. We would wrestle and he would tickle me. We Loved to fish and camp and go boating. We would ski, both water and snow skiing. We would play catch, Frisbee, and Ping-Pong. I Loved my dad and felt the Love he had for me. He taught me how to play chess, and I finally beat him when I was thirty-one. Almost everybody Loved my dad, and the only time he ever expressed his rage was when my brother or I would do something he thought was wrong.

My mom used to make us go to church almost every Sunday. When I was nine, we were attending a Baptist church in which the minister was a young carpenter. I liked him. One day, he was preaching about how Jesus had died for all of us to save us from our sins, and he asked if there was anyone who would like to come forward to be saved by Jesus. The sermon had touched my heart so deeply that I was moved to go forward. As soon as the minister laid his hand on my head and pronounced the words, "You are saved!" my heart was instantly filled with the glory of God. I felt like the heavens opened up and poured the Love of God right into my very soul. I had never felt anything like it. I was radiant! I felt the light and Love of God pouring out of me. The Love was overwhelming. It changed my life!

To my mother's embarrassment, I became a little holy roller. From that day forward when I was in church, I could be heard yelling, "Praise the Lord," and, "Amen," with all the other men. With my allowance money, I bought five hundred little books that had thirtyone Bible verses in them, and I passed them all out to the children in my school. I was so moved to share the Love I had found. In the beginning of the next school year, one of the boys who had been in my class the year before came up to me and thanked me for giving him the little book. Because of that book and my enthusiasm, he had attended the summer bible school. He told me that he was saved, and I could see in his eyes that he had a similar experience as me. That touched me deeply.

The Love I felt from the experience of being saved moved me to want to know more. I started reading the Bible all the time. I had

my mom take me to Bible study classes at the church. However, within about a year and a half, I started becoming very upset and disenchanted with the church. People kept teaching different things about the same verses in the Bible, and that was very confusing. I could not get straight answers about how there were two different stories of Jesus's birth in the Bible—which one is right? They could not answer my questions about how the whole universe could be created in seven days, and if Jesus arose from the dead, why did he leave us? I stopped going to church.

When I was fourteen, I drank my first beer. It tasted terrible, so I just drank it down all at once. Fifteen minutes later, I was completely inebriated. I was laughing so hard my stomach ached. I felt so good and thought, "You can get this in a can? Wow!" I was instantly addicted. That day was the beginning of several years that I spent on drugs. L Loved drugs. Did 1 sav L Loved drugs? Т Llllooooovvvvvveeeeeddddd drugs! To me drugs were a playground for the soul. For the next five years, I tried every kind of drug that I could find. Except for heroin and opium, I experienced almost every kind of drug you can think of. My favorites were cigarettes, beer, acid, all kinds of speed, and the last two years I did drugs, cocaine. I dealt drugs from ages sixteen to nineteen and supported myself on the sales for the last two years, selling mostly coke and acid. I only sold to users though. I was not a pusher, and it was a fun way to live right up until it wasn't.

In the last year I did drugs, my coke dealer and good friend learned how to make crack and became addicted to it. Within a year, he ruined his life. Crack was the weirdest drug I ever used. You would smoke it, get this really amazing rush for about two minutes, and then for the next three to four hours you would obsess on how to get your next hit. That was it! It was like a sickness, it was so addicting.

The last year of my drug days became frustrating and boring. I was nineteen then. My dealer was going crazy on crack. He was hearing voices all the time and sleeping with a gun under his pillow. He

was over two hundred thousand dollars in debt. I had coke customers who would spend their whole paychecks on coke, and they had children at home. I became very disenchanted with the whole scene and one day, I just quit. In the next six months I lost every friend I had, except for my first wife, and that was because she was pregnant with our first baby. More about this later. First, let me back up a bit.

When I turned sixteen, I received my driver's license the day of my birthday and three months later had put 25,000 miles on the little Volkswagen beetle my dad had given me for my birthday. I Loved to drive and explore. I had also become quite popular at school and had about six girlfriends all at the same time and was making Love to most of them off and on. I also graduated in my Junior year of high school by taking a GED equivalency test. My father got transferred to San Diego for his job, and I convinced him to let me stay where I was in Alameda, California. I told him that I would support myself. He agreed, and I became the happiest 16-year-old on the planet. I was free!

I Froze to Death

When I was seventeen, I decided to become a pot farmer. My best friend Paul and I planned a pot-planting journey into the most desolate wilderness in California, and we left in the last week in April. It was a mountainous region where there were no roads for twentyfive square miles. Long story short, it started snowing on the second night and in the next twenty-four hours it snowed over eight feet.

We had no winter gear.

We did our best to get back to civilization but were forced to travel over the mountain, off our map. We made it over the top around five that evening, but we were literally freezing to death.

We crawled into our sleeping bags and said good-bye to each other. My body was cramping everywhere from the cold, and the pain was unbearable. I decided that cutting my throat would be much less painful, and then right before I did it, I died. It was amazing! I was moving into the light, feeling more Love than I had ever felt. It was exquisitely beautiful, powerful, and peaceful, and then, as I was about to enter the light... BOOM... I was back in my body feeling as warm as I could possibly be.

I stood up and looked around. The blizzard was raging, and I couldn't even see fifty feet, but I was warm through and through, including my fingers and toes.

"I guess I am not supposed to die yet!" I exclaimed.

I had what is called a near death experience. Whatever it was, I was so grateful and awed!

Two days later we were back at our home with frostbitten feet, but we were alive. I lost fifteen pounds in those four days. And my feet would be forever painfully cold during the wintertime.

When I was nineteen, my wife-to-be became pregnant, so I had to start working for a house painter to support us. Drugs had been my source of happiness for the past five years and since I did not have the pleasure of doing them anymore, I needed to know why I was alive. What am I supposed to be doing here, and why? I started reading books. The series of the Seth Materials by Jane Roberts touched me deeply, especially the book called *The Nature of Personal Reality* that explained to me about how our lives are lived through the nature of beliefs. ¹ I did not know it then but understanding how beliefs worked would become my life's work. Since I did not have any friends, I also started looking for a community that I could become a part of, and within a few months I found Hitesh. He was a Tantric Master from India, and he became my guru and a friend, of sorts.

He never charged us for his weekly classes that he had at his home in the next town. He taught a small group of people and one of the men in that group and I became his most devoted students. He taught us about the Eight Paths of Yoga and the philosophy of the Tantras. He taught us that it was an honor for the communities in India to support the yogis in their hermitages. He taught us about the way he had learned the path of the hermits and how he was trying to teach us in a similar fashion but redesigning the teachings to accommodate our lives as family householders.

Many of the things he taught us did not work so well. The hermits' goal was to cleanse their bodies of Karma by meditating for hours and hours in order to achieve *Samadhi*, a permanent state of bliss and ecstasy. They would do that by trying to achieve a pure spirit by not paying attention to any sexual desires, and by refraining from taking any kind of mind-altering substance, or making money, or having intimate relationships. You can see how difficult it is to adhere to these restrictions and live in the real world.

Meditation was very beneficial for me at first. I had a lot of amazing experiences while meditating, and Hitesh's knowledge of how life worked was like nothing I had ever learned before. He taught us about our spiritual bodies and how they worked. He assured us if we worked hard we would eventually be able to see our own spiritual bodies and possibly other people's as well. If we worked really hard, he said we would be able to obtain *Samadhi*. *Samadhi* was supposed to be a powerful state of Love that never goes away, and that is what I wanted. I wanted to obtain and live in that state with all my heart and soul. I was driven to attain *Samadhi*.

As the classes advanced, I discovered that I had a gift of making complicated things easy for other people to understand. Hitesh had a very strong Indian accent, and there were many times in class when he would try to explain things to some of the students when they couldn't understand what he was trying to tell them. I would explain what he was saying to them in different ways, making it possible for them to understand the concepts easily. I enjoyed this so much that I decided to dedicate my life to becoming a teacher. This became a great benefit to me because after that I would learn things more completely so that I could teach them later. Whenever Hitesh asked us to do something, I would double or triple the time and the repetition of doing it to ensure that I learned it thoroughly. One evening, instead of Hitesh teaching his usual class, he prophesied about what was going to come to the Earth in the future. He had never done that before. He told us that there had been a number of times when two Christs came to the Earth at the same time, and then he named who they were and when they had been here. Three pairs of the Christs had shown up at the beginning of different ages, John the Baptist and Jesus being one pair. He said that this time, for the new age that was coming, there were going to be four Christs at the same time. I asked him if those positions were taken or if a person could become one of the Christs. He told me he would tell me the next week.

At the beginning of the next week, he told me that the positions were open to whomever could attain them. I decided right there that I was going to be one of them, but over the next few days, fear set in. *Who was I to think that I could do such a thing?* I knew that I was very ignorant in so many ways. I had not been formally trained or educated. But a verse that Jesus said in the Bible kept echoing in the back of my mind, "You can do anything I have done and more!" And after the third day, I confirmed my resolve that I was going to be one of the Christs. After all, if I did everything I could find to do and didn't make it, I would still be a better person for it.

When I first started meditating, I had many incredible experiences. One day I went really deep into my meditation. Fifteen minutes into it a blast of wind hit my house and shook the whole house. I went outside after I was finished, and there was no wind at all that day.

One evening, when I was starting one of my hour-long meditations, I arose out of my body and hovered about a half mile above it. I could feel everything including the Earth below me as if it was part of me. I could feel where Hitesh was and what he was doing a town away. I could feel one of the other students another town away and feel exactly what he was doing. Everything was so brilliant and colorful and bright. I felt so much Love. I thought I had achieved

Samadhi, but through talking with Hitesh I found out it was only an out-of-body experience. It was amazing!

By the third year of learning from Hitesh, I realized that he had an understanding of how the mind worked that was very different than what was known by the rest of the world—it was simpler, easier to understand, and useful. I asked him if I could write it down and compile the information so that we could teach it as a whole concept. He agreed, and after writing it all down, I found that it was not complete. There were parts of my experience that were not explained in his explanations. I approached him twice and asked him if there was more to it. Both times he confessed that he believed it was complete. I did not agree, and I continued to ponder what I felt was incomplete.

Hitesh taught us a way we could use our energy to heal people. We would focus on moving our life energy through our hearts and out our hands and into a person's body wherever they were hurting. Also, as a result of the amount of meditating I did, I developed the gift of being clairsentient. In other words, I could feel other people's pain, so I became really good at finding other people's pain and energizing their pain in order to relieve it in a short amount of time. I used this technique on a number of people.

One of my brother's friends had had stomach pain for most of his life. He was seventeen at the time. I laid my hands on him and felt the energy pour into him. In less than a minute, it was done. The boy looked at me like a miracle had just happened. Not only did his pain go away, but two years later I saw him again and it had never come back. I also healed one of my best friend's headaches one morning. Again, he looked at me like I had just created a miracle. He had been getting these headaches ever since getting badly hurt. A week later, he got another headache and asked me to try it again, but the healing was only mildly effective. The next time, it hardly worked at all.

I did hands-on healing with many people and I discovered that sometimes it worked and sometimes it didn't. Some people would ask for repetitive healings instead of trying to help themselves. After about a year of being frustrated by not being successful all the time and annoyed with people becoming dependent on the healings, I vowed to find a better way to help people heal and stopped using the technique.

I Became a Father

When I was twenty, my wife and I had our first child. We had him at home, and I got to catch him as he was born. What a miracle to experience! But being a father at twenty was very challenging. Sleep deprivation was intense and difficult. The hard labor of painting day after day sleep-deprived while still keeping my meditation practice going was exhausting. I discovered my rage.

I had never gone into a rage in my entire life. My father and brother did it all the time when I was being raised, but because of my father's beatings, I had never allowed myself to lose control over my anger. I did not want to hurt myself or anyone else. But one night my six-month-old baby would not stop crying no matter what we did, and for the first time in my life, the rage took over (or I let the rage take over). I pulled his diaper down and spanked him for crying.

When I was done, I wanted to kill myself. I could not believe what I had just done. I felt like I was a monster. My wife was furious with me. I felt so guilty, so ashamed. I hated myself!

We had two more children in the next three years, both of them born at home, and I had the honor of catching them, too. I struggled with my rage all the time. My pattern was that if any of my children did anything I thought was wrong, I would go into a rage and would yell at them and spank them. Then I would hate myself and feel so ashamed. It took me ten years to learn how to discipline my children without getting angry and hitting them.

The wonderful thing was that I Loved being a dad. I Loved playing with my children. When my oldest was seven, I put the T.V. into the closet and it stayed there for a long time. We would play tag and street hockey and soccer all the time. I was a soccer coach and referee and had three children on three different traveling soccer

teams one year. We would go camping, boogie boarding, skiing, cliff jumping and inner tubing down rivers all the time. We had so much fun.

One morning, during the winter of my twenty-third year, I had gotten up at five to meditate for an hour before I started my busy day. I was tired and a little exhausted from burning the candle at both ends for days on end, and I had an epiphany—*I am just sitting here doing nothing when I have so much to do*. Two hours a day of meditating on top of all my other responsibilities was not going to work for me anymore.

I stopped going to meet with Hitesh every week, and I started reading voraciously. If I was going to become a Christ, I had to know why I was alive and what I was supposed to do with my life. I found that when you read good books, you get the best information the author has to give you in the most efficient way. It was a great way to learn. By the time I was twenty-six, I had read hundreds of books about philosophy, spirituality, and religion.

Almost every spiritual book I read that originated from the East was based on people meditating and focused on the heart center and above in an attempt to purge themselves from carnal and material desire. The yogis would meditate for many hours a day, for years in their hermitages, and they would obtain some form of enlightenment, but when they came down off the mountain, they would quickly fall into their old patterns of living. These would include sexual desires and actions, and the need to manifest money so they could live within society. They would lose their enlightenment that quickly.

Of course, there were some who were able to retain their enlightenment, like Yogananda and Sri Chinmoy, and I am sure there were many more, but most did not. I enjoyed having a family and being a part of society, so how could I live my life without sex or manifesting money? By yogi standards, I was unclean, doing it wrong, and creating Karma for myself. The yogi life was anti-communal. There was almost nothing about the hermit kind of life that was conducive to being a family man or a functioning person within society.

Plus, I found guru after guru that was not living or teaching in integrity. They were men and women that would have their students and devotees put them on a pedestal, and some even demanded that their students worship them. This shut the door for me to any Eastern religions or philosophies that used hermitage or gurus. I was in my early thirties when I came to these conclusions.

I Am Going to Be a Christ

When I was twenty-six, I had a living dream. I dreamt that I was one of the four Christs. I was with one of the other three, and he and I were walking towards this massive coliseum, following thousands of people who were rushing to get in. Everyone was so excited, and the energy around the place was electric. I could feel the other two Christs on the other side of the coliseum doing the same as we were. When we got to where the people were crowding into the gates, all four of us levitated over the people's heads and moved towards the coliseum. We each split up, ducked under the doors, and flew through the inner halls above all the people's heads. We each entered the tremendously huge auditorium from four different directions at the same time, me coming from the East. We hovered over the circular stage in the center and then gently touched down onto the stage. The people went absolutely bonkers! The screaming was ecstatic. It felt like the place was going to come apart! I was just about to speak when I woke up.

I was so elated. I was so excited. I had another waking dream when I was twenty-eight and another one when I was thirty-two, both of them ensuring me that I would be one of the Christs. I can't tell you how much these dreams affected my life. The idea that I would be one of the four gave me the power to endure so much pain (you'll read about this part shortly). And through the endurance, I learned that a person can do almost anything that he needs to do regardless of how much pain he is in. Years of growing in Love and healing most of my pain have shown me that the New Age is not going to have four Christs. We are going to grow into a new kind of enlightenment that is stronger than a Christ. It might be called *Doj.* (Pronounced Dohszhh) A Christ is enlightened from the heart chakra up.

A person who attains *Do*j will be fully enlightened through all their major chakras. They will have healed all their unloving beliefs, Love Reversals, and the habits that go with them—which equates to healing all their pain. This will give the experience that could be equated to having juicy sensuous sex with life, through all their senses, all the time. Everything they see will be imbued with the light of Love emanating through every atom and molecule. They will be moved to hear the harmonies of the Earth that will resonate within their hearts. Everything they taste will fill their senses so completely it will be like having orgasms. They will be able to smell through touch, and the feeling from almost any place on their bodies will become sensual and exquisite. They will each be extraordinarily intelligent. And there are not going to be four of them. There are going to be hundreds and thousands of them, and eventually, all of us, every single one.

When I was twenty-six, I met with Hitesh and I told him that I had mastered meditating. I could wake up and keep my thinking mind quiet almost all day long. It was very peaceful in some ways, when I wasn't arguing with my wife or disciplining my children because then of course I would lose my peace. He told me that I was ready to use an advanced tool, which I called *generating*. When generating, I would use my willpower to generate more energy into my body than an average person experiences. He assured me that generating would help me achieve Samadhi faster. As soon as he told me about generating, I knew that it was going to become one of the keys to change the world.

By the time I was twenty-seven, I had mastered generating. I would wake up generating, generate all day long, and go to sleep generating. When I was twenty-eight, I started developing this

constant pain in the back of my neck. I went to Hitesh and asked him about it. He said he would look into it. A week later he called and told me that the pain was the result of me burning through my Karma. This was very exciting to me. It just gave me the inspiration to generate more and more intensely.

I Almost Burned to Death

I started teaching weekly classes when I was twenty-eight. My first class was with three women and lasted six months. My second class was with fifteen people. At twenty-nine, I was teaching how to grow in **Love** and commune with **God**, (two words my guru never used), with the techniques of total relaxation and meditation. My second class was progressing very well. In six months, my students were ready to learn how to generate. Two days before I was to teach them, I accidentally created a firebomb at work. I was spraying a volatile primer throughout the house and I forgot to shut off the pilot light in the heater. When I opened the heater door to spray the back of the door, the primer ignited, and the house went up like a bomb. I was wearing a paper suit and became a fireball.

The experience was literally hell!

The fire burned thirty-three percent of my upper body. When I arrived at the emergency room, most of my burns were considered second degree burns except for my arms. The skin on my arms was hanging in strips.

I was helicoptered to U.C. Davis in Sacramento to the burn ward. When I arrived, my burns had become third degree. Because the fire did not char my skin, I never lost feeling and the pain almost killed me three times in the next seven days.

Two skin graft operations, which were more painful than the burns, and sixteen days later, I was home learning to manage pain. At seven months, I started going to school to learn how to become a computer-aided draftsman. But after a few months of school, I decided I liked painting better and I have been painting ever since. Also, from the fire experience, I promised myself that I would never teach again until I found out how it was possible for someone like me to have something so terrible happen to them. At that point, I was one of the most Loving, kind, hard-working people I knew, and I felt so hurt, so betrayed by God.

After a year and a half, I started generating again and was soon up to generating all day every day. But my pain continued to get worse. It wasn't just the back of my neck anymore. It started showing up in many different ways.

In the next eight years, I had mental and physical exhaustion, lymphatic cancer, my first hernia, and a six-week bout of mononucleosis that was so bad, I could only work two hours a day.

Too Much Pain

By the time I was thirty-eight, I felt like I was almost brain dead. I had very little short-term memory. My wife and I had joined a multi-level marketing business that had a wonderful education program and many meetings to attend. My memory was so bad my wife would have to stand right next to me to tell me the names of the people that came to talk with me. I couldn't remember a person's name for more than thirty seconds. I was in so much pain all the time that I could not meditate or generate.

One day I was listening to Anthony Robbins' *30 Days to Abundance* cassette tapes. On the seventh day, he taught about the power of a Loving Smile. In that moment, I came to understand that all those years I had been generating with my heart closed. I hadn't been burning Karma; I was literally making pain for myself. I had filled my life with more pain than any human should have to endure.

People have asked me, what do you mean you generated with your heart closed? How could that create pain for yourself? If you understand Love Reversals, then you can see how a person could easily believe they are doing the right thing when they are doing something angrily and they feel justified. What I was doing since I learned generating was concentrating on making my body as energized as I could, every moment of every day, not realizing my heart was closed the whole time. I believed I could do it and if I did, I would be healing my Karma. I was so serious about this. I wanted to attain *Samadhi* with all my heart and soul. Well, serious is not an open heart condition. If a person is serious and they are not smiling, they are making pain for themselves. I had ignorantly and innocently mastered making pain for myself. I had seriously intensified all of my unloving beliefs and Love Reversals. I had almost generated myself to death.

I finally figured out why the fire experience happened to me. I had generated so much unloving energy, from ages twenty-seven to twenty-nine, that the fire literally cleansed me. And while I was listening to Tony talk about the happy, Loving Smile, I realized that the only way I was going to be able to heal myself was to smile my way back to health. So, for the next twenty-five years, I endured. I was exhausted all the time. I had twenty-seven migraines that were so bad that I would throw up for hours. Every one of them, except for the last three, was at the pain level of 7 and 8 and two of them were a 9. I had one experience in which my pain went up to a 10 several times a day off and on for three weeks and the pain was centered in my heart, but I did not die. The only reason I did not throw myself in front of a truck was because I felt like God needed someone to experience that much pain and not die (the Christ thing). So I just endured it and it felt like it was burning my soul.

After that I had pain move at random throughout my body all the time for the next twenty years.

I Learned How to Talk with Goddess God

My first marriage ended in divorce when I was thirty-two. Then, four or five months later, I met a woman who I thought was going to be my mate. A couple of weeks after we met, I was sitting in her living room meditating. She came in, sat on the other side of the room, and started using a pendulum. She looked up at me and asked, "Do you mind if I use this?" I said, "Use what?" She said, "This is a pendulum. I use it to talk to God." "Sure! Go for it!"

As I watched her, and using my clairsentient abilities, I could tell that she was indeed communicating with the Source or God or it felt like God. She told me that she asked questions, and if the pendulum turned clockwise, it meant, "yes" and if it turned counterclockwise, it meant "no." So, on that day, July 15, 1992, I learned to talk with God.

I became a pendulum junky. I asked guestions about everything, all the time, every day. I immediately learned that you could get wrong answers, and eventually learned that to get true answers you needed to have your heart wide open, to be in a state of Love. Within two weeks I had discovered the two missing parts of the map of the mind, one part being Love Reversals. The other was that the Ego was not a separate part of the mind that was separate from Goddess God, which I had been taught. The Ego was simply the part of Goddess God that identifies as me. I also learned to use Tarot cards. I liked the pendulum because I could get instant answers and I liked the Tarot cards because I could get answers that I would not have thought of myself. Within a couple of years, I realized that I was receiving the information in my head before the pendulum moved. Eventually, I did not need the pendulum at all. For a long time, I used the tarot cards here and there because sometimes I needed information that I couldn't think of myself.

My relationship with Goddess God has changed many times as I have become bigger and wiser in Love. I usually refer to the parts of Goddess God I communicate with as my Guides because it makes people feel more comfortable to hear that. Goddess God has gifted me with so many stories about what creation is and why Earth is here, and She/He has asked me to write Her/His story. The book will be called, *The Earth Project – The Creator's Story By The Creator*.

I Became a Father Again

At the end of my thirty-second year, I met my second wife. (This of course was after I met the lady I thought was going to be my soul mate, who was not.) We fell in Love and married a year after the day we met. She was wonderful with my three children, but she really wanted her own baby so we made a deal: She would be a stay-athome mom until my children finished high school, and then we would have our own child together. She was a best friend to each of my kids as they went through their teens, and then, when she was forty-two and I was forty-three, my fourth child and third son was born. He was eighteen years younger than his youngest brother, so two weeks after he was born, my third child left the house and I became a dad all over again.

Two years later, I divorced his mother. On the sixth day after I moved out, I realized that almost everyone in my life was abusing me: my wife, brother, mother, father, and two close friends. I decided that I would not associate with anyone who abuses me ever again. I ended my relationships with those people I just mentioned, and I made a deal with anyone who I became close to from there on: I told them that I would never argue with them, raise my voice, or yell at them, and I asked them to do the same for me. I also promised that if I ever got upset at them, I would take some time by myself to figure out why I was upset, and then I would talk to them about it peacefully. It worked fantastically. About a year and a half later my brother called up and said he missed me, so we entered into a friendly relationship and it has remained that way to this day. Same thing happened with my mother and father.

It was so fun to be a part-time father to my son. It was so easy compared to raising my other three children. I had so much experience. I never raised my voice to him, argued with him, or hit him. He was one of my best friends. I never had to discipline him because we just had so much fun living together. Having such a powerfully healthy relationship with him totally changed my understanding of what constitutes raising children in a healthy manner. There is never a need for discipline, when it is understood that raising children is an interactive Loving service. Ideally it takes a community to raise children so that everyone involved can find time and space to be on their own and feel what it feels like to be just themselves. There were some American Indian tribes that had a wonderful way of raising children in which each child became a child of the tribe, and many different people took care of their needs and education throughout each day.

My fourth child was born in 2002. I divorced my second wife in 2004.

In the year 2000, the Michael story happened. (You can read his story at the end of Chapter 3, The Benefits of Growing in Love More and More Every Day.) Soon after the Michael experience, which was a life changing experience, I did two things that brought great excitement to my life. I wrote my second book, *A Path Of Truth* (actually two books, one was a little thirty-three page booklet called *Shine*), and I started teaching again.

Because I wrote the books before I started teaching, the information in the books became obsolete soon after I started teaching because I developed different dialogue. The information in the books was a much rougher version of four of the now seven Love Tools that I teach now. I was so excited to be teaching; it was what I had lived my whole life to do!

The second thing was that my wife and I became active in a spiritually based church. Over the course of about three months, I shared Michael's story and the Love tools with the minister, and he agreed to let me teach a class in his church. He gave me ten minutes to speak one Sunday morning to advertise my class, and from that tenminute spot, fifty-four people signed up for my three-month series of classes. I was elated. After two months of teaching, I still had fifty-two people coming to class. It was amazing. I was having so much fun. The students were having extraordinary experiences from the use of the Love tools, the church was making money, I was making money, and I was happier than I had ever been up to that point in my life.

On the Sunday morning after my eighth class, the minister brought me into his office and as I sat down, his face turned red with rage. He told me I could no longer teach at his church; I would have to take my classes elsewhere. I could see that he was terrified that I was going to take over his church. He did not admit this, but fear was surely his impetus for ending my classes.

I couldn't believe this was happening. I was counting on his recommendation and that of the students to go and teach at other churches. This was my calling. This is what I had been living for. I was devastated.

Even though a handful of people came to the last four classes, held in a student's home, and even though they all elected to keep going after the three months was up, I was still deeply upset.

I started getting depressed, and after about six months, I ended the classes. I had noticed that most of my students were having great success with the Love Tools for about three months, but then their lives would go back to the way they were before they started using the tools. I was getting to where I could not stay in Love myself. The tools did not retain their strength, so to speak. I did not fully understand about beliefs and Love Reversals at that time, and I had some very powerful unloving beliefs confusing me that I was not yet able to see in myself.

I would enter into very deep meditations by starting off with a wonderful smile, but as I went deeper and deeper into it, I could feel my smile just disappear into nothingness. When I followed the feelings inward, I would get more and more depressed because there were too many things in my outside world that were not Loving—wars all over the planet, the history and aftermath of Stalin and Hitler, atom bombs, hunger and famine and disease and filth, people not getting along, people always struggling to get ahead. Sometimes it was just too overwhelming to think about. How could a Loving God create a world where there was so, so much pain? This was my dilemma.

So, one day I went into a very, very deep meditation to search for the source of all of this pain. I had to know. I traveled back in time to where man started, and I felt what those primitive lives must have been like. Conquer, or be eaten! (Which is not a fun thing to have to do.) That's what I found. It was very clear that all of our pain started from the beginnings of mammalian life on Earth, when life was based on animals eating animals. How gross can it get? How morbid. To imagine what it must feel like to be a rabbit and to feel yourself being torn apart by a pack of wolves. To have no defense, the terror, the horror of living such a death! Have you ever seen a shark eating its prey? It looks so scary when it smells blood and then grabs its prey and goes berserk! How could a Loving God create such an abomination, so many abominations?

I Was Hating God

What I found in that meditation was devastating for me. From that moment on I had a very hard time wanting to live here on this planet at all. Everywhere I looked, I was reminded that we must be living in Hell. Sure, there was Love here and there, but behind it all was death, bloody, gruesome, morbid death. Most of my adult life I had studied Love. I taught people how to know and move in Love, how to communicate with their Guides and God, and yet I myself could not understand how God could create a world that produced so much pain. I realized that

I was hating God.

I was hating God for many reasons. God was hurting the ones I Loved. God was hurting me. I realized that part of me had hated God for a long time. And I also had guilt for hating God. I could feel lifetimes of hatred in me. There were many times I felt that I was going crazy. Trying to live and Love amid so much pain, and underneath it all was the guilt. It was too much.

One day, (a couple of years after I had divorced my second wife), I was sharing my heart with my girlfriend, expressing my pain, my devastation, and my plans for leaving this planet. I had decided that I couldn't live here anymore. She told me I should go see a man named John Hoyle, the creator of Voice Activated Integration (VAI), because she had heard that he was having great success in helping people with their deep pain. I took her advice and I went to see him. John and the VAI process changed my life, and literally *saved* my life. This is what happened in the second session with John.

Upon entering his office, I told him about my animals-eatinganimals meditation and how much hatred I had towards God for creating such a screwed-up world and how it was driving me crazy to live here. He asked me if I was ready to open up to a different perspective about the animals. I asked, "You mean you know what to do?" and he said, "Yep!" He was so sure of himself I just went over to the table and lay down. I cleared my mind and said, "Okay, I'm ready."

"I want you to visualize yourself being a lion."

My first reaction was, "I'm a vegetarian and I can tell where this is going!" But I knew this was really important, so I decided to go with it and see what would happen.

I've always been really good at visualizing, so I started to enjoy the feelings of being a lion.

I was big, really big! I could feel my mane and the breeze blowing through it. I was lying on the ground panting. I stretched my paws and dug my claws into the Earth, feeling my muscles, my strength, and the power in my body. I could feel the sun warming my back. I was really enjoying this!

Then I heard John say, "You're starting to get hungry. There's a gazelle you can see through the grass."

I looked around and saw the gazelle. "Got it!" I exclaimed. I immediately started moving toward the gazelle. It was eating with its

head down and didn't see me coming. I was moving through the grass, closer and closer, and then the chase was on. I was amazed at how powerfully fast I was. I was almost on the gazelle and was just about to make my pounce when I heard John say, "Right before you hit the gazelle, become the gazelle!"

Instantly I became the gazelle, running and running and running for my life, my hooves beating the ground like crazy. I could hear and almost feel the lion behind me when suddenly I felt the massive claws grab my body and then

I become part of the lion. I became euphoric.

There is no pain.

There is no death.

Just BLISS!

I became part of the lion. It was God eating God!

I wish you could enter my body and feel what it felt like. It was so Loving, God eating God!

It was AMAZING!

As soon as the lion grabbed me as the gazelle, I felt pure bliss as I felt myself becoming part of the lion. I did not die; I became part of the lion. It was so amazing! There was absolutely no pain. The moment the realization hit me I started to cry. And then I started to wail. I started releasing all of that hatred. Oh, my God!

It was all a misunderstanding! There is no death! It's an illusion!

I was sobbing from the release of the realization of the hatred I had felt towards God that was now being replaced by compassion, relief, and gratitude. I was so relieved. I didn't want to hate God. I hated hating God. I just wanted to Love.

I cried for a long time.

When I was finally able to compose myself, I looked up into John's eyes. I swear he looked like an angel. He had just saved my life.

This was the biggest, most powerful realization I have ever experienced.

There is no death. It's just an illusion.

After leaving John's office, I gave myself a long time to let this experience permeate my body and mind. I just sat with it. There were tears of joy and relief. There were tears of sadness for all the hatred I had had toward God and the guilt that came with that. And there was a lot of excitement for the prospect of Loving—to be able to Love deeper than I ever had before. **That was very exciting!**

The next day, a boil appeared on the top of my right thigh. I had never seen a boil before. And oh, was it painful. By the second day it was so painful I was having trouble moving around. It was the release of all that hatred toward God, just coming out. It was disgusting.

On the fourth day, another boil appeared on my right butt cheek, right over the sit bone. This boil was so painful that I could barely move for two days. After the two days, I could hardly walk, and I couldn't sit on my right side for over a week.

It took the boils a long time to go away. But the relief I felt did not go away. That experience changed my life forever. From that point on, I have inwardly known that if there's something I don't understand, **the understanding will come in time.** All I have to do is just keep Loving. Just keep growing. Just keep Loving. Just keep growing. And that is what has gotten me to where I am today.

(Since having the God eating God experience with John, I have read two other similar stories in Dr. Levine's book *In An Unspoken Voice.* There are two stories that describe the same no-pain phenomenon of being bitten by a predator. In these stories, the men were taken down by a lion and a tiger, and both felt no pain throughout the whole experience—**amazing**! Also, the Love I felt when I became one with the Lion was very similar to the Love I felt when I froze to death and had the near-death experience.) Since that experience, I have learned to trust Love. I have healed almost all of my unloving beliefs and habits. I have healed almost all of my Love Reversals and my life is amazing. If I am confronted with anything that I don't understand, any experience that appears unloving, I just start Shining (what I used to call generating but generating with my heart open), and within moments clarity comes to me, and then understanding.

Learning and practicing VAI was a life-changing experience for me. I became John's apprentice for a time, learned it well, and began using it with my clients. VAI was amazing. When it was being used, it was like watching a miracle happen. What John Hoyle discovered is that a client could be coached to use their own voice to access their deep pain and trauma, and as soon as they did, they could communicate with the trauma and unloving beliefs as if the beliefs were entities. This technique was much more effective and efficient than a therapist talking to a client. It was totally interactive, and the results were incredible.

Plus, I had this wonderful gift of being clairsentient, so I could feel my clients' pain. I was also able to talk with my guides and I found that I could communicate with my clients' guides as well. By using all my gifts together, I started learning about beliefs at a prodigious rate. I found that every unloving belief is not true. I found that if a client was too afraid to look into their pain, but they were willing to do their homework of growing in Love, they became bigger than their pain. I found that behind every disease was an unloving belief or a Love Reversal (which was usually a series of unloving beliefs instead of just one belief), and the habits created by those unloving beliefs were what was causing diseases. Diseases are caused by unloving habits, acting and reacting in unloving ways. So, I eventually developed the Love Healing Process and have had really incredible results with people using the process to heal their dis-ease and health challenges. I must say here that I do not know if all diseases are caused by unloving beliefs and Love Reversals. But from my experience, when people use the Love Healing Process to heal their diseases, they receive really incredible results as you will be able to see through reading the ten testimonials in this book.

I also discovered that a lot of people's pain was coming from past life experiences, and this is another place where VAI works incredibly well. Consider that many people have been born to parents who were not able to nurture them or, worse yet, created all sorts of atrocities that they then had to experience. People who were badly abused by their parents or guardians will invariably want to know why they were born into such painful situations, so tracking that pain to a past life to discover the answer was the only option. In general, discovering why brings clarity, relief, and peace, and also enables the person to release the pain they were holding. Working with so many clients like this has also given me the invaluable experience of learning how Karma works. Understanding how Karma works gives me an insight to what kinds of challenges my clients might be faced with. Also, the tension created by Karma, if understood, gives people the possibilities to develop some really incredible gifts. I will talk about this in detail in the chapter on Karma, but for now, I will give you one example.

If you study the history of spiritual teachers and gurus, you will find that one of the main reasons teachers and gurus fail in their attempts to teach their knowledge is that they become sexual with one of their students. I fell into this dishonor myself; therefore, I can relay to you how the Laws of Karma moved my life after the dishonor.

I had a client come to me who had a great deal of chronic pain in her life. She had tried literally over a hundred different healing modalities with almost no positive results at all. Within a couple of months of working with me, she gained some positive results and left with tools that would help her through her journey to heal. In ways, our lives were so parallel that it just seemed to make sense that we would be good mates for each other, so although I knew that it was against the rules of Karma, I also believed that the universe had brought her to me and that she might indeed be the mate I had been looking for. We decided to enter into a sexual relationship.

The Laws of Karma are very clear with this subject. If a teacher or guru comes across a student or client with whom they fall in Love, before they approach this person to enter into relationship, the student or client must complete their healing or series of classes first, without any romantic or sexual involvement. Then, after one year has passed and if the Love is still there, the teacher or guru can approach the student or client. I am not saying that this is a law that is written somewhere. I heard of this idea while attending a workshop about sexuality and intimacy and it just felt right to me. I have also heard similar boundaries as guidelines for professional therapist and counselors.

I did not wait. Looking back now it feels so ignorant, but we entered into relationship. After a very short amount of time, we both realized that it was not going to work. For me, the next three years were the strangest three years of my life. My healing practice fell apart. I became invisible to women. If women did notice me, it was usually with disdain or contempt. The women who were attracted to me were not available. One woman and I did fall in Love, but she was married and Loved her husband, too, so our Love was not allowed to develop. Fortunately for me, I knew why my life was playing out like this. What I did not know was how long it was going to take to play out. Three years is a very long time to be alone. I knew I had crossed the Laws of Karma with my client, so the only thing I could do was make the best of it.

So, I made the best of it. What I learned was to Love myself. I learned how to take myself out on dates and to enjoy me. I learned to enjoy my connection with life, with the Earth. I learned to see myself as beautiful and I started working out to improve my strength and looks. And I learned how to live in integrity. I became an avid dancer and dancing became one of my sacred connections to life. I wrote *Engage Love – A New Healing Paradigm* (a year and a half long

project), and I self-published it. And slowly but surely, people started trusting me again, and then I really did meet my mate.

Learning to Love myself has been invaluable, especially since I have met my mate. She and I have developed a rhythm of living and Loving together that is based on each of us Loving ourselves as well as each other. What we found is that when we've been together for four days in a row, we start becoming a "we" instead of a "me and my beloved." Five or six days in a row together and we really start to need our alone time. We need time just to come back to ourselves. Just a couple of days living apart and Loving ourselves and we're ready to come back together again, and our Love just keeps growing and growing. It continually blows our minds how much Love we feel for each other; it's like we were made to go together.

I have found that this idea of needing to be alone (not completely alone, but just not with my beloved 24/7) is so healthy. As our relationship grew from the beginning, I found so many codependent beliefs and habits that I needed to heal so that I could be totally present as myself with her. As I healed those beliefs, I could see how so many problems that people across America and the world are experiencing are caused by people parenting and living in relationships in which they never take the time to get to know who they themselves are.

Love Reversals make it seem like being together 24/7 is the Loving thing to do. But when anyone grows big in Love, they will find that they need time to be alone so that they can get to know themselves and just be with themselves and the Earth and their Guides.

Parents, children, siblings, lovers, mates—they all need time away from their Loved ones to discover Love for themselves. If they take that time, if they learn to Love themselves, then they will also learn to cherish the time they have with the ones they Love when they come back together. It is truly amazing and fulfilling!!! So, this is one of the things I learned from the tension provided by the enactment of the Laws of Karma when I created a transgression. Because I was open to what it had to teach me, I grew in Love, in wisdom, and in integrity. The Laws of Karma are created to do this for everyone. It is an ingenious system and an amazing way to grow.

In 2007, I was having so much success with helping people heal many different kinds of diseases and conditions, that I made a decision to find a person that had some form of cancer and have him move into my house with me so that I could work with him, to see if we could help him heal his cancer. If the healing process that I used could help people heal cancer, then that would be a great achievement.

A Man with AIDS

A man I'll call Craig answered the call. He was a friend of a friend and we agreed that I would attempt to help him with no guarantees and for no charge. Craig came to me with a lot more than cancer. When I talked to him on the phone, he told me that he had AIDS, he had extreme psoriasis, and a place on his back that appeared after a bout with shingles and it seeped blood off and on.

Craig smoked about a pack of cigarettes a day, was very lonely, and dearly wanted a mate. Our agreement was that he would stop smoking before he came to me, but when he arrived, he was still smoking. He had left everything to come to me, so what could I do? It felt wrong to turn him away, so I let him move in. I worked with Craig for four months but was unable to help him heal. He refused to give up smoking, so I eventually had to send him on his way.

The experience of trying to help him taught me many things about the dynamics of a healer/patient relationship. I learned how past life experiences can affect people in their present-day experience and how people who are in a great deal of pain find it hard to help themselves change old habits without outside help. I also learned how important it is to have the support of a Loving, healthy community when helping people heal.

I also worked with two ladies with similar health issues. Both of them had suffered from depression. Both had taken medications for thirty years and wanted to wean themselves off their medications so they could be free of the depression and the constant side effects of the medications. I worked with them at separate times for three months. I was unable to help the first woman get off her medications because she was unable to take a month off of work needed to handle the withdrawal period.

I was able to help the second woman successfully get off her medications, but she was only able to stay off of them for one month. She had been depressed all of her adult life and she had almost no friends or community. I believe if I had had a Loving, healthy community for her to transition into, she would have been able to stay off of her medications. She just needed some people around her to support her in her new decisions about her life. I have found that there are many people in our world that cannot heal by themselves without this support. So now, one of our goals is to help people around the world connect with each other in order to support each other when they are going through challenging healing situations.

I have learned so much over the past twenty years. Now, I do not just use VAI and Love Time, one of the Love Tools you will learn about in Chapter 4, Love Time. I also teach people the importance of vigorous exercise and a good diet. I now understand the metaphysics of beliefs and Love Reversals so completely that I am able to recognize and help people find and heal their past trauma in a number of effective ways.

Four months ago, I entered into Doj. Doj is not something that just happens to you; it is a state of mind and heart that you grow into. The experience so far is that I am in and out of Doj depending on my ability to willfully keep myself in that space. It is a sensational state of being that fills my body with so much Love that it makes me feel like I am a Love lighthouse, beaming Love in every direction. Being in Doj enables me to feel and sense more Love, the presence of Goddess God, and the wonder of everything within me and around me, as if the space that is within and around me is vibrating stronger so that I can feel each nuance of all my senses at the same time. It is a wonderful awareness.

The relationship with my Guides keeps getting better and better, and it is so fun and playful. They make me laugh all the time and they show me things and bring things to my attention that help me heal and grow more every day.

My relationship with my beloved is so Loving and endearing that we whisper sweet Love words to each other all the time. We've been together for five years, and though we've always been very sexual together, the intensity of our pleasure just keeps growing and growing like nothing I have ever heard of. My orgasms last from seven to fifteen minutes and perpetuate so much energy that someone seeing me might think I have just grabbed hold of a live electrical wire. My body convulses with more pleasure than I ever dreamed possible, almost every time. I feel so happy all the time, and my life just feels so blessed. There is so much to be grateful for.

SHARING

Goddess God is Love.

He is Love created, She is Love creating All that is, The source.

I sat to meet with Goddess God. I silenced my mind and opened my heart. In a moment of time I felt the eminence pour down upon me All around me and from within me. The forms unlimited dwarfed me in this sea of life. I felt as if I were smaller than an atom being hugged from all around. The Love So much Love! I could not believe how much was coming from inside!

I opened myself to take into my being all that I could. I was filled to the brim in a heartbeat Feeling myself radiant with strength, with power, with passion. The beauty beaming from the essence of my soul.

As I sat there in the aftermath of the meeting I began to move my mind to those who are close to me. Feeling the power and the Love I yearned to share, To serve, To give of myself completely.

> To Mother God, to Father, I moved my opulent heart, To my Love, To my children, To you.

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Chapter 2 Let's Make Complexity Simple

How long did it take you to learn math, English, or a foreign language? Learning to grow in Love and learning to heal your trauma, pain, and disease is no different. It is going to take time and effort to get good at both of them. It is going to take dedication and practice. The incredible thing is that in learning to grow in Love, you will learn to be playful in all areas of your life, and that's fun, and it makes the healing part so much easier.

For the past twenty-eight years, I have been working with my Guides to discover, create, and live the processes you are about to learn. This is the fourth time I have rewritten and expanded this book, and each time the information has become clearer, easier to use, and more complete. This time I have mastered the healing process and it is called the Love Healing Process.

Our intention in writing this book is to offer *Growing Big In Love* to you so that you can heal your pain and gain the extraordinary benefits that come from healing and growing big in Love on a daily basis. We will do that by teaching you the Love Tools first in the "Get Big In Love" section. Throughout the book we will share healing stories to show you how people have used the Love Healing Process to heal parts of their lives. Then we will teach you how to communicate with your Guides if you are open to that and if you do not already know how. Then we will give you two more tools to use to help you grow, and in the "Love Healing Process" section we will show you how the Love Healing Process works in detail.

The Love Healing Process has five parts:

1) Get Big in Love

2) Learn to Understand your unloving beliefs

3) Heal the trauma that caused the belief

4) **Release** the painful energy held in your body by those unloving beliefs

5) Heal and change the habits caused by those unloving beliefs

Once you use the Love Healing Process to heal any unloving belief, you will have healed yourself completely from that belief and the habit that goes with it, and you will be able to glean the benefits of the new knowledge that comes from that, as well as enjoy the new Loving habits you have developed. It is a wonderful thing to be free of fears, hatred, angers, and jealousies, to be liberated from guilt, shame, and sadness. And you will find your life will change substantially when you heal those old, unloving habits and replace them with healthy understandings. You have invested a lot of time in learning math, English, and the many things you have learned to make your life beautiful and interesting. If you decide to learn and integrate the Love Healing Process into your life, you may find it to be one of the most valuable investments you have ever made.

Let's begin by explaining some important concepts.

What is the Mind?

If you were to go and look up the present definitions of what the mind is, you will find many varying explanations of what different people think the mind is, and you will find concepts like consciousness, subconscious, and unconscious. Many brilliant people have studied these concepts and expanded on their meanings in an attempt to help themselves and others understand more about their lives. We have discovered a new explanation of how the Mind works.

As I explained in the last chapter, I had asked Hitesh if I could write down all he knew about the mind. After writing down all he could tell me about the mind, I found his explanation to be incomplete. He thought it was complete, but I did not agree with him and I continued to ponder what I felt was incomplete. Then, when I was thirty-two, I learned how to communicate with God Goddess my Guides and within two weeks I discovered the two missing parts. What follows is this new understanding of the mind along with the explanation of how we have four bodies all working together to give us our wondrous experience of life.

Each one of us has a physical body, a mental body, an emotional body, a spiritual body, and an extraordinary mind. Each of the four bodies has its own characteristics and properties that we will elaborate on in a minute. For now, it's important for you to know that they all work together **to create mind** and give us the experience of life.

If you ask yourself, "What part of my mind is choosing what to think or fantasize about, what to need or want, what to do or not do?" You would be right if you answered, "It is I who am making the decisions." **You** are the one who decides what, when and how to move, proceed, think, fantasize, and figure something out, or not.

You are the sum product of your memories, of the experiences that your actions and reactions have created. You are also the sum product of the way you were raised. In some ways you learned to think and believe in **imitation** of those around you—the adults, siblings, and friends you spent a lot of time with. In some ways you learned to think and believe through **reacting** to those around you. In other ways you came up with your own ideas and thoughts on how to act and react. And now You are the pointer of your mind. Whatever You decide to focus on, parts of your mind and bodies provide information, produce feelings, or move your physical body according to Your intentions and direction.

According to Tantric teachings and what I have learned from my Guides, your mind has two parts: a **Conscious** mind and an **Inner Conscious** mind. These parts give you information and create your emotions about what you decide to focus on in every given moment. I have coined the idea of the "Inner Conscious" mind because it is much different from and replaces the ideas of Subconscious or Unconscious mind.

Your **Conscious** mind comprises your five senses. Your Conscious mind gives you sensory information relevant to whatever

you consciously focus on: how it looks, sounds, tastes, smells, or feels, singly or in combination. You also have a sixth sense, which is usually called intuition. Some people are adept at using their intuition and some are not. The bigger a person grows in Love, the stronger the intuition becomes and the easier it is to use.

The second part of your mind is your **Inner Conscious**. The function of the Inner Conscious is to feed you information from your memory or intuition about the object of your focus, **based on your beliefs and knowledge**. It also produces your feelings or emotions, which are also **based on those same beliefs and knowledge**.

Here is an example:

Let's pretend that you have lit a vanilla-scented candle, and it is sitting before you.

If you focus your attention on the candle flame, your Conscious mind will give you information like: you can **see** the light the flame gives off; the closer you get to the flame the more you can feel the heat it produces, unless you touch it, and then it **feels** extremely hot to the point of burning you; you can **hear** the flame whipping around when a breeze blows it; and you can **smell** the candle's scent because of the flame heating the wax. The Conscious mind gives you observation.

Your Inner Conscious will give you information from your memory that you believe or know to be true, reactions to the observations, the most pertinent first, such as: the candle is lit, it is fire, the fire is hot, it gives off light, it is very pretty, there's a breeze that is making the fire dance, the heat is making the candle give off a pleasant scent, and so on.

Along with this feed of information from your Conscious, the observations, and your Inner Conscious reactions to your observations, your Inner Conscious creates the emotions that go with the information, based on your beliefs about it, such as:

- Fear of injury if you get too close to the flame

- Love and warmth and wonder from seeing the beauty of the flame
- Wonder at the whipping sounds made by the breeze and maybe fear that it might go out
- An uplifting feeling from the wonderful scent, unless you do not like the scent of vanilla and then a stinky, smelly feeling

Your Conscious and Inner Conscious perform this way for you throughout your waking hours, every moment of every day.

As soon as You change your point of focus, your Conscious and Inner Conscious both shift to supplying information about whatever you're now focusing on, observing, and they produce the emotions that go with the beliefs about the information. You can focus on anything around you, within you, in your past, present, or future, any idea, concept, emotion, fantasy, or feeling.

In this way, you move through life learning to make sense of your reality, or your thoughts or fantasies, through what is commonly known as thinking. Most of your thinking is analyzing your reality; your feelings; your past, present, and future; your fantasies; asking yourself question after question about where you are, what you should do, how you should act and when, to what extent, and so on.

What is truly fascinating is that your mind is channeling an incredible amount of energy through your thoughts, moment by moment, from your spiritual body. If whatever you are focusing on or thinking about involves movement of your physical body, your body uses the energy from your spiritual body to perform the movements needed effortlessly (usually), with little direction needed. If you are experiencing emotions, the energy is making your feelings alive with Love or pain, and you get to perceive your experience and decide whether it is Love or pain.

If you are analyzing your past, present, or future, the energy is available to help you search your memories and/or intuition to discover what you are looking for. If you are fantasizing, the energy is there to help you search your memories in order to create imaginative, wondrous, fantastical ideas.

Like your heart muscle forever beating in your physical body, the energy from your spiritual body is always there to help you discover the answers to all your questions and inquiries. And if you learn to meditate, if you learn how to stop your thinking process, the energy that you use for thinking starts to build up. It makes your spiritual body grow bigger and the extra energy becomes available to empower the thoughts and intentions that you set for yourself. If you're smiling with your heart wide open when you're meditating, you will be filled with different kinds of Love.

This understanding of how the mind works gives you advantages when learning to heal unloving beliefs, habits, and Love Reversals. Knowing that your emotions are produced by what you believe gives you choices about what you can do to make your life better in any given moment. We will explain this characteristic in detail in Chapter 7, Loving Questions. Simply, if you choose to focus on Love, your Inner Conscious will give you Loving feelings. If your heart is open when you focus on Love, you will definitely feel Loving feelings and emotions. If your heart is closed when you are focused on Love, even if you cannot feel the Love, your Loving thoughts will empower you to act in Loving ways. (Yes, you can choose to act in Love even if you are not feeling Love because your heart is closed.) Then, in time, your heart may open to feel the Love. Focusing on Love, whether your heart is open or closed, is always a win-win. And one of the most powerful ways to do that is to learn how to Lovingly Smile any time you can. It is much easier to focus on Love when your heart is open.

Along with this information about the mind, we also have the four bodies that I mentioned earlier. They are different parts of the mind, working together to create our lives moment by moment.

Physical Body

Your **Physical Body** is the easiest to be aware of because it houses all your senses and allows you to move around, play, and get

things done. You can see, hear, taste, smell and feel many of the physical aspects of your life. Your physical body gives you the physical experience of being a human being. It does this very personally by making you feel separate from all the life around you, giving you the experience of **You** being **You**. At the same time, it never lets you forget how connected you are to all the life around you. Each one of us is connected to Mother Earth, with her wondrous and constant flow of life energy, and to the constant light and energy from the Sun. We can always feel this connection to the Earth and Sun through our breath, through all of our senses, and through ingesting the water and food that are available in abundance for most of our brothers and sisters around the planet.

Mental Body

Your Mental Body is the part of your mind that thinks. It is the realm of your thoughts. Can you see or feel where your thoughts are coming from? Isn't it amazing how they just keep coming and coming? Most of us are thinking from the time we wake up until the time we go to sleep. We use the Mental Body to make sense of what is happening to us in each moment. It is composed of everything we have intellectually and intuitively learned up to the present, what we can remember. Your Mental Body makes sense of what is happening presently by comparing each moment to the information that is continually being collected by the Conscious and Inner Conscious, moment by moment. The present observation information collected is compared to what you know and believe about the information from your past memories. As you move through your life, you are continually creating a record of thoughts, assumptions, and understandings-things you have learned to be true or not true or believe to be true or not true—in your memory. You draw on all the available information from your past to help you decide what to do or not do, moment by moment.

So, your Mental Body consists of the flow of information from your Conscious (observation information from your physical body and

senses) and Inner Conscious (reactions to the observation information from your memory. This information is, played out by your emotional and spiritual body), which is experienced as emotions and insights, and also provides you with what you are continuously thinking. And as you are thinking, you leave a trail of thoughts, concepts, assumptions, and beliefs in your memory. Your Mental Body is at your service throughout your waking day, throughout your life.

Emotional Body

Your **Emotional Body** is the part of your mind that enables you to feel your emotions. Your emotions are like a knowledge or belief enhancer. Your emotional body produces the feelings about what you know to be true or what you believe about whatever you are focusing on **in the present moment.**

In Chapter 12, Sensate and Dreams, we will teach you about Sensate. Sensate is a language of the body that can be used by your Guides to communicate how your belief systems and the patterns of acting and reacting are working for or against you. You will also find that disease and health challenges will also manifest according to Sensate. Any sensation on or within your body could be a message to you to help you understand your experience.

I have been using Sensate to help people heal for many years. Although Sensate is unique to each different person, there are generalities that make it possible to help people understand what is happening in their physical and emotional bodies. For instance, if a person has a sensation or manifestation of some kind in or around the area of the throat, it usually deals with communication. If it is in the head, there could be many different kinds of Loving feelings but pain, like headaches and migraines, will generally indicate that there are conflicting beliefs and the person feels trapped. Shoulders often represent feelings of holding up the world, while hands deal with creative workings, hips – mates, knees – change, feet – moving forward. In the chapter on Sensate all of these places are mapped out clearly. We are sharing this with you now because the Emotional Body always manifests your emotions according to Sensate and learning to be aware of this phenomenon is very helpful when a person starts using the information to heal.

Here are some examples:

Belief 1 – You have a deep Love for Superman, trees, dogs, cats, and cantaloupes. As soon as you think of any of these or come into their presence, you will immediately start to feel Love and wonder. When I have this experience the feeling manifests in my heart, shoulders, neck, and head as a warm wondrous feeling. The places where you might feel these feelings may be different for you. You could try it and see. Pick something you Loooovvvveeeeee and see where the feelings show up.

Belief 2 – I hate having to go to work. If you have this belief, as soon as you think of having to go to work, or you start to get ready for work, or you're driving or walking to work, or you are at work and think of how you hate it, you will immediately start to feel hatred and maybe loathing. When I allow myself to take on this belief, I start to feel the hatred in my heart and gut. If I focus on the hatred, my head starts to hurt too because there is a part of me that knows I need to go to work to make money, but if I'm hating it, I will also feel trapped. Again, if you had this belief and it was triggered, you might experience the pain of the hatred somewhere else.

Belief 3 – I Love great food! My favorites are grilled cheese and tomato soup, cheese enchiladas, and most gourmet vegetarian foods. When I am hungry and I think of any of these foods, my mouth waters and I get a feeling of wonder throughout the trunk of my body and head. When you think of your favorite foods, where do you feel your feelings?

So these examples show you how your emotional body enhances your knowledge and beliefs and makes them a part of your physical experience by producing the feelings of the knowledge or beliefs, weather Loving or painful, somewhere on or within your body. The intensity of the feelings is metered, so to speak, by the intensity of your experiences of the past. Like in Belief 2, if you have been hating the job you have been working at for years and you continue to go, day in and day out, every time you think of going to work, you will feel loathing, lethargy, and disgust at having to go to work. Or in Belief 3, if you have a restaurant that makes the most mouthwatering enchiladas you have ever had, and you have been going to that restaurant for years to enjoy them, every time you think of the restaurant or the enchiladas, your body will be filled with joy, anticipation and excitement.

As we grow bigger in Love, our bodies get more and more sensitive to unloving energies, making it possible to fine tune our awareness and bring our attention to the more subtle Love Reversals and unloving beliefs and habits. It is an amazing process.

Spiritual Body

The **Spiritual Body** is more challenging to understand because for most people its workings are behind the scenes of our Conscious and Inner Conscious awareness. However, your Spiritual Body is the biggest part of the mind and the biggest part of you. It is even more complex than your physical body, and when you die your Spiritual Body is the part of you that goes with you to your next adventure. Your Spiritual Body houses your Soul.

You may never have heard that you have a spiritual body. If you can entertain the possibility that it does exist and if you choose to grow in Love and learn to keep your heart open, then as you grow in Love you will be able to feel the presence of your spiritual body more and more. This is especially true for the more advanced practitioners, people who have been actively growing in Love every day for many months and have been healing many beliefs and Love Reversals.

Would you like to feel your spiritual body? Try this: Hold your arms around yourself like you are hugging yourself. Now smile really big and think of anything that makes you feel like you are being hugged by the most Loving Goddess God, lover, father, mother, brother, sister, doggy, or cat, until you are feeling quite Loved. If you are able to do this, that warm, Loving feeling that is coming from the area of your heart is a direct experience of your Spiritual Body.

We will not provide an in-depth explanation of the Spiritual Body here, but we'll offer some basics so that you'll know what we're talking about when we refer to it later in the book. As you become comfortable with these new understandings, you can begin to explore the world of metaphysics, if you haven't already. **Metaphysics**, as I like to define it, simply means **Spirit** plus **Physics**. It refers to the spiritual or energetic matrix, the construct or grid that God Goddess uses to create the physical world.



Your spiritual body consists of two energy streams, each rising through your feet and legs through specific channels, crisscrossing at the base of the spine, and then crisscrossing four more times before they hit the Crown Chakra which is in the area of your head. The energies then descend along similar crisscrossing pathways, going out of your feet. Every place they cross is a Chakra, or energy vortex, which has specific characteristics that we will talk about in a moment. (The image above illustrates the major Chakras.) This life energy pulsates much faster than the rate of your physical heartbeat. When the energies are moving up, they are gathering all the information according to what your intention is in the moment, and then when it moves down, it stimulates all the chakras needed to create your intention. For instance, if you felt thirsty and you wanted to get a glass of water, the energies would stimulate your body to move you towards getting a glass and filling it with water. When the energy is going up, it is gathering information from each Chakra **according to your intention**, which is then deciphered in the Crown Chakra **according to what you know and believe to be true**. Then the energy moves down through the same Chakras to manifest the experience you know or believe you should have.

There are **six major Chakras:** one at the base of the pelvis, four at various points along the front of the spine, and one at the center of your forehead. The Root Chakra, which is red and has to do with physical energy and survival, is located at the perineum, the lowest point of the torso. The four Chakras along the front of the spine are: the Sex Chakra, which is orange and roughly two inches below the navel; the Manifestation Chakra, which is yellow and is located at the solar plexus; the Heart Chakra, which is green and right next to the physical heart; and the Throat Chakra, which is blue and right in the middle of the throat. The sixth Chakra is purple and is centered on your forehead right above your eyes and is called the Third Eye Chakra. These six Chakras are considered the Major Chakras, because there are hundreds of thousands of smaller Chakras throughout your Spiritual Body.

When the pulsating energy that is continuously coming into you is going up, it is always compassion going up the left leg and comfort and safety going up the right leg. When the energies are going down, they are channeled into the Chakras needed to create your desired experience. It is important to understand that the qualities of the energies coming down are mostly controlled by whether your heart is open or closed. When the energies are coming down, if your heart is open, the energies of compassion and comfort come into your **Root Chakra** and make you feel intimately connected to Love and life. If your heart is closed, the energies of hatred and fear come into your Root Chakra and make you feel alone and separate from Love and life. These energies of hatred and fear are coming from your unloving beliefs.

As the energies move up beyond the Root Chakra, they channel into the **Sex Chakra**. When the energies are coming down, if your heart is open you can have wonderful sexual experiences, and if your heart is closed it creates dis-ease within your sexuality.

As your energies move up beyond the Sexual Chakra, they channel into the **Manifestation Chakra**. When the energies are moving down, this Chakra enables you to manifest in powerful ways according to your desires—if your heart is open. If your heart is closed, it stifles your attempts to make things happen in Love and life.

As your energies move up past the Manifestation Chakra, they channel into the **Heart Chakra**. When the energies are moving down, as we have explained, this Chakra determines whether most of your Spiritual Body channels Love or the opposite of Love. If your heart is open, you will be smiling and feeling Love. If your heart is closed, you will be feeling some kind of pain.

As the energies move up through the Heart Chakra, they channel into the **Throat Chakra**. When the energies are moving down, the Throat Chakra enables you to communicate with anyone around you, your Guides, and even beings throughout the Cosmos if your heart is open. If your heart is closed, it stifles communication or makes communication difficult.

The **Third Eye Chakra** comes directly out of your Crown Chakra via a connection inside the head. When the energies are moving down, it enables you to see into your physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual bodies; throughout the Cosmos; into past lives; the present and imagined future or fantasies—if your heart is open. But it stifles your ability to see into any of the bodies or concepts mentioned above if your heart is closed.

In a category of its own and located in the whole area of the brain and beyond, is the **Crown Chakra**, which controls all the other Chakras. This is the seat of your mind and where **You** reside. All four bodies come from your Crown Chakra. The Crown Chakra is your direct connection to Goddess God, your guides, your intuition, and the wisdom of Love—if your heart is open. If your heart is closed, it is very difficult to access your own inner wisdom. If your heart is closed, it also makes it almost impossible to get clear, truthful information from your Guides. Your Crown Chakra's main purpose is to show you how your knowledge and beliefs are working for or against you throughout your unique and incredible life and to aid you in healing the pain that has been created along your path thus far.

So, this is a version of how the Mind works. If you have never studied the Mind, you might feel excited to know that you can understand some of how it all works. If you have studied the Mind before, you might be thinking that this seems simple. It is simpler to understand than what the world has presented before and it is more useful as you will see when you read on.

Now, let's revisit the other descriptions of the mind and connect the dots with this new version. The Conscious mind explanations for both are almost identical. To be conscious is to be aware of your presence, moment by moment, and that is done with the five senses and your intuition.

The Subconscious mind is traditionally defined as the part of the mind that is inaccessible to the conscious mind but contains information that causes compulsive and irrational behavior. With our version of the mind, when you observe the way that Love Reversals work, you can see how we are moved to think, act, and react irrationally because we are numb to our pain. We do things that do not make sense because it feels comfortable, right, and justifiable. We seem to be moved by powers of our mind we can't access, which could be referred to as "subconscious."

Traditional definitions of the Unconscious Mind are similar to Subconscious Mind, but when used they are usually referring to parts of our mind that are even more deeply inaccessible than the Subconscious. These events are usually referring to severe thoughts, actions and reactions caused from very deep trauma that causes people to act in ways that are just not themselves, coming from PTSD and developmental trauma.

When a person is acting in ways that seem subconscious or is presenting actions and reactions that are totally alien to them (unconscious), the Inner Conscious is still doing its job by giving the person the information that is most pertinent to what they are focusing on, based on what they know or believe to be true. It just seems to be subconscious or unconscious because we are used to being numb to the pain, which covers up the truth, distorts our reality, and leads us to false connections and conclusions. Growing strong in Love makes it possible to bring that pain up to the surface without retraumatizing the person. It also enables her/him to heal from all these conditions, one unloving belief at a time.

You will be amazed when you come to understand that your mind's main function is to show you how your beliefs are working for you—that your Loving beliefs, actions, and reactions make you feel great, and your unloving beliefs, actions, and reactions make you feel pain. As we learn this truth it becomes obvious that our mind's main function is to teach us how to become very Loving beings. Therefore, the more you can discover about how your beliefs work, the more you can help yourself actualize feeling great all the time.

Until you understand your unloving beliefs, **they will control you at times.** You can gain control over your unloving beliefs, however, by learning to heal them completely using the Love Healing Process. Grow BIG In Love Understand Your Unloving Beliefs Heal The Trauma That Created The Beliefs Release The Pain Heal/Change The Habits

We will start by teaching you to grow BIG in Love, more and more every day.

Get BIG In Love

Chapter 3

The Benefits of Growing Big in Love More and More Every Day

In the Introduction we established that smiling a Loving Smile is the key to knowing that your heart is open. If you are Lovingly Smiling while you're working, playing, fantasizing, making Love, communicating, praying, or meditating, **then you are proactively empowering those moments with Love.** This is how to use the power of Love to light up your life. **The bigger and stronger your smile is, the more Love you will be able to feel and put into action in those moments.**

Now, I know what you're thinking. You're thinking, "You mean I'm supposed to walk around all the time with a big smile on my face?"

ABSOLUTELY!

Then you're thinking, "What will people think?"

I'll tell you what they'll think. **THEY'LL THINK YOU'RE HAPPY!** What do you want them to think?

"You mean if I'm at work, I should smile all day long?" YES! "You mean if I'm driving in my car, I should be smiling all the time?" YES!

"Washing the dishes?" YES!

When you Lovingly smile you are radiating Love in every direction, and it changes everything about your life to Love and joy and wonder and happiness. Your Loving energy helps you and everyone around you feel better. It is that powerful!

I'm being lighthearted about this because I'm trying to help you relax about the idea of letting go and smiling around your friends and people you don't know. It's natural to have fears about smiling, about how you look when you're smiling. Please understand that if your heart is open when you smile, the radiance of Love makes you look beautiful. Even if you're afraid of the way you look, or if you feel shy, you still look beautiful when your heart is open and you're smiling. If someone around you responds differently, that is his or her ignorance. You will never have control over what other people think, **so be courageous** and let people see your smile and know your heart.

In teaching the Loving Smile, I have often had people tell me they've had bad experiences with people who smile a plastic smile. They have felt used and deceived by them. The thing to realize is that a "plastic-smiling" person's heart is closed. Now that you understand how the spiritual heart works, it becomes easier to tell if people's hearts are open by simply watching them. Any person in a state of Love will appear happy and comfortable. If you concentrate on watching and feeling their energy, and if your own heart is open, you will be able to feel their Love. If your heart is open, an easy way to tell if a smiling person's heart is open is to duplicate how they look, make your face look like their face and feel how your heart feels. If your heart starts to close while holding their look, you will know their heart is not open.

It is metaphysically impossible to have an open heart and lie. It goes against the Loving Smile principle. But there are a few people here and there who have learned how to appear that they are keeping their hearts open and lie at the same time in order to deceive people. I have met a couple of salespeople who could do this. These people are rare because they have to practice looking like their hearts are open while they are lying to you. There is always some aspect of them that will give them away, but they can become quite good at covering up their deception. The Karma of a person that practices such deception is intense. They are creating a lot of pain for themselves. If you learn how to keep your heart open, you will be intimately connected to your intuition, which will serve you to see through people like this. So, if your heart is open and you see someone smiling and your body is telling you not to trust her/him, listen to your body.

I have also encountered students who were afraid to smile because of negative experiences in dealing with people who use a plastic smile. The students were afraid that people would think they were phony or manipulative.

If you notice this fear arising in you, remember that you can't control what anybody thinks. Here again, I encourage you to choose to be courageous, to move through your fear and smile anyhow. Even if you feel at times that your smile feels or appears plastic, if you have the intention to be in a Loving state, you are sincerely trying to put Love into action. The old adage "fake it until you make it" is a good way to think about it and is honorable because any time you intentionally act or react in the most Loving manner you can, you are doing your best and you are changing unloving habits. That rocks!

If at first you don't feel Loving when you practice smiling, just keep practicing. It's only a matter of time before the Loving feeling will accompany your smile.

All of us want to feel good. We want to feel good all the time. We want to feel good all the time every day. Practicing the Loving Smile gives you the ability, over time, to make that desire a reality!

The Many Benefits of Adding More and More Love into Your Life Every Day

- 1. Love Enhances Everything
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- **3. Your Focus on Love Attracts Loving Experiences**
- 4. Living in Love Enables You to Know What Is True
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- 6. Focusing on Love All the Time Makes You More Aware

7. Growing in Love Makes You Bigger in Many Wonderful Ways

8. Love Helps You Heal

1. Love Enhances Everything

Growing in Love enhances everything about your life. It enhances relationships, work, play, sexuality, meditation, prayer, studying, yoga, dancing and all physical exercise, creativity, and sleep. When you bring Love into these areas of your life, they become more pleasurable, more fun.

One of the challenges that people have when they start trying to smile more and more is that they become aware of the lack of Love in their own life. This can happen soon after they start practicing the Loving Smile. All this means is that they have picked up unloving habits from their upbringing and from inherited traits. One of the things you can notice when you are in an unloving state of being is that when your heart is closed, you will have the tendency to have a narrowpointed vision, only seeing what you think is important in that moment. But when your heart is open, you will tend to see your world with a wide-open vision, similar to the way a happy child sees the world. You will naturally notice the wonder and brilliance of everything before you. Becoming more aware of the beauty inherent in almost everything around you is one of the byproducts of willfully smiling and Loving on purpose. It enhances all that you see and feel, and it is free. It just comes to you when you make the decision to be in Love.

As you develop your ability to grow big in Love and you start changing your unloving patterns of acting and reacting, it becomes **NATURAL** to **BE** in Love so that you can experience the enhancement and wonder of life within and all around you continuously.

2. Choosing Love Gives You New Options

Generally, people carry on through life's quandaries and experiences in the various ways they have learned to act and react from how they have been raised. Their actions and reactions follow familiar patterns moment by moment, day by day, and many of the patterns are unloving. When you start adding Love here and there, you interrupt these patterns. When you choose to add Love to your life, whether by being silly, playful, peaceful, grateful, etc., you are giving yourself new options to change or interrupt unloving patterns. These new options can be looked upon as free gifts, compliments of the Love you choose. You can make a cloudy day look bright. You can turn sitting in traffic into a musical concert by dancing in your seat and playing your steering wheel like a drum set. You can make standing in line an opportunity to bring a smile to the face of the people you are standing next to. You can make a repetitive job silly, exciting, crazy, fun, or wondrous, just by deciding to Lovingly Smile and by being that way.

Choosing Love interrupts unloving patterns and gives you new options. It's a decision you make!

3. Your Focus on Love Attracts Loving Experiences

When you choose to Lovingly Smile, moment-by-moment, day-by-day, your life can change in phenomenal ways. One of the reasons this is so is that choosing to create a state of Love determines how you focus your attention. People who normally live with their hearts open most of the time have a completely different view of life than people who live with their hearts closed. People who live with their hearts closed see life through a veil of fear, anger, hatred, frustration, or depression. They tend to focus on the negative aspects of life. People who live with their hearts open tend to see the positive side of things. When you focus on the positive aspects of life, the Loving aspects, you are empowered to face your challenges and make good decisions, to be aware of the miracle of life that is taking place before you and within you.

As you bring awareness to your thinking and your experience, you will also find that your focus determines what events and situations you attract to you. If you are focused on the unloving aspects of your life, if you are seeing life through a veil of anger or depression or sadness, then you attract outer experiences that reflect those inner states. You attract to you what you believe to be true. You attract people and experiences that match your vibrational state.

WHATEVER YOU BELIEVE, YOU ATTRACT THE RESULTS OF THOSE BELIEFS TO YOU LIKE A MAGNET.

And if you choose to focus on the positive aspects of your life, if you see life through a veil of Love, if you see life as exciting and joyous and wondrous, you will ATTRACT that kind of experience to you. So, the more time you spend with your heart open, in a state of Love, the more you will attract Loving experiences to you.

4. Living in Love Enables You to Know What Is True

Living in Love gives you a keen sense of knowing what is right or wrong for you, of what is true for you. When your heart is open, you see your reality through the eyes of Love. Your reality is peaceful, harmonious, Loving, fun, and safe, and as you become skilled at sustaining your Loving experience, it enables you to make good decisions and know in your heart what is true.

When your heart is closed, you see your reality through the eyes of negativity. You feel fear, loneliness, frustration, confusion, annoyance, and boredom. Your reality looks negative and bleak. If you're living in an unloving state, you interpret the situations and events of your life in ways that align with the unloving emotions you are feeling. It is your perception. Life appears distorted and confused, and it is very difficult, if not impossible, to make decisions that are truly good for you.

Truth and clarity about your own life are found within Loving consciousness. When you perceive reality through the eyes of Love, you are able to see things clearly and to know the truth for yourself and others. Consciously living in Love moment by moment empowers you to be confident about making good decisions and taking action on them. When you start using the Love Healing Process, you will learn to get yourself BIG in Love so that you can discover the truth of any belief. So if you find yourself needing to know the truth about anything at all, then take a moment to get as BIG in Love as you have ever been, then ask yourself the question you are faced with, and see how easy it is to know the truth.

The truth and clarity that come from living in Love are invaluable to parents raising children. In the absence of Loving consciousness, when things are not going the way you want, when your children are acting out, crying, manipulative, and angry, it is very difficult to know what to do to bring your experience to Love so that you and your children feel good. And if you yourself are angry, frustrated, or upset, your children are learning how to act and react by imitating you. It would seem that this would be obvious to a parent, but because of Love Reversals, many parents are numb to this. Learning to be in Loving consciousness with your children not only helps you to intuitively know what's best for them in the moment, it also helps to keep them in a Loving state. It is a great way to teach and raise your children.

5. Choosing Love Gives You More Energy

When you choose Love, you tap into abundant energy. Amma, Anthony Robbins, Oprah, and Thich Nhat Hahn are great examples of people who have mastered the ability to empower themselves with Loving energy. Everywhere they go in their public or private lives, they exude enthusiasm. Look what they have done with their lives. **They have amassed incredible abundance**. Look at how many people they have affected by setting an example of how to live life to the fullest. They have tapped into the abundant energy of Love and have helped people change their lives all over the world. **You too can tap into this abundant energy source so that you can feel energetic throughout your life, simply by learning to Lovingly smile moment by moment.**

Most unloving states, like fear, sadness, depression, guilt, shame, boredom, and lethargy, drain your energy. Unloving states like hatred, anger, and rage, in some ways seem to energize you, but at a painful cost; the aftermath is extremely draining. So, if you find yourself in any unloving state, you can tap into the energy of Love by changing your state to a Loving state. Make it fun! Want more energy? – SMILE!

6. Focusing on Love Makes You More Aware

Awareness is a byproduct of practicing the Loving Smile. The miracle of life presents us with thousands of reasons to feel Love in every moment, and as you practice the Loving Smile, your mind and heart begin to notice the miracles. The ongoing creation of your mind and body, and of all the life around and within you, is a miracle. As you develop your intention to engage the Love within you through Lovingly Smiling, you continually become more and more aware of the many reasons to feel Love in any given moment. This noticing of the miracles and deciding to be in Love creates an awareness that has a strength of its own.

It is a key to growing bigger in Love, to feeling better about your life and the life that is all around you, to finding clarity, and to being grateful for all that is given to us, moment by moment.

To be Lovingly aware is a path to wisdom.

7. Growing in Love Makes You Bigger

For thousands of years humanity has been developing our willpower through the mind, which is filled with unloving beliefs, Love Reversals, and habits. We have also been trying to change the mind, to heal the old unloving beliefs and patterns of acting and reacting, by using the mind that is filled with those same unloving beliefs and patterns. This approach has not been very effective. Change has been slow and often agonizing.

Trying to heal unloving beliefs and Love Reversals and change unloving habits without growing in Love is like trying to swim upstream in a fast-flowing river. No matter how hard you try, any progress will be exhausting. To grow your willpower through your heart by getting big in Love changes the dynamics of the river completely. It's like making the river so big that the water flows slower, making it much easier to progress. Plus, making your willpower stronger is similar to making your physical body stronger. If you make yourself physically stronger, then anything you do that takes physical strength is easier. If you grow your will stronger, anything you do that takes willpower, like changing old habits created by Love Reversals, is much easier. Growing your will stronger through Love and your open heart is like growing your physical body by lifting weights daily. It is amazing!

And it just keeps getting better! Because growing in Love more and more every day also makes your spiritual body bigger. Inside your physical body you have a heart, lungs, stomach, nerves, blood vessels, kidneys, and more. Most of us do not know how all these things work, individually or together. And most of us will never even see any of them in our lifetime. But we are grateful for their presence and for everything they do for us, because they make it possible for us to live our wondrous lives. Our bodies are quite miraculous.

Our spiritual bodies are similar to our physical bodies in that most of us will never see any part of our spiritual body, at least until we become very advanced in our spiritual growth. We can learn to feel our spiritual bodies. Remember the experience of hugging yourself and feeling the Love around your heart area. Here's another way. Only do this one if your heart is wide open which means you'll be smiling big with your teeth showing.

Hold out your right hand in front of you and squeeze your fist very tight. Don't hurt yourself but make it as tight as you can without hurting yourself. Hold it that way until you feel the palm of your hand start to heat up. As soon as you feel the heat then stop. Now with your left hand, put the same amount of energy into the palm of your hand as you did the right one, only keep your hand completely relaxed. Don't tighten your muscles in any way. You will be effectively energizing your left palm through the use of your willpower and your spiritual body. Once you feel the heat, you can stop. If you are able to heat up your left hand, without tightening your muscles, then you have just experienced feeling your spiritual body. It is really important that you never energize any part of your body like this with your heart closed. It will cause you a lot of pain. Energizing should only be done with a BIG TEETH SHOWING SMILE!

You can use that Loving energy that is coming out of your hand to soothe an achy part of yours or someone else's body, to bring comfort while giving massage, to bring peace to animals, to set an intention and energize your wallet, and all kinds of things. Be creative! Just make sure you are continually smiling really BIG, whenever you do it.

And while we are on this subject, it is really important that you be smiling big any time you are giving your energy to anyone. When you are doing energy work, doing Reiki, doing massage, or any work you are doing with your hands.

So, even though we can feel our spiritual bodies, we do not understand how our spiritual bodies work to create our wondrous physical bodies and lives. But there are a few things that we can deduce about them that can be quite helpful to our spiritual growth and for healing our unloving beliefs, Love Reversals, and habits.

Pain makes our spiritual bodies dense. The more pain we accumulate as we grow older, the denser our spiritual bodies become. This shows up in our physical bodies as visible aging. As we begin to infuse our spiritual body with Love on a daily basis, not only does our spiritual body become lighter, less dense, but it also begins to become metaphysically bigger, we find ourselves feeling more gratitude, wonder, wisdom, energy, and abundance. Also, the ability to feel any of the qualities of Love we want to feel gets stronger. It just keeps getting bigger and bigger the more we choose to Love and be Love.

And when these two metaphysical principles—growing our will through our hearts and growing our spiritual bodies bigger working together, they create a dynamic force, a powerful alignment! They give us the power to do things and heal things we have not been able to do or heal before. Developing heart-centered willpower and growing our spiritual body bigger helps us tap into our intuition.

This can be a priceless gift, as it helps us to realize more of who we really are.

This alignment also helps us establish and empower communication with our Angels, Guides, Goddess God, Mother Earth, Our Higher Selves, or whatever you believe in. It enables us to manifest our desires faster and more efficiently. It enables us to have more Love in our hearts when times get challenging and to feel better and better about our lives, the choices we make, and how we show up in the world.

Getting Lovingly stronger and bigger also helps us to develop compassion for ourselves. There is a great need for people to learn how to take time to be with themselves, by themselves, in order for them to learn who they are without the influence of other people and while in a state of Love. It is important to learn who you are when you are alone, to see and feel how beautiful and unique you are. The stronger and bigger you grow within yourself, the more Love you have to offer all of the relationships you are involved in. And the more you Love yourself, the more you become irresistible to those who Love you.

Getting Lovingly stronger and bigger also helps us to develop compassion for our fellow beings. Think of it! Imagine yourself Lovingly smiling and feeling Love consistently. How would you feel about other people? How would you feel about helping people feel better? I can tell you from experience that when you are feeling a lot of Love, you want people around you to feel Love, too. It becomes important to you to help others feel good, because it feels so good to give and to serve others. It also makes it easier to do that. Looking into people's eyes with your own smiling eyes and face, feeling the wonder of connection with life, and sharing the wonder with them through the connection is infectious and fun!

Try this next time you're in a supermarket. Get yourself into a wondrous, Loving space, and every person you pass, look into their eyes with your Loving, smiling face and notice how it affects them. If your intention is to be playful and silly, you might be awed at the responses you receive. (It has come to my attention that to some physically beautiful people, this suggestion is a recipe for disaster. When attractive men and women smile pleasantly at the opposite sex, their smile is often taken as a seductive advance, which can create all kinds of drama. If this is a challenge for you, we would suggest that you place one hand over your heart when you smile at people. This placing a hand over the heart is generally understood that this moment is sacred and it is telling any person you do that to that you are acknowledging their sacredness as well, like we are in this together. Isn't it amazing? Let's all work together to make the hand over the heart signal become a signal that I Love you, I want to feel safe with you, I honor you!)

There are many things within us that can only be healed through getting bigger.

We cannot emphasize this enough:

- Trauma. This includes past-life trauma, childhood trauma, and any trauma that seemingly cannot be overcome because it was too bad, too painful, too hurtful or too devastating.
- Disease. For example, cancer, heart conditions, migraines, depression, anxiety, chronic pain... We could make a very long list here.
- Unloving habits that are deeply ingrained. This includes smoking; drug addiction; hatefully yelling at one's spouse, children, or friends; hitting one's children; overspending; lying; stealing; cheating; feeling sorry for yourself; coveting; and jealousy, to name a few.
- Beliefs arising out of hurt, terror, rage, victimization, injustice, loneliness, or depression. Beliefs like the

following: I know I am just not good enough because my parent always told me that; Taking the blame is easier than risking confrontation; If that lady tries to get in front of me I'm going to slap her; I have to be perfect or else there are consequences; My ex-wife's lawyer lied about four different things; I can't ever find any friends; OMG this world is messed up; If I am quiet, I won't attract attention; etc. Again, this could be a very long list.

Many people at some time in their lives will come up against challenges that seem so unfair or so painful that they seem impossible to surmount. One of the best ways to rise above the unloving feelings that come with these challenges is to become bigger than the challenge. Becoming bigger allows us to overcome **ALL** of our dis-ease, to gain understanding of things that have seemed insurmountable, unreachable, unattainable, and impossible. **In short, this is a way to attain true enlightenment and Doj!**

Who'd have thought that the way to Enlightenment was to learn how to play and laugh and Love all the way there!

8. Love Helps You Heal

Almost all disease and accidents are created or caused from **continuous** unloving action and reaction, which as we have already seen, means that there are unloving beliefs and/or **Love Reversals** present creating painful unloving habits.

The physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual bodies are not designed to hold large amounts of pain over time. When you create unreleased pain through unloving actions, reactions, and habits, and one or more of your bodies become overloaded, they must find a way to release the pain. Unloving energy gets released through physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual pain, accidents, and disease.

Following are a few examples of diseases or conditions that typically result from specific Love Reversals. We could easily write a chapter about each one, and someday we may do just that, but for now these shorter versions will suffice.

Remember, dis-ease manifests from unloving actions which are done day after day after day:

If you do something you hate, and you know you hate it and you do it anyway, day after day, you are channeling unloving energy that creates dis-ease or painful conditions and sets you up for accidents or illness.

- You don't want to go to work but you do anyway arthritis, sprained or broken fingers or hands
- You work with your hands, but you hate what you do arthritis, sore hands, sprained or broken fingers or hands, tennis elbow
- You work with your hands to serve people and you hate it
 pain in the joints of your hands and wrist, tendonitis
- Your work is overly stressful, too much pressure exhaustion, accidents, heart disease or heart attacks
- You try to control your job or jobs, your employees, or coworkers with your heart closed – headaches, migraines, strokes, and heart conditions

Here are a few examples of dis-eases in other areas of life:

- You hate some things about your mate and you just live with it every day hip pain
- You take care of everyone all the time but not yourself cyst in your breast or breast cancer
- You're afraid to move forward and make changes in your life knee pain
- You can't understand why we live in such a horrific world
 sadness, depression, cancer
- You live in a stressful, closed-heart, family atmosphere colds, flu, pneumonia
- There is something about the world that is seriously eating at you cysts, bone spurs, ulcers, cancer
- You are afraid of the way you appear to the world acne, skin conditions

- You're always trying to make things happen and they don't work out and/or you feel trapped – headaches, migraines
- You're terrified of what people think of you shyness, anxiety, nervous breakdown, depression

Here are some about sexual disease and **S**exually **T**ransmitted **D**iseases:

- You're afraid you did something wrong sexually or you unknowingly breeched someone's sexual boundaries – sores in your mouth
- You knowingly did something that was sexually dishonorable, something that was not in integrity – sores outside of the mouth
- You're afraid/terrified/petrified you have done something that is sexually shameful – genital herpes or warts
- You're afraid/terrified you have done something that is sexually dirty – pubic lice, also known as crabs

It's important to understand that all the conditions described above manifest to show you **the results of actions caused by beliefs you harbor within you** and to show you that the things you believe are contradictory to what you want to experience. It is the opposing beliefs that cause the pain, contradictory to Love. Two contradicting beliefs trying to function in the same space create pain. Each time you create a contradictory belief experience, you get pain and eventually a physical manifestation. As you can see, paying attention to physical manifestations, ailments, or disease and looking for the message being conveyed can be quite beneficial. If you can identify the Love Reversal or unloving beliefs at the root of the condition, you can start the process of understanding and healing the beliefs and the habits arising from them.

Once pain and the Love Healing Process are understood, then adding Love into your life more and more on a daily basis helps you grow **aware of when your heart is open or closed.** If your heart is closed and you become aware of it, then you can take time to open yourself to feeling where the pain is coming from. You can then find the unloving belief created from that pain and you can start the healing process. Every unloving belief you find in yourself gives you an opportunity to heal and grow in wisdom. It is a precious gift.

If you spend the rest of your life growing your spiritual body bigger, you will be given every opportunity to heal all of your unloving traumas, beliefs, and habits. If you should choose to do so, you will eventually become such a strong channel of Love that the experience of ecstasy, laughter, and bliss will be your normal mood. You will be free of disease. You will be living a magical life. You will become wise and Lovingly POWERFUL.

Just How Powerful Are You Really?

Michael's testimony below is a great example to show you how powerful you are. This experience took place in the year 2000.

My name is Michael and I am the CEO of one of the top five nutrition companies in America. Today we reach thirty-five countries with our products, and you will find our products in grocery stores, health food stores, and thousands of other retail outlets across the country and around the world.

For the last four years my business had been spiraling downwards. We went through several private investors, four changes in management, and a half a dozen business plans. During that time, three different banks foreclosed on us. The banks and the IRS were fighting over my house at one point. Everything was going wrong and the stress was indescribable. I developed deep furrows in my brow, and I felt like a heavy weight was pressing on my shoulders all the time. It was affecting my relationship with my family, the stress was telling on all of us.

Finally, one year ago, I broke out with shingles on my face and in my eye. My pain was so bad at times that I would just lay down and cry for hours. The doctor put me on narcotics that were so strong and addicting that they are only used with terminally ill patients. This destroyed my ability to think clearly; yet I still had to work every day, sometimes fifteen hours a day with no vacation, no breaks. We were hotly pursued by problems that could have made my family homeless. I couldn't accept it, so I added stress to stress and played the role of a victim.

One night, Raven came over to my house and was listening to a recap of my day. My brow was furrowed as usual. I am sure I had the look of a man in front of a firing squad. Just then my daughter walked into the room. I smiled and called her over and she sat with me and talked about her day. After she left, I looked back at Raven. His mouth was open. He said, "Mike, do you realize what just happened? Just a minute ago you looked like a man who could jump off a bridge, but when your daughter walked in, it was like night and day. You loosened up and smiled and talked to her as if you didn't have a care in the world." I said something like, "I Love my daughter." And Raven said, "Yes Mike, your heart was open." Then Raven thought for a minute and he said, "Did you ever Love your company like that?" I almost broke out into tears. My little company was like a child to me. My family and I struggled to help it grow and get it on its feet. Everything we owned, everything we had, and every place we had ever traveled was somehow linked to our little sick company. We went through many good times and bad times together, but I always thought I Loved it, until recently. Something had happened. My company floundered. Now I truly hated it. I couldn't stand to think about it. As I was thinking about this I heard Raven say, "What child could thrive if it knew its own father hated it?" Then Raven showed me how my hate was killing my company. He then showed me how to open my heart and Love my life. He stood up and said, "After I leave, spend a half hour remembering why you Love your company. Smile and open your heart while you are doing it."

What did I have to lose? I did what Raven said.

About an hour after Raven left, one of my R&D co-workers called me on the phone. He was out of breath as he described a

conversation he had just finished with a famous Russian chemistry researcher. This researcher had found a natural compound that we had been searching for, for over four years. Even better, he was going to be at a symposium the next day in Las Vegas. We hopped a flight in the morning. We made a deal with him and four months later, we had created our most profitable product.

But even before this product was launched, my company became profitable. In fact, that very month distributors all around the world began calling me and asking me, "What are you guys doing? Your products are just flying off the shelf!" Since then, every month has been profitable, and our company is healthy again.

Four months ago, I was very close to dying. In three weeks I was free from the pain and to my doctors' amazement, my shingles healed in six weeks. Today I am off narcotics, and my company is thriving. All of these incredible changes are due to my learning how to Love my company and my life.

Michael's inspiring story shows how your focus can change your life. Imagine what Michael was going through. For sixteen years he had enjoyed a healthy, profitable business that expanded around the world, but for the past four years his company had been spiraling downward, losing money almost every month.

Michael's company seemed to be falling apart. He'd had to lay off a lot of his employees, and many of them were his friends. He didn't have money to pay his suppliers, fix equipment, advertise, or to research new products. Most of his people had taken a cut in pay, and some were working ten to fourteen hours a day. Michael tried different business plans, different management techniques, and hiring more knowledgeable people, but nothing worked. He was trying to change his business by looking outside of himself.

Through all the stress, Michael was unknowingly hating his business. It was making him furious inside! Every day the heartache moved him to focus on the negative aspects of his business. Every challenge that came to him he saw through the eyes of regret and frustration, and each challenge seemed to support the reasons he hated his business. Each challenge was just another problem stacked up on the huge list of problems he already had.

When Michael saw what his hatred and frustration was doing to his company, he made the decision to open his heart and start Loving everything about his company and his life, the same way he Loved his daughter. The moment he changed his heart, he started focusing on the positive side of each challenge. Suddenly each challenge became an opportunity to make his business better. Each challenge became a way for him to discover how to put more Love into his business. He started drawing positive experiences to him like a magnet. Michael's company pulled a profit the first month.

Now watch this! It is absolutely amazing! Michael's company sells nutrition products. This means that the company makes a little profit from every sale. His company does millions of dollars of business a year. In order for it to turn a profit, hundreds of thousands of people all around the world have to purchase products. That is the only way his company can make money. Within two weeks of Michael opening his heart, distributors from all over the world started calling and asking, "What the heck did you guys do? Your products are just disappearing off the shelves." Michael's company increased its profit every month for the next eight months in a row.

What this shows us is that Michael opening his heart affected hundreds of thousands of people all around the world. How could this happen? How could one person's heart affect people around the world?

How Energy Works

It's true that we are not human beings having a spiritual experience; we are spiritual beings having a human experience—each and every one of us! We are living in a world of energy. Our world only appears to be solid. If you run into a wall, the solidity of the wall will stop you, that is for sure. But according to quantum physics, which describes the realm where our spiritual bodies reside, our whole

existence is played out in fields of energy. YOU affect EVERYTHING around you by the way YOU think, act, and react—moment by moment.

If you throw a pebble into a lake that is perfectly calm, you can watch the ripples expand to every shore of that lake, no matter how big the lake is. Your thoughts and actions are like the pebbles you toss into the lake. You are an energy source, an energy channel. Your thoughts and actions put energy into motion, and your thoughts and actions affect everyone around the world, just like the pebble in the lake, just like Michael's heart. If your thoughts and actions are Loving, you are helping to create peace in our world.

When you understand that you have a choice, you can proactively choose to Love. You can play a major role in bringing peace to our planet by putting that knowledge into action.

Michael's heart is not any different from yours. Michael simply tapped into the power of Love. When you choose to Lovingly smile you are tapping into the power of Love, and it changes the world. I urge you to try this on a smaller scale. Next time you find yourself in public around a lot of people, look into people's eyes and smile at them, conveying that you care about them, and see what happens! Also, see if you can build up the confidence of the world by knowing that all people are generally good and look to see that goodness in them. If you can keep your heart open throughout your search, you will be amazed at what you can find in the people all around you.

Most people don't realize that their hearts affect people on the other side of the world. But they do. **This is how powerful you are!** Every time you choose to Lovingly Smile, every time you choose to open your heart, you send Love in every direction and it changes the world. Think about this. If Michael opening his heart affected people around the world in relation to his business, what do you think we could do, you and I, if we all got into the business of world peace? Think about it: **This is the power of living big in Love**! This is the power of entering into the learning process brought about by adding more and more Love into your life, day by day.

Have you ever heard of a man named Roger Banister? Roger was a runner, and when he was in his prime, there was a general belief that no one could run a mile in less than four minutes. Humanity shared a belief that it was physically impossible. The closest anyone had gotten as of 1945 was 4 minutes 1.3 seconds. Hundreds of runners all over the world had been trying to break the record for nine years and could not. Roger took it upon himself to break through the belief and trained extensively. In 1954 Roger beat the 4-minute mile with a 3 minute 59.4 second race. That following year **over three hundred people** beat the 4-minute mile. **We can do the same thing with Love.**

Every moment you spend growing in Love affects people around the world IMMEDIATELY! Any time you are driving or riding in a car, you have an opportunity to choose Love. Riding on a bus provides an opportunity to Lovingly Smile. Riding on a train or a plane does too! You can open your heart in the shower, standing in line, cleaning your house, taking a walk; you can have fun! If someone is driving slowly in front of you and you can't get around him, you can smile. If the bill was twice what you thought it would be, you can Lovingly Smile. If you're on the phone and you're on hold, you're tired and going to sleep, smile from your heart.

Every moment you engage Love within you it affects people all around the world IMMEDIATELY!

Do yourself and the world a wonderful service—power up with a Loving Smile any time you can remember!

Smile for yourself and smile for the world!

Chapter 4 Love Time

Now that you know you have the power to create Love any time you wish by smiling and opening your heart, the next thing you may want to practice is how to keep your heart open for longer and longer periods of time. Learning to stay in a Loving state for long periods of time will make you stronger, wiser, and happier spiritually, mentally, physically, and emotionally. And it's a lot of fun!

The easiest way to learn to keep your heart open for long periods of time is to develop a daily practice dedicated to being in the most Loving state you can create for a specific length of time.

We call this practice Love Time.

How to Do Love Time

We suggest that you set aside ten minutes a day to begin with and then use that time to create Loving experience. You will want to try to make yourself feel the most Love you could possibly feel for the whole ten minutes.

The object of Love Time is to play with life, to develop passion for being, to have the most fun you can, and to feel as much Love as you can. The more Love you can feel in a concentrated way within a given length of time, the stronger you will become at growing in Love.

In the beginning, you will want to set up a schedule so that you know that the time you have set aside is reserved for you to give to yourself, to get to know yourself, and to grow strong in Love. In the beginning, you will want to do your ten minutes of Love Time when you have a lot of energy to do it. So, if you are a morning person, set it up in the morning, and if you are an afternoon person, set it up then. Once you start your Love Time, whatever you do, make sure you are smiling as big as you can, for as long as you can throughout the ten minutes.

> What activities should you do during your Love Time? Whatever makes you feel the most Love!

Remember, the object for Love Time is this: Whatever you do, try to smile as big as you can for the whole time.

Love Time Activities

Smile and:

- Be creative! Be passionate! Be WILD! Be soft! Be CRAZY! Be humble! Be TOTALLY HILARIOUS! Be grateful! Be relaxed! Be SILENT!
- Talk with your Angels, Guides, Goddess God, Mother Earth, or whomever you believe in.
- Share and express your Love for yourself, a Lover, a friend, a pet. Tell them over and over of the Love you feel for them, in different times and in different places.
- Share with Earth, Mother, Father, Goddess God, Your Guides, Your Angels all of the things in your life that are special.
- Light candles and incense.
- Think of good friends and good times.
- Dream and visualize things you want to experience.
- Make kites or toys for children in an orphanage.
- Sing songs.
- Go pick up trash somewhere.
- Do something you've been putting off for a long time.
- o Chant.
- Share appreciation with someone.
- Help a neighbor or friend with a project.
- Read or write poetry.
- Watch a great movie.
- Draw, paint, or sculpt.
- Turn a fire hydrant, fence, light post, or any area in need of Love into a work of art.
- Listen to music.
- Play an instrument.
- Compose a song.

- Donate some time to a school, senior center or home, church, shelter, etc.
- Write in your diary.
- Give your waitress or waiter a triple tip and watch their reaction.
- Lie in a hot bath with candles and incense.
- Try a new recipe.
- Play with your pet.
- Find someone to cuddle with.
- Go fly a kite.
- Share gratitude with someone.
- Clean your house.
- Help an old person do something that's hard for them to do.
- Create a one-person play.
- Surround yourself with beautiful pictures.
- Eat some gelato or ice cream or something really yummy.
- Sign up for a Challenge Day.
- Get a massage.
- Make someone laugh.
- Give a massage.
- Go for a walk or a hike.
- Cut the grass.
- Bake your neighbor some bread, cake, pie, or cookies.
- Work in your garden.
- Commune with nature.
- Join a men's group or women's group.
- Beat on some drums.
- Go to a Human Awareness Institute Workshop.
- Play with a child.
- Dance like no one is watching.
- Do yoga, work out, or pray.
- Start a Love Time group.

- Go to a hospital, senior citizen's home, mental ward, or prison and give some Loving touch, lend an ear, make a friend, or make someone smile.
- Do some babysitting for a single mom or dad and get silly with the kids.
- Add ideas to this list and then do them.
- Become a Big Brother or Big Sister by joining the organization..
- Watch this YouTube video called "Buddha on the Train"
- And this one "One Tribe" <u>http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T1D3ejwQiVg</u>
- And this one -<u>https://www.ted.com/talks/israel_and_iran_a_love_story</u>
- Go surfing, skiing, rock climbing, bike riding, skateboarding, or skating.
- Find people to play baseball, football, street hockey, volleyball, Frisbee, horseshoes, cards, dominoes, chess, or checkers with.
- Join a dance group, reading group, acting group, and/or improv.
- Have great sex with yourself, a friend, or a mate. (We suggest that if you use sex as Love Time you do so only half the time and use other activities the other half. The idea is to learn how to Love in any and all areas of your life, not just the sexual ones, though the sexual ones can be AMAZING! So, if you use sex as your Love Time today, do something different tomorrow.)
- Sing a song.
- Cuddle with yourself.

Do anything that makes you feel Love coming through you! Do something different every day, or if you like what you've done one day, do it again the next day. Plan your Love Time activities or be totally spontaneous.

Again, try to smile as big as you can while doing whatever you find to do.

You will find that Love Time is one of the most powerful spiritual tools for getting to know yourself.

Some people find it easy to do many different things during Love Time. Others find it a little challenging, if not impossible initially, to play and open up to Love. If you are finding it difficult, try starting off with something you already know you like to do and add a Loving Smile to it. By setting the intention of opening yourself to Love and playfulness, and by following through with doing the activities of your Love Time, you will find yourself feeling more Love over time.

If you are finding any of this a little challenging, look at the list above and try something different every day, and then notice which things make you feel more Loving. Remember that setting the intention and doing your best to smile through whatever you choose to do changes your habits and brings more Love into your life.

One thing that can happen is that one day you have good results with a particular activity, but when you try it again the next day it doesn't work quite as well, and even less the third day. If this happens, try a different activity. It's generally a good idea to vary your Love Time activities. You will be surprised at how trying different things during your Love Time can enlighten and enrich your life.

Here is a challenge for you:

Spend ten minutes a day in Love Time for seven days in a row.

People have experienced many amazing things by taking on this challenge, including powerful spiritual openings and important realizations about themselves.

Why is Love Time so powerful?

Because when you spend more and more time creating Loving experience, you are growing. You are actively and willfully training yourself to create Loving experience. That is awesome and fun! You are gaining all of the benefits we talked about in the Loving Smile chapter:

- 1. Love Enhances Everything
- 2. Choosing Love Gives You New Choices
- 3. Your Focus Attracts Your Experience
- 4. Living in Love Enables You to Know What Is True
- 5. Choosing Love Gives You More Energy
- 6. Becoming More Aware
- 7. Getting Bigger

8. The Healing Aspect

You are raising your consciousness level and the consciousness level of the planet. And you're having fun!

What a glorious way to discover more about who you are and how life works! The more fun you have, the better your life becomes.

For the second week, you might want to up your Love Time to twenty minutes a day. For the third week, thirty minutes, and so on. At that rate in three months you will be doing Love Time two hours a day, every day. Imagine what it would feel like to have that much Love in your life!

Once you pass the twenty minutes a day mark, you might want to break your Love Time into ten-minute increments and do ten in the morning, ten in the afternoon and ten in the evening; or ten before work or school, ten at work or school, and ten after work or school. As you spend more of your day in Love Time, you will be amazed at what you learn about your life through this process.

I can hear some of you saying, "How can I do Love Time at work?" It's easy! Just pick ten minutes while you're engaged at work and Lovingly smile the whole ten minutes. Same with school! (You're going to Love what happens!)

Now, let's say you're at work and you've been planning to do Love Time at 1:00, but at 12:50 your boss calls and yells at you for something that you didn't do, and then he hangs up the phone on you, leaving you quite upset. Should you still try to do your Love Time at 1:00? Absolutely! It would be very helpful to at least try. And even if you try for the whole ten minutes without being able to bring on a smile, by trying to smile, you will have interrupted a lot of old unloving patterns just by the trying. This is a good and healthy way to bring change into your life. Any time you can interrupt an old unloving pattern of acting or reacting in an unloving way, you are actively strengthening your will through your heart. This makes you stronger mentally, physically, emotionally, and spiritually.

It is important to keep in mind that the eventual goal of Love Time is to become Lovingly playful in all areas and situations in life. Of course, there are areas and situations in which it is not appropriate to be outwardly playful. Still, it is very helpful to be genuinely happy even in those areas that require a more serious attitude or demeanor. Doing Love Time daily and increasing your time weekly creates the context for this to happen. Love Time is one of the most powerful metaphysical and spiritual tools on the planet. Putting it into action will absolutely change your life!

Enjoy yourself and all the life around you!

And may Love be the beat of your heart!

Chapter 5 The Transition Phase

If you practice Love Time on a daily basis for weeks, you will become more mindful of the kinds of thoughts you think and how those thoughts affect you. You will become more aware of the state of your heart, whether it is open or closed, and the state of other people's hearts. You will find places in your life where your unloving beliefs seem to literally run your life. Because you are focusing on Love, your old unloving habits and programming will become **more obvious** and **more uncomfortable**.

At some point, you will want to heal the unloving beliefs and habits and replace them with Loving habits. We will show you a number of ways to make these changes and we will explain how this healing process works in Chapters 13 through 22, and then more in depth in Chapters 23 through 29.

This byproduct of adding Love, that it makes you more uncomfortable with your unloving beliefs and habits, is the main reason some people have a hard time growing in Love. For many people, as soon as they start adding Love into their lives, they become so much more aware of their unloving beliefs and habits that it may feel easier to discontinue the new Loving practices rather than to change. But if you know that this is going to happen, and you really want to change your unloving habits, it will be easier for you to remember this: **that it is very important and necessary to grow in Love so that you will have the strength, Loving energy, and Loving willpower to change your unloving habits and to heal your pain.**

Once you start healing unloving beliefs and habits, some of the uncomfortable energy will be relieved. At the same time, you may reach a point in your growth when you feel uncomfortable with your old habits and feeling states but have yet to become comfortable with new habits and feeling states. **When you reach this point, it may be** hard for you to feel comfortable about anything for a time. This phase of spiritual development is called a Transition Phase.

For a short period of time, just about everything feels uncomfortable.

This is a natural process. **This is a powerful process!** And as you come to understand more about it through experience, you will realize that these **Transition Phases** will afford you opportunities to heal many different things about your life while growing strong in character.

A Transition Phase can happen every time you change a major unloving belief and habit. For some people changing and healing comes easily for them, while for others it's a challenge. But if you stick with growing through Love Time and keep healing by using the Love Healing Process, you will learn to heal and change.

The thing to remember is that a Transition Phase is temporary.

If you're consistent with Love Time and use the Love Healing Process to heal old habits, the uncomfortable feelings will pass.

Sometimes people who are learning to grow in Love and work on themselves through understanding and changing their habits do not realize that a Transition Phase is going to happen, and they go back to their old habits because of the comfort factor. As we discussed earlier, it is the Love Reversals that make a person want to go back to what is comfortable, even if it is unloving, even if it is painful. If you understand that a Transition Phase is going to happen, you can recognize it as a sign of your growth and **use your excitement about your progress** to carry you through the uncomfortable feelings. This builds good character.

When you make it through a Transition Phase, you will feel better about yourself and what you have accomplished. You will be stronger and happier, which will help you get ready for the next phase. If you continue to grow in Love daily, change will become your new way of life. **You will welcome change because there is excitement in** **change** and it is a sign that you are growing. Growth means you are able to experience more and more Love, and that feels good!

In general, because people have not understood how to grow in Love and heal their unloving beliefs, as they grow older they seek out ways to become comfortable with their old age. Now, for those of us who embrace this Loving process, we will become agents of change. Not only will we be excited to make changes in our lives, but we will know that embracing change will keep us young in our hearts, minds, and bodies.

One of the main areas of change for most of you will be in your relationships with other people. Most of your relationships will change. Because you are growing and changing in Love, your relationships are going to become healthier and more Loving.

As a result of the changes in you, you may find some friends and family dropping away. At the same time, you may also find that some friends and family have so much Love for you that they will allow you to go through your changes and still remain close to you. And you may even have some friends and family who are so inspired by your changes that they decide to grow with you.

Here are some stories I made up for examples:

Jamar and Shade

Jamar and Shade both came from families with alcoholic parents.

They went to the same schools, even the same college, and were great friends. Jamar married a woman when he was 23, and they ended up having three children. Shade married at 25, and he and his wife had two children. Their work and family duties kept them very busy, but even so, every month Jamar and Shade would get together for an evening of dinner and trade stories about what was happening in their lives. Neither of them drank, but both of their wives did, and a lot of their sharing was about how their wives were so challenging to live with at times. They both had entertained the idea of getting divorced at different points, but they had made it through the hard times, often with the help of each other's support, which was of mutual great comfort.

When Jamar was 33, he learned about the Love Tools and the Love Healing Process, and he took the Love Tools to heart and started using them regularly. He had been practicing Love Time for a couple of months when he came to his next dinner with Shade, and he shared that he had mixed feelings about what the practice was doing for him in his life. He knew he had Love for his wife and children, but he was **not feeling** very much of it, and he was noticing **more and more things in their family life that did not feel so good.** (A Transition Phase)

A month later Jamar shared with Shade that he had discovered that all the years he'd been pointing out what a pain in the butt his wife could be, it wasn't her so much as his own perceptions of her. He had spent years telling Shade he wanted his wife to change, but now he was changing himself. He was beginning to **feel** the Love he had for her and he was starting to enjoy her company. Because he had become more Loving, his wife had noticed the change right away. She wasn't drinking as much, and she was actually making an effort to Love him back. This was a significant change from what Shade had been hearing for the past five years, and he wondered if it would last.

One month later, when Jamar walked into their dinner date, he was beaming! Shade was so surprised! Jamar couldn't stop talking about all of the things he and his wife had been up to. They sounded like newlyweds, and he was actually spending time playing with his children. He had cool stories about each child! By time the dinner was over, Shade was telling Jamar, "Dude, I want in! How can I make these changes in my life?"

This story about Jamar and Shade is great, but it is not uncommon for people who are learning to engage Love to lose most, or even all, of their friends and family.

Some people have been living in such unloving environments that the only people they have around them are people who support their unloving habits. As soon as people like this start growing in Love and changing their own unloving habits, their friends and family can become uncomfortable with them and lose their desire to be with them, or vice versa. This natural attachment that people have to their familiar relationships can also cause them to go back to their old habits. Many people have become so attached to their beliefs about how friends and family should stick together regardless of how unhealthy it is, that they will sacrifice their own happiness, their own ability to grow in Love, in order to preserve the relationships. Or because of their programming and the Love Reversals they acquired as children, they may find more comfort in living in unloving relationships. In most cases like this, they don't really know how to create a Loving relationship or even what one looks or feels like.

Usal and Sing

Usal and Sing, brother and sister, were born to parents whose hearts were closed most of the time. Both parents worked, so Usal and Sing were raised by babysitters and nannies. By the time they were teenagers, they were used to taking care of themselves. When their parents were home, they constantly fought and bickered, so Usal and Sing did their best to stay out of their way. They learned at a young age to take care of each other. As a result, they were very close and did everything together. The hardest time they ever had was when Usal started his freshman year in high school because the high school was on the other side of town from the elementary school Sing attended. They hated being separated for that long every day. Then, during the middle of that year, Usal fell in Love with another student, and it created more distance between the two siblings.

When Sing started going to the high school, she began hanging out with Usal's new friends and dating boys. They started drinking alcohol, smoking pot, and having sexual experiences. The siblings would go out with their friends to parties and sleepovers and even spent the night with girlfriends and boyfriends. By the time Usal was a senior and Sing was a junior, they were partying all the time. One of Usal's best friends was a boy named Rain. Rain and Usal looked *like they could be brothers, and they hung out and partied together. Rain and Sing were the same age and they fell in Love, so the three of them spent a lot of time together.*

Rain's older brother was a cocaine and ecstasy dealer, so Rain had access to drugs all the time. When Usal started community college, he began selling drugs to the students. Rain and Sing sold drugs to the high school kids, and by time they were 22 and 21, the three of them lived together and supported themselves through dealing drugs. They also started using them. Sing was addicted to ecstasy. She would get high and want to have sex with Rain all the time.

One night, Usal and Rain went to pick up a big order of cocaine and did not return. Sing awoke to cops knocking on her door. They told her they found Usal's car at the bottom of a gorge, and that Rain and Usal were dead. They found hard liquor in the car and a paper bag filled with \$5000 worth of cash.

Sing was devastated and became depressed. She spent most of the next two years high on ecstasy. She was devastated. The three of them had saved up some money, so she couch surfed until the money ran out. Then she moved back in with her parents. She couldn't cope. Her parents were constantly harping on her to go and get a job, just get out of the house and do something. She was so depressed that she had no appetite and didn't eat. She became so weak and malnourished that she ended up in the hospital.

One of the nurses at the hospital went to high school with Sing. Her name was Debra and when she saw Sing, she was horrified to see the condition she was in. Sing was skinny as a rail, her eyes were sunken in and almost looked bruised, and she was so depleted. Debra had heard of the deaths of Usal and Rain, and after a couple of days of intravenous nutrition and getting some good food in her, Debra sat down and talked with Sing about her depression. Sing knew she needed help, but she didn't know what to do. Debra was involved with a group that studied the Love Healing Process and invited her to come and listen to what people were doing there.

Two days later, Sing went to the meeting with Debra. There were six other people there and each of them took a few minutes to share what they were working on with the process. Then they spent time with each person delving into how they were using the process to help themselves. By the end of the meeting, Sing was impressed at how they were using common sense approaches to heal their challenges. She was invited to tell them a little bit about herself, and she felt comfortable enough to tell them about Usal and Rain's deaths and the depression that had run her life since. One of the ladies in the group had recently lost a child to a car accident, and she and Sing went out for coffee after the meeting. The lady explained how her depression had led her to the group and how much the group and the process had helped her get her life back.

So, Sing started reading and doing Love Time and continued going to the group. One of the people there helped her get a job waitressing, which helped a lot because it gave her some money and something to do. As soon as she got paid, the first thing she did was buy some ecstasy, and then she slipped into her old pattern of zoning out. It brought her depression screaming down on her again. She missed her next day of work and was almost fired, and then she made the decision to stop the drugs.

She had been doing drugs for so long that it felt so awkward to live without them. She felt uncomfortable with her friends because all they did and wanted to do was party. She didn't want to party anymore. It made her too depressed. (A Transition Phase) So the next time she went to the Engage Love group, she asked for help. Two of the people immediately made dates with her to spend time with her, and all of them suggested that she check out a dancing church they all went to that was not really a church. It was a place that people gathered to study life, to develop community, and to dance. The dates she went on were so helpful because both people shared with her different ways to do Love Time and have fun, without drugs or drinking. And although it felt uncomfortable, she actually enjoyed herself on both dates and made more dates. Within a couple of months, she was making new friends at the dances and meetings.

One of the strangest parts of her new life is that she rarely saw her old party friends and when she did see them, it felt like they had nothing in common. She liked them, but when she shared what she had been doing with herself, they weren't interested. They were only interested in partying. Her new friends were more in alignment with what she was finding important in her life now. She got a new job with some of the people that went to her dance church and she noticed the depression had lifted. She still missed Usal and Rain with all of her heart, but now she could feel Love for herself, and she was enjoying time with her new friends.

A Transition Phase like the ones highlighted in these two stories could happen to you as you learn to grow in Love. You may find yourself getting uncomfortable within days of making Love Time a daily ritual in your life.

There are a number of ways to make Transition Phases more comfortable:

- Recognize that a Transition Phase can happen, can be uncomfortable, and is temporary. Remember that it is a sign that you are growing and allow yourself to get excited about it!
- Use the excitement of knowing that you are on your way to creating an empowered and extraordinary life. This can give you the power to move through any stage of discomfort with greater ease. It can even become fun!
- Be patient with yourself. As you continue to grow in Love and are able to see your unloving habits, be patient with yourself. You have plenty of time to make changes, and you do not have to make a lot of changes all at once.

- Be patient with others. Have compassion for them. Your friends and family may not be ready for you to start changing. You may have relationships based on supporting each other in unloving habits, and they may see you as not caring about them because you are starting to do things differently. Your compassion for your friends and family will help you to arrive at healthy decisions with less tension.
- Find community. Surround yourself with other people who are learning to grow in Love, whether through this book or in their own way. As you start to move through different Transition Phases and you begin to make change a way of life, you'll start attracting people of like mind to you. You can help this along by searching for spiritual groups to associate and play with. (I would suggest the Biodanza community at Biodanza.us or any dance community. Biodanza is a dancing community who practice a dance designed to create intimacy within the community. And you may want to get involved with Challengeday.org. There are many more examples on the Love Time list.)

Here is one more story to illustrate a very common Transition Phase:

Jenny and Hal

Jenny had been married to Hal for sixteen years. They had a fourteen-year-old son, Hal Jr., and a twelve-year-old daughter, Lee, after Jenny's middle name. Jenny Loved Hal Jr. and Lee with all her heart. She had a wonderful relationship with both of her children! But her relationship with Hal Sr. had become stale. She felt no Love coming from him and hadn't for many years. But he was a great father, and she chose not to divorce him because of the children.

In her search to contend with her sadness about their relationship, Jenny came across the **Growing Big in Love** book. She was inspired by the Love Time practice and absolutely embraced it. Slowly but surely, the void in her heart left from the years of sadness began to fill. She started using the Love Healing Process and was able to heal some of the beliefs and trauma she found at the core of her relationship with Hal Sr. Her relationship with her children became even closer, and she discovered that she had almost nothing in common with her husband, except their beautiful children.

Jenny realized that she was compromising herself by continuing to live with Hal and that it wasn't a good example for her children. So, one day she sat down with her children and shared this with them. She explained that it was absolutely necessary for her to divorce their father and move into a house of her own. Both children were upset because they had lots of friends whose parents had gotten divorced. They were proud that their parents were still together, but they could also see she was not happy with their father (and hadn't been for a long time). They Loved her and wanted her to be happy. Plus, they could also see how their father wasn't so happy with their mother.

Next, Jenny sat down with Hal and shared her truth. She told him that she had already explained her news to the children and that they had understood. To her amazement, Hal started crying and said that he felt the same way. He was so grateful that she had come to the same conclusions. They started the process of splitting everything up and creating two homes. They both had equal time with the children, which wasn't easy, but it worked. There were lots of tears shed by all members and occasionally tempers flared at the difficult decisions, but they got through it. Six months down the road, their lives had slipped into a new heartbeat of working and playing as two families, and it was okay. Actually, it was better than okay because now both parents were happy, and happy parents make for happy kids.

In this example, since Jenny had compassion for her children, Hal, and herself, she was able to move through a difficult family change with much less stress. She used her compassionate heart and good communication skills to maneuver a hard transition. If you are able to successfully move through different Transition Phases and make Loving change a way of life, in time your life will become so rich with Loving experience that you will eventually know Heaven on Earth.

It is within you!

Listen

Can you hear her calling you? Embrace me Pull me into your heart Play with me and make me grow stronger and robust Just my presence arouses your dark places Your pain, trying to hide from you, becomes so obvious it does Grow me stronger and I can set your pain free Wisdom coming from the discovery Your mind so clear in the light of my essence

Can you hear him calling you? Now that you know, you will never have to learn that again Because you know You are free You are free to cuddle me yet again More and more, let me entangle my pleasures through your sanities Fill yourself with me, your pores, vibrating with my hunger Giving you excitement, silliness, crazy abundance, inspiration, sex

Can you hear Love calling you? May I have this next dance?

Love's Dance

Chapter 6 Loving Sounds

A Loving Sound is any sound, song, or mantra that makes you feel Love or think of Love. To Lovingly Smile moment by moment, you must mindfully concentrate on doing so at least until it becomes a new habit. To aid you in achieving your Loving states, you can use a Loving Sound to bring on a Loving Smile, to empower your smile, and to make yourself feel Love.

You can also use a Loving Sound to take up space in your mind when you can't smile.

Now, why would you want to do that? If you are presenting a state of mind in which you find it difficult or impossible to Lovingly Smile, then you are in pain. Some unloving belief has been activated that is causing you so much stress that you cannot get your heart open to smile or feel Love. You could be in the depths of fear, terror, anger or rage, depression or misery, jealousy, shame, or any strong unloving emotion. In situations like this, you can use a Loving Sound to fill up your mind so that you do not have to think or pay attention to the thoughts and strong emotions that are generated by being triggered. You can use Loving Sounds to overlay what you are feeling when you are triggered, or even better, to keep yourself from feeding those thoughts and emotions so they do not get worse. You can use Loving Sounds to calm yourself down and get yourself back to Love. Not only can this tool be very helpful and calming; at times it can be a godsend to help you out of really hard situations.

Now, I can hear all of you spiritual junkies saying, "Isn't that creating a spiritual bypass?" Well, it depends! If you are actively using the Love Healing Process four or five days a week and you are using the Love Tools to continually grow big in Love, then no, no it is not. If you are not using the Process or Love Tools, then yes it would be.

So, before we go into the metaphysics of how Loving Sounds work, let's address the concept of spiritual bypass.

Spiritual Bypass

In the year 1980, a clinical psychologist named John Welwood introduced a new term called *spiritual bypass* or *spiritual bypassing* which is a "tendency to use spiritual ideas and practices to sidestep or avoid facing unresolved emotional issues, psychological wounds, and unfinished developmental tasks." ¹

In general, spiritual people who use spiritual bypass have an air about them that everything is just fine. They strive to appear like they are always centered and happy no matter what is going on inside of them. They have learned to use their spiritual practices to numb out their pain or to not pay attention to it because, after all, they are spiritually advanced.

This question may arise then: Is using Loving Sounds or asking Loving Questions (which you will learn about in the next chapter) for the purpose of avoiding having to feel and experience unloving emotions brought on by any number of unloving beliefs, Love Reversals, or attitudes, spiritual bypassing? No, no it isn't.

If you read through this whole book and adopt the Love Healing Process as a means of healing all the unloving beliefs you have in your life, you will be doing everything that you can to heal your unloving beliefs. While using the process, you can only heal one belief and the corresponding habits at a time. That will be one belief every week or so if you are processing three or four days a week. That still leaves many unloving beliefs within you that will continue to be triggered, some of them on a daily basis and others less often. And if you are consistent with doing your healing process, you will eventually heal them all. So, if you are doing what you can to heal one belief at a time, then it is perfectly healthy to use Loving Sounds, Loving Questions, and/or any of the Love Tools to help keep yourself in a Loving state when any of your other unloving beliefs become triggered. In fact, as long as you are not hurting yourself or anyone else, including yourself, it is very healthy to keep yourself in a Loving state. The less you hurt and the bigger in Love you can grow, moment

by moment, the stronger you become in Love and the easier it is to heal the next belief and the habits that go with it. When you use any Loving tool powerfully, you could use it to make Loving action even if your heart is closed. That is powerful! So, if you choose to use the Love Healing Process, Loving Sounds, Loving Questions, talking with your Guides, or any other Loving action to attempt to stay in Love, it is not a spiritual bypass. It might be considered a spiritual advancement, elevation, progress, improvement, growth, expansion, or evolution, but it is not a bypass.

Now that we have addressed the concern of spiritual bypass, let's return to the metaphysical power of Loving Sounds.

Loving Sounds can transform your mind when you are in the throes of painful emotions. By learning to produce Loving Sounds when you are in emotional turmoil, you will gain the ability to interrupt the painful thoughts and emotions. Using Loving Sounds, like the Loving Smile, can bring more Love into your life. If you are a person who resonates with sounds or music, it can also be a lot of fun.

Loving Sounds

Loving Sounds include humming, whistling, tapping out a beat, drumming, singing, playing an instrument, listening to music or playing it in your mind, the sound of nature, children playing, or people laughing. To some people the sound of the hustle and bustle of the city makes them feel Love. Other Loving Sounds could be the sound of a fast car; the roar of a huge crowd; the crashing of waves on a beach; the sound of a storm raging around you; the sound of a gurgling brook, waterfall, or fountain; listening to the whispering of your Lover's sweet nothings; or the sound of tranquility that can be experienced on the top of a mountain, in the midst of a dark pine forest, sitting in the desert, or even in the depths of the ocean under the sea.

If you are a person who is moved by sounds, you can remember the sounds, create the sounds, or play the sounds to make yourself feel Love any time you want. If you develop a habit of creating Loving Sounds or remembering Loving Sounds throughout your day, over and over, the habit can become a powerful tool to use when you find yourself being triggered or moving through a challenge. (When we use the word challenge, we mean a challenge of keeping your heart open, of keeping yourself in a Loving state.) If you find yourself experiencing unloving emotions you can create Loving Sounds within your mind, or actually make the sound to help yourself keep focused on Love.

Loving Songs

Any song that makes you feel Love can be used as a tool to keep yourself focused on thinking, acting, and reacting in Love. When you know that you are about to enter a challenging period of time, Loving Songs are especially useful. As you develop your awareness of how and when your unloving habits tend to create challenges throughout your day, you can choose specific Loving Songs to help keep you focused on Love, regardless of what you are feeling and/or experiencing.

Loving Mantras

A **mantra** is a sound or word that is chanted aloud or in your mind, repeated over and over, with the intention of engaging a characteristic of Love, Goddess God, happiness, silliness, or peace into your awareness.

You can use any word or combination of words and chant the words or mantra, over and over, to make you feel Love, happiness, peace, or humor; to keep you connected to the Loving aspects of your life. Using a Loving mantra gives you the ability to keep your mind focused on Love, regardless of what you are feeling and/or experiencing.

Here are some examples of Mantras:

Om Namah Shivaya. This Sanskrit phrase is the great *Mahamantra*, the great original mantra. Some believe it means "Om

and salutations. May the elements of this creation abide in full manifestation!" Others believe it means "I honor the Self within."

The language of Sanskrit is the oldest language known and has fifty sounds. If all of the sounds were expressed at the same time, it would make the sound "Om." There are many different beliefs about what Om means. Some believe it is the sound of the beginning of the Cosmos. Some believe it is the sum total of all sound. Some believe it is the most sacred sound. When you make the sound with your heart open, it can bring a warm clear vibration into your heart and make you feel comfortable, strong and centered. Try it for yourself and see what happens! If you make the sound clear and hold it for a long time, you may achieve better results. If you make the sound when your heart is closed, you may enable yourself to open your heart. At the very least, you can chant the sound when your heart is closed to take up space.

I am bringing these Sanskrit words to your attention because they are some of the oldest Mantras known.

Below you will find some other words or phrases that can be chanted or repeated as Loving Sounds.

- *Om Mani Padme Hum,* which means "The jewel of consciousness is in the heart's lotus"
- o Hari Krishna
- o Amma
- o Shalom
- o Allah
- Any name of Goddess God
- o Jesus
- o Buddha
- I Love you, Goddess God
- o I Love You
- o Love
- Just get bigger, just get bigger
- o Peace
- o I am Happy

- o Strength
- Compassion
- I think I can, I think I can
- Live long and prosper
- May the Force be with you
- Spiderman to the rescue
- Everything is awesome
- **Wooooooohoooooo**
- o I am Superman
- Wonder Woman
- o I'm a Super Star
- o Elmer Fudd

(These last ten are meant to be powerful and comical, because comedy is a powerful antidote to pain and emotional turmoil.)

As you begin to understand how the mind works, you will find that any time you get triggered by an unloving belief, your mind is undertaking the task of proving to you that the unloving belief is true. Once triggered, your mind will serve up a continuous stream of unloving thoughts and feelings about what triggered you, thus feeding and empowering the feelings and emotions of the unloving belief. Your mind will continually make observations that prove to you that the belief appears to be true. Sometimes the experiences are dramatic and other times they are subtle.

For example, a man named Jake has this belief: "People are terrible drivers, and it makes me angry when people cut me off!" Because of Jake's belief, whenever he's driving he looks for proof that people are terrible drivers, and then when one of them cuts him off he gets angry. He goes into a rage, yelling and cussing at them. This is a dramatic example.

Now, here's a subtler example. Joan has had a fear of not having enough money all of her life. Every time she sits down to pay the bills or goes shopping, she finds herself feeling fear around spending any money. This fear comes up for her any time she has to think about money.

Can you think of a belief you have? Maybe you believe ______, (you fill in the blank)

In times when you are triggered by some unloving habits, and you understand why you are triggered but haven't yet changed the habit of reacting to it and acting from it, you can use a Loving Sound to take up space in your mind. In the example above, Jake could use a Loving Mantra like "I Love that guy" or "He is in more of a hurry then I am" or "Everyone is doing their best," whenever he feels triggered by another driver. Joan could use a mantra of "I am always taken care of!" or "I am so abundant!" any time she feels her fear of spending money coming up. Can you make up a different mantra or Loving Sound or Song that would work for you in both of these situations or one in which you're triggered? The more you like the mantra, sound, or song, the easier it is to use.

It's important to understand how mantras, sound or songs can be used to take up space in your mind. If you allow your mind, heart, and feelings to run their natural course when you get triggered, your mind will feed you endless reasons to try to prove that your old unloving belief is true. On the other hand, when you get triggered, if you start repeating a mantra, sound, or song, either out loud or within your mind, you can keep your mind from piling on the thoughts and feelings, from feeding the fire, so to speak. If you stay with your mantra, sound, or song, the unloving feelings will usually subside within a few minutes. This is because you are no longer focused on the belief that was triggered, but on the Loving Sound you are presenting.

Loving Sounds are a powerful tool to move yourself, by choice, through challenging moments in a Loving manner. Loving Sounds give you the ability to keep your mind focused on Love even when you are experiencing unloving feelings and thoughts. Chances are that there will be many times in your life when your unloving ways of acting and reacting are stronger than your ability to willfully keep your heart open. In times like these you can use Loving Sounds to help you stay in a Loving state.

Following is Jake's full story, which we will refer to at other points in the book. We present it here to show you clearly how you can use Loving Sounds to help you.

Jake's Story

Jake had taken some of my Growing Big In Love classes. He really liked the Loving Smile and Love Time and practiced them for about three weeks. One day, while driving to work, he was cut off by two different drivers before he even got on to the freeway, and he found himself yelling, swearing, and cussing at them. It happened three more times before he arrived at work, and as he was walking up to his office, he realized that he had not acted very Lovingly on his morning commute. On his way home, after his second "bad" driver encounter (his seventh of the day!), he had an epiphany. "I've been yelling at other drivers all of my life!" He was instantly reminded of an experience he had when he was six years old. He was in the seat next to his father while his father drove. His father was cussing at another driver, and Jake was yelling at the person right along with his dad. After his accumulated experiences with Love Time, Jake realized that he did not feel good yelling and cussing at people. To top things off, Jake was cut off another time before he got home and was unable to stop himself from yelling. The habit was so deep!

That night he went to another Growing Big In Love class and he learned how Loving Sounds could help him when dealing with challenging unloving habits. He decided then and there that he was going to use a Loving Mantra to help with his road rage.

The next day he used his Loving Mantra almost all the way to work. "I Love that guy, I Love that woman, I Love that guy!" He was still feeling all of the anger he usually felt, **but he wasn't yelling and cussing at people.** On this particular day, four people cut in front of him on the way to work and two on the way home. The next day was about the same. In fact, this went on for several days. People would cut him off or get in front of him, he would use his mantra, and he would still feel all of the anger. **And as long as he used his mantra, he wasn't yelling or cussing at people**. That was awesome! Jake was really impressed at how he was able to not yell and swear at people!

On the ninth day, something shifted. He was on his fourth "bad" driver, saying very loudly, "I Love that woman, I Love that woman!" He had been repeating the mantra for a couple of minutes when all of a sudden, he started feeling Love for the woman. The same thing happened with the next two drivers—after a couple of minutes of doing his mantra, he began to feel Love for each one of them.

Jake was very excited! The next morning, he could hardly wait to get into the car. Only two people cut him off that morning, and, using his mantra, he started feeling Love for them even faster than the day before. After a couple more weeks of this, he was at the point where he barely felt any anger at all. And do you know what he found? People stopped "cutting him off." In fact, what he found was that most of the time when people were getting in front of him, it was because they actually needed to get in front of him so they could turn or go the right direction; they were not trying to cut him off. After another month he found that he was in a very Loving space while he was driving. He had replaced his mantra with music he Loved and hardly anyone ever cut him off.

Jake's experience is a great example of how you can use a Loving Sound to move through any unloving emotion caused by old unloving habits.

Loving Sounds are extremely powerful when you find yourself in the middle of an unloving emotion and you want to keep yourself thinking, acting, and reacting in a Loving way. No matter how strong the unloving habit, if you continue to use a Loving Sound, in time, the unloving feeling will go away. Each time you use a Loving Sound to keep your mind filled with Love, you are changing the old pattern of acting and reacting. You become stronger and the habit becomes weaker. You become more intelligent and wiser. If you stick with it, eventually the old habit will be gone forever. And if you learn to use Stage One, Two, and Three of the Love Healing Process, you will find it much easier to heal the habits faster.

Make It Powerful

Now, in using a Loving Sound, intention is important. If I were to simply repeat the Loving Mantra, "I Love you," over and over without any feeling or intention behind the chant, I would not gain much advantage from my efforts. I could repeat the mantra over and over all day long and think unloving thoughts at the same time, and that would not be in any way productive. However, if I consciously hold the intent to experience the Love I have for life as I chant, "I Love you," over and over, if I am totally dedicated to feeling my Love for life, my experience will change, and I'll be able to move through an unloving experience in a Loving way.

Try this: Repeat any mantra over and over for the next thirty seconds without any heart or intention. Notice how you sound and how it makes you feel. After you've finished, take a moment to see how your state of mind has changed. Then repeat the same mantra over and over for another thirty seconds while you're smiling and feeling the intention of the mantra with all your heart. Again, take a moment to see how the action has changed your state of mind.

As an example, if I'm using the mantra "I am so Loving," I could create intention by picturing myself hugging my friends, family, or pets. At the end of the thirty seconds, I will have created quite a nice feeling within myself. By contrast, repeating those same words as a mindless, mechanical act produces very little change in my state or even none at all.

Loving Sounds can be an invaluable tool for those who find it difficult to open their hearts to Love.

To sum up, when you find yourself acting or reacting in an unloving way, you can change the experience by using a Loving Sound, Song, or Mantra to take up space in your mind and keep you from reacting to what has triggered you until the unloving feelings pass. The more you become aware of and change the unloving beliefs and habits that challenge you daily, the more you will find yourself spending time in Love.

Every time you move yourself into the experience of Love, you become more of who you really are.

And remember, Loving Sounds can be used just for the fun of it!

Woooooohoooooo!

Chapter 7 Loving Questions

In the last chapter we found that if you are doing what you can do to heal one belief at a time, then it is perfectly healthy to use Loving Sounds, Loving Questions, or any of the Love Tools to help keep yourself in a Loving state as much as you can when any of the other unloving beliefs you are not working on become triggered.

The easiest way to stop an unloving experience in its tracks is to ask yourself Loving, creative questions as soon as you feel any unloving emotions start to arise. Asking yourself Loving Questions can take the unloving energy right out of an experience. Asking yourself Loving Questions helps you maintain a Loving consciousness.

When you are triggered by something, your Inner Conscious is doing its job by creating the feelings you have about what has triggered you, however painful or hurtful, to prove to you that the belief is true. One of the ways to help yourself out of such feelings is to give your Inner Conscious something else to work on. If you're in the middle of an upset, if you ask yourself Loving Questions about anything at all, your Inner Conscious has to disengage from its present job of making you feel the pain of your old belief and go to work on its new job, creating the feeling of your new Loving Question and making you feel like the Goddess God of Love you are.

So, we would like to offer you some simple practices to empower you to stay in Love or get back into Love when you feel yourself getting triggered. If you do not remember how your Inner Conscious works, please go back and read pages 56 to 58.

Here is an example of a situation that is causing you some pain: You say to yourself, "I just got paid, but after I pay my bills, I won't have any money left to spend. This same thing happened last payday, and this situation is starting to drive me crazy!" The belief behind your line of thought is something like, "I won't have enough money to spend," or, "God, why does this keep happening to me?" or, "I just can't make enough money doing this job!" It is your Inner Conscious that is creating these painful thoughts according to your beliefs, which then create painful feelings.

In this example, your Inner Conscious is creating the feelings of frustration and dread. If you become aware of how you feel while thinking the thought, "I just got paid," you'll notice that you look and feel frustrated or sad because your Inner Conscious is serving up your feelings of frustration and dread ("This is driving me crazy!").

Try adding a Loving Question to this and notice how it shifts the feelings. "I just got paid, but after I pay my bills, I won't have any money left to spend. This happened last payday. *How can I learn from this situation?*" The Loving Question that you have just asked effectively defuses the old unloving feelings, which keeps you in Loving consciousness. It produces a new possibility that you might be able to learn something from this once-perceived, painful situation. By simply asking the question, you are pre-supposing that there is something to be learned here, which opens you up to the infinite possibilities that are before you. You have not yet received an answer, but the Inner Conscious immediately starts creating different feelings and a different physiology than it did with the first reaction to your paycheck. You look open, you feel inquisitive and peaceful, maybe even a little excited, and you have a feeling of hope.

Now, let's take it to the next level: "I just got paid, but after I pay my bills, I won't have any money left to spend. This happened last payday. *How can I learn from this situation* **AND how can I really enjoy myself while doing it?"** Now the new question implies, "There is something exciting to learn here and figuring it out is going to be fun!" The Inner Conscious immediately starts creating happy, enthusiastic feelings and a physiology to match. You may also feel excitement and wonder. The situation hasn't changed at all, but because you decided to ask yourself Loving Questions, your whole outlook is transformed.

Now, make this powerful for yourself. Go back over the last three examples and speak them out loud. This will give you the

experience of how asking Loving Questions can improve the way you **feel**. How did you do? If you do this exercise, you will feel the changes in your body immediately.

In the second and third examples above, you still have not received an answer to your question, but asking the question keeps you in Loving consciousness and opens up the possibility that it cannot only be different, it can be fun. If you ponder the situation with your new outlook for a while, you will get answers to your questions. You will also be able to change your line of thinking and your situation, and you will be able to make different and better choices.

This technique of asking Loving Questions is powerful because it engages your Inner Conscious to do some of the work for you. Your Inner Conscious will create positive feelings that equate to a better experience. Since your Inner Conscious is creating your feelings, it is nice to know you can use it to help you keep your heart open to Love. In those moments when you fall back into disempowering emotions such as rage, hatred, or depression, you can choose to think positively and ask Loving Questions, and your Inner Conscious can help you open your heart or help you keep your heart open.

Here is another example: Suppose you have a belief that causes you to get angry at anyone who is late for an appointment. You have an important date planned and your friend is not on time. After five minutes of waiting for your friend, you feel yourself getting angry. You believe (or feel justified) that you should be angry if your friend is late, so your Inner Conscious is feeding you thoughts like, "I can't stand it when my friend is late. How can he be so rude?"

If you want to stay in a Loving space, interrupt your Inner Conscious dialogue by asking Loving Questions and thinking positive thoughts. "How can I stay in a Loving state? Is there something else I could have done to ensure that we meet at the right time? This friend has a habit of being late. I've done what I could by giving him careful directions and the time. He knows how important this is to me. I don't have control over his actions. Instead of falling into anger, I'm going to concentrate on feeling peace and Love. How can I keep myself in a Loving space? I'll smile and enjoy this time to myself."

If you engage yourself with these kinds of question and positive thinking, you are acting from your intention to think and act Lovingly. If your intention is to stay in a Loving state all the time, you will find it easier by asking Loving Questions and thinking positively because your heart is aligned with Love. In the example above, if you were to let your mind follow its habitual pattern, by the time your friend arrived, you would have been furious, hurt, and disappointed, and your heart would be closed. Needless to say, this would not feel good. But since your intention was to stay in a Loving state, by the time your friend arrived (let's say 30 minutes late), you would have spent 25 minutes in a Loving state. This would empower you to keep your heart open and make a Loving decision as to what to do next: drop a water balloon on his head (no, just kidding!), carry on with the date and be late, or cancel the date and find something else to do. Your Loving state would empower you to make the best decision for yourself. If your friend never arrived, you would have spent 25 minutes Loving yourself and the life around you.

Knowing what kinds of questions to ask can help you come up with useful and supportive questions. Questions that start with "why" can tend to help you feel sorry for yourself and perpetuate fear and dread. Teach yourself to ask questions that start with "how" and "what." If you do find yourself asking a "why" question, notice whether it produces a positive change, and if not, try another question.

Here are some examples of helpful questions:

"How can I have fun learning through this situation? What can I learn from this experience? What is funny about this situation?" – Humor is very effective when dealing with anger.

"What am I grateful for in this situation?" – Being grateful for what you have works very well for sadness, depression, greed, or jealousy.

"What can I do to help someone?" – Putting yourself in a giving mode cures boredom and laziness and helps move your attention away from pain.

"Do I really dread this experience, hate this person, hate this job? Or is there something I can learn here?" – Try to see Love, joy, and humor in each of your experiences.

Asking Loving, thoughtful questions and thinking positive, Loving thoughts is an effective and powerful way to transform challenges into learning experiences and empower yourself to live in Love. The ease with which you learn to use this tool depends completely on your intention in each moment.

Loving intentions and Loving Questions are the key!

In order to put Loving Questions into action, it would be helpful for you to take a few moments right now and find a few places that you can use them right away. In the last forty-eight hours, where have you experienced upset in your life? Could you have used a Loving Question to help you relieve the pain of that upset? See if you can set an intention to use a Loving Question to help you change an upset into something fun.

For those of you who can remember to use this when you get triggered, you can get excited about how easily and efficiently it works!

Empower yourself to live in Love. Harness your Inner Conscious by setting an intention to use your Loving Smile, Loving Sounds, and Loving Questions to continuously feel Love!

Jai-ma!

Meaning: Raise your arms to Heaven and shout at the top of your

voice,

"Right on GODDESS GOD!"

Sheila's Testimony

Although I had been on the self-empowerment path for years, when I was introduced to Raven, I was in a relationship where I felt criticized and unable to be my true, authentic self. I had low selfesteem; I didn't feel like I could speak my truth with anyone. I was disconnected from my body. I had the habit of feeling victimized by the world and felt like the world wasn't a safe place to be. On the outside, I appeared happy and well adjusted, but on the inside, I felt unlovable, unworthy, and a burden.

As I started working with Raven, using the VAI (Voice Activated Integration) technique, it became apparent that this body responded to the idea of my parents sexually abusing me. Sure, I remember my tyrant father emotionally and physically abusing me and being scared 24/7 that I would be punished for doing something "stupid," or not doing a task quick enough, or getting slapped upside the head just for speaking my truth. It was engrained in me to not have any of my own thoughts and opinions, not to speak up, to be agreeable at all times, and not cause waves. My sisters would constantly tell me to shut up whenever I questioned my father. However, it was unfathomable to even think that my father had sexually molested me from the ages of six twelve. Whaaaaaaaaat?!? No waaaaaaaaaaay!! to Not meeeeeeeeee!!! I would definitely remember it if something like that happened to me!

"The body doesn't lie," is what Raven kept telling me. And when I looked upon my hang-ups and idiosyncrasies, it really did make sense as to why they were unconscious patterns. So down the rabbit hole I went. At that time, I was more than ready, willing, and able to take a look at the shadow aspects of Self and finally liberate myself from the shackles of toxic imprinting.

In 2012, I had a spontaneous remembrance of my sexual abuse, yet I was still in denial and my body hadn't released the trauma associated with the abuse. Raven helped me to release the trauma. As my body learned to release trauma after trauma, to my dismay, another hidden secret was revealed. Not only did my mother know about what my father was doing, but she started abusing me as well! Geez, how could any parent do these atrocious things to their child?!? I thought to myself, "No wonder I'm all f*#@ed up!" My sister and I used to joke around about how surprised we were that we didn't end up in a mental institution of some sort. And that was just from the physical and psychological abuse alone!

I remember years ago when I first heard the statistic that 1 in 5 girls are victims of sexual abuse, I scanned my girlfriends to see which one I suspected was abused. It never occurred to me at the time that I could be part of that statistic. I also read that a child who is the victim of prolonged sexual abuse usually develops low self-esteem, a feeling of worthlessness, and an abnormal or distorted view of sex. Now it all makes sense! Add to it the years and even decades of physical and emotional abuse from my parents and later, the abusive relationships I kept attracting to myself, it's no wonder I would start new entrepreneurial adventures and quit because I didn't think I was good enough. I would get miraculous results with the first several Theta Healing, Massage, and Reconnective Healing clients, and then start turning away new people that came to me, referring them out to my colleagues, thinking my colleagues could help the clients more than I could.

And no wonder, I had a Love Reversal. I was abused so much as a child that I would attract people, men in particular, to abuse me! Abuse was normal to me. Before I did this healing work, I had never had a healthy romantic relationship. Although I sincerely wanted to find Love and was looking for it all the time, I kept attracting shortlived relationships (and one-night stands) that were based on manipulation, criticism, control, abandonment, distrust, and disrespect. One prior relationship involved two policemen knocking on the door to see if I was all right because the neighbors had called concerned about the screams and cries coming from me.

Part of the confusion in being molested as a child is having conflicting feelings. It was revealed that there were times I enjoyed the attention as well as how good the body felt while being fondled. Imagine, a young child being fondled by her parents; it feels good to the body, yet instinctively she feels something is wrong. Imagine growing up with those conflicting feelings that were never healed. Imagine it carrying through to my romantic relationships where I would open up, shut down, open up, close off, and not really know why. Imagine how frustrating it was for my past partners who internalized my traumas and made it about them? Imagine all of the entanglements becoming bigger and bigger like a ball of yarn. No wonder I created co-dependent relationships, I couldn't tell what was right or wrong.

Because communication in our household looked like my father lecturing my two sisters and me and being forced to agree with him or else he would beat us, I lacked basic communication skills. I learned to be overly accommodating and self-sacrificing. Such is the sweet nectar of narcissists, who I tended to attract.

Bless the little wounded child in me who learned to cope with the abuse by mentally and physically checking out. When I was being sexually molested, I learned to disassociate and to leave my body. The caveat to leaving the body and astral traveling to beautiful places is that the back door was open for entities and hitchhiking ghosts to enter. At times, when I started to feel sexual or sensual, I would start channeling different entities, professing random information.

I was at a birthday dinner with Raven, his partner, and my partner at the time. I started to spontaneously channel. More often than not, I would channel a higher Being named Orion, however, on that night, a young girl (discarnate spirit) came through. I wasn't completely in my body. That is when Raven first invited me to start working with him.

Closing my eyes made it easy for me to leave my body. So, Raven had me practice staying in my body and connecting to my own spirit with my eyes open. For three months, I would not close my eyes to meditate or do any personal work except for going to sleep. This helped so much to stay grounded. The visual that I used was a "no vacancy" sign on my chest letting the entities know they are not allowed in my space. I also started connecting deeper to Little Sheila and promised her I would never abandon her again by leaving my body.

Raven also had me practice Love Time (which I had naturally been doing but I upped my Love Time, more and more). I learned to get really big in Love!! HUGE!!! It allowed me to open up to the yucky stuff I didn't want to face without getting re-traumatized. I remember one night working with Raven where I recalled a past life experience where I was being strangled and then drowned. There were 1,000 entities suffocating me. I made myself get really HUGE in Love and all of a sudden, the entities turned into little blue fluffy monsters like Sully from Monster's Inc. Going through trauma after trauma allowed me to realize that my body can be mutilated, beat, tortured, abused, raped, but my spirit will never die, and I got stronger and stronger!

The combination of doing Love Time, using VAI to heal my past, keeping my eyes open, staying in my body, and releasing my pain, contributed to me getting so big in Love that I no longer have any challenges with spontaneously leaving my body or entities invading my body. Now I can close my eyes anytime I want and feel grounded and safe.

Healing all my childhood molestation trauma and getting big in Love also contributed to me being able to learn for myself what is healthy for me, sensually, sexually, and how to have a healthy Loving relationship. I am incredibly grateful for my life. I am now in a Loving, kind, supportive, monogamous relationship with a man who celebrates me as the Faerie-Goddess that I am. I continue to do my Random Acts of Kindness Faerie-Angel missions, being a Loving disrupt to strangers' days, and I am continuing to support others on their life journeys through coaching, retreats, ceremonies, and essential oils. Life is grand!

Chapter 8 Loving Meditation

As I shared with you previously, we each have four bodies the physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual. Each one of these bodies has ways to enable us to become strong, Loving, and capable.

Take the physical body for instance. If a person ingests only healthy food and Lovingly engages in a balanced regimen of lifting weights to their maximum ability for an hour a day, twice a week; stretches all their body parts to their simple limits for an hour a day, twice a week; and develops their muscles to move at top speed for an hour a day, twice a week; within six months that person will experience a peak physical condition they may never have experienced, and that could leave them feeling euphoric. Top physical conditioning can only be experienced by performing such a regimen. If you look at the person's before and after picture, you might say that the person in the top physical condition picture looks like a goddess god. If you asked them, they might tell you that they feel like a goddess god, for a person who is that strong, that agile, and that fast, everything they do is easier than their regimen. So, for one hour a day they max out, and the other 23 hours they live in euphoric peace. The euphoria is priceless. They have more energy and seemingly more life at their beck and call. Plus, once a person gets over the one-month mark of feeling sore from working their physical body more than it is used to, the workouts themselves can become very stimulating, especially if they are Lovingly Smiling the whole time. Great Love Time!

Our emotions are what give us the **feelings** of our moment-tomoment lives. Our emotions are really quite miraculous. They are obviously designed to help us **feel** the condition of our life in any given moment and accurately show us what we believe about those conditions. And in this way, they give us the most reliable way to help us learn to grow in Love. Love Time is what helps a person develop their emotional body. If you follow the suggested regimen for doing Love Time—ten minutes the first week, twenty minutes the second week and so on then within three months you'll be doing Love Time for two hours a day. In six months, six hours a day. By that time, you are learning to be Loving and playful in every part of your life, and in order to keep up that regimen, you will also be using the Love Healing Process three or four days a week to heal the unloving trauma, beliefs, and habits **that keep you from feeling** Love. The really cool thing about using Love Time is that you do not have to set time aside to do it. You can do anything and make it into Love Time by setting the intention to make it the most Loving thing you could do in that moment. When you are learning to focus on Love that much, you are continually gaining all the eight qualities of growing in Love More and More Every Day.

What is Loving Meditation? **Meditating with your heart wide open and filled with Love**. Meditation is the tool for you to use if you want to max out your mental body and the springboard for exploring your spiritual body. If you ask any spiritual teacher, "What is meditation?" you may get a different answer from each one, and they may all be true. When we speak of meditation in this book, we mean a state of mind in which you completely stop your thinking process.

Can you stop your thoughts? See if you can move through the next thirty seconds without thinking . . . Go!

How did you do?

If you were not successful, don't worry. Meditation can be easily learned through a simple process that we will teach you shortly.

Can you imagine how your life would be different if you could stop thinking anytime you wanted to? What a power to have! What a freedom! Peace of mind any time you want it! **If you had to stop everything and just concentrate on learning how to Lovingly Meditate for the next year, it would be worth it.** But it's not going to take you a year. Once you start getting good at Love Time it will take you only a few weeks to learn how to Lovingly Meditate for a few moments of time. With consistent practice, you'll be meditating within a few months. If you have never meditated before, it may seem difficult at first, but it can become easy. To begin, we will start you off with learning how to meditate with your eyes closed. But soon thereafter, you will advance to meditating with your eyes open so that you can use it anywhere, any time.

The use of Loving Meditation will strengthen your mind and directly strengthen your will, both of which are essential if you want to create positive change in your life. Again in this book, Meditation means to stop your thoughts. Another possibly more powerful way to say meditation is **pure awareness**, awareness without thought. When you are thinking, you are comparing the information from your senses about your present moment with the information from your past, with the intention of making sense out of your experience, thought by thought. You're breaking up your whole experience into little bite size pieces so that it is easier to understand. You can be aware while thinking by simply intending to be aware, using your thoughts and thought process. But if you stop your thoughts, you are being present and aware without thinking, which is very powerful. It is not necessary to think in order to live your life. You can just be without thinking, or you can just be aware without thinking, and it is a very powerful state of being.

There are a number of reasons that pure awareness achieved through Loving Meditation is such a powerful state.

- When you are thinking, you are channeling energy through your spiritual body to create your experience as you believe it should be. When you stop thinking, that energy has nowhere to go, so it builds up and is stored in your spiritual body, making your spiritual body expand so it then can be used to empower your intentions.
- When you are thinking, your thoughts are following what you believe. When you stop thinking, you partly disengage from

your belief structure, enabling you to see, feel, or sense **more** of your experience which is why you want to be smiling when you do it.

- This state of pure awareness is intimately connected to your intuition. It stimulates your intuition, and as your intuition develops, it gives you an ongoing state of knowing. This is a very comforting and energizing state of being. As long as your heart is open during the state of pure awareness, you will feel different things at different times, like invigorated, peaceful, expanded, wild, comical, curious, sexy, wondrous, ecstatic, glorious, oh my...
- When you get good at pure awareness through Loving Meditation, you can engage it any time to bring on peace of mind.
- Meditation can improve your communication with your Guides, Goddess God, or All That Is, and this pure awareness will make your communication more intimate.
- Creating pure awareness fueled with an open heart is a new state of being on our planet, a state we are evolving into which will reveal more gifts we have within us. This new state, when used by enough people, is going to help create a wondrous elevation of consciousness on our planet.

Loving Meditation is a powerful spiritual tool, and a key element to achieving it is to engage in a Loving Smile while you are meditating.

Meditation magnifies whatever is in your heart.

If your heart is open and you are feeling Love, meditation will make it stronger. If your heart is closed, then meditation can magnify your unloving experience and create more pain for you. If you find that you are unable to smile and open your heart when you meditate, stop trying to meditate and go to practicing Love Time instead. Practicing Love Time will help you learn how to keep your heart open for longer and longer periods of time. Once you have gained more strength to keep your heart open, then you can go back to learning how to meditate.

If you have been meditating throughout your life and you are not sure if you're meditating with your heart open, you might try putting a mirror in front of you when you are meditating and periodically look at yourself to see if you are smiling. If you are not, stop your meditation for the time being and engage into Love Time to get your heart open. Once you get your heart open, then you can go back to your meditation. Whenever you finish meditating, you should be experiencing a wonderful state of Love.

We understand that some of you have been meditating for a long time without the knowledge of the Loving Smile and Love Reversals. It can be shocking to find out that a ritual you felt to be very sacred could be causing you pain. When you read about Stage One of the Love Healing Process, you will discover that when a person heals from a past trauma, and especially a sacred act that has caused you trauma, you will have gleaned some really amazing gifts. What we pray you hear is that if you do what it takes to heal so that you can Lovingly Meditate, imagine what that will do for you, for every moment of your meditation to be filled with Love. If you do the work to heal, you will be so humbly blessed in so many ways. The world needs you to heal, and we are rooting for you.

When you become good at Loving Meditation, it will give you some control over your emotions, provide clarity about your choices, help you develop awareness about living in the moment, strengthen your healing abilities, and empower you to be able to heal **ALL** of your Love Reversals. It is also a springboard to learning how to use two even more powerful tools called the "Gliding" and the "State of Shining" which you will read about in Chapters 9, Gliding and 10, Shining.

The intention of learning to Lovingly Meditate is to strengthen your will through controlling your mind so effectively that you can learn to not think any time you want and keep your heart open. Lovingly Meditating is like hugging Life and being hugged by Life at the same time. It is a wonderful experience that you can use anywhere and anytime you want! What we mean is that sitting down to learn to meditate is helpful, but once you learn how to meditate, then you can meditate moving around with your eyes wide open. It's simply a state of mind! And it ROCKS!

Before we go into how to Lovingly Meditate, we would like to mention that there are many other ways to stimulate and develop your mental body. For you intellectuals, studying something new and different that moves and stimulates you for an hour a day will condition your mental body to perform at its peak. This will allow you to learn with greater ease and expand your knowledge, creating more options for you to choose from. If you're an artist, you'll find that if you do some form of your art every day that challenges you, when you're working on your daily projects, your gifts will come easily. Same with music or any craft, trade, or business endeavor. If you spend some time each day engaged into something that challenges you with the gifts you want to develop, you will find that it becomes easier to accomplish your goals. If you make it a practice and do it with your heart open, it is just fun and healthy and makes for great Love Time.

How to Lovingly Meditate

The act of Lovingly Meditating is using your will power to stop your thinking process. The following exercises are designed to help tone your will power as though it were a muscle, so you become strong enough to stop your thoughts. If you practice these exercises in a disciplined manner daily, you will gain more control over your mind and your physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual bodies.

The topics that follow are intended to be done in weekly sessions. Each session gives you an exercise to practice throughout the week. You should practice each new exercise until you feel comfortable with it and then move on to the next session. We suggest that you practice for ten to fifteen minutes, once or twice a day. If you can keep your heart open the whole time, it makes a great Love Time! To Lovingly Meditate, find a place where you feel comfortable, a place that is quiet and peaceful. It's helpful to wear comfortable, non-restrictive clothing and to remove your shoes. Loosen or remove belts and restricting jewelry. This will prevent stress from building up in any area and allow free circulation of blood and energy. Some people will find it is fun to be naked while they meditate when they find themselves in places where it is safe to be naked. It is best to lie or sit on a carpeted floor. If these positions are not possible or they are too uncomfortable, sit on a solid chair with your feet on the floor and your back straight, not leaning against the chair.

When convenient, it's good to use the same place to meditate each day, especially when you're first starting out. The familiarity of using the same place each day can help you move more quickly into a meditative state. Notice where you feel most comfortable meditating. Your Loving Meditation place or places can become very special. They will become the places where you go when you have set aside time for yourself to commune with Love.

Week One – Total Relaxation

The first step to stopping your thoughts is learning to slow them down. Controlling your physiology is an excellent way to help slow your thoughts. If you speed up your heart rate or breathing, your thoughts will also tend to move at a faster pace. If you slow your body functions down, it will be easier to slow your thoughts down. You will find that you can slow your thoughts considerably once you obtain a state of Total Relaxation.

Go to your Loving Meditation place and lie flat on your back without a pillow. Stretch your whole body like a cat. Now lie quietly, arms at your sides, palms down, legs straight out and feet slightly apart. Again, if it is not comfortable for you to lie on the ground then sit on a solid chair with your feet on the floor and your back straight, not leaning against the chair. It is important that you feel comfortable with temperature. Use a blanket for warmth or remove clothing to cool down. Keeping your palms down keeps you grounded to the earth, which will tend to make you feel more comfortable and less susceptible to external stimuli and energies. If you lie or sit in relaxation or meditation with your palms up, you will be more open to external stimuli or energies that may come into your space. This can be distracting or not, depending on who you are. Once you have learned to achieve Gliding, which is Lovingly stopping your thoughts for two or three minutes at a time, you will have the strength to transform most any energy to your benefit. We will explain more about Gliding in the next chapter. So, for now, keep your palms down for comfort and grounding.

Close your eyes and give your body a few moments to adjust to this position. Keep your eyes closed throughout the exercise. If you can, breathe through your nose. If it's comfortable, keep your lips closed to keep your mouth from drying out. As you become more relaxed, your mouth may fall open. This is fine.

When relaxing your body, always begin with the parts farthest away from your brain. Make sure you are Lovingly Smiling and then focus your attention on your toes.

(Read through the following exercise before you try it. Since it is difficult, if not impossible, to read and do this exercise at the same time, you may want to have a friend read the instructions aloud as you do the exercise. Or you can log onto: www.growingbiginlove.com/relaxation and hear the directions. You can also record the instructions and play them back as you follow them. Make sure that the instructions are read very slowly. The word **Feel** is in bold to remind you to actually take the time to **Feel** each body part.)

- 1. **Feel** your toes with your mind. **Feel** each toe. As you move your attention to the next toe, leave the toe feeling warm, heavy and relaxed.....
- 2. **Feel** your feet, feel them getting warm, heavy and relaxed.

- 3. Feel your lower legs, feel them getting warm, heavy and relaxed.....
- 4. **Feel** your thighs, feel them getting warm, heavy and relaxed. slow your breathing a little. . . . are you smiling?
- 5. **Feel** each finger, feel it getting warm, heavy and relaxed.....
- 6. **Feel** your palms, feel them getting warm, heavy and relaxed.
- 7. Feel your lower arms, feel them getting warm, heavy and relaxed.....
- 8. Feel your upper arms, feel them getting warm, heavy and relaxed...
- 9. **Feel** your stomach, feel it getting warm, heavy and relaxed.
- 10. Feel your lungs and your heart, feel them gradually slowing down, feel them getting warm, heavy and relaxed.
- 11. Feel your back, feel it getting warm, heavy and relaxed.
- 12. Feel the muscles in your neck, feel them getting warm, heavy and relaxed. . .
- 13. Feel the base of your skull, feel it getting warm, heavy and relaxed.
- 14. **Feel** your face, feel it getting warm, heavy and relaxed. feel your eyes getting peaceful and still.
- 15. Feel your forehead, feel it getting **light** and relaxed. slow your breathing a little....

Now you are totally relaxed. Are you smiling? Do not try to stop your thoughts; let your mind relax. Let your thoughts come and go peacefully. A thought will come up, and you just let it go. Another thought will come up, and you just let it go. Again, make sure to keep your Loving smile throughout the exercise.

After ten minutes:

Slowly increase your breathing open your eyes..... close your eyes..... move your toes and fingers..... open your

eyes. When you feel like it, stretch like a cat. When you're ready, roll to your side and get into a sitting or kneeling position before you stand.

End of Exercise

Be aware that your body has just been in a state of Total Relaxation. Fast movements could cause accidents or pulled muscles. Let your body adjust to its normal balance before you undertake any vigorous exercise or sudden movements.

During the relaxation, you may have felt as though your body was melting into the floor or floating above it, or you may have experienced another type of sensation, or you may have had no sensation at all. These experiences are all quite normal and are usually pleasant. Remember we suggested that meditation was a springboard to getting to know your spiritual body? Well, this is one of the ways it starts. As you continue using the relaxation and meditation exercises, you may or may not have experiences similar to these. These experiences happen as a result of working with your mind and your physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual bodies in a way that is similar to dreaming. Don't get caught up in these experiences; just enjoy them when they happen. Always try to keep yourself centered on the exercise you're doing at the moment.

If at any point you start to have an experience that causes you fear, pain, or distress, stop the exercise, open your eyes, and return your breathing to normal. Try to get your heart open and then try meditating again when you're comfortable. If the fear, pain, or distress persists, then slowly move into a different place. Usually changing your space and your breathing will bring back your normal state of being.

Occasionally you may fall asleep while relaxing. This is fine, and usually happens when you're tired and need sleep. Still, try not to let falling asleep during your relaxation become a habit. You're trying to learn how to control your mind, not put it to sleep. This may be the first time you have consciously experienced your body in a Totally Relaxed state. This is very healthy for your mind and bodies. Your blood pressure and heart rate will drop considerably. Your respiratory system and metabolism will run at peak efficiency. When you are in a state of Total Relaxation, physical stress can be completely relieved.

Stress manifests in the body as muscles that stay tight for a long time and are not allowed to relax. Stress may be caused by bad posture, physical exertion, injuries, overeating, disease, Karma, conflicting beliefs, or closed heart states, which can range from mental anguish to experiencing or dwelling upon unloving emotions coming from past trauma. There are also many drugs that can cause stress in the body.

Totally Relaxing your body for five to ten minutes gives your body a chance to balance the flow of the different kinds of energy that run through your body and, in many cases, can relieve your stress completely. Doing a Total Relaxation exercise whenever you feel stressed will help keep you healthy and will often make you feel energized. If you are working with the Love Healing Process, doing a Total Relaxation can help you find areas within your body that want to be noticed or heard.

As you continue to practice your relaxation exercise, the time it takes you to become totally relaxed will lessen, which means that you will spend more time in a relaxed state.

The more accomplished you become at deliberate relaxation, the easier it becomes to recognize when you are relaxed and when your heart is open throughout your day. Conversely, you will also get better at recognizing when you're stressed and when your heart is closed. This greater awareness will help you stay in a Loving state for longer periods of time.

As you go through your day, stop yourself here and there and notice how your body feels. Is there any undue stress? If so, smile and relax!

Mastering Total Relaxation is a priceless skill for helping you live a long, healthy life!

Week Two – Balanced Breathing

When you bring awareness to your breathing, it heightens your experience of how intimately connected to all of life you are. Breathing is life. It is an instinct of all living animals. If you alter your breathing in any way, it produces an immediate change in your metabolism. By breathing faster and deeper, you pull more oxygen into your body, sharpen your senses, and vitalize both body and mind. By breathing slowly and with shallow breaths, you dull your senses and your body becomes sluggish. The ideal way to breathe for normal activity is slowly and deeply; this way of breathing supplies your body with plenty of oxygen while helping you stay relaxed. Breathing slowly and deeply keeps your senses clear and helps your cleansing and healing systems work better.

Week Two is about a breathing exercise called **Balanced Breathing**, which is very helpful for relaxation and meditation. Balanced Breathing simply adds two steps to slow deep breathing, so each time you inhale, you'll hold the air for the same length of time you used for the in-breath. Then exhale and stop your breath for the same length of time.

For example: Breathe in slowly and deeply for four seconds. Fill your lungs and abdominal cavity completely with air. Hold it for four seconds. Exhale slowly for four seconds. Hold it for four seconds. Inhale. Hold. Exhale. Hold. Repeat.

The rhythm of your breathing should feel comfortable. Choose a rate that feels best to you. If four seconds feels too long, try three seconds. When you become comfortable with a certain rate, begin to slow your rhythm and try a longer time interval. Breathing in this manner creates a balanced rhythm, which soothes the conscious mind.

Stopping and holding your breath after each inhalation and exhalation helps the oxygen and carbon dioxide cross over in your

lungs. Your lungs work more efficiently, and you use less energy to breathe.

For some people, Balanced Breathing is uncomfortable. It makes them feel as though they are not getting enough air. If this should happen to you, you might try breathing a little faster. If you are persistent with this exercise, it may eventually become more comfortable than your normal breathing.

When Balanced Breathing becomes natural during relaxation and meditation, you can use it throughout your day to produce a calm, peaceful, and centered state of mind, and to help you become more aware of the movement of Life. Balanced Breathing grounds you to the Earth, to the here and now.

Take a few minutes to practice doing Balanced Breathing on its own and then put yourself into a state of Total Relaxation using your Week One skills. Then use Balanced Breathing to help you slow your thoughts even more. Balanced Breathing will help energize you while also making it easier to slow your thoughts. Do not try to stop your thoughts yet. Let them come and let them go. Make sure that you are Lovingly Smiling and enjoy the Loving, relaxing, energized state you create for yourself.

Week Three – Loving Concentration

Until now, you have done your relaxation exercises while lying flat on your back. For stretching, relaxing, and learning to quiet the mind, this position has served its purpose well. While learning to Lovingly Meditate, and during Meditation, you will want to use a sitting position to gain maximum results.

Sit on a carpeted floor with your legs crossed, full Lotus position (legs crossed with your feet over your thighs), half Lotus (legs crossed with one foot over a thigh and the other foot under a thigh), or cross-legged (legs crossed with both feet under your thighs), arms hanging relaxed, palms down (for sensitive people) and resting on your knees, holding your back and head straight and perpendicular to the floor. Your body is designed to become most energized in this position because if you are limber and strong enough to sit in this position comfortably, it is a sitting position of strength.

These cross-legged positions will not be comfortable for everyone. Your body may not be limber enough to sit this way. If this is the case, try starting your meditation sitting cross-legged with both of your legs crossed if you can, and if discomfort occurs, finish up sitting in a chair. Try to extend the time you sit cross-legged each time you meditate. You need to stretch and strengthen the leg, groin, and back muscles to make this position comfortable. You might also try sitting cross-legged to read or to eat your meals so that sitting in that position becomes comfortable for you. After sitting cross-legged becomes comfortable, you might want to work on the half Lotus and even full Lotus. Learning to sit in the full Lotus position will enable you to sit comfortably on hard surfaces.

If sitting cross-legged is not possible, then sit in a comfortable chair in which you can sit with your feet firmly on the floor, back straight, arms hanging relaxed, palms down and resting on your knees. It is better not to lean against the back of the chair. Keeping your back straight helps strengthen the muscles in your back and creates a clear open channel for your spiritual body, allowing the energy to flow easily. Keeping your palms down will help you feel grounded and perhaps safer, while palms up will open you to the energies of the world!

For this week's session and for the weeks to come, keep your meditation place as dark as possible. If you are not able to, don't worry.

When you're ready to put all the elements together, go to your meditation place, lie down, and stretch like a cat. Get into your preferred sitting position, close your eyes, and let them remain closed. Lovingly Smile. Do the Balanced Breathing and slow your mind.

When you feel your body is in a very slow, relaxed, Lovingly aware state, place your attention on what you see. You may think that with your eyes closed in a darkened room, you would see pure black. But this is not the case. On this field of black, you will see hundreds of little white or colored dots moving around, a bit like stars in the sky. Each dot represents a thought.

Continue the Balanced Breathing. Do not try to stop your thoughts. Let them come and let them go. Just watch the dots. Remember to keep your eyes still and relaxed and make sure to keep smiling.

Once you have spent a few minutes watching the dots and you are smiling and totally relaxed, without moving your eyes, make all the dots come together into one dot. Try to keep all the dots together as one dot, **without moving your eyes**. Once you can bring all the dots into one dot, you will be in a pure state of **Loving Concentration**. Are you smiling?

If at any time you feel yourself stop smiling, open your eyes, end the exercise, and go into a Love Time in order to get your heart open. It is not a good idea to concentrate or meditate if you are not smiling with your heart open.

Week Four – Loving Meditation

For this week's session, go to your meditation place, lie down, and stretch like a cat. Get into your sitting position, close your eyes, and let them remain closed. Begin **Lovingly Smiling** and be sure to hold your Loving Smile throughout the meditation. Do the Balanced Breathing and slow your mind. Try to maintain the state of Loving Concentration.

Once you are able to hold all of the dots into one dot, try to make the dot disappear. **Remember to keep your eyes still and relaxed.** Once the dot disappears, it will reappear. You make it disappear, and it reappears. You make it disappear; it reappears. As this happens, it may give you a feeling of going through a tunnel. When you make the dot disappear, you are in the state of Loving meditation. As you become strong enough to keep the conscious mind quiet, you may transcend the tunnel and see a five-pointed star. The star marks the true beginning of **Loving Meditation**. To some people the star looks like a ball of light or something similar. After the star fades and you are keeping your conscious mind quiet, you will be Lovingly Meditating. Some people go into Meditation without the star experience, though most have some kind of experience. If you are one of the ones who do not, then let this new quietness of your conscious mind be the miracle you have just created.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Achieving the state of Loving Meditation is quite a feat and deserving of celebration. We invite you to reward yourself by doing something really fun with yourself or someone you Love.

Things To Know About Beginning Meditation

When you meditate, your mind will usually be still for a few moments and then a thought will creep in and you will notice yourself thinking again. When you quiet your conscious mind again, you will regain the state of stillness: no thought, pure awareness.

If at any time you feel yourself stop smiling, open your eyes, end the exercise, and go into a Love Time in order to get your heart open. Never meditate unless you are able to smile with an open heart.

As soon as you stop your thoughts, you are being with Life in the moment. You're not using your mind to break up your reality into little parts or comparing anything. You experience yourself with Life, being with All That Is, moment by moment in wholeness, **Lovingly being!**

Again, Lovingly Meditating is like hugging Life and being hugged by Life at the same time. It is a wonderful exchange, an ultimate relationship, an ultimate experience!

Your early Loving meditation experiences may be the first time the conscious faculty of your mind has been intentionally stopped. Up until now, in all your waking hours, your conscious mind has monitored your surroundings, your awareness, and your sensations, including what you feel, taste, see, smell, and hear at every moment.

When your conscious mind is stopped, you are no longer confined by its boundaries.

As a result, during meditation you may have unusual experiences that you've never had before. These experiences are normal in meditation. For example, you may have a sensation of being very big or very small, or hot or cold. You may see bright, vivid colors or light formations that fill your entire field of vision. You may hear sounds, voices, singing, or the voices of Goddess God or your Guides talking to you. You may feel as though you're levitating or sinking into the ground. You may experience a look into the astral plane—different worlds that can be seen through the use of your spiritual third eye. (Here again, if anything occurs that frightens you, open your eyes and return your breathing to normal.)

You may have any of these experiences when you first start meditating, or you may not. Having any or all of these experiences, or others, or none of them, or simply experiencing quiet, peaceful, energized moments of just being—you and life—is completely normal.

Remember to always keep your attention on Lovingly Meditating. Please note, **if you try to have a particular experience**, **you will only slow down your progress and create frustration.** Loving Meditation is the experience you're going for: to create a silent mind with an open heart.

It would not be uncommon for you to start meditating and then eight or nine minutes into it find that your heart is starting to close. If you feel your heart closing, you have at least three options:

- 1. Discontinue meditation and begin Love Time.
- Try to open your heart and then use the Love Healing Process detailed in the Second Section to discover why your heart is closing.
- 3. Stop and try again at another time.

As the days and weeks go by, you may want to extend your meditation time. It's good to meditate between 10 to 90 minutes per day. It's good to meditate one to five times a day. It's common for a beginner to want to progress faster, and in so doing she/he may try to meditate too much or too often and find her/himself feeling more emotional than usual or too energized. As long as you make sure you are smiling while you are meditating, the energy you produce will usually keep you in balance. Even so, it's important to find balance. Try to stay balanced and make sure you are always having fun! Meditation should never become something "you have to do" or become a chore.

You can make your meditation place a special place, with candles, incense, blankets, pictures, music, articles of value, crystals, chimes, drums or instruments—anything that supports you in creating a meditative state of mind. Meditating outdoors in Nature can also be a wonderful experience. And meditating with a friend of like mind can be very empowering and special as well.

Sometimes it's helpful to create rituals to do before and after you Lovingly Meditate to help quiet your mind. There are many ways to do this. You can develop rituals that help you ground to the Earth or the Sun, relax, create peace in your heart and head, and tune into the silence.

For example, you might find it helpful to wash your face, hands, and feet before you meditate. This can create a clean feeling that helps calm the mind. Some people find that just dipping their fingers in water gives them the same effect. Sometimes a drink of water is also helpful. Water can bring peaceful energy into the body, and thus help to calm the mind.

When coming out of meditation, it's good idea to spend a few moments relaxing and letting your mind adjust to living in your thinking world. Taking a few moments to get your bearings will tone your mind. A runner who has just run a mile doesn't just sit down after her run. She'll usually walk for a short time to allow her muscles to cool down slowly; so it is with your mind. When you are ready to stop meditating, relax for a few moments and let your thoughts come and go. Let your mind adjust to thinking slowly. Tone your mind.

When you have been consistently Lovingly Meditating for two or three months, your spiritual body will have grown to a point that makes your physical body more sensitive. You may be more sensitive to medications, like antibiotics or anesthetics. If this happens, make sure to inform your doctors, including your dentist. If you are planning on having surgery, make the anesthesiologist aware of your meditation habits and that your system may be more sensitive to drugs than the average person. An overdose could result if your physician is not aware of your sensitivity.

You should never meditate when toxic fumes are present. This is a big no-no! This includes gas, alcohol, pesticides, toxic paints, bleach, and ammonia.

As you recall, your mind is not confined to the boundaries of your conscious mind during meditation, and while you are Lovingly Meditating you are creating Loving, energized moments. In your normal waking state, your Inner Conscious is giving you information about what you're focused on. When you Lovingly Meditate, since you're not focused on anything, your Inner Conscious looks and feels something like this:

Looooooooovvvvvvveeeeeeee

Another way of saying the same thing is that when you're thinking, your spiritual body is channeling energy into whatever you're thinking about. There's a continuous flow of energy because you're always thinking. Once you stop thinking, the energy has nowhere to go, so it just builds up.

Your spiritual body gets bigger and bigger and bigger!

This extra Loving energy is so beneficial! Loving energy can cause some pretty cool side effects, like feelings of wonder, bliss, silliness, and spontaneous laughter.

And here's a list of those bennies so you can see it again:

Loving energy...

- Strengthens your will through your heart.
- Helps develop clarity of thought, which will help you practically move through your days with more ease!
- Makes you more sensitive to what you feel and taps you into your intuition, which is comforting and powerful!

- Opens you up to gifts you may not know you had and strengthens all your gifts. (Examples: clairvoyance, clairaudience, clairsentience, better memory, telepathy, better balance physically and/or emotionally)
- Helps you manifest your desires.
- Expands your awareness.
- Gives you more energy physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually to help you enjoy your life.
- Enables you to make better choices in your life because you feel better!
- Gives you more compassion.
- Helps you get bigger than your deepest fears and most painful traumas!
- Sparks your creative abilities.
- Brings blessings into your life.

WHOA! That's an impressive list!

Your body's cleansing system becomes much more efficient when you Lovingly Meditate often, ideally once or twice daily. When your body becomes energized through meditating, it makes it easier for your body to dispose of waste. For this reason, when your meditations become strong, you may experience an increase of gastric expulsions, commonly known as burps and farts. So, do not be alarmed if you find these curious events happening to you when you achieve deep and strong meditations. Life is fun!

A New Awareness of Being Full

If you have ever done a strenuous activity like weightlifting or rock climbing in which you push your muscles to the limit, you may have reached a point where your muscles feel "spent." When you're spent, you have reached the point where your muscles have no energy or strength left to do any more lifting or exerting. You're done! To try and go on would be unwise or unhealthy and could even be dangerous. You could hurt yourself or others. A similar phenomenon applies to meditation. As you become stronger at smiling and not thinking, you will become more energized in shorter periods of time. Eventually you will probably find yourself reaching a point at which you feel "full" after a relatively short meditation. This is good! This is healthy.

However, it's also important to realize that with meditation, as with other things, it's possible to have "too much of a good thing." As a general rule, once you reach the state of feeling "full," it's best to stop meditating and put that energy into some other endeavor.

The drive to go past "full" can come from a Love Reversal that makes you feel that you never can get enough, so it's important to be aware of when you feel "full" so that you can stop and heal the fear or Love reversal.

If you go too far past the feeling of "full" for any length of time, the energy can overload your system and create a painful outcome. Here is a list of some of the things that you might experience:

- A headache from trying to control too much
- Feelings of sadness, depression, hurt, or any other emotion from an unloving belief that is active in you at the time
- Emotional outbursts

Getting "full" is a great feeling!

And it is a powerful practice to achieve daily in your life. Just remember that once you are "full," it's time to go play.

Wooooooohooooooo...

Chapter 9 Gliding

When you can consistently Lovingly meditate for two to three minutes at a time without thinking, it is time for you to try opening your eyes while you are meditating. The first time you open your eyes to meditate is so different, in a fun sort of way. It may take some time to get used to but the more you practice the easier it gets. Once you feel comfortable with keeping your eyes open with your sit-down meditation, then it is time to start using your open-eyed meditation and weave it into your busy life. This can become a lot of fun!

Then, when you can consistently Lovingly meditate for two to three minutes at a time without thinking, with your eyes open, you will have achieved Gliding.

We give this accomplishment the name Gliding because when you achieve it, it can feel like you are Gliding through life; it is so powerful, and by naming it, it makes it easier to talk about. If you choose to do so, you can become stronger and stronger every day by doing the same kind of growth technique you used with Love Time.

There is one prerequisite if you want to become that strong.

If you want to grow stronger through Gliding, it is important that you be actively using the Love Healing Process three or four days a week. The reason for this is that you will be growing in Love so much, you will be bringing so much Love in that you will need to be able to keep your bodies in balance by moving the unloving energies out. Without this exchange, you will get very full, very fast when you use Gliding frequently.

So if you are actively using the Love Healing Process three or four days a week, you can become stronger and stronger every day by using the same kind of growth technique you used with Love Time. Start increasing your Gliding by doing five minutes, twice a day, for a week. The next week, move up to ten minutes a day. The next week, fifteen. Also, split it up into three parts, Gliding for five minutes in different areas and times of your life.

Or you can be more spontaneous.

There are so many ways you can work or play with integrating Gliding into your life. See how long you can wash the dishes without thinking. See how long you can work, play, make Love, or stand in line at the supermarket, beaming your Love without thinking.

It is not necessary to think every moment that you're carrying out your daily tasks. In fact, you may find that the more you don't think, by using your Gliding to just Lovingly be, moment by moment, your life will take on feelings of Love you have never experienced before. It is crazy fun to empower yourself to just be jovial or silly or sensuous or blissful while you are driving to work or paying the bills or cleaning the house. It is easy to do these things with Gliding.

The bigger and stronger you get in Love, the more your life is going to change. Since you'll be smiling, happy, and glowing, you may find people will be attracted to you. They will instinctively want to get in on the good vibes coming from you. It's fun to watch it play out. You'll find it easier and easier to make friends and meaningful relationships. People, and perhaps animals, will simply enjoy being around you.

You might try taking one thing that you least like to do and just Lovingly be with it. See how long you can do it and not think. You might even start to like it!

As long as you are actively healing with the Love Healing Process, getting "full" through using Gliding is just the best! It's one of the best states of being on the planet. There is usually no worry about getting too "full" because most of the time when you are "Gliding" you are active, and the energies simply flow in many directions, giving you wonderful experiences. If you ever do get to where you start to feel over-full while using Gliding, it is time to move. Get physical, dance hard, lift heavy weights, beat on some drums, wrestle with someone bigger than you, have tickle fights, make passionate Love, sing your message to the world! You'll find that the energy will move quite nicely!

You can continue to do your sit-down meditation if you're so moved, and it's fine and good to do that, and yet eventually you may find that you won't need to anymore. For me, at this point in my process, I sit and meditate only when I have the desire to experience quiet peaceful moments—which is not very often—or when I feel the need to go deep into a healing process. There is so much of life to celebrate and feel, that I Love to use Gliding most of the time!

Gliding is a springboard for Shining! And the coolest part is that it brings on the beginning feelings of Doj. John's Story

I worked with Raven from 2008-2010 as he was developing the Engage Love Healing Process (now called the Love Healing Process). In 2010 I moved to San Diego. Raven has taken the Engage Love process to a much deeper level and has supplemented his work with the work of John Hoyle (Voice Activated Integration), Collin Tipping (Radical Forgiveness), and Peter Levine (Somatic Experiencing).

From 2010 to 2015, I experienced a great deal of challenges: the death of my mother from Alzheimer's disease (not to mention having cared for her during the last five years of her life—perhaps the most painful experience of my life); healing a rift that caring for my mother and dealing with family issues around settling my mother's estate caused between my husband and me; moving to a new city; finding a new job; and building a new business in San Diego. These challenges brought about several health and emotional issues that had become increasingly unbearable.

Specifically, I developed an inability to sleep through the night, feelings of exhaustion throughout my days, daily headaches, and a nagging sense of dread that I had done something wrong or that things were going to go disastrously wrong. This last issue has been with me all my life; it appeared every time the phone rang, an email dinged on my phone or when a cop car pulled up behind me. I have worked for many years with a lot of holistic therapies and therapists; both before and after my initial work with Raven. In addition, I worked intensively with a Chiropractor and Applied Kinesiologist for over a year and several months with a sleep specialist to overcome some of these complaints, all with little success. In January 2015 I called Raven to see if he could offer some guidance.

He worked with me to develop a goal for our work together and we decided to move forward. In the first session, using his integrative approach, Raven helped me to resolve my inability to sleep. The very first night after our first session, he had helped me to sleep through the night and to literally "disappear" my fear of having done something wrong. I have continued to enjoy restful sleep since then.

To be honest, the feeling of fear did not go completely away, nor did some of my other complaints, but with Raven's guidance, I have been able to continue the work on my own and can now say that I am free of the nagging fear of having done something wrong. Though the habit of that fear still pops up here and there, I am now able to recognize it as an old "way of being" that began 52 years ago and had continued all those years.

Raven helped me to accomplish this healing by guiding me to an event that occurred when I was four years old. In this incident I was expressing my childhood joy—my true self. My friend Freddy and I were taking turns pulling our pants down when his dad came around the corner and screamed, "Get out of here, you pervert!" I was banned from entering his yard from then on. I was also condemned. I knew the feelings I had for Freddy were real and I knew they were wrong. Little boys were not supposed to like other little boys. I lived in the fear of being found out. I knew I had to hide who I was. The fear I experienced caused me to repress myself, which then developed into neurosis that lasted all those years. The recent challenges brought this neurosis to a head. Raven helped me discover that I had lived with the Love Reversal that 'it was wrong for me to Love another man' all my life. Being terrified to be gay became my normal. Even now, introducing my partner as my husband triggers me. But now that I am able to see it, I realize these reactions are simply the reactions of my four-year-old self being traumatized by Freddy's father. I was not wrong to be gay. It is not true. Being gay is who I am, my natural self-expression. The relief of knowing this has changed my life. For the first time in my life, I was able to be my gay self and truly celebrate how beautiful I am. I slept so peacefully that night.

Raven's x-ray-like insight and ability to apply the principles described in his book will help anyone who is willing to trust him, to be vulnerable, and to "do the work" necessary to mine one's own soul. I want to stress that you will need to do the work. Raven does not have a magic pill to offer. He will Lovingly guide you, assign you homework, and encourage you along the way. If you play an active role in your own healing, Raven will help you free yourself from whatever it is that is preventing you from being truly free.

Using the Love Healing Process, I continue to find what Raven calls Love Reversals—things like anger, frustration, regret—and, by using the Love Healing Process, I am able to clear them so that I can keep myself in a state of higher vibration. From this higher state of vibration I am finding that many things in my life are shifting. I'm getting better clients, earning more money, and being surrounded with like-minded, Loving people. Take the plunge. Do the work. This process will set you free.

Chapter 10 Shining

Shining might be considered the pinnacle of Love Time. In a very short amount of time, you can totally max out your mind and all your bodies with Love, making yourself feel radiant, like a beacon of Love. And what is really fascinating is that you can do it willfully, and then once you understand what you are trying to achieve, you can have your Guides Shine you! Oh my Goddess God, it is AMAZING!

So, if you are willing to play along, let us help you create your first Shining experience in the willful way, and then we'll put your Guides to work.

To create the Shining experience, it will help if you are in a place where you can make a lot of noise without inconveniencing anyone. And it would be helpful if you will agree before we start to really get into this and go for it! The more you go for it, the better your experience will be. If you can make this happen for yourself, you will Love the result!

In a moment, we want you to go back and remember a time when you were the happiest you have ever been. You'll want to relive that experience so that it shows up on your face. You will be smiling sooooooooooooooooo big! If you don't have an experience like that to remember, then take a little time to make one up. Dream up of a way to feel happier than you have ever felt in your whole life.

After we start this, and once you have achieved your super happy face, you will slowly count to ten. With every number, Lovingly **will** yourself to become even happier. Once you get to ten, you're going to hold that feeling for thirty more seconds.

With this exercise some people start laughing, while others find it difficult to get happier. If you are like this, keep trying. Let yourself go. Try to make yourself laugh. Some people get really silly. This can be very helpful. Silliness can be a springboard into many other kinds of feeling. Whatever happens, just keep trying to feel as good as you can.

Are you ready? Now start to relive that wondrous moment in your past or live the new fantasy you have just made up and get yourself smiling like CRAZY. Bring that happiest moment into your face and smile as big as you have ever smiled, and as soon as you're smiling really big, start counting to ten slowly, and with each number **Lovingly will yourself** to be even happier. One... Two... Three... Four... Five... Six... Seven... Eight... Nine... Ten... Now hold it for thirty seconds........................ Okay, now let it go!

And here's the cool part.

If you were able to do this just now, you created an extraordinary experience simply by Lovingly **willing** yourself to make it happen. Now we're going to help you create a similar experience, but this time instead of **willing** it to happen, you're going to let the Mother Earth, your Guides, Life, or Goddess God Love **do it for you.** You're going to **allow** it to happen to you. You're going to set the intention and **just let it happen**.

Are you ready? Okay, start off by asking Mother Earth, your Guides, Life, or Goddess God Love to **Shine** you. Now we'll count to ten, and with each number **just let yourself get happier and happier**. One... Two... Three... Four... Five... Six... Seven... Eight... Nine... Ten... Now hold it for thirty seconds...... Now, let it go!

Wow! Amazing isn't it? If you were successful, you didn't have to do anything except set the intention and wow, you found yourself Shining!

Some people have a more powerful experience **allowing** the Shining than when they Lovingly **will** themselves to shine. If you

decide to make Shining a part of your life you may find that there are times when it feels really great to Lovingly **will** yourself into Shining and other times it feels so good just to **allow** it to happen by simply setting the intention.

And there are other things you can try with Shining. You can Shine into different qualities of Love and produce many different kinds of experiences. One of my favorites is to Shine into being excited. There doesn't have to be anything in particular to be excited about, but I find when I Shine into being excited, so many things to be excited about show up that it humbles me. And sometimes I Shine into being Big. I set the intention to be able to feel everything around and in me, kind of the way I expect Goddess God Love feels everything. Sometimes I Shine into the feeling of awe. Sometimes I Shine into experiencing crazy fun! Try Shining into laughter and see what happens. (Be prepared to laugh until you're crying.)

It is important to use Shining with discretion. **Very important. Shining is a very, very powerful spiritual tool**. Its purpose is to highlight your life, to add wonderful experiences into your life here and there. It is really easy to become "full" with Shining. It is so easy that it can become difficult to know when you are getting "over-full." Shining past "full" will give you the same results as meditating past "full," but more quickly. Specifically if you Shine past full, your world will have the tendency to turn upside down, make you feel a little crazy, kind of like when you shake up a carbonated beverage before you open it, and then when you open it, it explodes all over the place.

The best way to know when you're "full" with Shining, be it by willing it or letting it happen, is to notice if it is coming easily, with almost no effort at all. If you're getting any feeling at all that you have to force the Shining, it's time to stop and go back to Gliding. Shining is not meant to be a daily practice until you've healed most of your fear, hatred, and feelings of being separate, and that state is called Doj.

But feel free to use it sparingly and enjoy what you can do with it. May you Shine Love all over yourself!

Robin's Testimonial

Growing Big in Love has been a huge part of my life since I met Raven over five years ago. I've made Love Time a daily practice. My Love Time practices include spending time in nature and with animals including my kitty, swimming, dancing, making Love, moving my body, singing, and appreciating learning new things. There is an awareness I didn't have before about all the goodness in the world, and a fullness in my heart that I can tap into when things are hard. It has helped me to focus on the positive instead of the negative, which my upbringing in our society taught me to do. I know clearly my connection with the Divine, which I can access at any time.

The processing work that I have done through Growing Big in Love has also helped me to break a lifetime habit of living in fear and feeling like a victim, whether it's feeling left out, jealous, invisible, rejected or abandoned, taken advantage of, expected to be a certain way for other people, or afraid of not having enough money or time. I've grown into a more self-confident and happier woman, have learned to enjoy my own company, found a fulfilling job, a beautiful relationship, and have learned how to set personal boundaries in a Loving way. My relationships with my mother and daughter have improved greatly, and I now enjoy their company. My Love relationship has blossomed, and I can really feel the Love we have for each other, instead of always focusing on what is wrong or missing. My work fulfills my needs for making a difference in the world and earning enough money to enjoy life, and I've learned to prioritize my time so that I am doing the things that matter to me. Also, my body feels healthy, strong and more energetic than ever.

Yes, I still have old habits that pop up, where I feel afraid, overwhelmed, unseen, or stepped on by others. But I know that this is a lifetime practice, that I am continually evolving, and that I now have the tools through Growing Big in Love to change these habits and live a happier, more fulfilling life.

Chapter 11

How to Communicate with Your Guides

In the introduction to this book, I told you about how I learned **how to** talk to my Guides when I was thirty-two. My Guides are my intimate connection to the Divine. From my understanding, when I am talking with my guides, I am talking with Goddess God and/or parts of Goddess God. I will go into great detail about what I mean by parts of Goddess God in my next book, The Earth Project, but for now I will refer to them as my Guides. It is to them I attribute the success I have had in learning to heal myself through Love and to help others heal themselves. It is the most intimate relationship you could imagine. We talk the same way I talk with you or anyone in my mind. They have Loved me and guided me all of my life, but I just became aware of it when I was thirty-two. They know me better than I know myself. We have so much fun together all the time. They have helped me learn to open to my pain so that I could learn from all my experiences. I have never been alone. It is why I say "we recommend" instead of "I recommend" throughout this book. They have helped me become aware of the wonder that is all around and within me.

What is really amazing is that there are over seven billion people on the planet at this time and each one of them has their own unique relationship with Goddess God or whatever they believe. I have found that for most people, if they have the intention to communicate through their own personal connection to Goddess God, all they have to do is learn how.

If you had an intimate relationship with Goddess God, what kind of questions would you ask Her Him? I will tell you, I have been asking my Guides question after question since the day I started communicating with them, and the relationship has filled my life with wonder and comfort, with awe and comedy, with amazing sex and intimacy. It has not always been easy. In fact, for the first few years, it was more frustrating then you could know, but that was because I did not understand the guidelines for communicating. There are some very basic guidelines that when followed will help you gain wondrous results, so let's start by explaining what good communication looks like.

First of all, we put this section after the Love Tools because the first thing you must do when you want to communicate with your Guides is make sure you are in a Loving state and that your heart is wide open. It is so important to communicate through Love, because this will help ensure that you will receive true information. Remember that all of your thoughts are coming through your knowledge and beliefs, and if your heart is open, you will be able to perceive the truth about whatever you are focusing on.

Second, if you have the power to Lovingly meditate or Gliding, you will have the willpower and mind power to keep your mind silent after you ask questions, which makes it easier to listen for the answers and to discern your voice from their voice.

Also, it is important to understand that your mind and your four bodies' main purpose is to prove to you that your beliefs are true, even if they are not. If you are trying to communicate with your Guides with your heart closed, they will usually answer according to your unloving beliefs. If your heart is open when you are communicating, this will ensure that you will be able to perceive the truth, even when talking about things that are not Loving.

The first thing to be aware of when communicating with your Guides (I will use the word Guides to refer to Goddess God or whatever you believe in from this point forward), is that your heart should be open, and you should be smiling big.

Communicating with your Guides is a way to access great information so that you can make informed decisions about what you could do or might not want to do. Your Guides are going to a great amount of effort to create your body and the life that is all around you all the time so that you can live your life the way you want to live. Your Guides are not invested in what you do with your life; they will defer to your wishes. They have no desire to tell you what to do with your life. They are overjoyed to help you figure out what you want to do with your life. That being said, never take any answers you receive literally. If you're standing in front of a cliff drop-off that is facing south and you ask your guides, "Which way do I need to go to get to my destination?" and they say, "South," don't walk off the cliff. Find another way to go south. Use the information you receive to make informed decisions.

When you ask questions about other people, the asking should be done with integrity, while honoring their space and privacy. In general, we humans have lots of unloving beliefs and Love Reversals about how we think of other people. If your heart is wide open and you are smiling when asking questions about other people, your answers will be truer and more meaningful.

If you keep these suggestions in mind while communicating with your Guides, you will be able to create a very Loving and intimate relationship with them.

Your Guides are very excited to meet you if you do not already have a relationship with Her Him Them. Consider following the suggestion below to engage them. You can do this even if you already have an existing relationship with your guides.

Begin by acknowledging your Guides and let them know you would like them to bestow upon you a sensation somewhere on or in your body that translates as **"I Love you."** If you like this sensation, your Guides will continue to use this same sensation throughout your life as a way to say, "I Love you," in any given moment.

Generally, the sensations people feel as communication from their Guides are unique to each person. But to give you an idea of the kind of thing you might experience, here is a short list: a tickling on the face, forehead, chest, breast, side, or elsewhere on the surface of or inside the body; or a feeling of warmth in the heart, hands, or other areas. You might hear a soothing sound; notice a change in the quality of light or color; feel a presence in or around your body, a sense of knowing, or a specific Loving feeling; or simply hear your Guides whisper or say, "I Love you."

Sometimes people are not able to detect a sensation on the first try. There are generally four reasons for this.

- 1. Some people can't believe that this is really possible. The remedy: Believe it! This is real.
- Some people become aware of so many sensations in their body that they cannot decipher which one is the true sensation. The remedy: Ask your Guides to please make the sensation stronger so you can know for sure.
- 3. If even after asking sincerely to receive a sensation and after trying remedy 1 and 2, you still do not feel anything, it may be that you are not yet ready to have this intimate relationship with your Guides. (This could be coming from fear, trust issues, or unresolved trauma about your Guides.) The cure is to take some time to introspect and discover what might be holding you back from receiving Love from your Guides.
- 4. In teaching classes about this over the years, I have had three people who did not receive a sensation after trying all three of the remedies listed above, and I was told that they had Karma that kept them from receiving a sensation. I knew two of them as friends and saw that even though they could not communicate directly with their Guides, they had many experiences and dreams that were obvious messages from their Guides. If this happens to you, there are a couple of things you might want to be aware of.

One of the reasons we have over seven billion people on this planet is that Goddess God is gaining the experience of every lineage being healed through this incredible Earth project. Every healed lineage brings forth gifts that are priceless and can only be gained by that path. Some of the lineage challenges will be about people not being able to personally connect with Goddess God in their minds. Even without the ability to communicate with their Guides, most people will be able to access Love and develop their willpower to make Loving decisions. If this happens to be your path, your Guides want you to know they are grateful for your choice of being on this path. Instead of communication, you will learn to feel deeply. This path will help you develop your intuition to a very high degree. The stronger you grow in Love, the more aware you will become.

Communicating with Your Guides:

Once you are ready, relax, silence your mind, smile, open your heart, sincerely ask your Guides to give you a sensation telling you that they Love you, and enjoy!

How did you do? What was your sensation? For those of you who received a sensation right off, isn't that amazing? I remember when I received my sensation; it touched me deeply that my Guides were that present and that close to me. The next thing you might want to do is ask your Guide or Guides Her/His/Their names.

When I first started out, I only had one Guide. As I learned how the metaphysics of life worked, I came to meet more of my Guides. I now have five I converse with, some of them on a daily basis and some only occasionally. Each one has their own name, characteristics, reasons for being in my life, and a wondrous history. I am so grateful for the connection, attention, and Love they give to me all the time. Many of them have shared multiple lifetimes with me.

All of our Guides are so present. They know everything about creation, your life, everything you have gone through and are presently going through. They are creating you and everything around you, all the time.

For the first several years after my Guides gave me my "I Love you" sensation, rarely a day went by without them telling me they Loved me. Now they all tell me they Love me in ways that are unique to them. It is so fun!

As I mentioned before, I learned to talk to my Guides through the use of a pendulum and a set of Tarot cards. Using these tools, I asked questions about everything. I used the pendulum and the Tarot so much that eventually I developed an ability to hear the answers in my mind. Now I do not need a pendulum or Tarot cards. I converse with my Guides and many other people's Guides as easily as I am writing these words.

By using the pendulum and the Tarot, I learned to distinguish/feel/hear my Guide's voice or voices from my own inner voice and my Guide's conversation from my own thoughts. Of course, my Guides are creating both voices, but learning to discern the difference was a process I needed to go through.

You may need to go through a similar process of using tools to develop communication with your Guides. I have had some students who have been able to start communicating without tools simply by understanding their relationship with their Guides.

Communicating by Pendulum

I liked using the pendulum because of the personal touch. You can get answers quickly, and it's fun and easy to use.

You can create a pendulum by hanging an object at the end of a piece of string, ribbon, or small chain. This can be a beautiful rock, a crystal, a bolt, fingernail clippers, or anything that has enough weight to keep the string taut when you hold it out in front of you. To use a pendulum, hold the string between your thumb and forefinger or looped over your forefinger, and then let the object swing easily in front of you, about eight inches below your hand. It does not matter which way you swing the pendulum, but it is important that you make the object swing back and forth. When you ask your Guide or Guides a question, they will answer by making the pendulum swing clockwise for "yes" and counterclockwise for "no." Occasionally, the pendulum will not swing in either direction, which indicates that you might want to try a different question or ask the question using Tarot cards or some other tool. Occasionally, the pendulum will stop. There could be a number of reasons for this and you will have to figure out what those reasons are for yourself. It could be as simple as checking to see

if your heart is open. Whatever the reason, it certainly makes you want to ask more questions.

Be patient with yourself and your Guides. It is possible that you will get wrong answers at times, even if your heart is open. Throughout the years I have been communicating with my Guides, I have found that the main reason they give strange answers is so I won't become dependent on them, and to ensure that I will use my open heart to make good decisions and think for myself. You must use your intuition and awareness to help you get clear answers. If you have a hard time getting answers about anything, give it some time and try again later.

If this resonates with you, I would recommend that you make yourself a pendulum and start conversing with your Guide or Guides right now. Ask them questions about anything you want. Ask them if they want to communicate with you through the pendulum. Ask them if they want to communicate with you through a Tarot deck or some other means. Thank them for creating your life, and then ask them if they see everything you see. Ask your Guide their gender. Ask them if they Love you. Ask how many Guide friends or mates you have. What are their names, and what do they do for you? You have so much to talk about.

Communicate with Tarot Cards

I liked using the Tarot cards because the cards enabled me to access a broad range of information, much of which I would not have thought of myself. I have always used a deck called The Motherpeace Tarot. I like this deck because the book that comes with it gives you four directions for each card, giving you four different readings for each card where most decks give only two. Each Tarot deck is different and has its own feeling. There are some really beautiful decks available. Some decks are of the light, and some are of a dark nature. If you decide to purchase a deck for yourself, try to make sure it feels right for you before you buy it. A Tarot deck usually comes with a book that explains how to use it and what each card means in each position. Some books give great detail, and some are simpler in their descriptions. It is important that you choose the kind that suits your needs. Read the descriptions of the many different ways you can use the Tarot and take comfort in knowing that you will be getting information directly from your Guides. Remember to keep your heart open at all times, and to have fun. Using the Tarot can be an incredible experience.

There are other tools you can use to communicate with your Guides. You can use Runes, astrology, numerology, the Enneagram, channeled writing, prayer, meditation, and more. Any of the tools just mentioned can be very helpful for learning to distinguish your Guide's voice from your own thoughts. Eventually, you will not need any of the tools to communicate with your Guides. They will communicate with you through your mind as easily as talking to your best friend.

A Conversation I Had with My Guides

"I can't believe you are so close to me and I cannot feel you!"

"My Love, everything you are feeling is what I am feeling! If I am not feeling it, you are not feeling it!"

"Yes, thank you! That is amazing!"

"Sometimes I cannot tell which one of you is communicating with me." "If you will put more *awareness* into feeling us when we're communicating with you, you will become more aware of our different personalities coming through."

"O.K. Thank you!"

"When I am feeling pain, are you feeling the pain as well?

"I have to be feeling the pain in order for you to feel the pain. It does not affect me as it does you. I am so big that when I am creating you, it takes only a tiny bit of my consciousness to create you. So, when I am feeling what is a lot of pain for you, it is a very tiny bit of pain for me. Still, it hurts me, and we are doing this for a very good reason: We are learning to heal ALL of our pain!"

"That is very exciting! Thank you!"

"So, you are seeing, hearing, feeling, smelling, and tasting for me?"

"Yes, and creating every part of your body, breathing you, beating your heart, moving you, sleeping you, and Loving you."

"Why are you doing all of this for me?"

"So that you can discover why we are doing this for you. The journey is everything and worth more than you could ever know. Even after you discover the why, the gifts you will gain from the journey will continuously grow and multiply forever and ever and ever..."

Chapter 12 Sensate and Dreams

The language of Sensate and Dreams could be considered the eighth and ninth Love tools.

Both the language of Sensate and Dreams are distinctive in that to use them a person has to learn their own version of the communication. Sensate relays messages through a variety of different sensations throughout the body, the meanings of which are unique to each person, and Dreams relay messages through symbolism, which is unique to each person. For this reason, the use of these forms of communication must be learned. The learning process for each one is fun and easy to do.

Sensate

Sensate is a language of the body that can be used by your Guides to communicate how your belief systems and patterns of acting and reacting are working for or against you. Any sensation on or within your body could be a message to you to help you understand your experience.

The information that follows will be a layout of the different parts of the human body and the messages the different sensations within those parts can relay to you. You can also use your communicating tools to derive the meanings of the sensations in order to figure out what you are doing to create certain sensations or manifestations within or on your body.

In many ways people are the same, while at the same time every person is different. The ideas presented below are generalities. Use your communication skills with yourself and your guides to discover if the ideas presented below are true for you.

- Back = old issues
- Head = intelligent thinking or reversed intellect, which means trying to control things

- Right side of your head = beliefs you have created on your own since puberty
- Left side of your head = beliefs you gained from your upbringing or your childhood programming. I have often times considered this to be "the way I was programmed as a child" because it has always seemed to me that I didn't have a choice in the matter. I learned how to act and react like my parents acted and reacted, so it feels like I was programmed so to speak. You might think of it in a different way.
- **Right side of your body** = your childhood programming
- Left side of your body = beliefs you have created since puberty
- It might be helpful to note here that the right side of your head and the left side of your body are beliefs since puberty and the left side of your head and the right side of your body are your childhood programming because the right side of your brain controls the left side of your body and the left side of your brain controls the right side of your body.
- Third eye = intuition
- **Eyes** = seeing
- **Nose** = honor or shame
- **Mouth** = honorable or dishonorable sexuality
- Ears = listening
- **Face** = how you appear or fear of how you appear
- Throat and the front of your neck = communication
- Back right side of your lower neck = something that you are not thinking about correctly
- Back left side of your lower neck = something is reversing your energy; you have opposing beliefs about something
- Shoulders = holding up the weight of the world
- **Elbows** = bending with regards to being creative

- Hands and arms = creativity (these are extensions of your heart)
- Lungs, ribs, breathing, coughing = time. Breathing is life and very present and in the moment. Pain in these areas usually means you have some kind of conflict with time.
- Heart = security or hurt feelings
- **Breast** = feeling of being nourished. Pain or manifestations in the breast generally means you nourish everyone but yourself.
- Stomach = peace or anger. Could also be safety or its opposite, fear or terror.
- **Womb** = having to do with babies or motherhood
- Sex organs = sexuality
- Buttocks = honor or dishonor
- **Hips** = mate or closest person to you
- Thighs = strength
- Knees = bending with regard to moving forward, fear of change
- **Calves** = trust or distrust
- Feet = getting where you want to go or afraid of moving forward
- **Joints** = bending, change
- Skin = confidence, self-assurance, or fear
- Muscle = elation or terror
- **Bones** = ecstasy or devastation
- **Teeth** = euphoria or horror. Some of the deepest, hardest, and sometimes most painful things to figure out.
- Blood = life giving and cleansing. If you see or experience your blood coming out of your body, it generally is a letting go of painful energies. If it is coming out of you, it's meant to get your attention. Where it comes out can help you discover the nature of the letting go.
- Liver = peace, dark anger, rage
- **Lymph Nodes** = Love, hatred

- **Bladder** = cleansing, dirty
- **Kidneys** = ecstasy, hurt
- **Pancreas** = trust, jealousy
- **Spleen** = integrity, shame, guilt
- **Stomach** = peace, anger, upset, frustration
- Small Intestines = trust, betrayal
- **Big Intestines** = honor, dishonor

Here are a few examples of how Sensate works:

The Whole Body

Any sensation and/or manifestation that you experience on or within the back of your body represents old issues. The front of your body represents present issues. The left side of the body up to the base of the skull and the right side of the head represent information about beliefs you have developed since puberty. The right side of the body up to the base of the skull and the left side of the head represents the ways of acting and reacting you learned from your upbringing, your childhood programming up to puberty. This programming is so powerful that unless it is brought to the surface of our consciousness through Love and healed, it will determine how we act and react to life's many quandaries until we die.

Skin

The skin on any part of the body represents confidence, as in self-assurance. Any sensation on the skin, such as goose bumps, a tickle, a sting, itching, burning, or pain can represent different concepts having to do with confidence or the lack of confidence.

The area of the body where you experience a sensation on your skin will help you determine what confidence or lack thereof it pertains to. For instance, if you had an itching sensation on the skin of your right hand, it would signify that you have a lack of confidence that deals with the programming you received as a child pertaining to something you have been trying to create. (The hands represent creating, for example, work or art or a project.) If you had a tickling sensation on your hand, it would indicate that your guides were Lovingly reminding you to be confident in your next creative endeavor.

If you find a manifestation of some kind upon your skin, such as acne, blotching, herpes, moles, bruises, cuts, boils, cancer, or scarring (stretch marks, scars left from acne, etc.), they would represent different belief patterns that you have created around being afraid instead of confident. Again, where they are on your body will help you figure out what you have been doing to cause the manifestation.

Joints

Sensations and manifestations found in the joints of the body represent your ability to bend or be open to change. For instance, if you had a pain in your left shoulder joint, it could represent to you that you might be resistant to changing your patterns around feeling like you have to support your family by working hard, no matter what. You will prove to everyone that you can do it, and you would have developed this belief on your own. If it were the right shoulder joint, it could indicate to you that this is what you believe the world expects of you, a belief your family has been passing from generation to generation. A pleasant sensation in the joints might be your guides Lovingly reminding you that you have many options.

Bones

Sensations found in the bones or on the bones can represent ecstasy or devastation. For instance, if you were involved in an accident that left you with a broken rib, it could represent that you had been allowing yourself to be afraid or petrified of time to excess.

Two Examples Of Processing With The Pendulum and Sensate

Cameron

One day my son Cameron asked me to help him process a pain he had in his right knee. He had been playing soccer and his knee started hurting so bad that he had to sub out of the game. Cameron wanted to know what he had been doing to cause so much pain.

He picked up his pendulum and we went to work. I asked him if he knew what the pain in his knee signified. He said that it was fear of change, related to a belief he had learned from how he was raised.

"Very good, that is right," I said. "So, what would be your first question?"

"Can you help me figure out what I am doing to create my pain?" He asked, swinging the pendulum in front of him, and Utadi (my son's Guide) answered, "Yes," by swinging the pendulum in a clockwise direction. Cameron thanked his Guide and the pendulum circled another "Yes," indicating that Utadi was saying, "You're welcome." Then Cameron asked, "Does the pain deal with something I am doing when I play soccer?" Utadi said, "Yes."

I asked Cameron if he had feelings of fear towards anything associated with his soccer game. He looked puzzled at first; then he looked up and asked if it had anything to do with his not being able to score a goal. I told him I did not know, that he should ask Utadi. He asked, and Utadi said, "Yes." For the past three to four weeks, Cameron had been having difficulty scoring. He would get the ball close to the goal, but he just could not get it into the net. We discovered through talking about what he was doing that he was terrified he wasn't going to be able to score. When he didn't score, he hated himself for messing up. This fear and hatred was causing the pain in his knee. We confirmed the understanding with Utadi, and Cameron's pain went away about two days later. Once he was able to understand that it was fear that kept him from scoring, he was able to relax and Love himself regardless of how he performed. The very next game, he was able to score.

My children are the only people that I ever taught how to use the pendulum and tarot cards for processing. So in order to create the next three stories that follow, I took on the condition in my body and then used the pendulum and tarot to discover what was causing the conditions so that I could give you examples of how they could be used. I did this for myself for years. So, with the help of my Guides, I came up with these stories.

Jason

Jason was a newly licensed general contractor who suffered from headaches and occasional pain in his lungs, especially on his left side. He came to me and asked if I could help him. I told him I would if he would allow me to teach him how to help himself. After spending some time educating him about Sensate, I gave him a pendulum and we went to work.

When we asked Jason's Guide if he could help us understand Jason's pain, the answer was "Yes." Just from the nature of his pain we understood that his quandary was being caused by a challenge or belief he had developed with time (lungs) and that Jason was trying to control some part of his life over which he had no control (headaches).

The first question we asked was to confirm this diagnosis, and the answer was "Yes." The second question was to ask if Jason's pain was related to stress at his job. "Yes." Was it caused by having to deal with one of his employees? "No." Did it have to do with the big project he was working on? "Yes." Did it have to do with Jason's fear of not being able to make the deadline? "YES." The pendulum had been turning lazily on his first three questions, but in answering this question, the pendulum turned in a large excited circle. As it turned out, Jason had been running a job that had been delayed by bad weather, and there was no way to complete the job by the deadline. Because taking on big jobs was new to him, he was trying too hard and felt stressed about what he could and could not do. After this session Jason made a phone call to the owners and explained his dilemma. They agreed to extend the deadline. With no more stress, Jason's headaches went away, and the lung problem did not come back.

Two Examples of Processing with The Tarot and Sensate

Sue

Sue was a massage therapist whose arms became numb when she massaged certain people in the course of her business. The numbness was not really painful, but it was annoying. Sue learned about Sensate and sat down with her Motherpeace Tarot cards to find out what was creating the numbness. She knew that the numb feeling was caused by something happening when she massaged certain people, but she could not figure out what. She shuffled her cards and spread them out in front of her. She asked her Guide if she would help her, and then she drew a card. She picked the Temperance card (reversed). The last line of the explanation in the book read, "She needs to learn how to use the power available to her." Sue had been learning how to keep her heart open, but she was not sure if that was what the explanation was referring to, so she drew another card. She picked the Sun card upright, which said, "There is happiness and understanding. Everyone knows why they are here, and there is delight in this realization." This was definitely the answer to keeping her heart open when she was doing her massage. Sue paid special attention to Lovingly Smiling throughout her next week of massages and found that her arms did not feel numb at all.

Kristen

Kristen was experiencing a pain in her abdomen for several years as well as a pain in her right foot and her lower back, which she felt were all connected. For over three years she had been on a spiritual path, learning that Goddess God was within her and not outside of her, unlike what her family had taught her. Kristin took care of her mom three to four days a week. While her mother had been very ill for only a short period of time, it had become obvious to Kristen that her mother really did not need her. Kristin and her mother had a conflicted relationship. Her mother was a very controlling person and Kristen was torn between being a good daughter and breaking free from her controlling mother to explore her potential through her spiritual life.

Kristen knew the pain in her abdomen was coming from the anger she felt when she was with her mother, who talked down to her. She tried very hard to keep her heart open but would find herself getting angry at times. She felt guilty for not wanting to take care of her mother anymore. So, she sat down with her Guides to see if she could come to a decision. Kristen asked her Guide if she could help and felt a sense of peace for asking. She shuffled her Tarot cards and picked a card. She picked the Daughter of Wands (upright) that said, "She rushes forward to a new adventure, exploding with joy in life and freedom. She is not held back by other's judgments or limitations." Kristen felt a rush of excitement and a warm feeling move into her heart. She felt excited about the idea of changing her life. She needed more of the warm feeling she was feeling in her heart, and she made the decision to make some changes. She had a conversation with her mother, and her mother agreed to hire a person to clean her house and do her shopping. Then Kristen decided to have faith in Goddess God that she would find her place. A few weeks later, Kristen enrolled in a hypnotherapy school. As soon as she enrolled, the pain in her abdomen started healing and was gone after three days.

The language of Sensate is powerful. If you learn it, your Guides will be able to communicate with you all the time. It is fun for them, and it can be wondrous for you. It is another way to connect to your Guides and to escalate your learning about Love and having fun!

There is a book called *Messages From The Body: Their Psychological Meaning* by Michael J. Lincoln Ph.D. (FKA Narayan-Singh Khalsa), and it could rock your world. It is more like an encyclopedia than a book, because it lists hundreds of different kinds of ailments found all over and within the body. It also lists possible causes for the ailments, which in many cases are quite accurate. If you purchase the book and show it to your friends, you'll have to keep an eye on it because they will want to take it home with them. It is an expensive book, but maybe you could charge your friends for the information.

Dreams

When we go to sleep, it gives our Guides an opportunity to reveal or relay messages to us. They do this through the language of dream symbolism. To learn your dream symbolism, all you need to do is to learn what symbols in your dreams correlate to the experiences you are having in your waking life. In a similar way that your waking life is a mirror of the beliefs that you have within you (your life is showing you what you believe), your dreaming symbols are a creative way to display your beliefs to you while you sleep. If you become adept at using the Love Healing Process, you will find that learning to understand your dreams is a wonderful way to enhance your Healing Process.

The first thing to do if you are to learn your dream symbolism is remember your dreams. Most people dream every night. Some people remember their dreams easily, while others do not. If you have a reason to remember them then it becomes easier. So before you go to sleep, set the intention to remember your dreams. In the last five to ten minutes before you go to sleep, repeat the phrase "I am going to remember my dreams" and smile as you say it—this makes it more fun!

When you awaken, the first thing you will want to do is to smile and remember your dreams in detail. In your mind, go through each dream in as much detail as you can remember. By remembering them in detail, you're taking Inner Conscious information (your dreams) and turning it into Conscious information. Next, write each dream down. Remember to play out each dream in detail in your mind first before you write them down. You will retain much more of your dream content if you follow this process. It will help if you keep a Dream Journal to record your dreams every morning. Now, we know that most of you are very busy, so for a couple of weeks to months, you'll want to set your alarm fifteen minutes early so that you have time to write your dreams down. Writing your dreams down is how you discover the symbolism. After five or six days of this practice, you will notice similar symbols re-occurring in some of your dreams. Work with your Guides to see which symbols match up to the beliefs you are working with at the time.

Here are some examples of symbols my Guides gave me in the beginning.

- **Fire** meant that I was going through a learning stage.
- Snakes meant that my Kundalini energy was growing. The bigger the snake, the more I was growing. (I was meditating and learning about Kundalini energy at the time.)
- I killed someone in my dream the first time I dreamed that I killed someone, I freaked out. But I later came to understand that it just meant that I got rid of a problem. This idea of getting rid of a problem also paralleled one of my understandings that there is no such thing as death; there is only change.

Any of these symbols could be different for you. Did you know that in the English language there are five different words that refer to a deer? Deer, buck, doe, fawn, stag. But in the language of Cherokee, there are 26 words that refer to a deer. Deer was one the Cherokees' main sources of food, so certain references would be helpful since they talk about them more of the time. Dream symbolism is like that with people. There are certain things in life that are more important to you than to other people. In your dreams, snakes might symbolize something you're terrified about (if you're afraid of snakes consciously) or something you see as mystical (if you think snakes are sacred animals). Everyone is different!

What's really cool is that if you keep a dream journal for over a month, when you go back and read the dreams you had, you will be surprised at what's been going on in that amazing head of yours. After a while, with the help of your Guides, you will easily glean the meanings of your dreams. You won't need to write them down; you'll be able to use your intuition to decipher the symbolism in no time at all.

Dreams can provide you with an extraordinary way to learn because they can be so creative. So enjoy them and remember, if you go to sleep smiling, your dreams will be more fun!

I Am Enjoying Being Beautiful

I am enjoying being beautiful!

You see, I do not know how I can see, or hear, or taste, or smell, or feel, or talk, or emote, or breathe. Each one of these is being created by Goddess God and is a world unto itself. So when I feel deeply into myself, I can feel that there is a part of Goddess God that is doing all those things for me, creating me so that She/He is seeing through me and for me, hearing the music for me and with me. There are so many sensations to tasting the pear that it feels sexual, so many exquisite wondrous smells, the plethora of sensations that touches my skin, words are flowing from my mouth, tears of joy and laughter streaming down my face, the air that is filling my lungs, moment by moment! I can feel Goddess God Loving all of it so sweetly. And when I silence my mind, open to Love, and feel even deeper, I can feel the joy that Goddess God is receiving from doing those things for me because it is from my perspective.

I am so unique!

I am so beautiful!

I am feeling how much Love Goddess God is getting out of doing me and at the same time, giving me life, my life to be a new part of Her/Him, and at the same time, a whole new Me. What a dance we are dancing!

I am enjoying being beautiful!

The Love Healing Process

Chapter 13 The Overview

We have now introduced you to the power of Love in ways that have never been understood before. Do you remember the section in Chapter 3 called "How Powerful Are You?" Imagine taking the power of a **Loving Smile** and the eight benefits you gain from it and coupling it with two months, ten months, two years, or more of ever-increasing **Love Time**.

Imagine how strong and aware you will become! Imagine how powerful that will feel!

And this is just from using **Love Time**.

If you learn all seven tools, which most people can accomplish within about two to five months, you will have achieved **Gliding**. The Earth has rarely felt the presence of such powerfully Loving people, and when you are able to grow stronger and stronger using Gliding, it will cut your healing time in half.

You'll be creating a whole new awareness and power for yourself. This will make it possible for you to see things in yourself you have never been able to see before, like Love Reversals and their habits. There may be many parts you will want to heal! In order to heal, you may wish to learn how the **Love Healing Process** works. So let's begin.

The **Love Healing Process** can be complex because we are going to teach you the science or the metaphysics of belief, so to make it easier to understand, we will categorize it into eight basic parts. The following chapters will expand on these ideas.

The categories are:

- Memory
- What is Trauma
- Understanding the Nature Of Belief
- How to Find What You Believe
- How do beliefs and Love Reversals become identities?

- <u>Stage One</u> Finding the Initial Trauma or Series of Events That Is Behind the Beliefs
- <u>Stage Two</u> Healing the Mini Trauma's Created from Believing the Beliefs
- <u>Stage Three</u> Healing the Habits Acquired from Believing The Beliefs

Once you have learned how the Love Healing Process works, you will be able to use it to heal all of your unloving beliefs and their corresponding habits. After you become proficient in healing your beliefs and habits, then you can then tackle your Core Beliefs (which we will explain in Chapter 23, Core Beliefs), Love Reversals and their habits, or any diseases that may be connected to any of those.

We would like to suggest you read the entire book from beginning to end to understand how it all works, then go back a second time and use the pertinent information for where you are at this time.

Chapter 14 Memory

There are two vital phenomena that are behind the total creation of any and all life: Love and Memory.

Love is the conscious life, the reason, the drive, the exquisite explosion of who, what, how, and why. Memory is what brings Love to life, what gives Love a past and present and brings meaning to that present. Memory is what gives Love the ability to ponder itself, or any part of itself to ponder any other part of itself, to think, to analyze, and to explore while knowing it is exploring. Memory allows Love to gain experience and wisdom and to use them.

Our memory is one of the biggest parts of our minds and one of the most important aspects of our lives. Our memory is one of the most fascinating parts of who we are and the part that most defines who we are. Everything that we do is based on being able to remember our experience and on what, how, and when we have learned what we have learned. If we couldn't remember what we have done, what we have experienced and felt, we would not be able to learn.

I was pondering the phenomenon of memory one day, trying to understand, "Where is my memory?" I asked myself, "How is it even possible for me to remember the amount of information that is generated by the creation of my life, moment by moment? Just the amount of memory generated every second is mind blowing. Where is all the information stored?" I was meditating on this, asking the universe to show me how all of this was possible, when I was given a vision.

If you were to travel out into space for about a million miles and then turn back around and look at the Earth, spinning and moving around the Sun in its incredible revolution, and if you could step out of time so that you could see the path the Earth has taken in time, you would see that the earth has followed an ever spiraling path that would go back in time to the beginning, when it was created. Since the beginning, Sun the has been moving on its path through our Galaxy, and the Earth has been revolving around the Sun, while spinning, leaving а spiral trail all the way up to this moment in time.



That spiral path is where all of our memory is located. Again, if you were a million miles out and you could step out of time, you could use a parallax, and discover how far the Earth had traveled through space since yesterday. The distance the Earth traveled would depend on which hour you were looking into. So if you were looking at one p.m., you may have just finished lunch. If you looked back to six in the morning, you may have been hitting the snooze button on your alarm clock for five more minutes of sleep. If you looked back to November 25, 2010, at three p.m., and if you lived in America, you may have been sharing a Thanksgiving meal with your family.

For you, from the moment you were born, your memory path has been part of the Earth's spiral path up to this moment in time. Your memories of all your life experiences are right where you left them, spiraling back in time until the moment you were born. We will refer to this part of our memory as the Spiral. Some people can even remember lifetimes they had further down the Spiral, and most people can do this after they learn how.

The spiral path is where all of the events of our lives are located through time, although we feel like these events are still with us, stored in our minds and bodies as memories, as if they just happened yesterday. The reason our memories feel so present is that the Earth is alive. She is a huge living body and her body stretches throughout time. We are very much a part of Earth, not separate, but an intricate part. Her body and our bodies are intimately connected. She, along with the Sun, provides everything we need to be alive. We breathe her, eat her, fertilize her, and use her resources to work and play all day. Earth's memories and all of her experience is intimately connected to all of our memories and all of our experiences. The intimacy of the connection is so exquisite, that it makes us feel like our memories are a part of our mind and bodies—because they are. Until now, we haven't realized that our bodies are also stretching through time with her. Our bodies stretch through time. All of us are the sum total of the paths we have lived up to this point in time, the sum total of our memories. You could say we have time bodies because everything that we know is stored in our past and it is available all the time. Our past has made us who we are.

Since I had that vision, I have been working with my Guides to understand more about how the memory works metaphysically, and this is what I have learned.

Memory and the Chakras

There are seven major chakras in the human body. The chakras that have most to do with the memory are the sixth and seventh chakras. The sixth chakra is known as the Third Eye and is located between the eyes in the middle of the brow. The seventh chakra is known as the Crown Chakra and is centered in your brain but metaphysically extends way past your brain. How far past is different for every person.

In addition to the seven corporeal chakras, there are two chakras outside the body yet within the energy field of the body. They serve two memory functions that are connected to the Third Eye but are located in their own Manas Chakra above the Crown Chakra. The one directly above the Crown Chakra is called the *Manas Chakra*, and the one above that is called the *Shear Chakra*. The word "Shear" is a word my guides gave to me to name this Chakra.

If you could see the Manas Chakra of an adult, it would appear as if the person had a multicolored sphere about one to two feet in diameter hovering above their head. The Manas Chakra of a child is about eight to ten feet wide and encapsulates their whole body and the space around the child. I will explain the difference in more detail shortly. In adults, the Manas serves as the place where short-term memory and intuition are located.

The Manas Chakra functions like a computer program that remembers patterns. For example, Microsoft Word has a program that searches for words in a document. If you look for the word "fun" and search a document, the search will show you every place the word "fun" is found. The Manas Chakra works in a similar, although more complex, fashion. It is constantly making a person aware of and attuned to the patterns around them—patterns of acting and reacting, comfort and annoyances, pain and pleasure—and it is constantly giving us the impetus to move and to figure out what to do with our time.

When a child is born, the Manas Chakra completely encapsulates her/his physical body and the space around the child, again looking like a sphere that reaches about eight to ten feet around the child. The Manas Chakra is constantly making the child aware of patterns, and when a person comes into the field of their Manas Chakra, the child can feel how that person is feeling—the same way the person feels them self, to some degree. (We call individuals who retain this ability *clairsenseate*.)

When a person enters into the field of the child's Manas Chakra, there is an awareness of that person's patterns of acting and reacting. This enables the child to attune to their lineage: the patterns of acting and reacting that her/his family deems important. This enables the child to start making sense out of what is happening around her/him, according to their family's lineage. Some of the patterns from the familiar people who come into her/his space will also establish the child's understanding of that person's basic identity, like who is mom, dad, grandparent, brother, or sister. Additionally, the child will slowly take on the mindset of the people he or she is frequently around and will gradually learn to act and react in a similar fashion, learning to understand by imitating those patterns.

As the child grows older and has more experience, the patterns become easier to understand and mimic. As the child grows older still, the clairsenseate characteristic (the ability to feel what other people are feeling) of the Manas grows increasingly weaker, eventually leaving the child with just her/his own physical senses and the ability to think for her/himself. Generally, around the age of seven, the child's Manas Chakra starts to recede upwards. Within three to six years it will be completely above the person, no longer touching their physical body. By the time the child is thinking for her/himself, the Chakra is above her/his body and being used for short-term memory and intuition. It is similar to being on the home page of your internet browser. While you have three or four tabs open, your computer can bring one to the forefront with a simple click. Your Manas Chakra holds all the patterns you use daily, right there at the tip of your mind, ready to load at a moment's notice.

A note about understanding these patterns: Your mind feels or senses the patterns. Each pattern has specific ways that they are felt. These feelings are then interpreted as your mind translates the feelings into thoughts. You get the feeling first, then the thoughts follow.

Here are some examples of mental responses people have to various patterns:

 Patterns dealing with time – You get feelings like "It's almost time to go to work!" "How long until lunch?" "Don't forget to set the alarm clock," "What should I do for Love Time today?" "I can't wait for dessert!" etc....

- Patterns of things you need to get done You get feelings that you need to be responsible, so you have to remember to pick up the clothes at the cleaner, that there's the dishes and the car to wash, you need to pay the bills, walk the dog, and get your parents an anniversary card, etc.
- Patterns of things you do You will have mannerisms that give you comfort like the way you shave, wash, and brush your teeth; the way you make Love to your partner or yourself; the way you walk, sit, chew your food, drive, and meditate, etc.
- Patterns of things you think about Thoughts about the challenge you had with your mother yesterday, thoughts like "I hate Mondays!" "I wonder if I am going to get that job I applied for?" "It was so much warmer today—summer is coming!" or "I am not watching the news anymore; it depresses me!"
- Patterns within patterns within patterns. When in a Loving state of being, it is the familiarity of patterns that stimulate the desire to become more intelligent emotionally, mentally, and spiritually. We want to feel the newness, the wonder, the exquisite beauty of what there is to discover all around us.

It should also be noted here that the feeling of the patterns, the desire and yearning to feel the patterns, is a big part of how your intuition works. Your intuition is all about feeling in the spiritual sense, being big enough to go beyond thought and feel what is and what is coming to you.

The Manas Chakra

The Manas Chakra works differently for each person, but we can give you some general ideas.

There are three factors that govern the way the Manas Chakra works:

1. The amount of experience a person has gained here on Earth (i.e. the age of the soul). Older souls are typically able to use

the Chakra more than younger souls because they have more experience, more intelligence, and are more attuned to their intuition.

- 2. Every person is born into a lineage of unloving beliefs to heal. There are so many gifts to glean from the healing. Every person is given some gifts and abilities to enable them to heal the unloving beliefs and habits of their lineage. If a person chooses to heal her/his lineage, s/he will glean even more gifts and abilities. Her/His lineage purpose will be a factor in the setting of her/his Manas Chakra abilities. Here are some examples:
 - a. A person's lineage belief is "If I do something wrong, I will be beaten mercilessly." The child grows up being petrified to make a mistake. As an adult, if the person learns to grow in Love and become aware that people who rage at her/him because of mistakes are merely reacting from the fear in themselves, then it will empower her/him to develop incredible compassion for the ones raging at her/him, which will Lovingly change the experience. If the person is able to heal completely, that person will become so strong that she/he will understand that it is only through making mistakes that learning occurs. This person will understand that learning and making mistakes should be Lovingly honored and celebrated.
 - A person's lineage belief is "In order to be happy, the universe must give me what I need." The child grows up wanting to be Loved and nourished. But instead, the parents are constantly demanding (heart closed) that the child act a certain way, look a certain way, and never embarrass the parents. The child experiences hurt for not being able to get the Love she needs; that hurt will eventually turn into

anger, rage, and then rebellion. The child becomes prone to throwing inner and outer tantrums for not getting the Love and attention she wants and needs. As an adult, if the person learns to grow in Love and gets really big in Love, she will come to see that she is a part of Goddess God Love, and therefore has always had the Love she has always wanted because it is within her. This empowers her to have great compassion and a tender heart for herself and others when they cannot get what they want. Amazingly, once she learns this, what she wants and needs comes to her easily.

c. A person's lineage belief is "I am ashamed of what I have done. I should die." The child was born with a part of his heart wide open so that he feels everything that happens in a family whose parents are saturated in sexual dishonor. The father sleeps around with many women, deceiving and lying to his wife continually. The wife knows he is sleeping around but keeps quiet so she can feel the Love she feels for him and from him when they make Love (while believing that she is a slut for doing so). Every time they make Love, she dies a little more and he feels his lies and shame. Eventually it all explodes, and the child takes it all on as if it is his. As an adult, if the child grows in Love and learns how to get really big in Love, he will come to understand that actions he perceived to be shameful were simply misguided actions created out of ignorance. Through the wisdom of Love, he can see them simply to be teachings of how to grow in Love, integrity, and honor. From this vantage point, he can now heal all his pain.

- 3. There are Karmic factors that can govern the way the Manas works for a person. Generally, when a person is experiencing a Karmic effect, depending on the infraction (e.g. lying, cheating, stealing, sexual dishonor, raging, etc.), their Manas ability may be directed in a way that will motivate them to grow stronger in Love, honor, and integrity. For example:
 - A teenager develops a habit of stealing and finds that he can get all kinds of cool stuff for free if he is clever. He gets so good at it that he becomes overconfident. Then one day, he gets caught and the lady he stole from is so upset that she calls the police. The police call his parents and his principal, who also tell his teachers at school. The experience of getting caught is so humiliating that the boy experiences deep emotions of shame and guilt.

After he is caught, his Manas will give him dual feelings throughout each day. He will go by things that are easy to steal which will give him the feeling of excitement, and then he will feel the feeling of his humiliation almost smother him. The strength of the humiliation will be so strong that the idea of actually stealing anything will make him sick.

b. A woman had developed a habit of lying for most of her life. Her best friend had been telling her over and over she had to stop, because some day it was going to catch up to her! And here it was!

She had landed the best job she had ever had: great pay, nice people, good hours, and close to home. On her tenth day, her boss brought her into his office and fired her because they found she had lied to them on her application; they had gotten ahold of her last employer and found that she was fired for lying on that job. For the next two months, she fought depression and sadness, guilt and shame as she looked for another job. It seemed everywhere she went, the doors were closed to her. But this time, she told the truth on all her resumes. Her Manas function kept giving her the feelings that she wanted to lie every day, right along with the feelings of the firing, which enabled her to make better decisions.

Finally, she got a chance to do an interview. In the interview, the man pointed out she had had some trouble in her last two places of employment. Could she explain? She had to tell him about her old habit of lying and how it had gotten her in trouble, but that she had stopped lying and she felt she could do good work for them if they would give her a chance. The man appreciated her honesty and hired her on the spot, with a warning that she would be on probation for the first three months. She was so grateful and accepted his offer.

In both of these examples, the patterns of the Manas Function led these individuals to understand the consequences of living in and out of integrity. The Manas Function and the laws of Karma are designed to help people heal after they chose to move away from Love, integrity, and honor. In this way, they learn valuable lessons designed to help them get what they want, if they are willing to learn how to do it through Love, honor, and integrity.

These three factors, the age of the soul, their lineage, and their Karma factors set each person's capacity to use the Manas Chakra as they live out their life. A person's capacity to use the Manas Chakra is governed by their ability to grow, heal, and change unloving beliefs and habits... or not.

The Shear Chakra

The Shear Chakra works in conjunction with long-term memory. The Shear Chakra allows a person to access the Spiral. The center of the Shear Chakra is connected to the third eye and from there the mind triangulates like a ray of light to an intended place on the Spiral—what s/he is trying to remember. The Shear Chakra allows a person to connect back to any point on their timeline, and for most people that includes previous lifetimes. The memory desired is found through intention and a kind of a willful searching of the memory spiral using the mind. This intentional searching enables a person to arrive at almost any memory point instantly or through just a few moments of searching. We refer to this function as *remembering*. Once there, a person becomes aware of some things or everything that has happened at that point in time in minute detail, according to her/his intent and her/his Shear abilities.

The Shear Chakra is governed by the same three factors as the Manas Chakra: a) the age of the soul, b) the unloving beliefs of the lineage, and c) karma.

The Spiral is an **exact** trail of everything that has happened. The creation of Earth is so important, so precious, that there is never a time where any part of Earth's creation disappears or is lost. Anything that has taken place is exactly where and when it occurred on the Spiral. The Shear enables people to access the Spiral. Some people will be able to access it at 100%, others less, and though the ability to access the spiral is set at birth there are some factors that can limit one's ability. Constant stress or trauma in a person's life can diminish their ability. However, if a person heals and releases their trauma, their Shear becomes stronger. I have had clients who could not remember any of their childhood because it was so traumatic, but as they healed and released their trauma they were able to remember some or all of what had happened.

Some people have 100% recall, what we refer to as photographic memory. Quite often, photographic memories are

coupled with the ability to remember long numbers, complicated formulas, exquisite musical compilations, or to retain everything they have read or experienced in minute detail.

My Guides have shown me that when I was a child of seven and eight, my short-term memory (Manas) and my long-term memory (Shear) were both at about 80%. I had the ability to access about 80% of my long- and short-term memory.

The stress, trauma, and pain I created in my life (through my own actions and then through Generating, discussed in Chapter 1, My Story), cut my short-term memory to 15% and my long-term memory to 60%. However, I have now healed so many of my unloving beliefs, Love Reversals, and habits, and released the pain of the internalized trauma, that my short-term memory is about 63% and my long term is back up to 80%. I feel my short-term memory is getting stronger every day.

People who have photographic memories are usually able to access one hundred percent of their memory, but that wanes as they age, the reduction caused by mental and emotional stress and trauma. As stress is addressed and trauma is healed and released, the person may be able to retain their ability to use the Manas and the Shear Chakras. I'm curious to discover if a person who heals most or all of their unloving beliefs, Love Reversals, and habits will be able to achieve photographic memory when they attain Doj. We will see!

My Guides shared with me that when people die, they step into the next part of their journey housed in and completely aware of their spiritual bodies. They also step out of time as we know it here on Earth and thus gain the ability to see and experience any part of the Spiral easily. This enables them to go back and observe any and all parts of their last life, allowing them to explore and ponder, which aids them on their next adventure of life or whatever is next for them.

The Spiral is useful to help you discover where, when, and how all your unloving beliefs were created. You can use the Spiral to graph all of your beliefs. We will show you how to do this in Chapter 18, How to Uncover Your Beliefs.

Chapter 15 What is Trauma? Dr. Peter Levine's Work

Dr. Levine has given me permission to reprint some of his work throughout this chapter.

In order to understand healing, it is first necessary to understand trauma. Specifically, trauma is an emotional wound created by an experience of intense fear, terror, or horror. There are many things that can cause trauma in a person's life.

These can include:

The extreme stress and horror of war or natural disaster Bodily and emotional injury from accidents, fights, assault,

rape, sexual abuse, torture	Abandonment
Abusive disciplinary practices	Public humiliation
Abusive family environments	Divorce
Invasive medical procedures	Serious Illnesses
Witnessing any of the above	Abandonment
Depression	Neglect
Receiving shocking or tragic news	Grief

Trauma can also occur when we are intensely frightened and are either physically restrained or perceive that we are trapped. We freeze in paralysis and/or collapse in overwhelming helplessness.

Dr. Peter Levine, "a clinician, student of comparative brain research, stress scientist, and keen observer of the naturalistic animal world," ¹ has written an amazing book called *In An Unspoken Voice*: *How the Body Releases Trauma and Restores Goodness*.

In his book, Dr. Levine expands the well-known "fight or flight" paradigm, the instinctual process designed to protect us from danger, to include more levels of activation. He calls this system the **Active**

Defense. ² From least to most traumatic, the levels are: Arrest (increased vigilance, scanning), Flight (try first to escape), Fight (if the animal or person is prevented from escaping), Freeze (fright – scared stiff), and Fold (collapse into helplessness). It's important to understand a little bit about how this Active Defense system works because it shows us that any trauma may be experienced at different levels of intensity, depending on the situation.

For ease of understanding, we'll first show how this Active Defense works in animals. This story is an excerpt from *In An Unspoken Voice*:³

On the Serengeti, one herd member's startled reaction cues the other gazelles to anticipate the worst and vigilantly scan the environment in an attempt to locate the potential source of threat. If, however, they fail to detect the stalking predator, they readily let down their guard and innocently return to grazing. Moments later, another gazelle arrests to the sound of a twig snapping and, once again the herd is alerted, the animals' "collective nervous system" activated, tuning and readying them for all-out action. They stiffen in unison as their muscles tense in preparation for maximal exertion in flight.

Seizing the moment, a stalking cheetah leaps from its cover of dense shrubbery. The herd springs together as one organism, darting away from the advancing predator. One young gazelle falters for a split second, then recovers its footing. In a blur, the cheetah lunges toward its intended victim. The chase is on at a blazing sixty-five miles per hour! At the moment of contact (or just before, as it senses that the end is near), the young gazelle collapses to the ground. The stone-still animal has entered an altered state of consciousness shared by all mammals when death appears imminent. It is not "pretending" to be dead and may, in fact, be uninjured. It is in a state of *fear paralysis*.

In this story, the gazelles went into the *arrest state* of defense twice. In this state, the senses become magnified, the heartbeat speeds up and the muscles tense, ready for action. The moment a predator is sighted, the entire herd moves into the *flight state*. Their bodies are filled with adrenaline and with the need to run at top speed away from the predator.

In a different situation, if an animal is trapped by a predator and it senses it has any chance at all in a fight, the animal will turn and fight.

If an animal were in the vicinity of a predator and saw the predator before the predator saw the animal, and if the animal had nowhere to run, it might go into the *freeze state*, literally frozen with fear.

In the story above, the young gazelle went into the *fold state* (collapsed into helplessness) right before the cheetah hit it. Opossums will go into the *fold state* any time they sense a predator. That is their defense system.

Here is another excerpt from Dr. Levine's book. ⁴ I have added the stages that are in brackets:

When a pigeon that is blithely pecking at some grain is quietly approached from behind, gently picked up, and then turned upside down, it becomes immobilized. {fold} The pigeon will remain in that position, with its feet stuck straight up in the air. In a minute or two, it will come out of this trancelike state, right itself, and hop or flyaway. The episode is resolved.

However, if the pecking pigeon is first frightened by the approaching person, it will try to fly away. {flight} When it is caught after a frantic pursuit, and then forcibly held upside down, it will again succumb to immobility. {fold} This time, however, the terrified animal will not only remain frozen much longer, but when it comes out of its trance, it will likely be in a state of "frantic agitation." It may thrash about wildly, pecking, biting or clawing randomly, or it may scurry away in a frenzy of undirected movement. When all else fails, this last–ditch (and disorganized) form of defense may yet save its life.

Similarly, when a well-fed household cat catches a mouse, the latter, restrained by the cat's paws, stops moving and becomes limp. {folds} Without resistance from the mouse, the cat becomes bored and will sometimes gently bat the inert animal, seemingly trying to revive it and restart the game anew.... With each reawakening. chasing and reactivated terror, the mouse goes deeper and longer into immobility. When it does eventually revive, it frequently darts away so quickly (and unpredictably) that it may even startle the cat. This sudden, nondirected burst of energy could just as easily cause it to run at the cat, as well as away from it. I have even seen a mouse ferociously attack the nose of an astounded cat....

So, when an animal is frightened, it will try to run. If it cannot run or perceives it cannot run, it will fight or freeze. If whatever is causing the fear is so overpowering that it overwhelms the animal, then the animal will fold. If the animal is scared so quickly that it folds immediately, after a few moments, it will revive and carry on as if nothing had happened. If an animal is frightened, terrified, or horrified before it folds, it will take a long time for it to revive, and when it does, it will run (flee) and/or it will furiously attack.

The Active Defense works the same way for humans. But for people the experience of trauma can be more complicated due to the presence of the emotions (such as shame, guilt, anger, and **confusion**) that often accompany trauma. Humans also experience trauma from their beliefs and Love Reversals, all of which need to be understood.

There are methods of healing each kind of trauma: somatic trauma (trauma in the body) and trauma brought on by beliefs and Love Reversals.

Bonnie's story below, which can be found on page 169 of Levine's In *An Unspoken Voice*, will provide an example of somatic trauma and how to heal it: ⁵ (The chapters that follow will explain different methods of healing beliefs and Love Reversals.)

Bonnie: A Forgotten Moment

Bonnie is not an aggressive person, but she is by no means a pushover, either. Most of her peers and friends see her as well adjusted, evenhanded and assertive. It was therefore surprising to her colleagues, and to herself, when for no apparent reason she became increasingly submissive and unpredictably explosive. At the point when her behavior threatened her relations with her colleagues, she became concerned.

During my Berkeley training class in 1974, Bonnie raised her hand when I requested a volunteer for a demonstration session. This was to be a demonstration that would start solely with symptoms of behavior issues rather than with any recall of a compelling event.... Neither I nor Bonnie's classmates knew her "story" when she elected to work with me on her symptoms in front of the group. Bonnie herself did not make the connection between her behavioral changes and an event that had transpired a year and a half earlier and that, as far as she was concerned, was irrelevant.

I asked Bonnie to recall a recent encounter with a colleague that illustrated her sudden shift in behavior, and then we both noted her bodily reactions. Bonnie described feeling a sinking sensation in her belly. I noticed that her shoulders were hunched over and brought that to her attention. When asked to describe how she felt in that position, she replied, "It makes me hate myself." Bonnie was taken aback by this sudden outburst of self-loathing. Rather than analyzing why she felt that way, I guided Bonnie back to the sensations in her body. After a pause she reported that her "heart and mind were racing a million miles an hour."

She then became disturbed by what she described as a "sweaty, smelly, hot sensation" on her back, which left her feeling nauseated. Bonnie now seemed more agitated – her face turned pale, and she felt an urge to get up and leave the room. After reassurance, Bonnie chose to remain and continued tracking her discomfort. It intensified and then gradually diminished. Following this ebb and flow, Bonnie became aware of another sensation – a tension in the back of her right arm and shoulder. When she focused her attention on this, she started to feel an urge to thrust her elbow backward. I offered a hand as a support and as a resistance so that Bonnie could safely feel the power in her arm as she pushed it

slowly backward. After pushing for several seconds, her body began to shake and tremble as she broke out into a profuse sweat. Her legs also began moving up and down as if they were on sewing machine treadles.

As Bonnie's arm continued its slow press backward, the body shaking decreased and Bonnie felt as though her legs were getting stronger. She said that they felt "like they wanted to, and could, move." She reported noticing a strong urge propelling her forward. Suddenly, a picture flashed before her – a streetlight and the image of the couple that had "helped her." "I got away... I got away...," she cried softly. It was then she remembered molding into the man's torso as he held a knife to her throat. She went on, "I did that to make him think I was his... Then my body knew what to do, and it did it... That's what let me escape."

Then the story that her body had been telling emerged in words: eighteen months earlier, Bonnie had been the victim of an attempted rape. While walking home after visiting a friend in another neighborhood, a stranger had pulled her into an alley and threatened to kill her if she didn't cooperate. Somehow, she was able to break free and run to a lighted street corner where two passersby yelled for the police. Bonnie was politely interviewed by the police and then taken home by a friend. Surprisingly, she could not remember how she had escaped, but she was tearfully grateful to have been left unharmed. Afterward, her life appeared to return to normal, but when she felt stressed or in conflict, her body was still responding as it had when the knife was held to her throat.

Bonnie found herself helpless and passive or easily enraged under everyday stress, not realizing that this was a replay of the brief pretense at submissiveness that probably saved her life. Her successfully fooled the "submission" assailant. allowing a momentary opportunity for the instinctual energy of a wild animal to take over, propelling her arms and legs in a successful escape. However, it had all happened so fast that she had not had the chance to integrate the experience. At a primitive level, she still didn't "know" that she had escaped, so she remained identified with the "submissiveness" rather than with her complete two-phase strategy that had, in fact, saved her life. Motorically and emotionally, it was like part of her was still in the assailant's clutches.

After processing and completing the raperelated actions, Bonnie now reported having an overall sense of capability and empowerment. She was "back to even more of her {old} self" in place of the previous submissive self-hatred. This new self came from being able to *physically feel* the motor response of elbowing her assailant, and then to sense the immense power in her legs that had, in fact, carried her to safety.

This is a case where symptoms did not emerge full-blown for twelve to eighteen months after the traumatic experience. Hence, it was not readily apparent that they were sequelae to a precipitation event. For reasons largely unknown, it is not uncommon for symptoms to be delayed by six months or even one and a half to two years. In addition, symptoms might not manifest until another traumatic encounter occurs – sometimes years later. How many of our own habitual behaviors and feelings are outside of our conscious awareness or are long *accepted* as part of ourselves, of who we are, when in fact they are not? Rather, these behaviors are reactions to events long forgotten (or rationalized) by our minds but remembered accurately by our bodies. We can thank Freud for correctly surmising that both the imprints of horrible experiences, as well as the antidote and latent catalyst for transformation, exist within our bodies.

Isn't it amazing to see how trauma works within us?

For the Love Healing Process, releasing the stress from the past is part of the beginning of the process. As you will see in Chapter 16, Understanding The Nature of Belief, whatever happens in your outside reality is a blueprint of your inner belief system. Once a person effectively heals the somatic part of any trauma, they might want to find out why the trauma happened in the first place. One thing they can do is examine the beliefs and Love Reversals they have that could have played a part in drawing that type of experience to them. And, what kind of Love Reversal is present that kept them from healing the trauma right after it happened?

We would like to offer that if someone is adding Love on a daily basis and working on processing their beliefs (in other words, Lovingly working on themselves has become a daily habit), then when this person experiences a trauma or deep trauma, they will naturally move towards healing completely, soon after the trauma occurs.

Somatic healing is possible when working with an experienced somatic healer. It is important to understand that not all people are going to need the services of a somatic healer, but if they do need one, their service is priceless. Anyone who has experienced a radical trauma and has not been able to release the pain from their physical body should seek the help of a professional. How do you know if you need somatic healing? If it is not something you are sure about, feel into your open heart and ask. Dr. Levine has written a number of books on the subject that can help you become more informed about this practice and whether or not you can benefit from it.

Dr. Levine has afforded us this wonderful case and review that gives us a very good start to understanding how somatic trauma can play out in our lives: ⁶

Dr. Levine's Review

To review, human beings have been designed over millennia, through natural selection and social evolution, to live with and to move through extreme events and loss, and to process feelings of helplessness and terror without becoming stuck or traumatized. When we experience difficult and particularly horrible sensations and feeling, our tendency is to recoil and avoid them. Mentally, we split off or "dissociate" from these feelings. Physically, our bodies tighten and brace against them. Our minds go into overdrive trying to explain and make sense to these alien and "bad" sensations. So, we are driven to vigilantly attempt to locate their ominous source in the outside world. We believe that if we feel the sensations, they will overwhelm us forever. The fear of being consumed by these "terrible" feelings leads us to convince ourselves that avoiding them will make us feel better and, ultimately, safer. There are many examples of this in our lives: we may avoid a cafe or certain songs that remind us of a former loved one or avoid the intersection where we were rear-ended a year ago.

Unfortunately, the opposite is true. When we fight against and/or hide from unpleasant sensations,

we generally make things worse. The more we avoid them, the greater power they exert upon our behavior and sense of well-being. What is not felt remains the same or is intensified, generating a cascade of virulent and corrosive emotions.

We would like to echo this part of the epilogue: "When we fight against and/or hide from unpleasant sensations, we generally make things worse. The more we avoid them, the greater they can impact our behavior and sense of well-being." Another way to say this is that the more we avoid them, the stronger the fear of confronting them grows. "What is not felt remains the same or is intensified, generating a cascade of virulent and corrosive emotions." If we have pain within us, it is there for a reason.

We will use Dot's story, found in the Introduction, as an example. In Dot's story, Dot developed a belief that "It is not safe to speak up for myself!" as a result of trying to speak up for herself and her father shutting her down so violently. She was so freaked out by being shut down by her father that for her whole life after that, she would avoid speaking up for herself. (until she healed it) Every time she did not speak up for herself, the frustration she experienced grew stronger and stronger and it eventually manifested into a cyst in her throat. Once she was able to get big in Love, she was able to see that the belief "It is not safe to speak up for myself!" was not true. It was actually very healthy for her to speak up for herself. She had to be willing to open to her pain, with her heart open, to feel and understand this.

It is essential to learn to **open to our pain while we are in a Loving State of being** so we can understand it: why it's there, where it's coming from, and how we can learn to avoid recreating it. This is how to discover the truth. (It will do no good whatsoever to open to your pain with your heart closed. That will result in you strengthening your unloving belief.) So, to open to our pain safely to discover the truth about our beliefs, we need to grow big in Love and be in Love when we do it.

What we have just learned about the **Active Defense** is that trauma can be experienced in different strengths from mild shock to extreme pain. When a person experiences these different gradations of pain, their mind and bodies react by trying to make sense of the pain. The person will search for any measure of understanding in an attempt to make sense of the pain. **This is how beliefs are created.** It is through this belief-making process that humans log our pain into the memory of our lives. Every time an unloving belief is born, it will effectively hold the pain of the trauma in the mental, emotional, physical, and spiritual bodies and in the timeline when it was created (in your memory). It will remain there until that belief is determined to be inaccurate or untrue. Once you understand that the unloving belief is not true, only then can the pain of the trauma be released. We will explain exactly how one arrives at the truth in Chapter 20, Stage One.

Releasing Traumatic Energy

Once you have opened to the pain of the trauma that created an unloving belief and understand the truth (like in Dot's story), for the first time after the trauma you will have an opportunity to release the pain that has been held in your body by that belief.

Here is an example of how an animal releases the pain of trauma out of their bodies:

A deer stands alongside the road at night eating some choice greens on the other side of the guardrail. A car rounds the corner, sees the deer and slams on its brakes, stopping within inches of the deer a near miss. The deer is so shocked by the noise and the light its body is filled with adrenaline and fear. It is totally traumatized. The deer will awkwardly move out of the way and bound into the forest. As soon as it feels it is safe, it will stop walking and release the traumatic energy. The deer's legs and body will shake and convulse as if electricity is moving throughout it. As soon as the shaking is over, the deer seems to move on as if nothing ever happened.

Humans can also release traumatic energy from our bodies the same way. Once you discover the truth about an unloving belief, simply set the intention to let the old painful energy move out of your body, and then let it go. As soon as you feel the energy start moving, stay as relaxed as you can to allow all the energy to run its course. Your body may shake and convulse in many different ways in order to release all the energy. You may feel inclined to make noise or breathe wildly or have the feeling of wanting to run away. Let your body move and do what it needs to do to let it all go, safely. (Any time you do a release, please retain enough control that you do not hurt yourself or others. If you allow yourself to make noise, make sure you do it in a place where you do not disturb others, or you communicate to those around you what they might expect.) The first few times you try this will feel and look strange to you. But after it is done, you will notice a definite feeling of peace come over you from releasing the pain that was inside you for so long. Please be gentle with yourself after doing a release. Move slowly with the awareness that you have just released a lot of traumatic energy. Give yourself plenty of time to transition back to your daily routine.

Generally, releases of this nature last from ten or twenty seconds to three or four minutes and sometimes longer. I have experienced releases that lasted for over twelve minutes. It is important that before you do a release, you make sure you are in a safe place to let your body do what it needs to do without banging into something or someone. It is also something you would not do around other people unless you have communicated to them what you are about to do and what it may appear like to them once the release starts.

Humans would naturally do this kind of release after a trauma if they could keep their mind out of the experience. But when humans experience trauma, their minds immediately try to make sense out of what has just happened by creating beliefs that seem to explain to the human what just happened. If the belief is false, then the energy cannot release. The energy will be forever trapped in the bodies of the human, until they come to the understanding that the belief is untrue.

This animalistic release method is a key to healing your body after identifying and understanding the origin of an unloving belief. Many therapists and healers have never heard of this release method, so it is rarely utilized even in therapy or healing sessions. When you come to understand the truth of a traumatic event and you continue to hold the traumatic energy in your bodies, it becomes harder to heal the habits that go along with the belief, because the presence of the old pain associated with the old belief is contrary to your new truth. The traumatic energy must be released consciously in order for it to leave your body completely. If you are working on yourself and have discovered a truth but do not have time to do a release, the release can be done at a later time. When you're in a safe place, just set the intention, relax, and let the energy move out of you. If you get into using the Love Healing Process, the method of releasing traumatic energy will be something that you will use all the time. It feels so good to release old painful energy so that you have more room for Love.

To summarize, beliefs are created when a person tries to make sense of a traumatic experience. Once a belief is created, it has a life of its own and will create mini-traumas within your life to prove that it is true **for the rest of your life** until it is understood and healed. Next, we will explore the nature of belief so that you can see the prominent role your beliefs play in your everyday life.

Chapter 16

Understanding the Nature of Belief

In the beginning of the book, we established that we live in a world of beliefs. A belief is a state or habit of mind in which trust or confidence is placed in some person or thing or idea. It is not knowledge. It is not something known. A belief is something we supposed to be true and is arrived at through experience when we are in a state of ignorance, a state of not knowing. All humans start their lives off as babies in the states of innocence and ignorance, and it is from this place that we begin forming beliefs. If an experience is Loving or feels good, then Loving beliefs are created. If an experience is painful, then unloving beliefs are created.

More About the Manas Function

We're going to go over the Manas Function again so that we can expand upon it to show you how beliefs work. When a child is born, the Manas function is completely open, which gives the child the ability to act and react like those who raise him. As we said, the Manas Function is a type of field that emanates out of the spiritual body, which gives a child the ability to be aware of and feel what other beings around him are feeling. When the child is born, the Manas Function is completely open to what other people are feeling and emoting. The child will be able to feel how anyone in their field is feeling in their heart. The Manas Function stays completely open until the child is around seven, when it starts retracting. Its feeling aspect, the awareness of other people and animals, is **usually** (not always) completely closed to by the time the child is 10 to 14. If the child was raised in a very Loving environment, the Manas Function begins to resonate as the child's intuition. If the child was raised in a harsh environment, the intuitive qualities may not be felt as much. Generally, the pain that fills the life of the child keeps the child from being able to feel their intuitive sense. (Some people are born with a part of their spiritual heart sealed open which means they are very sensitive to everything that is going on around them. People raised with this condition retain the use of their intuition regardless of how painful there upbringing is.).

For ease of discussion, we will call those who raise the child the parents. The child is literally programmed by **imitating** the way his parents act and react and at the same time the child is programmed through the child's **reactions** to the way the parents act and react. The parents have definite patterns of acting and reacting to life, and the child learns by feeling them, modeling them, and at the same time reacting to them. In this way, patterns of acting and reacting are passed from generation to generation, creating lineages that hold different parts of the ignorance through every kind of unloving belief possible. The ignorance and unloving beliefs have been passed from adult to child, adult to child, for thousands of years.

What we have now, all over the world, are millions and millions of lineages holding every possible kind of ignorance and every possible kind of pain. On a very big scale, the earth could be likened to a huge anemone, with the center of the Earth being Goddess God Love and every tentacle a human walking around, living its life. Every pair of eyes is a way for Her Him Them to see themselves from a different perspective in order to achieve Her His Our goal we share: to become Lovingly wise.

Our spiritual bodies are programmed or hardwired, so to speak, to perpetuate our beliefs and prove to us that our beliefs are true. Our spiritual bodies will always perpetuate the beliefs we have established in our Conscious mind and Inner Conscious by giving us experiences that attempt to prove to us that those beliefs are true. For Loving beliefs, this is great. For unloving beliefs, this does not feel so good and is where all our pain, disease, and accidents come from. That we can come to comprehend and use these understandings of how our beliefs work in order to realize and change those unloving beliefs into Loving knowledge is life-changing to say the least. It is definitely one of the purposes of Earth. Since humans first appeared on Earth, we have been trying to manage our lives through this system of beliefs. In many ways this has been excruciatingly painful. Another way we could say this is that humans, as a race, started out in a state of ignorance, and that ignorance has been playing itself out for the last twelve thousand years. It has done so quite thoroughly and completely. What we mean by this is that as a collective consciousness, we have lived through almost every unloving experience possible: war, death, torture, rape, murder, disease, famine, theft, greed, jealousy, loneliness, boredom, gluttony, and pain of every kind—physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual.

Fortunately, even though in many ways it doesn't appear to be true, as a race we have become more intelligent. At this point there's nothing left for us to learn through the ignorance except how to heal and transform our unloving actions and reactions into Loving actions and reactions and to change our painful habits into Loving habits. In short, our goal now is to learn how to live in Loving integrity in all ways! It will take millions and millions of us to heal all the pain, and **if we work together it will come about in a very natural and healthy way.**

So, let us give you some examples of how unloving beliefs can affect people:

Belief 1 – Men cannot be trusted

A woman believes she cannot trust men. Every time she enters into a relationship with a man, it's only a matter of time before he starts abusing her. Even though she does her best to screen men in the dating process, within a few months the new man becomes abusive.

Usually the belief that "Men cannot be trusted" was created when a girl was abused by her father. He might have talked down to her, yelled at her, hit her, or sexually abused her. When the abuse occurred over time it became a Love Reversal in which she became used to the abuse and the associated pain. The woman came to expect being abused on an Inner Conscious level because it's what she was familiar with, so she attracts men to her who abuse her and prove her belief to be true. Occasionally this pattern may also occur in a woman who experienced healthy parenting. In this case, I've found that the source of the belief was from a previous lifetime.

Belief 2 – I am a failure

A man believes that he is a failure. He's working a dead-end job but can't bring himself to find a better one because he's afraid he won't be able to do anything else. He was married for a short time, but his wife left him because he was, according to her, so "boring." He continually finds himself in situations in which things go wrong and he doesn't understand how to fix them.

This kind of belief usually comes from the experience of growing up with overbearing parents who continually put the child down for all the things he cannot do. The parents actually believe he is a failure, and they tell him that every day in many different ways. Over time the child's belief develops into a Love Reversal, making it very difficult for the child, and later the man, to use his will power to do anything new and different. He believes he is incompetent—a failure.

Belief 3 – Life is sad

A woman believes that life is sad. When she was a teenager, she lost control of her car and her best friend who was riding in the passenger seat was killed. She's never had a close friendship since. She still misses her friend terribly and doesn't understand why her life has been so tragic.

At first glance you might think that her belief that life is sad was caused by the trauma of the accident. It is more likely, however, that the woman already had an Inner Conscious belief like "This world is not fair!" or "There's something wrong with this place (Earth)!" or "This world is totally messed up!" and this is where the sadness is coming from. When someone has deep-seated beliefs like this in which they are terrified of the whole experience of Earth, experiences will make their beliefs appear to be true on a daily basis—in little ways and sometimes not-so-little ways. Generally, deep-seated beliefs like this are brought in from traumas experienced in previous lifetimes, and then they are supported by the individual's upbringing. It's as if the person picked the perfect parents to teach them these beliefs.

Belief 4 – There is never enough time

A man who is a contractor has developed a habitual fear of not having enough time. This happened because he had to bid jobs based on how much time he thought they would take to complete. This belief is similar to a fear of not making enough money, but from the perspective of time. When this man first started out in business, he underbid a number of jobs and found himself having to hurry to finish each job. It happened so many times that his fear of not having enough time grew and grew, and he found that whenever he was at work or even thinking about work, his body would feel tight and agitated and he would feel the need to hurry.

If this belief is not healed, this man will find that he will continue to constantly underbid jobs, or his jobs will always develop problems that keep him from making the money he wants and needs. In other words, he will constantly prove to himself that he does not have enough time. After years of this kind of stress, his body will start to break down from the constant pain that is being channeled from the fear, and he will develop lung, chest, or heart problems.

This kind of fear can be passed on from a parent, and it can also result from a person getting into a business without the proper education and knowledge they need.

Belief 5 – I feel sorry for myself

A woman has the habit of feeling sorry for herself. This habit is caused and triggered by many different kinds of beliefs, experiences, and emotions. These might include loneliness, a lack of money, a lack of time, never having enough work, misunderstandings about life, always being tired, a tendency to be jealous, envious, or greedy, an experience of betrayal, and so on. Any time this habit of feeling sorry for herself is triggered by any of the above, this woman's head and shoulders start to droop, and her voice becomes whiney.

I include this example because there are so many different ways to feel sorry for oneself that this tendency causes very strong Love Reversals to develop. The habits from this type of Love Reversal can cause deep sadness, depression, and exhaustion, and eventually the loss of one's desire to live.

These habits are a planetary condition. Over half the people on our planet have the "feeling sorry for yourself" habits. Most people learn it from one or both of their parents, and it is often brought forward from previous lifetimes.

The above examples demonstrate how our spiritual bodies create our experiences through what we believe. Another way to say this is that the spiritual body is designed to perpetuate our beliefs into the present moment of your lives, day after day. This phenomenon is happening to all people, all over the world, all the time. It is how we learn.

Once an unloving belief is established, our experience will be created through our spiritual bodies perpetuating the belief. It does this by creating mini traumas that are similar to the original trauma that caused the belief. Dot experienced this almost on a daily basis of continually running into experiences where she needed to speak up for herself but couldn't. This is the spiritual body's way of providing us continuous opportunities for us to learn how to overcome and heal our pains and unloving habits. Beliefs are transferred from parent to child as the child learns to act and react in the same way as the parent. This progression continues, generation after generation, until someone tired of the stress, pain, and disease that this process creates finds a way to change the pattern or heal the disease. The **Love Healing Process** offers a way to change the patterns and heal almost any disease. In the next Chapter, you'll read an amazing story from Collin Tipping, author of *Radical Forgiveness*. Colin granted permission to reprint a story about his sister's life that clearly demonstrates how the nature of belief works to prove a person's beliefs are true.

Chapter 17

Colin Tipping and Radical Forgiveness

We are going to show you more about how beliefs work with an amazing story written by Colin Tipping, the founder of The Institute for Radical Forgiveness Therapy and Coaching and the author of *Radical Forgiveness: A Revolutionary Five-Stage Process to Heal Relationships, Let Go of Anger and Blame, and Find Peace in Any Situation.* This story comprises the first chapter in his book *Radical Forgiveness,* and we are using it because it is such a perfect example of how your spiritual body works to prove your beliefs are true. Once you are months into using the Love Healing Process, we recommend that you buy a copy of *Radical Forgiveness* and try the Radical Forgiveness worksheets, which can be found on the Radical Forgiveness website.

Jill's Story by Colin Tipping¹

As soon as I saw my sister Jill emerge into the lobby of Atlanta's Hartsfield International Airport, I knew something was wrong. She had never hidden her feelings well, and it was apparent to me that she was in emotional pain.

Jill had flown from England to the United States with my brother John, whom I had not seen for sixteen years. He had emigrated from England to Australia in 1972, and I to America in 1984 – thus Jill was, and still is, the only one of the three siblings living in England. John had made a trip home and this trip to Atlanta represented the last leg of his return journey. Jill accompanied him to Atlanta so she could visit me and my wife JoAnn for a couple of weeks, and see him off to Australia from there. After the initial hugging and kissing and a certain amount of awkwardness, we set out for the hotel. I had arranged rooms for one night so JoAnn and I could show them Atlanta the next day before driving north to our home.

As soon as the first opportunity for serious discussion presented itself, Jill said, "Colin, things are not good at home. Jeff and I might be splitting up."

Despite the fact that I had noticed something wrong with my sister, this announcement surprised me. I had always thought that she and Jeff were happy in their six-year marriage. Both had been married before, but this relationship had seemed strong. Jeff had three kids with his previous wife, while Jill had four. Her youngest son, Paul, was the only one still living at home.

"What's going on?" I asked.

"Well, it's all quite bizarre, and I don't quite know where to begin," she replied. "Jeff is acting really strange, and I can't stand much more of it. We've gotten to the point where we can't talk to each other anymore. It's killing me. He has totally turned away from me and says that it's all my fault."

"Tell me about it," I said, glancing at John, who responded by rolling his eyes. He'd stayed at their house for a week prior to flying to Atlanta, and I guessed by his demeanor that he'd heard enough of this subject to last him a while.

"Do you remember Jeff's eldest daughter, Lorraine?" Jill asked. I nodded. "Well, her husband got killed in a car crash about a year ago. Ever since then, she and Jeff have developed this really weird relationship. Any time she calls, he fawns over her, calling her 'Love' and spending hours talking to her in hushed tones. You'd think they were Lovers, not father and daughter. If he's in the middle of something and she calls, he drops everything to talk with her. If she comes to our home, he acts just the same – if not worse. They huddle together in this deep and hushed conversation that excludes everyone else, especially me. I can hardly stand it. I feel like she has become the center of his life, and I hardly figure in it at all. I feel totally shut out and ignored.

She went on and on, offering more details of the strange family dynamic that had developed. JoAnn and I listened attentively. We wondered aloud about the cause of Jeff's behavior and were generally sympathetic. We made suggestions as to how she might talk to him about his behavior and generally struggled to find a way to fix things, as would any concerned brother and sister-in-law. John was supportive and offered his perspective on the situation as well.

What seemed strange and suspicious to me was the uncharacteristic nature of Jeff's behavior. The Jeff I knew was affectionate with his daughters and certainly codependent enough to badly need their approval and Love, but I had never seen him behave in the manner Jill described. I had always known him as caring and affectionate toward Jill. In fact, I found it hard to believe that he would treat her quite so cruelly. It was easy to understand why this situation made Jill unhappy and how Jeff's insistence that she was imagining it all, and making herself mentally ill over it, made it all so much worse for her. The conversation continued all the next day. I began to get a picture of what might be going on between Jill and Jeff from a Radical Forgiveness standpoint but decided not to mention it – at least not right away. She was too caught up in the drama of the situation and wouldn't have been able to hear and understand what I had to say. Radical Forgiveness is based on a very broad spiritual perspective that was not our shared reality when we were all still living in England. Feeling certain that both she and John were unaware of my beliefs underlying Radical Forgiveness, I felt that the time had not yet arrived to introduce so challenging a thought as "this is perfect just the way it is – and an opportunity to heal."

After the second day of verbally going round and round the problem, I decided the time was near for me to try the Radical Forgiveness approach. This would require that my sister open up to the possibility that something beyond the obvious was happening something that was purposeful, divinely guided, and intended for her highest good. Yet she was so committed to being the victim in the situation that I wasn't sure I could get her to hear an interpretation of Jeff's behavior that would take her out of that role. Still, just as my sister began yet another repetition of what she had said the day before, I decided to intervene. Tentatively, I said, "Jill, are you willing to look at this situation differently? Would you be open to me giving you a quite different interpretation of what is happening?"

She looked at me quizzically, as if she were wondering, "How can there possibly be another interpretation? It is how it is!" I had a certain track record with Jill, though, because I had helped her solve a relationship problem before, so she trusted me enough to say, "Well I guess so. What do you have in mind?"

This was the opening I was waiting for. "What I'm going to say may sound strange, but try not to question it until I've finished. Just stay open to the possibility that what I'm saying is true, and see whether or not what I say makes sense to you in any way at all."

Until this time, John had done his best to stay attentive to Jill, but the constant repetitive conversation about Jeff had begun to bore him tremendously. In fact, he had largely tuned her out. Now I was acutely aware that my interjection had caused John to perk up and begin listening again.

"What you have described to us, Jill, certainly represents the truth as you see it," I began. "I have not the slightest doubt in my mind that this is occurring just as you say it is. Besides, John has witnessed much of the situation over the last three weeks and confirms your story – right, John?" I queried, turning toward my brother.

"Absolutely," he said. "I saw it going on a lot, just as Jill says. I thought it was pretty strange and, quite honestly, much of the time I felt awkward being there."

"I'm not surprised," I said. "Anyway, Jill, I want you to know that nothing I am going to say negates what you have said or invalidates your story. I believe that it happened the way you said it happened. Let me however, give you a hint of what might be going on underneath this situation." "What do you mean, underneath the situation?" Jill asked, eyeing me suspiciously.

"It's perfectly natural to think that everything 'out there' is all there is to reality," I exclaimed. "But maybe there's a whole lot more happening beneath that reality. We don't perceive anything else going on because our five senses are inadequate to the task. But that doesn't mean it isn't occurring.

"Take your situation. You and Jeff have this drama going on. That much is clear. What if beneath the drama, something of a more spiritual nature was happening – same people and same events, but a totally different meaning? What if your two souls were doing the same dance but to a wholly different tune? What if you could see this as an opportunity to heal and grow? That would be a very different interpretation, would it not?"

Both she and John looked at me as if I were now speaking a foreign language. I decided to back off from the explanation and go directly for the experience.

"Looking back over the last three months or so, Jill," I went on, "what did you mostly feel when you saw Jeff behaving so Lovingly toward his daughter Lorraine?"

"Anger mostly," she said, but continued thinking about it. "Frustration," she added. Then, after a long pause, "And sadness. I really feel sad." Tears welled up in her eyes. "I feel so alone and unloved," she said and began sobbing quietly. "It wouldn't be so bad if I thought he couldn't show Love, but he can and he does – with her!" She spat the last few words out with vehemence and rage and began to sob uncontrollably for the first time since her arrival. She'd shed a few tears prior to this, but she hadn't really let herself cry. Now, at last, she was letting go. I was pleased that Jill had been able to get in touch with her emotions that quickly.

A full ten minutes went by before her crying subsided and I felt she could talk. At that point I asked, "Jill, can you ever remember feeling this same way when you were a little girl?" Without the slightest hesitation, she said, "Yes." She was not immediately forthcoming about when, so I asked her to explain. It took her a while to respond.

"Dad wouldn't Love me either!" she finally blurted out, and she began to sob again. 'I wanted him to Love me, but he wouldn't. I thought he couldn't Love anyone! Then your daughter came along, Colin. He Loved her all right. So why couldn't he Love me, god-dammit?" She banged her fist hard on the table as she shouted the words and dissolved into more uncontrollable tears.

Jill's reference was to my eldest daughter, Lorraine. Coincidentally, or rather, synchronistically, she and Jeff's eldest daughter have the same name.

Crying felt really good to Jill. Her tears served as a powerful release and possibly a turning point for her. A real breakthrough might not be far away, I thought. I needed to keep nudging her forward.

"Tell me about the incident with my daughter Lorraine and Dad," I said.

"Well," Jill said, while composing herself. "I always felt unloved by Dad and really craved his Love.

He didn't hold my hand or sit me on his lap much. I always felt there must be something wrong with me. When I was older, Mum told me she didn't think Dad was capable of Loving anyone, not even her. At that time, I had more or less made peace with that. I rationalized that if he wasn't really capable of Loving anyone, it wasn't my fault that he didn't Love me. He really didn't Love anyone. He hardly ever made a fuss about my kids – his own grandchildren – much less people or kids not his own. He was not a bad father. He just couldn't Love. I felt sorry for him."

She cried some more, taking her time now. I knew what she meant about our father. He was a kind and gentle man but very quiet and withdrawn. For the most part, he certainly had seemed emotionally unavailable to anyone.

As Jill became more composed once again, she continued, "I remember a particular day at your home, Lorraine was probably about four or five years old. Mum and Dad were visiting from Leicester, and we all came to your house. I saw your Lorraine take Dad's hand. She said, "Come on, Granddad. Let me show you the garden and all my flowers." He was like putty in her hands. She led him everywhere and talked and talked and talked, showing him all the flowers. She enchanted him. I watched them through the window the whole time. When they came back in, he put her on his lap and was as playful and joyful as I had ever seen him.

"I was devastated. So he is able to Love after all, I thought. If he can Love Lorraine, then why not me?" The last few words come out as a whisper followed by deep tears of grief and sadness, tears held in for all those years.

I figured we had done enough for the time being and suggested we make tea. (Well, we're English! We always make tea, no matter what.)

Interpreting Jill's story from a Radical Forgiveness standpoint, I easily saw that Jeff's outwardly strange behavior was unconsciously designed to support Jill in healing her unresolved relationship with her father. If she could see this and recognize the perfection in Jeff's behavior, she could heal her pain and Jeff's behavior would almost certainly stop. However, I wasn't sure how to explain this to Jill in a way she could understand at that point in time. Luckily, I didn't have to try. She stumbled on the obvious connection by herself.

Later that day she asked me, "Colin, don't you think it's odd that Jeff's daughter and your daughter both have the same name? Come to think of it, both of them are blonde and firstborn. Isn't that a strange coincidence! Do you think there's a connection?"

I laughed and replied, "Absolutely. It's the key to understanding this whole situation."

She looked at me long and hard. "What do you mean?"

"Work it out for yourself," I replied. "What other similarities do you see between that situation with Dad and my Lorraine and your current situation?"

"Well, let's see. Both girls have the same name. Both of them were getting what I don't seem to be able to get from the men in my life."

"And what is that?" I inquired.

"Love," she said in a whisper.

"Go on," I urged gently.

"It seems that your Lorraine was able to get the Love from Dad that I couldn't. And Jeff's daughter Lorraine gets all the Love she wants from her dad, but at my expense. Oh, my God!" she exclaimed. She really was beginning to understand now.

"But why?" she asked in a panic. "I don't understand why. It's a bit frightening! What the heck's going on?"

It was time to put the pieces together for her. "Look, Jill," I said. "Let me explain how this works. This happens to be a perfect example of what I was talking about earlier when I said that beneath the drama we call life lies a whole different reality. Believe me, there's nothing to be frightened about. When you see how this works you will feel more trust, more security, and more peace than you ever thought possible. You'll realize how well we are being supported by the Universe or God, whatever you want to call it, every moment of every day no matter how bad any given situation seems at the time." I tried to be as reassuring as I could.

"Looked at from a spiritual standpoint, our discomfort in any given situation provides a signal that we are out of alignment with spiritual law and are being given an opportunity to heal something. It may be some original pain or perhaps a toxic belief that stops us from becoming our true selves. We don't often see it from this perspective, however. Rather, we judge the situation and blame others for what is happening, which prevents us from seeing the message or understanding the lesson. This prevents us from healing. If we don't heal whatever needs to be healed, we must create more discomfort until we are literally forced to ask, 'What is going on here?' Sometimes the message has to become very loud, or the pain extremely intense, before we pay attention. A life-threatening illness, for example, provides a loud message. Yet, even when facing death, some people don't get the connection between what is happening in their lives and the opportunity for healing that it provides.

"In your case, what has come up to be healed this time is your original pain around your father and the fact that he never showed you Love. That is what all your current pain and discomfort are about. This particular pain has arisen many times before in different situations but, because you didn't recognize the opportunity before, it never got healed. That's why having yet another opportunity to look at and heal this issue is a gift!"

"A gift?" Jill questioned. "You mean it's a gift because there's a message in it for me? One that I might have gotten a long time ago if I'd been able to see it?"

"Yes. Had you seen it then, you would have had less discomfort and you wouldn't be going through this now.

"But no matter – now is fine too. This is perfect, and now you won't have to produce a lifethreatening illness to understand this, like so many people do. You're getting it now – you're beginning to understand and to heal.

"Let me explain to you exactly what happened and how it has affected your life up until now," I said, wanting her to understand clearly the dynamics of her current situation.

"As a little girl, you felt abandoned and unloved by Dad. For a girl, this is devastating. From a developmental standpoint, it is necessary for a young girl to feel Loved by her father. Since you didn't feel that Love, you concluded that there must be something wrong with you. You began to really believe you were unlovable and inherently 'not enough.' That belief anchored itself deeply in your subconscious mind and, later, when it came to relationships, began to run your life. In other words, as a way of mirroring your subconscious belief that you were not enough, your life has always included actual situations that exhibit to you the fact that you were, indeed not enough. Life will always prove your beliefs right.

"When you were a child, the pain of not getting Dad's Love was more than you could bear, so you suppressed some of it and repressed a whole lot more. When you suppress emotion, you know it's there, but you stuff it down. Repressed emotion, on the other hand gets buried so deeply in the subconscious mind that you lose awareness of it.

"Later, when you began to realize that your father was not a naturally Loving man and probably couldn't Love anyone, you began to somewhat rehabilitate or heal yourself from the effects of feeling unloved by him. You probably released some of the suppressed pain and maybe began to give up some part of the belief that you were unlovable. After all, if he couldn't Love anyone, maybe it wasn't your fault that he didn't Love you. "Then along came the bombshell that knocked you right back to square one. When you observed him Loving my Lorraine, that triggered your original belief. You said to yourself, 'My father can Love after all, but he doesn't Love me. It is obviously my fault. I am not enough for my father, and I will never be enough for any man.' From that point on, you continually created situations in your life to support your belief that you are not enough."

"How have I done that?" Jill interrupted. "I don't see how I have created myself not being enough in my life."

"How was your relationship with Henry?" She had been married to Henry, her first husband and the father of her four children, for fifteen years.

"Not bad in many respects, but he was such a womanizer, always looking for opportunities to make out with other women. I hated that!"

"Exactly! And you saw him as the villain and you as the victim in that situation. But the truth is, you attracted him into your life precisely because, at some level, you knew he would prove your belief about not being enough. By being unfaithful, he would support you in being right about yourself."

"Are you trying to say he was doing me a favor? I sure as heck don't buy that!" she said, laughing, but also with some not-too-well-disguised anger.

"Well, he certainly supported your belief, didn't he?" I replied. "You were so 'not enough' that he always was on the lookout for other women, for 'something more.' If he had done the opposite and consistently treated you as if you were totally enough by being faithful, you would have created some other drama in your life to prove your belief. Your belief about yourself, albeit a totally false one, made it impossible for you to be enough.

"By the same token, had you at that time healed your original pain around your father and changed your belief to 'I am enough,' Henry would have immediately stopped propositioning your friends. If he hadn't, you would have felt perfectly happy to leave him and find someone else who would treat you as though you were enough. We always create our reality according to our beliefs. If you want to know what your beliefs are, look at what you have in your life. Life always reflects our beliefs."

Jill seemed a bit perplexed, so I decided to reiterate some of the points I had made. "Each time Henry cheated on you, he gave you the opportunity to heal your original pain around being unloved by Dad. He demonstrated and acted out for you your belief that you were never going to be enough for any man. The first few times it happened, you may have gotten so mad and upset that you could have gotten in touch with the original pain and become acquainted with your belief system about yourself. In fact, his first acts of unfaithfulness represented your first opportunities to practice Radical Forgiveness and to heal your original pain, but you missed them. You made him wrong each time and created yourself as a victim instead, which made healing impossible."

"What do you mean forgiveness?" Jill asked, still looking troubled. "Are you saying I should have forgiven him for seducing my best friend and anyone else he could find who was willing?" "I am saying that, at the time, he provided you with an opportunity to get in touch with your original pain and to see how a certain belief about your self was running your life. In so doing, he gave you the opportunity to understand and change your belief, thus healing your original pain. That's what I mean by forgiveness. Can you see why he deserves your forgiveness Jill?"

"Yes, I think so," she said. "He was reflecting my belief – the one I had formed because I felt so unloved by Dad. He was making me right about not being enough. Is that correct?"

"Yes, and to the extent that he provided you with that opportunity, he deserves credit – actually, more than you realize right now. We have no way of knowing whether he would have stopped his behavior had you healed your issue around Dad at that time – or whether you would have left him. Either way, he would have served you powerfully well. So in that sense, he deserves not only your forgiveness but your deep gratitude as well. And you know what? It wasn't his fault that you didn't understand the true message behind his behavior."

"I know that it was hard for you to see that he was trying to give you a great gift. That's not how we are taught to think. We're not taught to look at what is going on and say, 'Look what I have created in my life. Isn't that interesting?' Instead, we are taught to judge, lay blame, accuse, play victim, and seek revenge. Neither are we taught to think that our lives are directed by forces other than our own conscious mind – but, in truth, they are." "In fact, it was Henry's soul that tried to help you heal. On the surface, he just acted out his sexual addiction, but his soul – working with your soul – chose to use the addiction for your spiritual growth. Recognizing this fact is what Radical Forgiveness is all about. Its purpose lies in seeing the truth behind the apparent circumstances of a situation and recognizing the Love that always exists there."

I felt that talking about her current situation would help Jill fully understand the principles I had described, so I said, "Let's take another look at Jeff and see how these principles are operating in your current relationship. In the beginning, Jeff was extremely Loving toward you. He really doted on you, did things for you, communicated with you. On the surface, life with Jeff seemed pretty good.

"Remember though, this didn't fit your picture of yourself – your belief about yourself. According to your belief, you shouldn't have a man who shows you this much Love. You are not enough, remember?"

Jill nodded but still looked uncertain and rather perplexed.

"Your soul knows you must heal that belief, so it colludes with Jeff's soul somehow to bring it to your awareness. On the surface it seems that Jeff begins to act strangely and totally out of character. He then taunts you by Loving another Lorraine, thus acting out with you the very same scenario you had with your father many years ago. He appears to be persecuting you mercilessly, and you feel totally helpless and victimized.

"Does this describe, more or less, your current situation?" I asked.

"I guess so," Jill said quietly. She wrinkled her brow as she tried to hold on to the new picture of her situation slowly forming in her mind.

"Well, here you are again, Jill, about to make a choice. You must choose whether to heal and grow – or to be right," I said and smiled. "If you make the choice people normally make, you will choose to be the victim and make Jeff wrong, which in turn will allow you to be right. After all, his behavior seems quite cruel and unreasonable, and I don't doubt there are many women who would support you in taking some drastic action in response to it. Haven't most of your friends been saying you should leave him?"

"Yes. Everyone says I should get out of the marriage if he doesn't change. I actually thought you would say that too," she added with a tinge of disappointment.

"A few years ago, I probably would have. But since my introduction to these spiritual principles, my whole way of looking at such situations has changed, as you can see," I said with a wry smile, looking across at John. He grinned but said nothing.

I continued. "So as you might guess, the other choice might be to recognize that beneath what seems to be happening on the surface, something else much more meaningful – and potentially very supportive – is going on. The other choice is to accept that Jeff's behavior may contain another message, another meaning or intent, and that within the situation lies a gift for you."

Jill thought for a while and then said, "Jeff's behavior is so darn bizarre, you'd have a hard time coming up with any good reason for it. Maybe something else is going on that I don't yet see. I suppose it's similar to what Henry was doing, but it's hard for me to see it with Jeff because I'm so confused right now. I can't see beyond what is actually going on."

"That's okay," I said, reassuring her. "Look, there's no need to figure it out. Just being willing to entertain the idea that something else is going on is a giant step forward. In fact, the willingness to see the situation differently is the key to your healing. Ninety percent of the healing occurs when you become willing to let in the idea that your soul has Lovingly created this situation for you. In becoming willing, you let go of control and surrender it to God. He takes care of the other 10 percent. If you can really understand at a deep level and surrender to the idea that God will handle this for you if you turn it over to him, you won't need to do anything at all. The situation and your healing will both get handled automatically.

"But prior even to this step, you can take a perfectly rational step that enables you to see things differently right away. It involves separating fact from fiction. It means recognizing that your belief has no factual basis whatsoever. It is simply a story you have made up, based on a few facts and a whole lot of interpretation.

"We do this all the time: experience an event and make interpretations about it. Then we put these two pieces together to create a largely false story about what happened. The story becomes the belief, and we defend it as if it were the truth. It never is, of course. "In your case, the facts were that Dad didn't hug you, didn't spend time playing with you, didn't hold you, didn't put you on his lap. He did not meet your needs for affection. Those were the facts. On the basis of those facts, you made a crucial assumption: 'Dad doesn't Love me.' Isn't that true?"

She nodded.

"But the fact that he didn't meet your needs doesn't mean that he didn't Love you. That's an interpretation. It wasn't true. He was a sexually repressed man, and intimacy was scary for him; we know that. Maybe he just didn't know how to express his Love in the way you wanted to receive it. Do you remember that super dollhouse he made you one year for Christmas? I remember him spending countless hours on it in the evening when you were in bed. Perhaps that was the only way he knew how to express his Love for you.

"I'm not making excuses for him or trying to make what you have said, or felt, wrong. I'm just trying to point out how we all make the mistake of thinking that our interpretations represent the truth.

"The next big assumption you made," I continued, "based on the facts and your first interpretation that 'Dad doesn't Love me,' was 'it's my fault. There must be something wrong with me.' That was an even greater lie than the other assumption, don't you agree?"

She nodded.

"It isn't surprising that you would come to that conclusion, because that's the way little kids think. Since they perceive that the world revolves around them, they always assume that when things don't go well, it's their fault. When a child first thinks this, the thought is coupled with great pain. To reduce the pain, a child represses it, but this action actually makes it all the harder to get rid of the thought. Thus we stay stuck with the idea that 'It's my fault and something must be wrong with me' even as adults.

"Anytime a situation in our life triggers the memory of this pain or the idea attached to it, we emotionally regress. Thus we feel and behave like the little kid who first experienced the pain. In fact, that's precisely what happened when you saw my Lorraine cause our father to feel Love. You were twenty-seven years old, but at that moment you regressed to the two-year-old Jill who felt unloved and acted out all your childhood neediness. And you are still doing it, only this time you are doing it with your husband.

"The idea upon which you based all your relationships represents an interpretation made by a two-year-old kid and has absolutely no basis in fact," I concluded. "Do you see that, Jill?"

"Yes, I do. I made some pretty silly decisions based on those unconscious assumptions, didn't I?"

"Yes you did, but you made them when you were in pain and when you were too young to know any better. Even though you repressed the pain to get rid of it, the belief kept working in your life at a subconscious level. That's when your soul decided to create some drama in your life so you would bring it to consciousness again and have the opportunity to choose healing once more.

"You attracted people into your life who would confront you directly with your own pain and make you relive the original experience through them," I continued. "That's what Jeff is doing right now. Of course, I am not saying he is doing this consciously. He really isn't. He is probably more perplexed by his own behavior than you are. Remember this is a soul-to-soul transaction. His soul knows about your original pain and is aware that you will not heal it without going through the experience again."

"Wow!" Jill said, and took a deep breath. Her body relaxed for the first time since we had begun talking about the situation. "It's certainly a totally different way of looking at things, but do you know what? I feel lighter. It's as if a weight has been lifted off my shoulders just by talking it through with you."

"That's because your energy has shifted," I replied. "Imagine how much of your life-force energy you have had to expend just keeping the story about Dad and Lorraine alive. Plus, imagine the amount of energy required to keep down the feeling of grief and resentment wrapped around the story. The tears you shed earlier enabled you to release a lot of that. And you have just acknowledged that it was all a made-up story anyway – what a relief that must be. Also, you've had a lot of energy locked up around Jeff – making him wrong, making yourself wrong, being a victim, and so on. Just being willing to see the whole situation differently enables you to release all that energy and allow it to move though you. No wonder you feel lighter!"

"What would have happened if, instead of understanding what was going on underneath the situation with Jeff, I had simply left him?" Jill asked. "Your soul would have brought in someone else to help you heal," I quickly replied. "But you didn't leave him, did you? You came here instead. You have to understand, this trip was no accident. There are no such things as accidents in this system. You – or rather, your soul – created this trip, this opportunity to understand the dynamics of the situation with Jeff. Your soul guided you here. John's soul created a trip at this particular time to make it possible for you to come with him."

"And what about the two Lorraine's?" Jill wondered. "How did that happen? Surely, that's just a coincidence."

"There are no coincidences in this system either!"

"Just know that your souls, and the souls of some others, conspired to create this situation, and notice how perfect it was that a person named Lorraine was involved in the original occasion and in this one. It couldn't have been a more perfect clue. It's hard to imagine that it wasn't set up somehow, don't you agree?" I said.

"So what do I do with this now?" asked Jill. "It's true that I feel lighter, but what do I do when I go home and see Jeff?"

"There really is very little for you to do," I answered. "From this point on, it's more a question of how you feel inside yourself. Do you understand that you are no longer a victim? Do you understand that Jeff is no longer a persecutor? Do you see that the situation was exactly what you needed and wanted? Do you feel how much that man Loves you – at the soul level, I mean?" "What do you mean?" Jill asked.

"He was willing to do whatever it took to get you to the point where you could look again at your belief about yourself and see that it was untrue. Do you realize how much discomfort he was willing to endure to help you? He is not a cruel man by nature, so it must have been hard for him. Few men could have done that for you while risking losing you in the process. Jeff, or Jeff's soul, truly is an angel for you. When you really understand this, you will feel so grateful to him! Plus, you will stop sending out messages that you are unlovable. You will have the ability to let Love in, perhaps for the first time in your life. You will have forgiven Jeff, because you will be clear that nothing wrong ever took place. It was perfect in every sense!

"And I promise you this," I continued. "Jeff is already changing and dropping his bizarre behavior as we speak. His soul is already picking up that you have forgiven him and healed your misperception about yourself. As you change your energy, his energy changes too. You're connected energetically. Physical distance is irrelevant."

Getting back to her question, I said, "So, you won't have to do anything special when you get home. In fact, I want you to promise me that you won't do anything at all when you get back. In particular, do not under any circumstances, share with Jeff this new way of looking at the situation. I want you to see how everything will be different automatically simply as a consequence of you changing your perception.

"You will feel changed as well," I added. "You will find yourself feeling more peaceful, more

centered, and more relaxed. You will have a knowingness that will seem strange to Jeff for a while. It will take time for your relationship with him to adjust, and it may still be difficult for a while, but this issue will resolve now," I concluded with conviction.

Jill and I reviewed this new way of looking at her situation many times before she returned home to England. It is always difficult for someone in the middle of an emotional upset to shift into a Radical Forgiveness perspective. In fact, getting to a place where Radical Forgiveness can truly happen often requires a great deal of integration and repetitive reinforcement. To help my sister, I introduced her to some breathing techniques that help to release emotion and integrate new ways of being and asked her to complete a Radical Forgiveness worksheet.

The day she left, Jill was obviously nervous about going back to the situation she had left behind. As she walked down the jet way to her airplane, she looked back and tried to wave confidently, but I knew she was scared that she might lose her newfound understanding and get drawn back into the drama.

Apparently the meeting with Jeff went well. Jill requested that he not question her immediately about what had happened while she was away. She also requested that he give her space for a few days in order to get settled. But she immediately noticed a difference in him. He was attentive, kind, and considerate – more like the Jeff she had known before this whole episode began.

Over the next couple of days, Jill told Jeff she no longer blamed him for anything, nor did she want him to change in any way. She said she had learned that it was she who needed to take responsibility for her own feelings and that she would deal with whatever came up for her in her own way without making him wrong. She did not elaborate at all and did not try to explain herself.

Things went well for some days after Jill's return home, and Jeff's behavior with his daughter Lorraine changed dramatically. In fact, everything seemed to be getting back to normal with regard to that relationship but the atmosphere between Jeff and Jill remained tense and their communication limited.

About two weeks later, the situation came to a head. Jill looked at Jeff and said quietly, "I feel like I've lost my best friend."

"So do I," he replied.

For the first time in months they connected. They hugged each other and began to cry. "Let's talk," Jill said. "I've got to tell you what I learned with Colin in America. It's going to sound weird to you at first, but I want to share it with you. You don't have to believe it. I just want you to hear me. Are you willing?"

"I'll do whatever it takes," Jeff replied. "I know something important happened to you there. I want to know what it was. You have changed, and I like what I see. You are not the same person you were when you stepped on the airplane with John. So tell me what happened."

Jill talked and talked. She explained the dynamics for Radical Forgiveness as best she could in a way Jeff could understand. She felt strong and powerful – sure of herself and her understanding, secure and clear in her mind.

Jeff, a practical man who is always skeptical of anything that cannot be rationally explained, did not resist this time, and he was indeed quite receptive to the ideas Jill asked him to consider. He voiced openness to the idea that there might be a spiritual world beneath everyday reality and, given that, saw a certain logic in the Radical Forgiveness concept. He didn't accept it totally, but he nevertheless was willing to listen, consider, and see how it had changed Jill.

After the discussion, they both felt their Love had been rekindled and that their relationship had a good chance of surviving. They made no promises, though, and agreed to keep talking to each other while they watched how their relationship progressed.

It did, indeed progress quite well. Jeff still fawned over his daughter Lorraine to a degree, but not as much as before. Jill found she cared hardly at all even when he did behave in this manner. It certainly did not trigger her to regress emotionally and react from old beliefs about herself.

Within a month of their conversation about Radical Forgiveness, all of Jeff's past behavioral pattern with Lorraine stopped. In turn, Lorraine didn't call or visit as often; she got on with her life. Everything slowly returned to normal and Jill and Jeff's relationship began to grow more secure and Loving than ever before. Jeff became the kind, sensitive man he is by nature, Jill became less needy, and Lorraine became much happier.

Looking back, had Jill's soul not brought her to Atlanta to create the opportunity for us to have our conversation, I feel sure she and Jeff would have separated. In the grand scheme of things, that would have been all right too. Jill simply would have found someone else with whom to recreate the drama and another opportunity to heal. As it was, she took this opportunity to heal and stayed in the relationship.

At the time of writing this second edition, many years after that crisis, they remain together and are very happily married. Like every other couple, they continue to create dramas in their lives – but they know now how to see them as healing opportunities and move through them quickly and with grace.

What an amazing story!

This story profoundly illustrates so many healing concepts. Jill's story shows us how our **outside experience** is a **mirror** of our **inside beliefs**.

Whatever is going on in our outside world is a mirror of the beliefs we have found to be true up to this point in our lives.

Behind each unloving belief is a misunderstanding; **the unloving beliefs are never true.** They seem true when they are created. They seem true when they continually create experience after experience to prove they are true. They seem true when you look at them through a closed heart. But when you look into the trauma that created the belief and you fill the experience with your Love, you will find it is not true. Most of the pain in our lives comes from these misunderstandings, from beliefs we formed in childhood and continue to hold onto. Through the Love Healing Process, we can heal our pain by understanding our beliefs.

What are some of your beliefs that might be impacting you? What's showing up in your life that's causing you pain, hurt, anger, or frustration?

In the next Chapter we will give you three ways to uncover your beliefs!

Chapter 18 How to Uncover Your Beliefs

In order to heal the traumas that your unloving beliefs have created in your life and change the corresponding habits these beliefs have created within you, you must first become aware of what the beliefs are!

From the beginning of this book, we have shown you how your beliefs create your experience—from Dot (Introduction, Our Incredible Human Condition) with her cyst and belief she couldn't speak up to her Dad or to anyone else, to Michael (Chapter 4, Love Time) with his ocular shingles and his belief that he hated his business, to Jake (Chapter 6, Loving Sounds) and his belief that people were horrible drivers, to Sheila (Chapter 7, Loving Questions) and her beliefs that she was unlovable, unworthy, and a burden, to John (Chapter 9, Gliding) and his belief that he had to hide being gay, to Jill (Chapter 17, Colin Tipping and Radical Forgiveness) and her belief that she was unlovable. We are trying to help you see that by learning to understand the nature of beliefs and putting this knowledge into action, you can alleviate pain in your life and prevent accidents, challenges, and even disease, as well as heal ailments that you are presently experiencing.

Up until now, misunderstanding the nature of belief has made aging a painful calamity for most people. The stress that the mental, emotional, physical, and spiritual bodies undergo from the presence of so many unloving beliefs, their corresponding unloving habits, and the accumulation of so much associated pain makes growing old hurt. With the Love Healing Process, we are giving you the choice to contribute to the healing of your pain and age with ease. If you resonate with learning to grow big in Love more on a daily basis, all of your unloving beliefs will become more obvious because they will contradict your Loving heart and Loving energy. The bigger you get, the easier it will be to see and eventually feel your unloving beliefs. In this next section, we will give you some very tangible ways to help you find what you believe. Once you have developed a short list, you can delve into the different stages of understanding and healing your unloving beliefs. Then you can discover the truth about them, release the pain they hold within you, heal the trauma they have caused, and change the habits you developed by believing those beliefs. If you do this, you will have less pain, you'll become stronger, healthier, happier, wiser, and more Loving, experience more Love, and be able to create a crazy-fun life.

There are a number of ways to discover what you believe. The three we will share with you are: List Your Feelings, Watch For Your Triggers, and Listen To Your Guides and Intuition.

List Your Feelings

Take out three or four pieces of lined paper and two pens or pencils of different colors. In one color, write in concise statements (one concept per line), **what you unlovingly feel about the following**: life, Love, money, sex, work, play, God, children, parents, family, relationships, driving, working out, war, worms, bugs, snakes, disease, noise, food, the homeless, lying, cheating, shame, regret, hurt, betrayal, fear, and whatever else comes to mind, in no particular order. Take about fifteen minutes to do this, and once you start writing don't stop until you're done. Try to get all your feelings out, and don't worry, you don't have to show this to anyone.

Once you've done this, you will have a list of the many different feelings you feel each and every day. Feelings are an **experiential playing-out** of the beliefs you have within you. In order to get to the beliefs that have created these feelings, the next step is to categorize your list.

Now, take the other color pen or pencil and write a 1 next to your first statement. There's a belief underneath this feeling and it's going to be your number 1 belief. Now, go to your next statement, and if it feels or sounds similar to the first belief, write a 1 next to it. If it sounds or feels as if there is a different belief underneath it, put a 2 next to it. Now, go to the third statement and if it sounds or feels kind of like the first belief, write a 1 next to it. If it sounds or feels like a different belief, then write a 2 or a 3 next to it, (depending on if the second feeling was a 1 or a 2). Continue on through the entire list in this manner.

Here is a small sample of feeling statements, numbered as explained above:

1 - I hate it when people are not nice.

2 - I'm afraid to dance how I really want to.

1 - I can't stand to do the same thing over and over and over every day.

3 - I'm afraid I won't get enough work.

3 - I'm afraid of bidding big jobs.

3 - I hate having to do little tiny jobs that don't produce any money.

4 - I hate it when I show up to a meeting late.

4 - I hate it when I get angry at the children.

5 - When Michael gets that attitude, I want to slap him.

1 - It drives me crazy when my wife leaves her stuff lying around.

1 - Her complaining is driving me insane.

1 - She gets fatter every day.

6 - God, I wish I could make Love to my neighbor. She's so beautiful!

7 - I'm terrified I'm going to get audited.

1 - It makes me angry that life is so hard at times.

1 - I'm tired of feeling tired all of the time.

1 - I wish I could get more sleep.

1 - I want a job that I Love to do.

6 - I feel guilty when I masturbate.

1 - Making Love to Trudy is so boring.

1 - I want to go on vacation so bad.

1 - I hate being in debt.

8 - War sucks.

8 - There are so many other things in this world that are also screwed up—disease, famine, disasters, poverty.

 $\ensuremath{9}$ - I hate being terrified I'm going to have an accident while driving.

1 - Traffic drives me insane.

1 - I hate people seeing me drive my old car.

8 - My father is such an #\$@%&^*#. God, I wish he would just disappear.

8 - I hate it when Mom invites me over because then I have to be around him (my father).

When you're finished categorizing your list, you'll have somewhere between **two and twenty belief categories**, sometimes more. Now, go to each group and read over each of the feelings being created from the beliefs, and put the belief into words. At the bottom of your list or on a new page, **number and write each belief**. Once you have your beliefs in writing, take a few moments and read each one slowly. Make sure the wording feels right to you. Once they all feel right to you, you're set. These beliefs will be the ones you'll take the next step with.

An example from the list above:

1 - I hate so many parts of my life.

2 – I'm afraid of what people think of me.

3 – I'm afraid I'm not going to make enough money.

4 – I hate it when I do things wrong.

5 – I'm afraid of my anger.

6 – I must be a really bad person.

7 – I'm afraid I'm going to get caught lying.

8 – Life is really unfair.

9 – I'm terrified that I'm going to have another accident.

Now that you have a list of beliefs, you are ready for the next step. At a later time, once you've healed all the beliefs on this list, you

can do this same process again, and you might be surprised to find different beliefs the second time.

Watch for Your Triggers

The bigger you become in Love, the easier it is to catch yourself acting in an unloving manner. Why? Because you're more conscious, aware, and present. Also the Love you feel is a contrast to your unloving parts. You will notice the contrast! So as you're going through your day, you may notice yourself being triggered to react in unloving ways. Remember that your Inner Conscious is manifesting your beliefs into your feelings, and that your physiology is part of that manifestation. If you watch your physiology, it can help to reveal your beliefs and the state of your heart: Is your heart open or closed? Are you sitting proudly or are you slumped over? Are you smiling or frowning? Are you standing strong and relaxed, or are you bent and tight?

When you find yourself getting triggered or acting or reacting in an unloving way, it's a good idea to jot down a few notes about your experience—what triggered you and what were your reactive thoughts and emotions. Remember, your emotions are a byproduct of your beliefs. Writing them down will help you come back to the experience later, when you have time, and then you can feel into it to uncover the belief behind the trigger. It only takes a few moments to write a short note, and the benefits to your growth will be well worth it.

It's important not to attempt any healing work while you're in a triggered state. You won't get clear results if your heart is compromised or closed. If you can smile easily, then you know you're in a good state of mind to do healing work.

Once you're in a good state of mind and you have time, follow this process:

- Look back over your "trigger" notes and re-live each incident lightly.
- Try not to trigger yourself again.

- Make sure you're smiling; it will help.
- Open yourself to feel the experience that triggered you lightly and let yourself feel the unloving emotion you felt before.
 What do you believe made you feel that emotion?
- Write it down.

Although the wording of the belief is important, you don't need to spend a lot of time getting it perfect. Once you get into the healing process, the wording will work itself out.

Making notes during the day about what triggered you and taking the time to discover what the belief behind the trigger was is a very effective way to discover the beliefs that are closest to the surface of your life. As soon as you have a list of three or four beliefs, you're ready for the next step.

Open to Your Guides, Your Intuition

If you are able to Glide **you can simply sit in silence** and set the intention to **be shown what your beliefs are**.

- Take out a piece of paper and something to write with or sit at your computer.
- Clear your mind and set your intention (State out loud: "For the next few minutes, I am going to discover some of my unloving beliefs!")—Where did I get triggered today; where did I feel sad, upset, angry, guilty, jealous or afraid?
- State each of these statements out loud and then wait for the beliefs to show up and, as they do,
- Write them down.

If you have a relationship with your Guides, you can ask them for their help. Your Guides can be very helpful with helping you see your beliefs if you simply ask for their help.

Once you have a list of six or seven beliefs, you are ready for Stage One.

Next, we will show you how unloving beliefs and Love Reversals become *identities* that you can communicate with. Did we

just say you can communicate with your beliefs? Yes, we did. It may sound strange but read on and you'll see what we mean.

Chapter 19

How Does a Belief or a Love Reversal Become an Identity?

There is only one reason that a planet like Earth can exist. A planet in which pain is experienced in its absolute worst possible manifestations so that its inhabitants can grow to understand Love, honor, and integrity **FASTER** than any other way known.

And the only way that it could work is if the **beings creating this planet** all agreed that they knew this system of pain worked. And secondly, all the **beings that are to experience the pain** have experienced how truly slow it is to grow in a milder fashion. To get billions of beings to agree on submitting to as much pain as all of us are going through is really something.

So we are here, and now Goddess God Love is showing us the metaphysics of how it all works so we can understand that what we humans have experienced in the last twelve thousand years, with many of us as victims of circumstance, has really been an opportunity for us to grow into something extraordinary.

One of the most obvious gifts the past twelve thousand years has taught us is that the misuse of energy can cause extreme pain to many people in a very short amount of time. The only thing good about that lesson is that if we have experienced being the victim or the perpetrator, we can become **wise enough** to never do that to anyone, **ever**.

Understanding this, let's get into the metaphysics of how our beliefs work.

If you look around you, it is easy to see that Goddess God Love is making the most of every bit of space in every direction. ALL of it has purpose! ALL of it has presence. In other words, every bit of creation has the presence of Goddess God Love, and on Earth there is no place that is not absolutely filled with Goddess God Love. Every pair of eyes, be they of a human, animal, fish, bird, or insect, is a place where Goddess God Love is looking out onto Their creation from a different perspective. Envision, if you will, that every point of creation, every cell, every atom, every organism is also looking out into creation; each one is feeling, being, and emoting the presence and life of Goddess God Love.

As you become aware of—and the more you become aware of—how present Goddess God Love is, you will see that the wonder and majesty are exquisitely exhilarating and are continuously expanding! There is purpose to everything around us. We as humans play such a big role because in many ways everything around us seems to be here to do our bidding, enabling us to live our lives as the human race and as individuals, for our pleasure and certainly our education. Every belief that is held in a person's mind, heart, and emotional body, is a thing, an entity, an identity. It takes up space, is a space of itself, is a part of Goddess God Love. And like the biology of Earth, it has a birth, a life, and a death of sorts. So, in the realm of human life, we find that the presence and the life of **beliefs** are just as important, just as big and powerful, as is a grain of sand or a star.

In the case of unloving beliefs, in the moment of some intense trauma or multiple moments of intense trauma, a child's mind births a belief into existence in the attempt to make sense of what is happening. Or a woman or man creates a belief to rationalize the quandary she or he is experiencing. An unloving belief is born. From that point on the new belief will strive to survive, to grow, to become stronger and more established. Our minds and bodies support this completely, so much so that it is as if this is the very reason we are here. Mini-traumas will be created over and over again, proving that the belief is true, each time making it bigger and more entrenched. If the mini-traumas are experienced frequently throughout the life of the person, they will turn into a Love Reversal making the person numb to the pain.

On the next page is a graph to show you how it works using Dot as an example. I have made up her father's dialogue, which may be more radical than what Dot's father actually said to her. I am making this dialogue more intense so you can feel how invasive rage and hatred are to a child. This will be explicit, so guard your tender heart.

Initial Trauma

Dot tries to stand up to her father. "Father, I want to ... "

Father: "No, you fucking liar! You suck shit! You're a fucking ignorant fuckwad!"

Dot develops an unloving belief: **Standing up for myself is bad**; I don't want to do that!

After that, Dot experiences mini-traumas day after day throughout her life. Probably not every day, but enough to make the belief stronger and stronger.

Timel	ine Mini Trauma	Dot's Experience
(Every time a Mini Trauma happens,		
the results of the experience gets stronger.)		
Day	Should have stood up for herself	Terrified
Day	Should have stood up for herself	Terrified – Shocked
Day	Should have stood up for herself	Terrified – Shocked
Day	Should have stood up for herself	Terrified – Shocked
Day	Should have stood up for herself	Terrified – Shocked – Numb
Day	Should have stood up for herself	Terrified – Shocked – Numb
Day	Should have stood up for herself	Terrified – Shocked – Numb

Love Reversal Belief: Standing up for myself is bad. Result or Outcome: Dot is numb/comfortable with people abusing her.

When Dot experiences the initial trauma, hearing her father's words and feeling his energy, it shocks her so violently that her mind and bodies go into shock. A Loving child is not equipped to handle such vehemence. Remember, the feelings come first, and then the mind tries to make sense out of the feelings, tries to put the feelings into words. When the feelings go past the person's ability to understand, the person simply reaches for whatever way it has available to make sense out of the feelings. So, when feelings are so violent that the person cannot understand, the natural reaction is to flee, fight, freeze, or fold. Dot developed a new belief: that it is not safe for her to stand up for herself. She decided that avoiding that kind of pain would be in her best interest.

The father's response — "You fucking liar! You suck shit! You're a fucking ignorant fuckwad!" — is a cocktail of fear and hatred. When these words are expressed with rage and hatred toward a small child, the intent is to shame, scare, demean, or shock the child into submission. This kind of action and reaction comes from ignorance running rampant and shows us what happens when he uses his power to hurt and maim. The father obviously feels **justified** in his rage and hatred. *How dare my child act like that!* Whatever Dot's father really said to her, was so painful that it affected her for her entire life until the moment she was able to heal the trauma.

This is what all of us humans have signed up for. Billions of us have agreed that this way of learning is preferable to learning the **slow way**. We have all agreed that we will have to experience some excruciating pain for a number of lifetimes so that we can grow to completely Grok what it means to actually live through Love, integrity, and honor. Living through lifetimes of experiencing the total misuse of power gives us the springboard, the possibility, to grow into learning how to use the energies of Love to become Goddesses and Gods, so that we will **KNOW** how to use the vast power at our disposal **for Love only**.

Pain and falsehoods are a very ingenious way to motivate innocent beings to grow in intelligence and integrity. The pain of hunger motivates us to move, to find food, to find work to make money to pay for food. The pain of boredom motivates us to play. The pain of our unloving emotions motivates us to learn. Every unloving belief (falsehood) that is healed by any person leaves the person bigger, stronger, wiser, and with the truth. Have you ever noticed how there are people who need to be overseen or policed in order to have some measure of normalcy? If a person were to heal every unloving belief that ever existed, that person would be so wise s/he would never need to be policed again. S/he would be self-governing and totally honorable and would always choose a Loving action and reaction to any and every circumstance because s/he would **know** how and would **know** the benefits. S/he would also **know** that to make any other kind of choice would lead to pain, and when s/he has enough healing experience, the habit to choose Love almost becomes instinctual. This is the way to enter Doj/Heaven.

So, to be clear, our minds and bodies were designed to process these radical and shocking experiences in order for us to learn from them and grow wiser and stronger in Love.

Before Dot created the belief "It is not safe for me to stand up for myself," this concept did not exist for her. The challenge is that the new concept was created out of fear. There is only one reason for fear: Goddess God Love creates fear to allow humans to grow more rapidly. But that is only if the fear is healed. If the fear is not healed, it will turn into a disease or physical pain. What helps us heal the fear is that with the creation of this new belief also comes the creation of a new identity. Now Dot has a new friend/identity named "It's not safe for me to stand up for myself!" We will call this identity Stand Up for short. Stand Up has just been born and its mission is to become entrenched into Dot's life. In the same way that the being that is creating Dot is breathing for her and beating her heart, now minitraumas will be created periodically to strengthen Stand Up. Every time a mini-trauma is created, Stand Up gets stronger and Dot gets more shocked and eventually numb. When Dot has become numb to the mini-traumas that continually show up in her life, Stand Up has become a Love Reversal. Now Dot is comfortable with people abusing her all the time because the numbness has dulled her senses and

awareness, making it easy for people to abuse her and get away with it.

Once the Love Reversal is created, Dot will find that she is literally drawing people to her whom we might call teachers, who will abuse her so she can learn to grow strong. Because Dot isn't aware of Stand Up yet, her frustration with being abused day after day created a cyst in her throat. Once the cyst in her throat grew so big she had to address it, Dot was led to find a way to heal. It was here that Dot began working with me and met Stand Up for the first time. When Dot was able to identify her belief - "It is not safe to Stand Up for myself!" - she was able to use the Love Healing process to become big enough in Love that she could see that the belief was not true. At that moment Stand Up was set free, the truth *that it is healthy* for Dot to Stand Up for herself was revealed. Stand Up's true, Loving nature became Dot's truth and strength. After that, all Dot had to do was heal her mini-traumas and heal her unloving habits of letting people abuse her. She learned how to stand up in Love and to gently show people (her teachers) that they cannot abuse her.

Now Stand Up is one with Dot's heart and life, a concept she will always be able to depend on. This truth makes Dot more of who she is, a gorgeous, intelligent, Loving Goddess!

She gleaned priceless gifts from this new relationship. She was able to turn years of frustration into the strength to speak up and stand up to people she used to be afraid of. After learning to stand up for herself, Dot learned that there wasn't any reason to be afraid of the people who abused her. Their actions were simply coming from ignorance. As she changed her old habits and the frustration stopped, her cyst healed. It should be noted here that part of the success of her healing process was due to her actively using the Love Tools, adding Love into her life daily.

Like Jake, once standing up for herself became easy, Dot no longer attracted abusive people to her. To describe it another way, she wasn't attracting abusive energies to her anymore. This gave Dot more time to be in Love and grow in other areas. We will be showing you in detail how to use the Love Healing Process to heal your unloving beliefs in the next three chapters, but for now let's focus on communicating with the identity of a belief.

As we stated before, the moment a belief is created, an identity is also created. You can learn how to communicate with these identities.

About twenty years ago, a brilliant man named John Hoyle invented a way for people to communicate with different archetypes within themselves to help them learn about their personal behaviors by using their own voices. He called the process Voice Activated Integration, or VAI.

While working with his clients to help them free themselves of undesirable behavioral patterns, John discovered that clients could quickly access archetypal characters by making verbal statements using their own voice. Based on this discovery, he devised a very thorough and effective process of communicating with these archetypes. He helped me heal some very deep misunderstandings (like my God Eating God story from Chapter 1, My Story, and that was just one session). The process was so miraculous that I became John's apprentice so that I could use the process to help my clients communicate with their identities. I used, and use, the process differently, but because it is so similar and I am so grateful to John, I have retained the name of VAI.

The basis of using VAI is simple. Any person wishing to discover the initial trauma or series of traumas that were the instigators of a belief can use their own voice to access their world of beliefs and Love Reversals. One of the things John discovered was that a person's body responds to their own voice much more powerfully than the voice of someone else (e.g. a therapist, healer, coach, etc.). You can start by setting up a time to do a session on yourself, and then you speak your intentions out loud and communicate aloud, stating your beliefs.

With VAI, you begin with the intention to communicate with your inner mind and bodies. Then, once you say something out loud, give your body a few moments to react to what you have said. Remember in the introduction when we asked you to recall something that upset you within the last three days, and you relived it for five seconds and your body reacted almost immediately? VAI works the same way. Every time you make a statement or ask a question, if you give your body a moment to react, it usually will. If it doesn't react, make a different statement or ask a different question and you will get results if you're on the right track.

This is what we wanted to relay to you about communicating with your belief's identities. We're going to teach you what to say and how to say it in the next three chapters. Also, as time goes by, we are going to post videos you can watch of people doing sessions on themselves. You'll also find videos of me helping people to learn these processes at <u>www.Growingbiginlove.com</u>.

Summary

We have taught you the metaphysics of beliefs. In the next chapters we will share the active components of the Love Healing Process and Stages One, Two, and Three.

So, let's summarize some of the main points so that they will be fresh in your mind.

In his book, *In An Unspoken Voice*, Dr. Levine expands on the well-known "fight or flight" paradigm—the instinctual process designed to protect us from danger—to include additional levels of activation. He calls this system the **Active Defense**. The Active Defense system levels from least to most traumatic are presented below:

Arrest – increased vigilance, scanning Flight – try first to escape Fight – if the animal or person is prevented from escaping Freeze – fright – scared stiff Fold – collapse into helplessness The Active Defense system shows us that any trauma may be experienced at different levels of intensity, depending on the situation. When an animal is frightened, it will try to run. If it cannot run or perceives it cannot run, it will fight or freeze. If whatever is causing the fear is so overpowering that it overwhelms the animal's nervous system, the animal will fold. If the animal is so frightened that it immediately folds and if it lives, after a few moments it will revive and carry on as if nothing had happened. If an animal is terrified, or horrified before it folds, it will take a long time for it to revive. When it does, it will either attack furiously or flees in an instant run.

The Active Defense system teaches us that trauma can be experienced in different strengths from mild shock to extreme pain. As humans, we experience pain physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. When humans experience these gradations of pain, our minds and bodies react by trying to make sense of the pain. A human will grope to understand or make meaning of the situation in an attempt to avoid ever having to experience that kind of pain again. This is where beliefs are born.

Once a belief is established in the mind and bodies, the presence of the belief's identity will start to grow, and mini-traumas will be created in the human's life in an effort to prove to the human that the belief is true. This was the case with Jill's story in which she was continually confronted with experiences that proved her father did not Love her, that she was unlovable, and that she was not enough. If a person does not understand how beliefs continually create mini-traumas, they will experience multiple mini-traumas throughout her/his life. The good news is that each mini-trauma is an opportunity to heal the original trauma.

It is through this belief-making process that we log our pain into the memory of our lives. Because every time we create an unloving belief, we effectively hold the pain of the trauma in our mental, emotional, physical, and spiritual bodies from the moment it was created (in memory) until the moment it is understood not to be true. A person will have to open to the pain and bring Love to the pain in order to discover how the belief is not true. Once the belief is understood, the truth is revealed. Once the truth is understood, we have an opportunity to release the pain that has been held in our bodies by that belief since the first trauma occurred. Releasing old pain can be done exactly the way animals release their pain.

Chapter 20 Stage One

Now the fun begins. This is where the healing starts! You have a clear understanding of what causes trauma. (If not, you may want to go over the list of what causes trauma on page 198 to refresh your memory.) You've also found some of your beliefs, and now we will show you how to find the trauma that created each belief. There are two ways that you can create unloving beliefs. One is by receiving or experiencing an initial trauma and the other is by experiencing a series of traumas in your life. Your mind then creates a belief in an effort to understand why the trauma or traumas happened. Beliefs created from an initial trauma or from a series of traumas are both healed in the same way. For both kinds of trauma, you will want to mentally go back to the place and time where you experienced the initial trauma or the series of traumas to discover why the belief isn't true.

It may have seemed true for a five-year-old or it may have seemed true in a past life, but now that you understand how to grow in Love every day, you will be able to see that none of these unloving beliefs are true. When you bring **big Love** into your present reality, the truth will make itself known! It's important to understand exactly why and how each one of these beliefs is false because **that understanding** will support you with **truth**, **disengage you from misunderstanding**, and allow you to **release the pain** that is stored within your different bodies that was held there by the misunderstandings.

Truth is knowledge. Truth is empowering! The Truth will set you free!

There are three parts to Stage One: 1) finding where the trauma started and discovering the truth, 2) healing the trauma, and 3) releasing the pain of the trauma.

How to find the trauma

Finding the trauma that started the belief is different for everyone. Some people find it easy, some find it challenging, and some find it almost impossible to do without professional help. Many people find they can do some beliefs on their own but need help with the more painful, deep-seated beliefs and Love Reversals. Acquiring the ability to Glide is very helpful here if you want to do it on your own. If you choose to do this work on your own, it is important to read through this entire chapter before you attempt to do a healing session on yourself so that you will thoroughly understand the process. Trauma mixed with Love Reversals can be very powerful, so it is essential that you understand what may confront you when working on yourself.

Warning: If you know that you have PTSD in your past or a severely traumatic childhood, you should do the work with a qualified facilitator.

We're going to show you what to do so that you can do it on your own. Understanding how to do this process yourself will also help if you seek professional assistance. It will help you find the right kind of facilitator to assist you, if it is not me. Whether you do it yourself or with assistance, it will help you understand some of the challenges you will be up against.

Before you start any healing session it is important that you prepare yourself physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. The first thing is to get as big in Love as you have ever been. There are several reasons for this. By getting big in Love, it makes it easier to see, feel, and experience unloving energy **clearly**. The presence of the Love keeps the unloving energy from 'taking you out' or 'knocking you off center,' so to speak. It gives you confidence and comfort and helps you know what you can and cannot handle. It is not uncommon to feel the Love slip away completely when you allow yourself to open to the pain of the traumas you are working on, and especially when you open to feel that pain completely. But because you were just in Love, you **know** it won't be very hard to get back to Love. This **knowing** is a source of comfort when working with trauma. **If you cannot get big in Love, don't do a session on yourself.**

If you are with a facilitator, it is still preferred, but not mandatory, for you to get big in Love. Sometimes when you are with a facilitator, whatever is coming up for you is so close to the surface that it is okay to work with the facilitator in your present state. Just remember that as soon as the session is over, get yourself big in Love again. If you are working by yourself, once you are big in Love, then proceed.

Physically, you want to make sure you are not so tired or feeling so much pain that it would hinder your ability to make clear decisions. You are about to open yourself to feeling a trauma or pain you experienced in your past, and you want to be physically up to the task. Also, you want to make sure you are physically in a comfortable, safe place to do your session. As you move yourself to get as big in Love as you have ever been, you are mentally, emotionally, and spiritually preparing yourself to feel deep pain. Not all healing sessions go to deep pain, but many do.

Spiritually, mentally, and emotionally, you will want to set an intention to attune all your bodies to the experience you are about to delve into. If you have a relationship with your Guides, ask for their help and guidance. This will help your bodies get ready for what is about to take place.

Things to be aware of:

 You will be in control of your experience and can terminate the session any time you want by stopping the session. To stop the session, open your eyes, change your breathing, and move to a different space physically as well as mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. Then spend whatever amount of time you need to get back to your big, Loving self. If you ever open yourself to feel pain and become overwhelmed, stop the session and return to Love. (If you ever become overwhelmed and after stopping the session and changing your space you still cannot get out of the overwhelmed feeling, this is a sign that you need professional assistance to work on this belief. Try using Loving Sounds or Loving Questions to regain your loving space. If the overwhelm persist, you will need to seek the services of a facilitator that is trained to work with deep trauma.)

 Generally, when you do let yourself feel into your past pain, the pain will be temporary, and you can stop it at any time.

To find the trauma or traumas that started one of your beliefs, give yourself some time. Fifteen to thirty minutes should be fine. (We say fifteen to thirty minutes because you should be able to do some good work on yourself in that amount of time. Sometimes it may take longer. We advise not to go over an hour. If you can get used to doing your processing in fifteen to thirty minutes, then you will be more inclined to do your processing three and four days a week.) Again, find a place where you feel safe and you will have uninterrupted privacy. Make yourself comfortable, take a few deep breaths, and silence your mind. Get big in Love.

State **out loud** in your own words your intention to have your mind and bodies tuned into helping you discover the trauma or traumas that started the belief you are going to be working on. It might sound something like this, *"I am setting the intention to discover the original trauma that left me believing, (state the belief here)."*

As soon as you feel your body start to react, say out loud, "Where did this belief begin?" and then give yourself some time to feel for the traumas. Usually within a few moments you will begin to remember a traumatic experience you had when you were a child or a series of traumatic experiences. Let yourself relive the traumas from beginning to end.

What if you state your intention and the belief out loud two or three times and nothing happens?

Generally, if you get no response at all then the belief is possibly a part of a Love Reversal and it is trying to avoid being discovered. **Please refer to the Love Reversal section at the end of this chapter to remedy this type of situation**. The other reason would be that your heart may have closed. Get yourself back to feeling Love strongly and try to keep your heart open while you are stating your intention and belief.

Once you have found the trauma or series of traumas that started the belief, allow yourself enough time to witness the experience just the way it happened. **Relive** each moment. **Open yourself to feel the whole experience and feel all the pain that is there**. Usually it is painful to see and feel. Generally, you will be feeling the trauma in a way that is similar to how you did when it first happened, though if it was a physical trauma, it will be with less pain. Since you have been growing in Love, you will be able to handle the pain this time without getting re-traumatized. If at any time you feel like you cannot handle the pain, open your eyes, change your breathing, change your physical location if possible, and get yourself back into your Loving bigness. You may choose to work with a different belief later, one that is not so scary or big.

How to Do a Healing Session to Discover an Original Trauma

Here is an example of an original trauma. We will use the belief **"There is never enough money!"** I realize that not everybody has this belief, but most people do. If you don't, play along with us here so you can see how the process works.

To start a healing session on your own, find a place where you feel safe and comfortable and where you will have privacy for at least fifteen to thirty minutes. Then sit or lay in a very comfortable position. To begin, get as big in Love as you have ever been, then state your intention and belief out loud, "I am about to discover the original trauma that left me believing, there is never enough money!" Then quiet your mind and feel Love flowing through you. Say in a strong voice, "Show me where my belief that there is never enough money started!" Then give your body time to react to your words. Open to feeling, seeing, hearing, and sensing any traumatic experience that comes to mind. After sitting quietly for a while, you may suddenly remember hearing your father yell at your mother, "We don't have enough money!" It's Christmas time and you're four years old and you can clearly remember seeing your father angry and frustrated, and he's yelling and it's making your mother cry! Seeing your mother cry makes you cry, and she picks you up and runs you into your room and slams the door and holds you while she weeps.

This is very traumatic for a four-year-old. When you're four, your mother and father symbolize Goddess God. And father God just expressed very loudly that "We do not have enough money!" Then you felt your mother's Goddess's very real tears on your face and felt the shock of her being yelled at by father God. If you look back through the years that follow, you will find many experiences that support father's God's belief that "We never have enough money!" Once you have relived **this** experience, if it feels like where the belief started, then great. So now you know where the trauma started. Woooooohoooooo! Congratulations! That's a very big achievement!

A Series Of Traumas

Here is an example of a series of traumas. We will use the same belief: **"There is never enough money!"**

Find a place where you feel safe and comfortable, and a place you will have privacy for at least ten to twenty minutes. Then sit or lay in a very comfortable position. To begin, get as big in Love as you have ever been, then set your intention within your mind to discover the original trauma that left you believing, "There is never enough money!" Then quiet your mind and feel Love flowing through you. Say in a strong voice, "Show me where my belief that there is never enough money started!" Then give your body time to react to your words. Open to feeling, seeing, hearing, and sensing any traumatic experience that comes to mind. After sitting quietly for a while, you may suddenly remember: you're four years old, you're at the grocery store, and you are trying to get a box of Lucky Charms, your favorite cereal. Your Mother grabs it out of your hands and puts it back, saying, "Put that down. We can't buy that. Money just doesn't grow on trees!" She's already told you that three times in the past fifteen minutes and you sit down and have a fit, crying and crying. (Well, not getting what you want can be very traumatic for a four-year-old.) As you ponder the experience, you can remember many times when you were young at which your Mother had the same attitude about money: "Money just doesn't grow on trees!" "Do I look like I am made of money?" "We are not buying that!" "How many times do I have to tell you we can't afford that!" Once you have relived a number of these experiences, it becomes obvious that you created the belief that there is never enough money from the series of traumas you received from shopping with your Mother. So now you know where the series of traumas started. *Wooooohooooo! Congratulations! That is a very big achievement!*

The Belief Is Not True

Once you have found the original trauma or series of traumas, the next step is to discover how the belief is not true. Since we now know that no unloving beliefs are true, it becomes like a game to discover how they are not true.

To start off with, any unloving belief looked at with a closed heart will absolutely seem true and support the belief completely. So, the only way to discover if a belief is really true is to have your heart wide open, to be feeling BIG in Love and smiling big to prove it. In the beginning, when you are attempting to do this exercise, it is very helpful if you do it in front of a mirror so that you can see your smile. Most of your unloving beliefs are partly, if not completely, Love Reversals. So it will feel very familiar to close your heart when inquiring about the belief. If you're not looking in a mirror, you probably won't be able to notice that your heart is closing. You will have feelings of being justified that the unloving belief is true even when it is not. The only way to discover the truth is with a big, open heart.

Once you get your heart wide open, you will need to realize that unloving beliefs come from perspectives derived from fear and hatred. So, if you take the fear and hatred out of the formula, Love is all that is left.

Here is what you get from perspectives of fear:

The perspective of the belief "We don't have enough money" is fear of not having enough. If your heart is closed, you will feel the fear of not having enough. The perspective of "Men cannot be trusted" is fear that men will always abuse you. The point of view "Life is sad" is fear that life will always let you down. The beliefs "I am a failure," "I am not Loveable," "No matter what I do it is not good enough," "There is never enough time," are fear, fear, fear, and more fear. The perspective of "That guy just cut me off" is a fear of being disrespected or slowed down. The perspective of "That girl just flirted with my boyfriend" is fear that you might lose your boyfriend. The perspective of "I'm afraid my accountant is going to find out I lied about my income for my taxes" is fear of not having enough money, causing you to lie, plus fear of what is going to happen if you get caught. The belief "I am not supposed to masturbate but I just can't stop" is fear you are doing something wrong and fear of being out of control.

Is it becoming obvious that many unloving beliefs are based on fear?

Then there are the perspectives of beliefs that are based on hate:

The perspectives of "I don't like that person, place, or thing!" "I hate it when they do that!" "My boss is going to give me a heart attack!" "That woman does not know how to drive!" "My neighbor's house is so messy!" "She wears the weirdest clothes!" "That car is smoking so bad!" "I am so fat!"

Is it becoming obvious that many unloving beliefs are based on hate?

Regarding our examples above with "There is never enough money," when we are really big in Love, we find that our Earth is exceedingly abundant. We have everything we need to have Heaven on Earth. And if you look back over all of your life, you will see that you either had the money to survive or you had the ingenuity to get by without it. Now can you see that the belief "There is never enough money" is not true and never was true.

Once you know the truth, relax and connect with your Loving bigness.

Congratulations! You have just completed the first part of Stage One. You've found the trauma or series of traumas that started a particular belief and you've discovered that the belief is not true. You are on your way to healing an unloving belief that has been with you for a long time. This moment of realization can be wonderful as you are now free from the hold that the old belief had on you. Give yourself some time to revel in your newfound truth. Let it empower you and feel the peace that the truth can bring.

If you have run out of time for this healing session, then remember to be gentle with yourself after you have done a healing session. Remember to get really big in Love before you move on to your next adventure. Give yourself the time you need to let the feelings of the trauma subside and leave your bodies. Sometimes it helps to share your findings with your Guides, a close friend, or lover. As you go about your day, pay particular attention to staying in Love and taking care of yourself in any way that is good for you and have a wonderful day.

Once you understand that the belief is not true, the healing of the trauma that started the belief can begin.

Healing the Trauma

When you have time for another session, you can start the "healing" part of Stage One. Again, you will need to set aside fifteen to

thirty minutes per session. Once you have the time and are ready, there are two ways to heal your trauma. You can change the story and create a new ending by visualizing a new story that supports your new understanding—your truth—or you can look into and explore your new truth and the old trauma until you Grok it. We'll explain Grokking first.

To Grok

Grok is a iord coined by Robert Heinlein in his amazing story called *A Stranger In A Strange Land*. (It's a great fiction read, if you want to check it out!)

To Grok is to understand something backwards, forwards, left to right, right to left, upside-down, right-side-up, and inside-out. It is super important to be in an openhearted space when you Grok. You will be bringing Love to the experiences of your past trauma or traumas. To Grok the old traumatic experience, you sit with the new truth rooted firmly in your mind and heart and relive the trauma, overlaying the new truth.

This Is Where the True Healing Begins

On whatever belief you are working on, go back to a time when the belief was being created. If one or both of your parents took part in helping you develop this belief, start looking for the Love that your parents had for you at that time and see if you can figure out what their intentions were. Acknowledge any fear they were reacting to. After you have spent some time doing that, start looking for all **the gifts you gleaned** from the experience. **This is where the true healing begins.** By finding the gifts you learned or earned and acknowledging them, you begin to understand that the pain you have experienced and gone through was so worth it. By going through the fire, so to speak, you have become strong and keenly aware of very important understandings. The pain you have gone through with the experience of any unloving belief or Love Reversal has taught you to become strong, full of integrity, and wise in specific ways. So when you sit with yourself to Grok your experience, this is what you are looking for. What have you learned from the trauma you have experienced? You will see that every time, **the learning is priceless.**

Returning to the example above: When you return to the traumatic moment, you may see your parents acting in fear. Perhaps you learned at an early age that it was not safe to ask your father or mother for money or for anything. In fact, if your mother or father went to pay bills, you might have found a way to get to the other side of the house or go somewhere so you could avoid the scene that would ensue.

This avoidance ritual you learned worked out well for you. As you grew older you learned that if you needed money, it was much easier for you to go out and make some yourself. You became very good at that, and you can see all the areas in your life where it is true. You don't need that old belief hanging around anymore because it's not true. You are good at making money, and there is always plenty of money! Now, since you know there is always enough money, all you have to do is get really good at budgeting and managing your money to reflect your abundance.

These two paragraphs are an example of how to Grok the old belief "There is never enough money!" You look at how the old belief has affected the various areas of your life and as you look through the lens of Love and truth now, realizing that the old belief was never true, you start to understand why you react to certain events fearfully and why things keep happening to you in ways you do not care for. (Like why you get afraid when you have to pay bills or reach for your wallet to pay for something. Or why you feel frustrated when you want to go on vacation but don't feel you have the money.) By taking the time to see all the different ways the old belief controlled the way you acted and reacted to situations in your past, you will come to peace about it. As you start feeling the peace, you can then start planning how you are going to act and react differently to those same situations that used to trigger you. You can use the new awareness of the gifts you have gleaned from this experience (like how easy it is for you to make money and how much you enjoy doing so) to empower your new habits of acting and reacting ("I am going to learn how to Love paying my bills and spending money"). This is how to **feel** the healing brought on by Grokking the old belief and embracing your new truth.

Changing the Story

Changing the story can be a very gratifying experience, and there are many ways you can do this. Here are two examples using the belief "There is never enough money" and a hypothetical scenario of your father and your mother fighting about money.

Example One

Let's say that you're forty years old right now. You go back and relive an original trauma of your parents fighting about money as a forty-year-old in a four-year-old's body. You watch as your father starts yelling and your mother starts crying, and you just smile at both of them because you know that they're going through a moment of fear together and that they're both doing the best they can in that moment. When your Mom picks you up and takes you back to your room you hug her and tell her that Daddy is just afraid, that he doesn't really mean to be angry, and you soothe her. Then you take her by the hand and you both go and comfort your father and tell him everything is going to be just fine!

Example Two

You might empower your mother to arm herself with the new truth. So, as the four-year-old, when your Dad starts yelling, you see your mother get soft and compassionate. She walks up to your father while he's yelling and puts her arms around him and just holds him. She looks up at him with those tender, Loving eyes, and you watch as your father's anger just fizzles out. As he gives in to your Mom's Love, he starts to cry as he realizes that everything he needs is right here in front of him. He reaches down and picks you up and they both hug you, and you feel his warm tears smear across your cheeks. You tell him, "I Love you, Daddy!" So now, using the story you have made up, you have created a new memory of the original trauma. The old story does not feel so good. Your new story will embrace your new truth, which makes you feel good. If you infuse the original trauma with the new story, a wonderful feeling will come over you.

Also, it's important for you **to feel into** the original trauma after you have Grokked or changed the story to **check yourself**. If you get that wonderful Loving feeling, then you know you have completed the second part of Stage One of the healing process. **You are healing that old belief!**

If you do not get that wonderful Loving feeling, then more Grokking is needed or you need to make sure your new story supports your new truth. It is important to achieve that Loving feeling with each healing so that you know you're done.

In my years of working with people, I have found that some people like to do the healing with Grokking because there are a lot of benefits to finding the gifts you have gained. Some people like to change their story because it feels really good to turn a hard, painful experience into a Loving, endearing one. Some like both ways. It's up to you. Try them out and see what works for you.

Releasing the pain

Once you have either Grokked your old belief or you have created a new story, you should have a feeling of what it's like to live with your new truth about your old belief. Now it's time to release any pain you feel within your bodies that was caused by the old belief. Remember the story of the deer releasing the energy of being traumatized by the car on page 209? You will be using a similar technique to release your pain.

First, make sure you are in a safe place to let your body physically move however it needs to. Sitting in a soft, comfy chair with no hard surfaces or lying on a bed or carpeted floor will work fine.

Now, go back to the original trauma or series of traumas and **feel into them** to see if there is any pain there. It will probably feel

different than it did when you revisited it the first time because your new truth changes the feelings. You'll want to dig deep, so to speak, and see if you can remember just the way it felt when you were experiencing the trauma or traumas.

If you feel any kind of pain—physically, mentally, emotionally, or spiritually—set the intention for the pain to release, relax your body, and let it go, just like the deer did.

You could say out loud something like, "This old belief no longer binds me because I know the truth, so I now release the pain that it held within me."

Then let the pain of that trauma release out of your body. (If you do not have any energy to release, then you are done. If you have energy to release but cannot get it to release, usually that happens because you haven't been able to get your heart open enough before you attempt to do the release. You must get BIG in Love first.) You may feel different parts of your body start to shake or move in different ways to let the old energy go. It sometimes feels like electricity is moving through your body, trying to get out. It is okay to make sounds as long as you do not scare any of your neighbors or anyone who may be in hearing distance.

Generally, an energy release will last from twenty seconds to four minutes. Strong traumas might last longer. I have had trauma releases that lasted over twelve minutes.

Once the energy has released, **you can celebrate**. You have understood your first unloving belief, healed the trauma that created the belief, and released all the pain it was holding within you. Wooooooohoooooo! Now spend at least five minutes growing BIG in Love and you have just completed a Stage One.

Note: For some people, applying this material will be relatively straightforward. You'll be able to simply feel into yourself and find your traumas. For others, especially those who have never done any kind of inner work before, these ideas may seem foreign and a little challenging to use. There are several ways you can help yourself:

First – Keep getting bigger daily by adding more new ways of Loving your life.

Second – Find other people who are doing this kind of work and do the work together, either one-on-one or in small groups. You could start or join a Growing Big In Love study group.

Third – You can get professional help. You can contact me or seek the help of a facilitator who understands the Love Healing Process.

Love Reversals

Generally, when you first start doing Stage One on your unloving beliefs, it starts out straightforward, and if you follow the guidelines of the process it will work for you. As you start processing more entrenched unloving beliefs, you will come across Love Reversals. If you find yourself using Voice Activated Integration to look for the original trauma or series of traumas and experience resistance, or it seems like you're going in the wrong direction, congratulate yourself. This means you have more than likely discovered a Love Reversal. Love Reversals do not like to be seen or found. They retain their power over you if you do not know they are there, so when you start looking in their direction, they try to mislead you or hide.

Fortunately, there is a spiritual tool you can make into a Voice Activated Integration tool that can be used to help you bust through the Love Reversal's smoke screen and find what you are looking for. All you do is **say a prayer or set an intention out loud.** You might say something like this: "I am going to discover the truth about this unloving belief, and I am not going to be held back. I will stay here and persist until I have discovered the truth. Please let me see the truth." You say "We" if you are working with your Guides.

Then proceed to find your initial trauma or series of traumas. The Love Reversal just needs to know you mean business, and there is power in saying a prayer or setting an intention that enables you to go directly to the unloving belief you are looking for. When I am working with clients, when we start going deep, I almost always have to proceed this way, and it has worked every time. So, empower yourself and heal those beliefs!

We understand that searching for your initial traumas and series of traumas can become complicated at times. We are going to do everything we can to help you understand the process so that you can do it yourself. As time allows, we will be posting healing sessions on our website at Growingbiginlove.com so that you can have examples of how to proceed. For some, you may be able to acquire my services which are also found on the website. As time allows, we will be training facilitators to understand and use the Love Healing Process so that they can help you when needed.

We can't emphasize enough that learning to Glide and developing a relationship with your Guides or Goddess God Love will help you tremendously in working on your own. As the Growing Big In Love community grows, you may be able to gather with likeminded people and help one another.

Now It's Your Turn – Ready, GO!

Set aside fifteen to thirty minutes to do a session by yourself or with your Guides.

Set an intention to find the initial trauma or series of traumas for the unloving belief you are going to work on.

Get really big in Love and hold it for a couple of minutes. This is how you start and how you will end the healing session.

State out loud, "Please show me where this belief began."

Wait a few moments to see what comes to you.

If you go directly to the initial trauma or series of traumas, let yourself feel the trauma for just a few moments. Let yourself relive it, so to speak, from beginning to end. Then pull yourself out and get really big in Love again.

As soon as you are really big in Love, ask out loud, "Is this belief true?" If you are really big in Love, you will be able to see almost immediately that it is not true.

Spend the rest of your time Grokking why it is not true. Be sure to glean all the wonderful gifts you have learned from the experience. Write them all down.

If you want to change the story, take the time you need to change the story.

If your time is up, then get really big in Love again to end the session.

If you have more time, you can get really big in Love again and then go back to feeling the trauma or the series of traumas.

Let your body feel all the different places you feel pain and then do a release. Just like the deer shakes out the pain of a trauma, just let your body release the pain.

Then get really big in Love, and once you have leveled out in Love for a couple of minutes, you are done.

Congratulations!

You have just completed a Stage One.

Chapter 21 Stage Two

Any old unloving belief will have created many traumas similar to the original trauma throughout your life. We call these additional traumas mini-traumas because each one gave you a similar experience to the original trauma, and each one reinforced the idea that the original belief was true. Remember how many times Jill's belief that she was "unlovable and inherently not enough" surfaced in her life before she was able to understand it wasn't true? Your mini-traumas will not be hard to find because they will all contradict your new truth. It is necessary to **take the time** to go back to each trauma—or at least each **main mini-trauma**—and heal that experience the same way you healed the original trauma: by coming to peace and Grokking it **and/or** by changing the old story and creating a new Loving ending. We say main mini-traumas because after you do these five or six times, it starts feeling redundant, so you'll just go back and look for the key mini-traumas that trigger you. After you find and heal all the main mini-traumas, when you look back into the history of your life, you will not find any mini-trauma that will trigger you.

You'll want to set aside fifteen to thirty minutes to do a healing session. First, go to your healing session place, make yourself comfortable, make sure you'll have privacy, get big in Love, and **set your intention** to find the next trauma that supports the belief you're working on. Then **open yourself** to see, feel, and experience the trauma.

Here are some examples using the same belief as above: "There is never enough money!"

Example One

You flash back to when you were ten years old and you wanted to join the cheerleading squad and it was going to cost \$200 for the uniform and traveling expenses. You knew your Dad wouldn't go for it, so you went to your Mom, pleading your case. Your Mom got a very worried look on her face. She went into the study where your father was paying the bills, and he totally erupted. You heard him throw something hard that exploded against the wall, and your mother came running out of the room, her face white as a ghost. She was shaking her head and looking at you as if to say, "Don't ever ask me to do that again!"

Should you choose to **Grok** this experience, you would almost immediately get a warm feeling of accomplishment, because two days after this happened you told your cheerleading coach about your predicament, and she helped you establish yourself as a babysitter so that you could earn the money you needed. You were so good at the business part! You would babysit three or four children at the same time, earning three or four times what you'd get if you only babysat one child. And babysitting three or four children was easier than one, because they all played together. So, the hardship that your father created actually helped you find and develop a strength you had within you. In this way, you would become grateful for the trauma, and when you felt into the trauma with your new truth, you would feel Love, contentment, and proof that there is always plenty of money. **Yeaaaah!**

In this case, you probably would not choose to **change** the trauma because of the wonderful chain of events that happened afterwards and how much reward came from the experience.

Example Two

You remember a day in your early twenties when you had been living for a year and a half with your boyfriend James (which is also your father's name). You received an eviction notice from your landlord because you were two months behind on rent. The ache in your stomach you'd had for the past six months started to burn and you started to feel nauseous. You had given your half of the rent to James for both months, and he'd told you that he'd paid the rent, but now you know he didn't. So, you called James at work and read him the eviction notice, and he yelled back at you, "I'm sorry! I just don't have enough money! I never have enough money!" You said, "But James, you make more than I do; where are you spending all your money? And how could you lie to me?" and you slammed the phone down because you knew what he was going to say, and you didn't want to hear it again. Your stomach was burning so bad! You knew he was spending his money on alcohol, but he wouldn't tell you that. Instead he'd say, "I just don't make enough money!"

To **Grok** this one from your understanding of Love Reversals, you would see that you had been living with a younger version of your father, almost a duplicate. You were attracted to him partly because you were comfortable with the fear of not having enough money that you experienced with your father. Fortunately, the experience of being evicted was so painful that you chose to leave James and move out on your own. This became a blessing, because when you were looking for another place to live, you found a house that had been a daycare center. As soon as you saw it, peace came into that burning place in your stomach. It reminded you of how you had Loved taking care of children when you were younger, so you decided to rent it and start a new daycare business. You did quite well for yourself and your clients. Once again, this business brings peace and contentment to the old trauma and shows you that you always have plenty of money!

To **change** this trauma, you would start with the truth that "There is always plenty of money!" You might visualize yourself going back to the time when you met James, only this time you would see by his mannerisms that he had similar traits to your Dad, so you would choose not to get into a relationship with him. Instead, you would find a beautiful man or woman who emanated abundance, a man or woman who carried him or herself with ease and confidence about money. And you would fall in Love with that person and move in with him/her, and when you saw that old daycare center, instead of renting it, the two of you would buy it and create a smashing business together. After you heal each mini-trauma, it is important to do a release. After the healing, revisit the mini-trauma and feel if there is any pain in any of your bodies. If so, relax and let the pain and energy move out of your bodies.

After you do your release for whatever unloving belief you're working on, continue looking for similar mini-traumas throughout your life until you've found and healed them all. If there are more than four or five, then healing every trauma may not be necessary because healing them becomes the same each time. You only need to heal the main mini-traumas that **trigger** you. If you come to a trauma and it no longer triggers you, then move to the next one.

Remember to check yourself, to feel into the old traumas after you've done the work and released any pain, and make sure you feel great! Those old experiences should no longer trigger you by revisiting them after you have Grokked them or changed them and released the pain. Make sure you write down all of the gifts and strengths you have gleaned from all of the experiences. This is most important. Writing them down has a way of making them more real. Look at all the work you have done on yourself and how the universe is supporting you by helping you grow in Love and integrity. Once all the mini-traumas are healed—and you will know because you will no longer be triggered by the old belief anywhere in your past—then Stage Two is complete for that belief.

Congratulations! You have just completed a Stage Two.

Chapter 22 Stage Three

If you haven't read Chapter 6, Loving Sounds, and Chapter 7, Loving Questions, you might want to read them before continuing.

Your old belief has created patterns of acting and reacting habits in your present-day life that you will want to change. This part of the process can be kind of fun because those old patterns do not have the power they used to have. The belief is not there to back them up anymore. You now know the truth. All the mini-traumas that used to empower the beliefs are healed. They have been changed or Grokked, completely understood, and the pain held in your bodies from the old belief has been released. Now you're ready to change those old habits.

We'll continue to work with the belief: "There is never enough money!"

First, take some time to study and feel into the old belief. In what areas of your life does this old belief still affect you? Where do you feel fear about money? When you're paying bills? When you're spending money in other ways? When you're making money? Are there any other places?

For now, we'll start with paying the bills. See yourself paying bills. Or actually sit down and pay some bills and notice what starts happening in your body. Does your body start to get tight or feel stressed anywhere? What thoughts are coming to you? Do your thoughts change? Are you starting to feel fear? Are your thoughts following the feeling and supporting the old belief and fear?

Generally, when you have a belief this old, one that has been creating traumas since childhood, as **soon as you even think about paying the bills**, your body will immediately produce fear reactions in whatever way they manifest for you. The feeling of fear will be immediately obvious to you because now the old feeling contradicts **your new truth.** (Before it just fed your old belief, "proving" to you that the old belief was true.)

Your body's pattern of immediately going into the fear of not having enough money every time you think of paying bills may be very strong. You will need to be mindful to change this pattern. You will need to **learn how to pay your bills with enjoyment**, **basking in your abundance**, and **being grateful for your abundance**. This is a process very much like what Jake went through in Chapter 6, Loving Sounds.

You can use a Loving Sound or mantra to help yourself change these kinds of patterns. You could even use your new truth, "I always have plenty of money!" as your mantra, or even pump it up, "I love paying my bills! Paying my bills totally ROCKS!"

Or **you might want to use Loving Questions**. You could ask yourself questions like, "I wonder how many people are going to benefit from me paying my Gas and Electric bill? How would I have ever lived without my phone? OMGODDESS What will I buy next after I pay off this credit card bill? Life is fun!"

To heal this habit, every time you sit down to pay your bills set an intention to create a new Loving habit of Loving to pay your bills. Start using your mantra before you even sit down, and keep it going the entire time: "I Love paying my bills! Paying my bills ROCKS!" Or start asking questions before you sit down to pay the bills: "I wonder what bills I get to pay today?" The object is to keep your mind busy on new healthy habits that empower you to be the very abundant Goddess God you are.

There are other tools you could use as well. You could use Gliding or Shining. You could get really big in Love and feel the Goddess God you are before you start to pay the bills and see how long you can keep the feeling going.

It's important to take time with each habit you are healing to discover what Loving Tools will work to change the old habit.

In the beginning you'll still feel the fear coming up as you open those bills and write those checks, but if you don't feed those old fears with fearful thoughts, they will eventually subside. This is why you are continually repeating your mantra, asking questions, Shining, or being a Goddess God, to keep from feeding the fear with fearful thoughts. The mantra takes up space in your mind, making it possible not to feed the fear. The questions engage your Inner Conscious on another mission. Shining just makes you feel ecstatic. And feeling like the Goddess God you are empowers you with Love. Each time you successfully pay the bills without reacting to your old fear, you'll get stronger, and you'll soon see the results of feeling good about paying your bills. **I Love paying my bills.**

Repeat this process whenever fear of lack manifests in your life (i.e. when you spend money, when you're at work, and any other times). Once you can do all these things without fear, you **will** have successfully healed and changed the belief and its corresponding habits of "There is never enough money!" And now your new truth "There is always enough money!" is what you are left with. From now on, you'll **know** you will always have plenty of money, **always**! That is a very big deal!

Congratulations! You have just completed a Stage Three.

This process may seem like a lot to learn and do, and you may wonder whether it's worth it. But can you imagine what your life is going to be like without these fears holding you back from Loving?

Even if it takes ten years to heal all your unloving beliefs, imagine what it will be like to live without fear, without hatred, without anger, without sadness, hurt, feeling sorry for yourself, or depression. Imagine living fully in Love.

Do you know what you get when there is no more fear to heal? You will Live In The Power Of Love. You will be a Loving Manifestor. I can tell you that every moment you spend on this quest to heal will be the most rewarding work you have ever done.

Each time you heal any unloving belief or trauma, you'll become stronger, more Lovingly intelligent, and more beautiful. You'll also make it so much easier for people around the world to do it, like Roger Banister running the first four-minute mile!

When you have healed all there is to heal in your lineage, the outcome will be more glorious than you have ever imagined!

Summary of the Love Healing Process

First Day: Set fifteen to thirty minutes aside to do a session. Decide which unloving belief you want to heal. Get really big in Love and set the intention to discover the initial trauma or the series of traumas where the belief started. Say the intention out loud and wait for your body to react. As soon as the trauma comes to you, allow yourself to relive it completely. As soon as it is over, pull yourself out and get really big in Love. As you are looking into your mirror with your big smile, ask yourself if the belief is true. Once you realize it is not true, write down your truth. Now, take the time to Grok your new truth. Take the time you need to discover how it is not true and what gifts you have gleaned from the experience. Or, take the time you need to change the story to a Loving version of the experience. If your session time is up, end the session by getting even bigger in Love and go celebrate that you have discovered a new truth. If you have more time, you can release the pain that the old belief was holding within you. Congratulations, you have completed Stage One.

Second Day: Set fifteen to thirty minutes aside to do a session for Stage Two. Set an intention to discover the first mini-trauma you want to work on, then get really big in Love and state your intention out loud. Then follow the same process for healing the initial trauma. Either Grok the experience, change it, or both, then release the energy held by the old belief. Move onto the next mini-trauma.

Third and Fourth Days: It could take three or four days to go through all the mini traumas created by one belief. As we said, you only have to heal any mini-traumas that trigger you. You will know you are finished with Stage Two when you can no longer find any minitraumas to trigger you.

Stage Three: You will need to spend some time thinking about how to most effectively heal the old habits created by the old beliefs. You can use Loving Sounds, Loving Questions, Gliding, empowering yourself to feel the Goddess God within you and see how long you can hold that feeling, Shining, or possibly even Lovingly journaling as tools to aid you in healing the old habit. Once you figure out how to proceed, try to spend time each day on healing the old habit until you master it. Once mastered, you are free of the old belief forever. Congratulations!

Chapter 23 Core Beliefs

It is important for us to talk about the strength of beliefs. Though it is not possible for us to measure how strong a belief is, we can notice how much impact it has on our lives. In different parts of this book we have mentioned that there are some beliefs that are stronger than instinct. This is true, but again, they are impossible to measure. So, it is important for you to start working with whatever beliefs you have. If you did the work of Chapter 18, How to Uncover Your Beliefs, you should have a list of at least six to ten unloving beliefs to work with. Pick one to work with. After you successfully work through all three Stages on that belief, you will see results. You will know that the process is working for you.

In working the system, which we Lovingly refer to as **Processing**, at some point you will become aware of the beliefs underneath your beliefs. For example, a woman finds the belief "I never have enough money!" She goes through Stages One, Two and Three and heals the belief and habits completely. Then through more introspection, she discovers that underneath the fear of "not having enough money" is a fear that she doesn't trust the system, she doesn't understand why she has to work so hard to make money, or even why she has to work at all. These types of fears and beliefs are what we call Core Beliefs. Core Beliefs have to do with issues including survival, good and evil, creation and existence, and religion.

On Earth, humans have so many ideas of what Goddess God is and what Goddess God is not that there is tremendous confusion around the whole subject. A great deal of the confusion lifts when you replace the word "Goddess God" with "Love." Then it becomes much easier to understand our reality. For instance, in a world of Love there can be no Devil or Evil. Those concepts are simply **misguided beliefs and perceptions**. Anyone who appears to be doing something that would be considered evil is just reacting to what they have been taught or what they have discovered for themselves through the mire of their unloving beliefs and Love Reversals over the course of their lifetime. In fact, their minds are so filled with Love Reversals that there can be times that they don't know what they're doing. If you were in their shoes and had come from their background, you would act as they do.

So then the question comes to mind, "Why? Why are we immersed in a world of innocent ignorance?" For a likely answer, let's look at the end product of the Love Healing Process: If you continue to grow in Love, and if you continue to heal your unloving beliefs and the habits those beliefs created, and if you continue to heal each and every Love Reversal that you've ever experienced, and if you release all the pain your bodies have been holding, what you end up with is a human being who is wise beyond measure, who is powerful in themselves, who knows only Love. This person eats Love, breathes Love, is Love. In her or his wake, a lineage has been healed for good. No being will ever have to walk that path again because that path is **KNOWN**. It has been completely understood. It is **DONE**! And then, just as in the story of Roger Banister, that person's accomplishments make it easier for millions of people to achieve the same results in their own lineages. It will become more and more exciting for everyone to heal. No one will be left behind. All of us will heal. It will all be done by Goddess God helping Goddess God—you and I helping each other!

Life on Earth has been perilous so that we as a whole have the opportunity to learn to choose Love no matter what our experiences are. Each and every one of us has chosen to come here to help with the healing of all the pain. It is all for Love. No one was forced to come here. All of us have chosen to help!

You may need to get very big in Love to Grok this.

If you have a Core Belief like "This place is Hell" or "Goddess God always betrays me" or "No matter what I do, Goddess God holds me back," your bodies will give you experiences to confirm your beliefs. Up until now, your experience has proved to you that the belief is true. If you want to heal it, you will have to get bigger in Love in order to see it is not true.

Remember the experience I had with the anguish of animals eating animals? I was hating Goddess God, loathing Goddess God. I was so angry and hurt that I wanted to leave the planet and was planning to do so. I wanted to disappear, to not exist. That's how much I hated this world and what I thought was going on here. But through the direction of John Hoyle, I was able to get bigger in Love by opening to a new and different Loving perception. When I was able to see the Love, feel the Love in the bite of a lion, in the surrender of a gazelle, it changed my life forever. Since that experience, I have learned to trust Love. I have healed all my unloving Core Beliefs. I have healed almost all my Love Reversals too, and my life is amazing! If I am confronted with anything that I don't understand, any experience that appears unloving, any feeling that feels unloving, when I can gain some privacy and time to process, I open myself to feel the pain so that I can discover what belief is causing it, and then I do the work of healing that belief.

When you trust Love, you can easily see that any belief you have that Goddess God or Life is anything but love, those beliefs are causing you pain and holding you back from being who you are.

You could make your journey here on Earth into an extraordinary mission by choosing to heal all the fear, anger, hatred, and loneliness within you. If you do, you will want to explore every part of yourself, your heart, your mind, and your past, to resolve any and all misunderstandings, and in so doing, become free to **Love Deeply.**

Chapter 24 Love Reversals

Everything you have read up to now has been designed to help you become powerful enough to heal Love Reversals. Since we have so many Love Reversals within us, a vast amount of the pain we experience on a daily basis is not consciously felt. The pain is definitely happening, we just do not notice it. This is why when we get older, we suddenly find that we have stage three cancer, or we find ourselves having a heart attack or an aneurism. Most diseases are caused by acting and reacting in the unloving ways that we do all the time.

Love Reversals are the most powerful unloving condition known to humankind. They are behind every argument, every fight, and every war. They are the cause of people reacting to each other with anger, hatred, and rage. They cause people to commit acts of revenge, torture, and rape. They are so powerful they distort our views of the world and are the underlying cause of obsession. Let us give you some examples so that we're all on the same page with this.

Before you read what comes next, I want to tell you that my heart goes out to any of you who find yourselves being one of the people that have these Love Reversals within you. I had some version of each of them myself, and it is through learning how to heal them that I am able to help others do the same. So, if you find you are one of them, please know that you are here to help heal the particular type of lineage you have been born into. If you do not like what you find within you, or if you have any Love Reversal that is making you feel justified in hurting other people, once you understand that you have it, then you can also empower yourself to have the strength to change it. The Love and strength are within you.

Love Reversals can cause you to:

Get angry at someone you Love and then argue with, yell at, or hit her him.

A Love Reversal can make you feel justified about feeling anger, sometimes even rage, towards someone you Love. If you don't know the Love Reversal is there, it would be rare if you were able to stop it. Something they say or do will trigger the belief behind the Love Reversal and you'll find yourself feeling justified about arguing, yelling, or even hitting the person in anger or rage. If you Love the person, after it's over, you will feel terrible. You'll feel pain in your body and guilt in your heart. If you do this to a person you do not have Love for, you may not feel guilt. In fact, the justification you feel will make you feel like the person deserved whatever you have done to them. (Arguing about anything with anyone is an unloving act and causes pain.) In most situations like this you feel compelled to do what you think is right for you in the moment, no matter how unloving it is.

If you learn how to become big in Love, you can learn to heal your anger and rage so that you will never want to argue with anyone ever again, and you'll get to where you would never even think of hitting or beating anyone. You will come to understand that if you start to feel justified about anything, you are about to make a decision to hurt someone, somehow. If you follow through and cause someone pain, you are the one who will pay most for your actions, especially when you move through anger or rage, there will be lots of pain you have to experience. It is the consequence of using your energy to move away from Love. It is the way of Karma.

Get angry at your own child and then argue with, yell at, or hit him her.

If a child is raised in a family in which he or she is yelled at, hit, and beaten every day for years on end, it is not unusual for the child to become a parent who treats their children the same way. In many cases, even if the adult child has gained the intelligence to know it is wrong, that s/he is hurting her/himself and her/his children, the feelings of being justified are so strong, s/he will find it almost impossible to stop her/himself from abusing her/his children. Instead, s/he will feel so justified that s/he is right that s/he will be **compelled** to use harsh measures to make her/his children **behave**. The consequence of arguing, yelling, hitting, or beating a child is much worse than hitting an adult. It will cause the parent to have to experience an incredible amount of pain that last for a long time. (Here again, if you find yourself arguing, yelling at, or hitting your child or children, please seek professional help while you learn to work on yourself.).

If you learn how to become big in Love, you will be able to heal your anger and rage and you can learn how to parent your children through Love and friendship. This means you will never need to discipline your children, just Lovingly guide them, play with, and enjoy them.

Live with someone who does not Love you.

This is a widespread epidemic across the planet: people in supposedly Loving relationships in which there is very little or no Love. You feel **compelled** to stay in the relationship because for some reason you **think it is the right thing to do**. For instance, weeks, months, or years ago, you may have promised to stay together no matter what, and you're sticking to it! (You promised, "Until death do you part," and neither one of you has died yet.) Or you are afraid to be by yourself or on your own; maybe you're afraid you won't be able to support yourself. Or your mate contracted a long-term disease, and you feel guilty for leaving her/him. Or you're afraid your children will suffer from a broken marriage. Or your religion demands that marriage is for life.

If you learn how to become big in Love, you will develop so much Love, awareness, and strength that you will develop the

strength of mind to know when it is healthy for you to stay in a relationship and grow it stronger or to leave a relationship.

Eat things that will hurt you.

Your body is your temple for Loving action. What and how much of what you put into your body has a lot to do with how good an experience you have, day to day. Most people instinctively know this, and yet Love Reversals around eating are so powerful that they make people obsess over all kinds of strange eating habits and make it very difficult to know what the right kind of food for their body is or how much of it to eat.

If you learn how to become big in Love, you will be able to heal the unloving beliefs you have around food and to develop your willpower so that it is so strong, you will be able to choose healthy food over your old habits until it becomes natural and easy to just eat the healthy food. If you are ambitious about learning to eat healthy food, you will come to discover that there are a lot of different kinds of healthy food and you can learn how to prepare them well.

Abuse alcohol and drugs.

Many people take drugs because it makes them **feel something,** depending on the characteristics of the drug. Alcohol gives you "liquid courage;" pot makes you feel, think, relax, and laugh depending on what kind of pot; speed gives you energy; downers make you relaxed. Some people use drugs to feel things. Others use drugs to numb out or to feel soothed. From what I have seen, people who have had abusive childhoods have more of a tendency to abuse drugs because they have so many Love Reversals that they are numb to the experience of life. Drugs enable them to feel something! The drugs give them relief from the pain and from being numb. So it's easy to see why someone would take drugs all the time or take excessive amounts of drugs. They are **compelled** to do anything that would just make them feel better! If you learn how to become big in Love, to become powerful in Love, your body will become stronger and more sensitive. You can gain the strength you need to heal addiction.

As you can see from this very small and incomplete list of Love Reversals, our lives are filled with pain in so many ways that we are not aware of, in ways that we are numb to. We are actually compelled to create pain for ourselves and others through our ignorance of the existence and operation of Love Reversals.

Love Reversals Can Be Stronger Than Instinct

So, let's look a little closer at the metaphysics of how Love Reversals are created.

If you're ten years old and you're raised in a Loving family and you get slapped hard across the face for the first time in your life by a parent or someone you have trusted who grew with you in that family, the shock and the pain is something you will never ever forget! This kind of trauma could be considered short-term trauma. But if you're two years old and you get slapped across the face day after day after day for years, your mental, emotional, and spiritual bodies spend so much time in shock that you become numb to your life. We can call this elongated trauma. Remember how there are deeper levels of trauma in the Active Defense (Chapter 15, What Is Trauma)? When your bodies experience repeated intense trauma, you are numb from the shock for long periods of time. Elongated trauma affects all four of your bodies significantly. After months of this kind of abuse, the pain will feel normal to you, it won't affect you the way a single slap in the face does. You'll still feel the pain every time, just like the ten-yearold, but you're numb to it. Elongated trauma is what causes Love **Reversals.**

The state of the parent or person's heart who is slapping you has a lot to do with the type of Love Reversal you develop.

 If you parent is hateful, your Love Reversal will be one of feeling numb to being hated.

- If your parent is angry or in a rage, your Love Reversal will result in feeling numb to feeling anger or rage energy.
- If your parent is controlling and engages in behavior that makes you fear them, then you will feel numb to feeling terrified in relationship.

When you leave home, you will undoubtedly seek out other people who treat you in ways similar to how your parent(s) treated you. You will find mates who abuse you, hate you, rage on you, control you, or make you afraid of them. You will do this because you feel numb to their behaviors on an Inner Conscious level where your Love Reversals live and you are comfortable with that.

Additionally, you will find if you have children, that you could have the horrible urge to hit your children the same way you were hit because you were abused. There are some people who, no matter how hard they try, can't stop themselves from hitting their children until they become bigger and stronger than the Love Reversal. The flip side of this is that there are parents who, instead of hitting their children, in an attempt to not hit them, do not discipline their children at all. When they get triggered by their children, their conditioned response is to hit them, and in order to not hit, they become numb in their minds. They find it very difficult to think coherently, and often choose not to do anything. (They just want the problem to go away!) The results of this kind of parenting can be very challenging to deal with, as the children often act out of control because they have no healthy boundaries for what is Loving and what is not.

The intensity of the elongated trauma will also have a strong bearing on how strong your Love Reversals are. In the example above, the harder the slaps are, the more numbing happens to all four bodies. The duration of the abuse is a factor as well.

In Chapter 15, What Is Trauma? Dr. Peter Levine's Work, you may recall that Bonnie's symptoms did not emerge full-blown until twelve to eighteen months after the traumatic experience. We would like to introduce the idea that when people who have experienced a radical trauma do not experience the physical playing-out of the trauma for six weeks, six months, a year, or more, it is due to how powerful their Love Reversals are. We assert that the longer it takes for the symptoms to emerge, the stronger the Love Reversals are.

As we stated before, a Love Reversal can become stronger than instinct. If you're a child and one of your parents is coming to slap you, usually you know it is coming. What is your instinctual response at that moment—to run, to fight, to freeze, or to fold? As an abused child you may not be able to do any of those things. You might try to do any or all of them, but experience will show you that you rarely can do anything. If you do, the consequence you may end up experiencing will be even greater abuse. That means that the pain of the abuse you are receiving becomes stronger than your instinct, and the shock you are forced to experience is stronger than your instinct. Thus, children who live in abusive environments are generally in a constant state of heightened arousal. Their little bodies are continually poised for fight or flight. They never get to relax! They are never able to play. They go to sleep in shock and terror and shortly after they wake up, their little bodies enter the state of hyperarousal and reactivity, because they know the pain is coming any minute. Is it any wonder that people raised in these environments cannot remember their childhoods? For some, they were numbed out their entire childhood!

So this is what we mean when we say that some Love Reversals are stronger than instinct!

The more intense the Love Reversal, the harder it is to feel it or see it, because the mental, emotional, physical, and spiritual bodies have been so thoroughly numbed. The more intense the Love Reversal, the harder it is to heal. The **only way to heal Love Reversals** is with **Love**, **BIG Love**. You'll want to achieve high levels of Gliding and Shine throughout parts of your day. Then do Stages One, Two, and Three on each of the beliefs that created the Love Reversal. In order to heal Stage Three, the habits, a person will need **to use Gliding to heal** the moment-to-moment terror, hatred, or rage, with moment-tomoment Love.

Now we would like to give you three more scenarios, each one a variation on this basic situation, to help you understand how powerful Love Reversals can be and to show you what to look for when you are trying to find them in yourself:

Love Reversal Scenario 1

Your Mom is very controlling. She has certain standards that she demands you comply with from the age of two. She is stern and regimenting. If you do as she asks, everything runs smoothly. If you step out of line, she comes down on you hard with her voice. Her heart is open and closed at random. If you disobey, it closes tight. When her heart is open, you feel her Love and enjoy the feeling of her, but you never know when it's going to close. Your father is submissive. He's weak-minded and does pretty much anything your mother wants him to do.

You were born with a lot of fear in you, and it makes you shy and meek. You totally relate to your father and feel close to him because he feels the way you feel. You learn how to keep your Mom from erupting by watching and imitating your Dad.

Family life is not bad because you and your Dad are buddies and you play by Mom's rules and rarely tick her off. As you become older, you find it hard to function outside of your mother's world because the world outside doesn't seem to play by the same rules, and you don't know how to think for yourself. The way she raised you, she did all the thinking for you.

As an adult you discover that you have a Love Reversal that makes you constantly afraid, to such a degree that it would never occur to you that you could have a life without fear. You find it difficult to be social because you only feel comfortable when you're being controlled, and most controlling people are abusive and mean. If you ever lost your father you would be beyond devastated because he is the only person who understands you.

Love Reversal Scenario 2

You were born with a part of your heart open all the time. When your mother's heart is open, this is great because you can feel her Love strongly. But when her heart is closed it hurts you. Since your heart is always open, you have an inner knowledge about what is right and wrong. You sense that your Mother is not right when she's trying to control you into acting and being certain ways. This confuses you. You see your father acting submissive with his heart closed most of the time, and that hurts you too. It doesn't feel right. When you try to be the way you naturally are, often it doesn't fit with your mother's rules. She comes down on you hard, and that hurts really badly. You learn to become defiant just so you can feel the way you want to feel, but the more you try, the meaner your mother gets. Your father is forever telling you, "If you would just do what she tells you, everything would be fine!" and you know that he's lying. Everything is not fine! Everything is really messed up!

As you get older, things get to the point where your mother's heart is never open to you because she can't get you to comply with her demands and she outwardly hates you for being a bad child. She tries to make you feel guilty and ashamed for being defiant. She's on you all the time, she never lets up, and it feels like she's trying to break you.

As an adult, you find that you have a Love Reversal that makes you feel comfortable with people who abuse you, mostly people who inwardly hate you. However, that part generally doesn't show up until you know them for a while and the newness of the relationship wears off. The abuse starts off subtle and gradually gets worse and worse, a perfect blueprint of the relationship with your mother.

Love Reversal Scenario 3

You are born a controller. From birth, you mirror the state of your Mom's heart. Starting in the hospital, your Mom deduces that you don't like her because every time she holds you, you scream until someone else takes you and then you calm down. She doesn't realize that it's her closed heart that's making you cry, so she develops the belief that you don't like her. This doesn't fit with her idea of a happy family and it puts her into inner turmoil. You mirror her inner turmoil by screaming nonstop for hours and hours at a time, for days on end. Your Mom tries to get your Father to take care of you, but his heart is closed, too, and they both become miserable.

By the time you're two you've been put on drugs to calm you down, and you live in a kind of drugged haze. You have more energy than both your parents together, so it takes a lot of drugs to keep you manageable. As you grow older, you have learning disorders because you can't think clearly, so you get put in special classes, but somehow you pull through.

By the time you're a teenager, you've arranged your life so that you have very little contact with your parents. You start weaning yourself off the drugs and discover that you actually do have a brain it's just that it was put on hold for most of your life. But then not a day goes by without something weird happening. You have a Love Reversal that makes you feel comfortable being in total chaos! You almost crave it, which is how your mother's incessant control made you feel. It makes it really difficult to live day to day!

As a young adult, you turn to drugs and alcohol because you are used to feeling them in your system and it numbs the chaos around you. It is hard to hold down a job because it feels like you never have any support, and something always happens to sabotage your work.

In Love Reversal Scenario 3, can you see that the stronger the mother is, the worse the abuse is to the child? Some parents in scenarios like this one resort to torture to exert control over the child. Things like locking them in their rooms, closets, or basements, sometimes with no food or light or warmth, making them stand in the corner for hours, spanking them, slapping them, or making them hit themselves. Can you see why people raised like this would hurt other people, end up in jail, or commit suicide?

Imagine what it's like for a child brought up in a caustic environment. When a child is subjected to daily abuse, their bodies are in the Arrest state all the time, continually poised for flight except most children in these situations have nowhere to run to. (Remember that in the Arrest state the senses become magnified, the heart rate speeds up, and the muscles tense, ready for action.) When the abuse happens every day, the instinct is still to Fight, Run, Freeze, or Fold, but the spiritual, emotional, physical, and mental bodies are numb from being in a constant state of shock.

When a child continually lives in a state of Arrest, they are living in a state of terror. The state of arrest is not just fear but "I'm afraid for my life!" It's a closed-heart state, closed from fear that keeps the body tense and the mind alert for the tiniest sound or movement, moment by moment. Elongated trauma, in which the child is in a continuously traumatized state day after day, creates exhausting pain. The child never feels safe and can never relax. This becomes a Love Reversal just by itself. When the child grows older, they find themselves in situations that are taxing, stressful, and painful, and they can't figure out why life is so hard!

If you have very deep pain like this to heal and you spend a few years healing beliefs and habits that you can identify, you will naturally move to healing deeper pain within you. Healing the Love Reversals is a matter of healing the beliefs that create the Love Reversals, one at a time. You use Stage One and Two to do that.

Healing the habits of these Love Reversals may pose some of the biggest challenges of your life and also the most rewarding. Some Love Reversals become so embedded and have so many beliefs attached to them that they will create what we will call a Love Reversal Loop. In this case, the habit is so embedded that it is with you all the time and affects almost every part of your life. Again, the only way to heal a Love Reversal this powerful is to use Gliding and Shining (after you have done the work of Stage One and Two). When you are feeling the hatred, terror, horror, or rage deep within you, which can be triggered by almost anything, learning to become bigger in Love through Loving Meditation, Gliding, and Shining are your best options.

These extremely abusive family lineages are where most of the chaos on our planet is coming from. People get so used to being abused and so numb to the abuse that they cannot feel when they're hurting or when they're hurting other people.

If you've ever had a Love Reversal that made you do something harmful to yourself or to someone else, even when you knew it was wrong, then hopefully you can find it in yourself to **not** judge other people when you see them doing something horrible. You can learn to forgive yourself if you happen to be one of them. Send them prayers of Love and kindness and see them surrounded by Love. Do what you must do to keep yourself and others safe, but also pray for those who you see acting out of pain. Send them Love.

We're giving you these explanations and examples to give you a sense of what to look for when you search your past to determine what your Love Reversals are. Once you find them in yourself, that's half the battle to healing them. When you get to the point where you can consciously watch yourself living out a Love Reversal, you can **use that experience** as motivation to become more Loving so that you will no longer be controlled by your Love Reversals.

Your Love Reversals are not your parents' fault. Their Love Reversals are not their parents' fault. All the lineages ALL over this planet (and there are millions of them) have been created simply from the human race being immersed in this world, innocently ignorant, **so that every kind of pain possible could be fully experienced.** At this point the ignorance has played itself out almost completely, which means there's nothing else left for us to experience, **except healing**.

And now, we engage into the process of healing it!

ALL of it!

The Love Reversals above are radical. There have been a few stories throughout this book that are not so radical. The story of Jake in Chapter 6, Loving Sounds, and Beliefs 1 and 2 in Chapter 16, Understanding The Nature of Belief, are good examples. Here is one more:

Eva

Eva's dad left when she was one and a half, so she received very little attention from him and none that she could remember. She also received little attention from her mom because her mom worked day and night. Eva was mostly raised by babysitters, but she couldn't remember having a good relationship with any of them. As such, she grew up feeling that she wasn't important to anyone. This kind of treatment creates a debilitating, elongated trauma. It's important for all children to be Loved, hugged, held, listened too, seen, adored, and played with. To not get any Love, ever, is a slow and agonizing trauma!

So, at 24, Eva came to me for help because she noticed a troubling behavioral pattern in intimate relationships. Eva would withdraw and want to run away as soon as her boyfriend started to pay attention to her or if she began to feel any feelings of Love. Feelings of Love were so uncomfortable that she was unable to relate to her boyfriend in a natural, Loving way. She would actually freak out! This was confusing for her because she wanted to Love and be Loved, but she couldn't figure out what was wrong with her.

After a session, we helped Eva discover a Love Reversal that made her feel comfortable "being nothing" and it was keeping her from experiencing intimacy. We prescribed some processes to help her overcome these old beliefs and habits and gave her plenty of homework, which was to read the Engage Love book (my previous book), cover to cover, and then apply the teachings. After a few months of applying the Love Tools and using parts of the Love Healing Process, Eva found she was able to feel Love and to remain happy most of the time. She said that when times get challenging, she still has peace in her heart that everything will work out. Eva's story illustrates a powerful concept. A few years after I worked with Eva, I had my own experience with the feeling of nothingness, which I experienced as numbness.

It has taken me sixty years to discover the numbness. It may be called by many names: the nothingness, the other side, the darkness, the shadow, etc. This feeling is the result of what happens when a person, be it a child, teen, young adult, adult, or old person, experiences living in a space in which there is no Love for long periods of time. We are conceived in Love out of the bosom of Goddess God, so to speak. We are Love manifest. When we are forced into or purposely put ourselves into environments where there is no Love, it hurts us. When a child is born into a family where everyone around the child has their hearts closed all the time, or when we consensually put ourselves into situations where there is no Love thinking that for some reason we need to do this to get Love, our mind and bodies find the lack of Love to be torture. However subtle or brash or loud or abusive the space we are in, it hurts us when we are not in Love, being Loved, and feeling Loved.

Because of the nature of Love Reversals, we grow accustomed to this torture of being in and around **no Love**, and our bodies become **numb** from the stress of it. Because of this, we actually become almost comfortable with it; it feels normal. The numbness, even though it is a byproduct of experiencing no Love, becomes a thing in and of itself. I have found it to be the subtlest of all Love Reversals, which is why it took me so long to discover it. Regardless of its subtlety, it causes more havoc and pain than almost any other experience because it holds us back from being sensitive to Love and to the wonders and beauty of Goddess God all around us and within us. We literally pass through and around so many wonders of Goddess God Love moment by moment without feeling them, that sometimes it makes us feel like we are the walking dead, like life has no purpose, no meaning, that this world is cruel, abusive, and abrasive. Constantly living in or with this numbness makes us feel so small, powerless, and unimportant. It makes it almost impossible to see or be aware of the big picture of Love that is all around us all the time. Sprouting out of this numbness-consciousness, we see the result in the plethora of religions, philosophies, and beliefs of people trying to figure out where Goddess God is. Since we are numb to the feelings of Goddess God, Goddess God must be outside of us. This is what most religions teach. Since we are numb to the feelings of Goddess God, we must be doing something wrong when we focus on sex, or money, or power. This is what Eastern philosophies teach. Once you start growing in Love, you will naturally start feeling the Goddess God within you and all around you, healing the numbness.

Now that I know of the presence of the numbness, I am healing it. I am learning to become sensitive to all the areas in my life that I have not been able to feel, and it is glorious. Each new sensitivity adds new dimensions into my life.

You can begin the process by learning to become aware of your Love Reversals. You can **use your intellect** to look for things you do that are **not Loving**. They will feel normal, but you can **see** that they are not Loving. That's how you find them in the beginning.

The stories we shared with you, and your own stories, can help you look back over your life and recall how you were treated as a child and see how that treatment resulted in your Love Reversals. As you grow bigger and wiser, you'll develop an amazing ability to be aware of the state of your heart. As you become more aware, you gain the ability to feel when you've done something unloving, even though initially it may have felt right or normal.

Now that you have all these scenarios fresh in your mind, you might want to spend twenty or thirty minutes reflecting on your childhood to see what kind of Love Reversals you can find within yourself. It helps if you can go back and watch how your parents acted and reacted to you (and your brothers and sisters if you have any). You can bet that if you saw your parents acting and reacting in certain ways, you will have the tendency to act and react in the same ways. Were your parents happy or sad, bored or mad? Were your parents full of life or scorn? Did they build you up, tear you down, support you, or leave you for dead? Whatever it was, remember the hard, mean, unloving things, if there were those things, are not their fault. These are the gifts they passed on to you to heal. If you choose to heal, the traumas will become the source of some of your greatest blessings and gifts. They will make you into a strong, integrous honorable, beautiful soul!

Grow BIG in LOVE and Be the Change You Want to See in the World. Jai-ma!

Chapter 25 Journaling and the Spiral

Everything that you have read up to this point is intended to get you started on the beginning and intermediate stages of growing in Love and healing the unloving beliefs that keep you from feeling the Love that is yours to feel and experience. What follows next is for those of you who embrace all these practices whole-heartedly, so much so that processing becomes a natural part of your days and weeks. You have mastered all the Love Tools and you are actively communicating with your Guides and using Sensate as part of your communications. You are spending two to three hours a week actively working on healing your unloving beliefs and habits.

Once you have the experience of healing five or six unloving beliefs, it may become very helpful for you to start a Processing Journal. We recommend you do this on your computer because the ease of organizing and moving information around can be very helpful. After you have been growing in Love and healing for six months to a year, your body will start growing so sensitive that if you spend time looking into your young childhood, you might be able to remember things you could not remember before.

There are several ways that your journal can help you. It will be helpful for you to organize your journal by subjects that mean a lot to you. Subjects like relationships, finance, work, sex, driving, food, etc.

You will find you have unloving beliefs in most of the areas of your life that are important to you. Keep a written account on what work you do in each of these areas and it will save you time and energy. As your journal grows it will be helpful to go back and read how far you have come, especially when you find yourself getting triggered by something you thought you already healed. After reading your journal, you will probably find that you healed what you thought you did, and your present work is going deeper, or is in combination with another unloving belief or Love Reversal. When you get close to healing all that you have to heal, your journal will be a testimony to the work you have done.

The Spiral

There are two ways to utilize the Spiral to help you graph beliefs you may not have found yet. Set aside time to do both methods. Using these methods is a way to proactively take charge of your healing process instead of waiting to discover what you haven't found yet.

For the first one, start a different section in your journal and begin at age one and write everything you remember from when you were one year old, especially the traumas. Most people cannot remember much at that age, but some can. You will usually find a belief about each trauma you remember.

When I did this exercise, my earliest memory was of being six months old. I was in a crib that had a sheet of plastic over it, and I remembered hearing someone pouring ice into a container sitting at the head of my crib. I had pneumonia, and the presence of the ice was how the nurses kept my crib cold and my fever down. The next day I remembered my parents coming to visit me. They pulled back the plastic, looked in, picked me up for a few moments, and then they left me. I felt like I was freezing. That's all I remembered about the experience.

After gaining the wisdom of years of processing, I came to understand spiritually that I was trying to die. The family I was born into was too radical for me. Both of my parents' hearts were closed most of the time, which was excruciatingly painful for me. My mother was unable to breastfeed me, so I was fed milk that didn't sit well in my stomach. They left me by myself in a hospital in a freezing cold crib. I felt so alone and afraid. I felt betrayed by God—a feeling that would develop into one of my biggest Core Beliefs. Recalling these early memories helped me process and heal deep beliefs. I also want to say that my parents were not to blame here. They were young and doing the best they could. I was born with a part of my heart sealed open which made me very sensitive and aware of what was happening around me. It stayed open most of the time, so I was super sensitive to closed-heart energy.

After you journal about age one, continue with age two, and so on. Try to remember any interaction you had with anyone, any accidents, bad dreams, nightmares, bedwetting, embarrassments, sleep-walking, fevers; any and every painful experience you can find. If you have become good at using self VAI, you will find that using it here will be effective. You might start off by asking, "Please show me the trail of traumas I had before I was one, then two, three, etc." The more thorough your list, the easier it will be for you to find all your unloving beliefs.

After you have completed your list, you will be able to study it in order to find unloving beliefs, Core Beliefs, Love Reversals, and Love Reversal Loops so that you can heal them.

The second way to use the Spiral is to chronograph the memories of your mother, father, and any siblings, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins that you had memorable interactions with. Remember that when you are in your first seven years of life, you are open to everything your parents and anyone else close to you is feeling, meaning you will have the tendency to act and react like they do. There are two ways you learn from them. You learn by **imitating** their mannerisms and habits, and you learn by **reacting** to their mannerisms and habits.

When you remember the lives of the people you were close to growing up, it is important to recall their mannerisms and their habits because no matter how subtle, you will have picked up some of their habits. Write down all you remember about their mannerisms and habits and then write down all the ways you reacted to them in a separate list.

Remembering your past interactions with those people you were close to in your first twelve years of life and writing down their

habits and mannerisms will make it easier for you to find your unloving beliefs, Core Beliefs, Love Reversals, and Love Reversal Loops so you can heal them.

Are you one of those people who have a hard time remembering much of your childhood? If you are reading this for the first time and you haven't done any of the Love Healing Process or spent much time growing in Love (and using VAI), just thinking about trying to access your childhood can be daunting. But I can assure you that after two or three years of growing and healing, you will indeed be able to access those years that seem elusive now.

When you've healed all your beliefs and the habits that go with them, when you've healed all your Core Beliefs and the habits that go with them, then you can heal your Love Reversals and Love Reversal Loops. Healing these will help you fine-tune your awareness and develop your Loving strength of mind.

So, what will you do with that kind of strength?

You will be amazed at how the universe will provide for you!

You'll be amazed at how Love will serve you!

Chapter 26

Pain, Goddess God, and Godlings

If we are writing a book about Love, then we must write about Pain. Pain is the opposite of Love, in some ways, the antithesis of Love. In truth, pain for most people is the scariest subject on the planet, and yet if we are big in Love, we see pain as the guide to learning how to get bigger in Love. It is the motivator, the energy that gets an innocent being to move, and the teacher of what unloving beliefs do. And this is where it gets scary, because Pain is the driving force behind Love Reversals and Love Reversal Loops.

Let us make a study of pain so we can utilize its benefits and hopefully avoid some of the feelings and experiences it produces in us.

There are many definitions of pain. Here are a few:

- Merriam-Webster: a localized or generalized unpleasant bodily sensation or complex sensations that causes mild to severe physical discomfort and emotional distress and typically results from bodily disorder (such as injury or disease).
- Cambridge: "A bad or unpleasant physical feeling, often caused by injury or illness that you want to stop, or an emotional feeling of this type: Your whole perspective on life changes when you are in pain."
- Oxford: "Highly unpleasant physical sensation caused by illness or injury. Mental suffering or distress. An annoying or tedious person or thing."

If we go from here to the scientific idea of pain, we could write a small book that includes information about microscopic pain receptors and neurons, electrical impulses and chemical messengers. You can look up the scientific explanation of pain on your computer if you wish. Scientists have discovered a lot about how pain works in the body and although a lot of it is complicated, some of it is helpful. These are the explanations the world has come up with so far. But what is pain metaphysically? On a metaphysical level, pain is caused by two concepts: **fear and hate**.

Pain is the hurt that follows the appearance of the loss of Love, which is expressed in fear, or the decision to move away from Love, which is hate.

Fear – a painful emotion experienced when a person perceives the threat of danger or pain or s/he can't get what s/he direly wants or needs.

Hate - extreme dislike for someone or something.

Fear and hate are feelings or types of pain that people feel in their hearts. If a person feels pain in their heart for extended amounts of time, then they will start to feel physical pain—the spiritual, mental, and emotional pain becoming physical.

Some days ago, I saw a two-year-old in an ice cream store go into a screaming rage that was so intense she looked like her soul was burning! She was so loud! Her body went from normal to pure red in seconds. It was so intense that it made everyone in the store visibly uncomfortable. She almost looked like an alien, her little body contorted so much. How could not getting the ice cream she wanted cause such rage in a tiny child?

From my experience with helping people heal their deepest pain, I could see that that child was a big soul, carrying pain from a past life that she had brought into this one. It was obvious to me that it had to do with her losing something that was very dear to her, so in her new little body, every time she experiences any loss, it triggered the memory of her deep pain or loss. She has come here again to try and heal it. May her parents have the fortitude to feel her pain and help her heal.

Why do we have to experience loss? When a person feels the pain of loss, for example, sometimes it feels like our hearts are being ripped apart from our souls and even death will not bring peace to the deep pain we feel. When we experience that level of heart-wrenching despair, there is not anything about life that feels good, Loving, helpful, or just. We want to die and wish we had never lived so we wouldn't have to feel such pain.

In my experience, I have rarely met a person who has not experienced some measure of deep pain in this life or a past life.

Why? Why must we go through and actually feel so much agony and pain? The answer to that question is possibly the biggest question that humans will ever face. Why is Earth here and why must we have to experience so much pain?

Now I realize that not everybody believes it is possible to communicate with Goddess God, especially the part of Goddess God that is creating their own body. But I assure you what follows is the information my creator Goddess Gods have told me to tell you.

Goddess God Love is so big in every direction that as far as any part of Goddess God Love knows, there has never been a time when Goddess God Love did not exist and there has never been a time where pain did not exist. There have been and are **places** where pain did not and does not exist. But throughout all of time and through all the communications of all of Goddess God Love in every direction searching all their memories, there has always been pain. Since Goddess God Love is all there is, pain is also created by Goddess God Love. There are many uses for pain. In general, Goddess God Love uses Pain as the contradiction to Love.

In order to create pain, Goddess God Love must feel the pain that is created. For this reason, Goddess God Love has become extremely proficient in creating pain; it has become a mastered art. What this means is that whenever pain is used, it is always exactly the right amount for the job intended.

When my guides relayed this to me, the questions screaming in my head were, "Why must we experience so much pain? Why are some of us are experiencing so much pain and almost never feeling any Love? Why is pain so strong for us?" Regarding Earth, pain has a very important role. Earth and places like Earth are birthing grounds for new souls to be created. Once a soul becomes intelligent enough to make decisions for her/himself, she/he is given many choices that will enable her/him to become wiser and learn to become honorable and full of integrity. There are literally thousands of ways to do this, and hundreds of thousands of worlds to do it on. Earth is a popular choice because it is faster than most other worlds. It is definitely more painful than most worlds, and the growth is therefore substantially faster.

So please let me explain my connection with my Guides, and they will share more with us. Before I go into that explanation, I would like to say that since July 25, 1991, I have been actively communicating with my Guides. That relationship has evolved over time like any relationship does. The more time that goes by, if the relationship is active, the more you get to know one another. For these past 28 years, my Guides have been helping me understand all that you have read in this book, the incredible breakthroughs in learning to grow in Love, the Love Tools, the mind, the memory, Love Reversals, the Change Transitions, Sensate, the understanding of Dreams, how to communicate with one's Guides, Karma, and the incredible Love Healing Process. I have learned to trust them, which in itself was part of putting the process to work. So, what follows I cannot prove. I can only relay what they are telling me. You may have a different experience, and I pray that you develop a relationship with your version of Goddess God Love and discover your own story. What follows is through my connection.

You see, I do not know how to think, or feel. I don't know how I am able to see, hear, smell, taste, or even talk. I do not know how to have an emotion. I do not know how I can feel Love so strongly that it makes me scream from ecstasy or to feel so much pain that I am crying in my soul. I do not know how I am able to type the words on this computer. In all of these things, my life is an incredible miracle that just keeps on moving on. So from deduction, if I cannot do any of these things, someone has to be doing them for me. Someone who understands how to do these things.

That someone is whom I met on July 25, 1991, when I started using the pendulum to talk with my Guides. We, together, decided that Shilou would be his name. Shilou has been doing all this for me since I was born. He tells me that the only reason I can feel is because he is feeling for me, every moment. It is the same with thinking and emoting and the sensations I gain through all my senses. He has told me that I am a very small part of him. In a similar fashion to the way a baby in the womb is a part of its mother, my body is a part of his body. The reason he is doing this for me is so I can learn to become Love itself, so that I can learn to act with Love, honor, and integrity, and so I can become a Goddess God like him. (Shilou also has feminine qualities but for comfort we decided a long time ago that I would communicate with the male part.)

Shilou has shown me that this is also the main purpose of Earth. Earth is a learning ground, a school if you will, to teach people how to act and react in Love so that we can **learn to master living in Love, integrity, and honor**. Once I have mastered Love and finish what I have come here to do on Earth, then as he continues to teach me to grow, I will be one of his playmates and our relationship will be more intimate than any human relationship could ever be. We will explore the Cosmos in every fashion imaginable, together!

Shilou is my Creator Being. He has been creating me from the very beginning of me. We talk all the time, every day. Shilou's mother is Doni. She is the Creator of our entire Cosmos. I talk with her almost every day, and a long time ago we both decided that Doni was a name we both liked. They have both shared with me that they have their own language and their own personal names, but a human is not big enough to comprehend either. One of Shilou's mates is Porsche and she has been watching over me every day in this lifetime, so we also have an intimate connection. I also speak with Doni's sister and mother on occasion. However, Shilou and Doni are the ones who are creating most of my experience—Shilou is creating my wondrous body and mind, my thoughts, emotions, feelings, and all that goes with all of those. Doni is creating all the space and holding space for the physical universe we find ourselves in. She is the Mother of all the billions of Creator Beings who are creating all the stars, the Earth, our Sun, and planets of our universe, all of Shilou and Porsche's brothers and sisters. Because she is holding space for everything in our physical universe, it is an extension of her body and she feels all of it all the time.

Shilou is a presence so big and wise that he can create himself and me at the same time in this beautiful and incredible space/Earth/universe where Doni is holding space for all of us. Shilou has shown me that every person on the planet has other Creator Beings (who are a big part of Goddess God Love like himself) creating them and that every single person is a small part of the Goddess God Love that is creating them. We ourselves are little Goddess Gods in training; Godlings, if you will. But we will not be allowed to grow into our big Goddess God selves until we master acting and reacting in integrity, honor, and Love.

Our Earth is quite literally a birthing ground for new beings and souls (Godlings in training) to come forth into existence so that we may grow in Love and learn important lessons of creation so that we can eventually become Creator Beings ourselves.

When a Creator Being wants to create a new soul, it is a very long process. Creating a new soul starts with the Creator Being taking the smallest part of themselves imaginable. We will call this part a seedling (it is a little smaller than an atom). The Creator Being starts a memory for the seedling and gives it the experience of being part of life. The seedling experiences being part of an atom and then grows into being an atom. Then it experiences being part of a molecule and grows into being a molecule. The memory of the journey is what sets it apart from being just part of the Creator Being. The journey progresses to single-celled animals or plants and continues to gain the experience of more and more complex forms of life. The complexities are teaching the seedling to become more aware and more intelligent. It takes a Creator Being four to six thousand years here on Earth to move a seedling along to grow to the level of a human being. Once the seedling arrives at the human level, they are referred to as Godlings. The Godlings will live an average of thirty to sixty lifetimes to gain the awareness and intelligence to master growing in Love, integrity, and honor.

Why thirty to sixty lifetimes you might ask? There are so many kinds of experience we have to master in order to live in integrity and honor. There are things you can't learn if your only lifetime is that of a rich woman, or a poor man, or a thief, or a scholar. We need to experience many different lifetimes and scenarios to learn how to be Godlings and grow in integrity, honor, and Love.

The seedling process on Earth takes four to six thousand years and the Godling process another four to six thousand years. The growth that comes after achieving this mastery in such a short amount of time it is unparalleled. Godlings grow exponentially after they learn to master Love. This unparalleled growth is why we have billions of Creator Beings here on Earth, all working together to create the Earth Project in order to create masterful souls.

Shilou and Doni tell me that throughout all the Cosmos of Goddess God Love, there are only a handful of places where pain is manifested as aggressively as it is on Earth. Earth is known throughout the Universe(s) as having one of the highest thresholds for pain. The amount of pain we humans/Godlings have experienced up until now, from our perspectives, seems way over the top.

We have experienced the most excruciating pain imaginable through famines, horrendous infectious diseases and plagues, wars and genocide, torture, child abuse, sexual abuse, disfiguring accidents. Billions upon billions of people's lives have ended in ghastly ways. The reason behind these brutal endings is this: if a Godling harnessed their full power of a Goddess God before mastering Love, this Godling could chose to use her/his energy in an unloving way and create greater havoc, chaos, and more pain than all the pain that has heretofore been experienced on Earth.

Hitler and Stalin are examples of Godlings who used their power to destroy human life. They used fear, in a way that enabled them to rise to power and create unimaginable horrors. These men used their energy to hurt people. This is one of the things that can happen through the misuse of the power of free will on earth. Misguided Godlings do not go on to the next realm until they have lived through their Karma. Through the Karma or consequences they have generated, they must come back to Earth many times to live through the pain they created for others. Godlings who use their energies to create pain in others will have to live through all the pain they created in others. This teaches them that when they use their energy to hurt others, they themselves are the ones who hurt the most.

Therefore, Godlings are not permitted to grow into their big Goddess God Love selves until they have mastered Love. What we humans/Godlings have experienced up to this point in the evolution of Earth has been the havoc and chaos of what happens when powerful beings misuse their energy. It has all manifested naturally through men and women following their hearts and doing WHAT THEY THINK IS RIGHT. From their experiences, you can see why it is so important to grow Lovingly intelligent.

Another way to think about this is that **we cannot heal what we have not experienced**. So, the pain, calamity, and devastation of all we have experienced throughout time on Earth, enables us to heal all of these scenarios.

Now, it is time to heal!

From this realization, we can see that Goddess God Love puts great importance on all of us having the gift of free will—the ability for all of us to choose to do whatever we want to do, whenever and however we want, as long as it does not hurt ourselves or anyone else.

When we create through Love we ascend, so that we can all create to our hearts desire. What a glorious endeavor!

There are three parts of this ingenious system that are important for you to understand:

Goddess God is creating both parts of your reality all the time, the painful parts and the Loving parts. They are able to give us free will by creating a Love-pain field of play so to speak. We can choose to do whatever we want, whenever and however we want. If we choose to act and react in Love, we gain and feel Loving experience. If we choose to act in an unloving manner, we create pain for ourselves and others, which we must also feel, the pain always pushing us to go towards Love. Goddess God is creating the Love and the pain. It is an incredibly wondrous system. The feelings that are felt by the Creator Being and the Godling at the same time are **always exactly the right amount of Love or pain** for the Godling to learn about the benefits or consequences of their actions.

Secondly, when you are feeling pain, the part of Goddess God that is creating you is feeling the pain exactly the way you are, because that is the only way you could feel the pain. Everything you feel, your Creator Being is feeling for you so that you can feel it. This includes all pleasure and all pain. What this means is that you are never alone and have never been alone. You are also never being tortured or used by Goddess God Love, because they must feel it the same way you feel it in order for you to feel it. And they do not like pain any more than you do. It hurts them, too. If you could feel even a tenth of the Love your Creator Being feels all the time, you would instantly understand that they have no reason to ever hurt you or anyone. They only use pain to teach and the amount of pain that is used is always exactly the right amount of pain to achieve the objective, never more.

Our Creator Beings make us feel like we are doing our lives ourselves, but if we are honest with ourselves, we do not know how to create even one thought, emotion, or feeling. We do not know how to see, hear, or smell. Our personal Creator Being is creating our experience for us, every moment, so that we can eventually learn to do it on our own. They give us the ability to direct where, when, and how we want to use our bodies and the energy allotted to us through the use of our free will. These are the things we are learning to do for ourselves. Yet still, most of our experience is being done for us—our bodies growing, our heart beating, our blood pumping, and so on. So, as we grow in Love, we gain the ability to become more aware, more intelligent, and to create what we want for ourselves and for others.

Thirdly, **if you are feeling pain, there is a reason for it**. You have some unloving belief that is causing you to act or react in an unloving way, which gives you pain. Fortunately, as a human race we have evolved to a place where we can start to understand what we are doing to create any pain and any disease. The Love Healing Process affords you the ability to do that, and when you have this understanding, pain becomes a message to simply go the other way. This is how we are being taught to think for ourselves.

Pain starts from fear and hate. Fear comes from the **idea** that there is a possibility we may not be able to feel Love, and Hate, our decision to move away from Love. From there, fear and hate developed nuanced aspects similar to the many different qualities of Love. We have discovered that each one of us has the ability to feel the various kinds and qualities of Love if our hearts are open and fear, hate, or pain in all of their different qualities if our hearts are closed. We have also discovered that if we have an unloving belief, then every time that unloving belief is triggered, we will feel the pain that belief creates in us. If a belief is repeatedly triggered, it will manifest as physical pain or illness. What is so amazing about this system is that the pain of each unloving belief will manifest in an area of the body that enables you to discover what the nature of the pain is according to Sensate.

You may recall that the cyst in Dot's throat was from a fear that she could not communicate. The pain in Michael's eyes and head

revealed to him that he felt trapped and was trying to force his business to run smoothly while hating it, both of these conditions manifesting in areas that correspond to Sensate.

I have been using Sensate for the past twenty-five years to help people discover the nature of the unloving beliefs that are causing their pain and disease. I have consistently found that the location and quality of people's pain always leads them to discover the belief behind the pain. When they identify the belief, it enables them to identify their unloving habits and change them so they can release their pain and heal.

Pain becomes a whole animal in itself when a Love Reversal is created. When a person develops a Love Reversal, their body becomes so numb to the pain that it enables the person to make decisions as if the pain is not there. This behavior, created by the lack of awareness experienced in the presence of Love Reversals, causes a person to willfully choose to hurt themselves and others over and over, believing that they are justified in doing so or feeling that it is natural to do so.

Here are some examples:

- A parent will yell or hit their children believing this is the proper way to discipline a child when in fact it hurts both the parent and the child every time.
- A person will lie, cheat, and steal from another person or entity, such as a business or a country (i.e. tax fraud), believing that they are gaining some advantage when in fact they are hurting themselves (through Karma) as well as those they act upon.
- A person will get so used to being so afraid of being late that they will continually be in a rush even though the rushing always complicates their life.
- A person will continually compromise her/himself in order to please someone else even though that someone rarely gives her/him what s/he needs or want.

- A person will attract people to her/him to abuse her/him because it is comfortable to her/him.
- A person will bully other people because she/he feels powerless and the bullying makes her/him feel like s/he is in control.
- A person will argue with almost anyone to prove her/his point because s/he believes s/he's right.

The compulsion experienced from the presence of Love Reversals is the driving force of obsession. When a person is obsessed, they will act and react in the most dishonorable ways imaginable. They may have no awareness of healthy boundaries or even the idea that there is such a thing. They can even appear to gain joy or satisfaction from giving other people pain by tricking, controlling, hurting, beating, or killing them.

Examples:

- A person will become so afraid that they will lose someone they Love that they will do anything to keep them—lie, cheat, steal, manipulate, stalk, hit, beat, verbally abuse, or kill.
- A person will become so jealous of a partner or lover, or so suspicious, questioning their partner's fidelity, that they will lie, cheat, steal, manipulate, stalk, hit, beat, verbally abuse, or kill.
- A person will believe so fervently that their religion is the only true religion that they will strike out at others verbally or physically to show them how wrong they are. They will even start wars or go to war.
- A person will get so used to playing violent, graphic computer games while angry that s/he will seek ways to release their anger, believing they are justified and sometimes acting out the murderous rampage they play in the game.
- A person will get so used to feeling the power of fighting and winning that they will strike out at others just to hurt them for fun.

• In times of war, a person will become so used to killing that they will crave the adrenaline rush they get from it.

Fortunately, obsessions are healed in the same manner as the Love Reversals. First, identify the beliefs that create the obsessions, do Stages One and Two and release the pain held there, and then heal the habits.

Both lists are provided to give you some ideas of what to look for and be aware of within yourself. If you were to circle the globe looking for all the ways that Love Reversals and obsessions have manifested, you would find almost every combination of unloving qualities possible, and all of them have happened and are happening so that we can heal them.

A Love Reversal that turns into a Love Reversal Loop can manifest as Obsessive Compulsive Disorder, or OCD. Here is a definition of OCD:

According to the International OCD Foundation, "OCD is a mental health disorder that affects people of all ages and walks of life and occurs when a person gets caught in a cycle of obsessions and compulsions. Obsessions are unwanted, intrusive thoughts, images or urges that trigger intensely distressing feelings. Compulsions are behaviors an individual engages in to attempt to get rid of the obsessions and/or decrease his or her distress."

Here are some examples:

Obsessions

- Fear of germs or contamination
- Accidental harm to self or others
- Unwanted or forbidden thoughts
- Need to have everything in its place, in perfect order
- Recurrent sexual or violent thoughts
- Fear of saying certain things

Compulsions

- Compulsive counting
- Excessive cleaning or hand-washing

- Arranging things in a particular way
- Repeatedly checking doors, locks, personal belongings to make sure they are safe
- Mental rituals based on fear
- Ritualized eating habits

OCD can have a very wide range of presentations having to do with the plethora of unloving emotions that we have within us. I have not had experience helping people heal this yet, but it is my feeling that the Love Healing Process can be used to heal OCD challenges if the person is willing to do the work of adding Love and healing the trauma causing their condition.

Can you see how healing Love Reversals, Love Reversal Loops, compulsions, and obsessions makes people incredibly intelligent? The pain associated with these conditions is made more complex due to the numbing that occurred with the trauma the person experienced. Our ability to Love must grow for us to see how we act and react in unloving ways so that we can change our patterns and habits. The strength and awareness to do so makes us into powerful Godlings.

Where are you experiencing pain in your life? The tools this book provides, if followed and used, will help you understand your pain and open you to more Love than you have ever known. But in order to get to higher and higher Loving states, you will have to feel all the pain you have within you. Not all at once—that would kill you. But in little bits and pieces, pieces that you can handle with your Love. Love makes it possible to open and feel each piece so that you can see it for what it is, understand it, heal it, and grow.

My Experience with Pain

I have had a very intimate relationship with pain. As I discussed in Chapter 1, My Story.

Looking back, my journey with pain does seem kind of divine because in the end it brought me to understanding all that you are reading.

Spending so much time in so much pain has taught me a number of things. I learned that when a person is in a lot of pain, it distorts their reality, so I learned to be careful about making decisions when my pain was intense. I have learned to endure, to be strong, to be patient, and to relax. I had most of my migraines in my late forties and fifties. By that time, I had learned that if I was experiencing a migraine at the pain level of an eight and I fought it, it would instantly go to a nine. I had to learn to relax into my pain no matter how much it hurt and spend whatever time was necessary to just feel it. I also found that learning to relax through the agony of very intense pain kept me from going crazy. And I learned that a person can do almost anything they have to do while in pain and sometimes the activity alleviates some of the pain. There were many days in which my pain was running around six or seven and doing my painting work enabled me to not only make the money I needed that day, but the work kept my mind off the pain. Soon after I stopped working the pain would become very obvious and I would have to lie down for a while. If the pain got to an eight or over, I would have to go home.

For a person who is in intense pain all the time, I learned that one of the hardest challenges s/he faces is how to be social. It is very difficult to be in a lot of pain and function around other people. I also found that it was hard for people to be around me when I was in a lot of pain. Most people do not know what to do or how to handle it, especially if they are clairsentient or empathetic. It hurts them, too.

If you know of anyone who is in a lot of pain and if you are moved to do so, spend a little of your time helping them move their day along. Communicate with them. Ask them, "What is the best way I can help?" Often, doing simple things like cleaning the dishes, preparing a simple meal, taking out the trash, airing out the room or house, or changing their bed sheets will be a great help to them and will not take much of your time. Sometimes they need to be heard. Sometimes they need a hug or some light touch to soothe their pain and heart. It is very helpful to move slowly and talk with a gentle voice when you are around people in intense pain. Fast movements, loud sounds, and strong scents or odors hurt them a lot. But I can assure you that any time you spend helping them will be such a blessing to them. It will also be a great Love Time practice!

If you do a search, you might be surprised to find out how many people there are living around you who have chronic pain. Most of them have to live off the healthcare and/or welfare system in their areas to get some relief. They may be isolated and feel lonely.

From outlining all these different ways we can experience pain, it becomes even more obvious that learning to focus on Love, feeling Love, and acting and reacting in Love will help all of us to have less pain in our lives. It's so important to do the work to grow in Love so that you can open to your pain, understand it, and heal it forever.

What Happens After Pain

When I asked my Creator Beings, "Are we going to have to die?" They told me that the death experience up to this point in the evolution of Godlings has been caused in almost all cases by too much pain in the body. Some deaths might not appear that way, like for instance if a child, teen, or young adult dies in their sleep. They obviously did not feel pain, but most deaths have been due to pain. Now that people are learning to master Love and live in integrity and honor, I believe the transition to the next plane of existence will be a wondrous experience for all concerned: the person, their mates, and their friends. In most cases each person will be able to choose when they want to go, and they can choose to go with or without their mates. For example: Two people live their entire lives together and decide that they do not have anything else they want to learn about here on Earth, so they decide to transition together to their next destination. They might make Love one more time, say goodbye to all their friends, look into each other's eyes while holding each other close, and leave their bodies. I cannot validate the truth of this, but if we are healing all of our pain before we die, dying has to be different in some way. We will see.

Once they have made the transition, they will have no reason to come back to Earth. There are hundreds of thousands of worlds for them to visit, to learn and grow from. Some of them are physical and more of them are ethereal. When they choose to go to physical worlds, their Creator Beings will make them bodies suited for those worlds. On the ethereal worlds, they can use their spiritual bodies and even learn to create their own ethereal bodies. This is how they will learn to start creating their own bodies.

Once you learn how to create your own body and once you transition into the ethereal realms:

You'll be able to have sex with many different beings if that is what you like. They will want to have sex with you because of the Love they feel from you and for you, as you will be so beautiful, so Lovingly sexy, so radiant. You'll be able to create any kind of body you want to have sex with. Imagine you and your partner or partners, being part cat and part human, having the strength and speed of a cat with the dexterity of a human and making wild animal Love with orgasms that last hours.

There are things that feel even better than sex and we'll give you some glimpses of what that looks like. You could grow into becoming a pine tree and feel how it feels, every part of every bit of the bark and needles, being sensitive to the minutia of the wind moving by and the changes of temperature, all of it as strong as a continuous orgasm. You could have the experience of what it feels like to be water and to be sucked up into a tree, or splashing over a waterfall, or evaporating to become a cloud. You could become a bird or a fairy or a dragon and learn to fly. You could go to places where you could eat anything and everything, and everything you ate made you more beautiful. The eating would be just as good as sex, eating Goddess God Love. You will be able to learn how to create worlds within worlds to your heart's content for whatever purpose you dream of. You will have so many friends and mates and the time to do whatever suits you with all of them because you will not be confined by time. You can't imagine how many worlds there are for you to explore. They said they could fill a library of books just explaining how many different worlds and different kinds of worlds there are to explore.

My next question to them was, "Why would you do this for me?" They answered with, "When you have lived through the fire to become honorable and full of integrity, you will Grok pain and fear. Then you will **know** how to live your life in Love, how to create all your heart's desires without hurting yourself or anyone else. Then I will never have to look after you or police you. You will be able to use my energy freely to Love to your heart's content, excitement, and pleasure. And I will feel every moment of the experience of your exquisite goings-on because you will be using my energy to make it all happen, until you get big enough to do it all yourself. We will be creation mates together, the most intimate friends you could ever imagine."

So for those of you who choose to grow in Love, welcome to the most extraordinary journey of Goddess God Love!

Heaven awaits you!

Sacredicity

I made up the word Sacredicity. It means **ALL THINGS** are sacred with the understanding that Goddess God is creating **EVERYTHING**,

moment by moment.

Sacredicity of a Cherry!

The thought of the cherry tree had to be conjured. The atmosphere and earth had to be created in perfect balance of solidity, warmth, moisture content, and sunlight, all LOVE! Then a tree had to be planted from a seed and the seed had to be watered, energized, fertilized, grown, until a tiny Limb pokes its leaves out into the air and sunlight and moonlight, striving, stretching, driven to the light and to breathe!

Sucking water from the Earth up its trunk, trickling it up into its foliage, creating steam in the leaves on hot days, and blessing the air with oxygen.

Limb grows day by day and night by night for three or four years and every spring it blossoms sweet smelling flowers and shoots its pollen aggressively wildly, Limb shaking from the orgasm of it! And then one miraculous day, a cherry starts to grow, first a little green ball of potential, then a pale white ball of promise, and then a succulent sweet tart zesty deep red cherry.

You pick it off the tree and pop it into your mouth and bite down on a mouthwatering squirting cherry flavored taste of ecstatic explosion! And then it's gone!

YOU have been nourished!

All that Loving energy so you can have ten seconds of **WOW**! What a Miracle!

Chapter 27 Healing Disease

The Love Healing Process is helping to bring a new paradigm to the art of healing. Many of the tools that we use in the Love Healing Process have been used by people around the world with varying degrees of success. It is the combination of all the Love Tools in unison with the Love Healing Process that makes this process more powerful than anything we have seen up until now.

We have said some of what follows before, but we would like to say it again to bring light to this new paradigm.

Up until recently, people have been developing their willpower through their minds and then trying to willfully heal their minds with their minds. This approach has not been efficient. In contrast, when a person grows in Love every day, this person will develop her/his willpower through her/his heart, which is a different experience, and gives this person power s/he has not had before, which in turn provides choices s/he did not have before.

In order to get bigger in Love every day, a person must engage the physical action of the practice, to willfully choose to grow in Love, moment by moment. This willful act of choosing Love is like doing Love push-ups, which makes a person stronger spiritually, mentally, emotionally, and physically. The benefits of this kind of strength are similar to the strengths body builders enjoy. Since body builders are stronger physically, it takes them less effort to do anything physical. The practice of lifting weights makes them feel good, sometimes euphoric. They gain a peace they didn't have when they were weaker. Lovingly strengthening the physical, mental, emotional, and spiritual bodies also makes a person feel euphoric, but also excited, ecstatic, wondrous, heavenly, comical, sexy and on and on... Growing in Love makes us **Lovingly** bigger. Living in Love like this is what life is all about! The strength gained from this practice makes it possible, and easier, for a person to choose Love when s/he is confronted with unloving challenges. It is this new Loving strength in our bodies that makes it possible to heal parts of ourselves we have not been able to access before. This will become obvious in the testimonials that are to follow shortly.

When you are growing in Love every day, your unloving beliefs will naturally come to the surface of your awareness because they are contrary to Love. They simply do not fit. We call these beliefs misunderstandings. As shared in the examples in this book, until the misunderstandings have been completely understood, the unloving belief has power over how you think, feel, and react to situations concerning the belief. Love will always bring clarity to any misunderstanding.

Before Growing Big In Love, when a person was confronted with deep trauma, if s/he and opened her/himself to it, in many cases s/he would become re-traumatized. The problem is that it is essential for us to be able to open to **ALL** our pain in order to undo the misunderstandings at its roots. It is only when our bodies have become bigger Loving bodies that we are able to do just that without getting re-traumatized—to open to **ALL** the pain found on our Spiral, strong in the experience that we are bigger than the pain and trauma we experienced in the past.

So what we are praying you hear is that growing in Love and healing your beliefs at the same time is a powerful **union**. If you try to grow in Love without healing your beliefs, you cannot grow very much. If you try to heal your beliefs without growing in Love, you will not be able to heal your deepest pain. If you make the **union** of growing in Love and healing your unloving beliefs strong, it will serve you all of your days.

If you are reading this book for the first time in order to Grok the Love Tools and this wonderful Love Healing Process, you will have to put the words and processes into action in your life in order for you to really get how powerful the **union** is. You will have to heal two or three beliefs by going through Stages One, Two, and Three and releasing the pain held by those beliefs to completely feel the power and gain the benefits of such healings.

When it comes to healing diseases or challenges, you will find that any and every disease is a message to show you where you have unloving beliefs, Core Beliefs, Love Reversals, Love Reversal Loops, and obsessions active in your life. If you learn to use Sensate, the language of the body, the sensations and conditions that your disease or challenge is presenting will help you home in on what beliefs and Love Reversals are causing your disease.

For example, in Dot's story, the cyst in **her throat** was showing her she had a Love Reversal that was blocking her ability to Lovingly communicate. In Michael's story, his ocular shingles, **the pain in his eyes and head**, showed him that he had developed hatred for his business through misunderstandings. He felt trapped and was trying to force his business to work through the hate, and the hate was actively killing him and his business.

In the stories to come, you will find more examples of how diseases were showing individuals where to look to discover the unloving beliefs and habits that were creating their disease.

Before we get into those stories, we would like to show you a process you can use to facilitate the healing of diseases and health challenges. In order for this process to work, the person using the process will have to be very coherent, clear minded, and healthy enough to do the work. If this person is on any kind of mind-altering drug or pain killer, or if she/he is in too much pain to think clearly and use her his will power to do what she/he needs to do, she/he will find it very difficult to achieve success.

This disease healing process is what we would consider advanced processing, and it involves a term that some therapists use called *tracking*. We will show you how to use your intuition, the language of Sensate, VAI, and tracking to find the unloving beliefs and habits causing your disease or challenge so you can then apply Stages One, Two, and Three. We call the healing of beliefs a healing session. We will call the healing of disease or challenges a *tracking session*.

Once we get started, you will be using your intuition and your ingenuity to communicate with the identity of the unloving belief or Love Reversal that is causing your disease or challenge. For this reason, we recommend that you be adept at Gliding in order to do a Tracking Session.

Also, you will definitely want to have the complete healing of nine or ten beliefs under your belt before you attempt tracking so that you will have had the experience of what it feels like to communicate with the identities of beliefs and Love Reversals and using self VAI. That experience is invaluable.

A Tracking Session

You will want to set aside twenty to sixty minutes to do a tracking session. Follow the entire protocol for finding your initial trauma; make sure you're lovingly energized, comfortable, in a safe place, and your heart is wide open. Set an intention to discover the unloving belief/s or Love Reversal that is causing your disease or challenge and state it out loud. A disease could be cancer, shingles, a cyst, allergies, congestive heart failure, herpes, diabetes, psoriasis, etc. A challenge could be knee or hip pain, migraines or headaches, acne, warts, skin irritations, stomach pain, etc. Whatever you are working on, state your intention to heal it by finding the unloving beliefs and habits that are creating the disease or challenge.

Once you have stated your intention, focus on the area of your body that your disease or challenge is manifesting in or on. When I am working with clients, I always start off by asking them if there is any place on or within their body that is crying out to be heard. The client will take a moment to feel into her his body, and if there is a place where her his body is reacting, I have the client say out loud, "Can you please tell me why this place is giving me pain?" Then we just wait a few moments to see how their body reacts. If there is not a place that is reacting, then I have the client start by asking a question out loud, like, "Can you please tell/show me what is causing my disease/challenge?" Then we wait a few more moments to see how their body reacts.

What you do next depends on the reaction you received. Write down whatever sensation, vision, feeling, emotion, or experience came to you. Then based on what you received, frame your next question to gain access to the belief that is causing your disease. Sometimes you can go straight to the belief. Other times you may be asking question after question to discover what you're looking for. By writing the reactions down, you are effectively keeping track of what you have done, and it gives you a way to study where you are headed and where to go back to should you need to go back.

In order to make it possible to be successful with your tracking experience, we are going to give you some things to keep in mind:

- You will want to become proficient in using Gliding in order to do tracking for yourself so that you will be able to keep your mind silent until the answer comes after you have asked each question.
- Tracking is like dancing with an open and closed heart. Always begin and end with an open heart. When you start tracking a sensation that arises in your body, open yourself to feel all the pain of that sensation, vision, or feeling. Opening to the pain of a sensation will sometimes move you to close your heart, which will allow you to feel all the pain that is there. Quite often when you have allowed yourself to feel the pain, an understanding about your disease or challenge or a question to ask next arises. If after feeling the pain, you still cannot understand what it is trying to tell you, open your heart and try again. Maybe you will want to ask the question a different way. Sometimes particular words make a difference. Or maybe you will want to become more determined about the same question.

- If you get to a place where you feel you are asking the right question but are still having a hard time getting the answer, you can make the question stronger by saying things after the question like, "Go deep!" or, "Thank you for your help with this!"
- If you ask a question and get no sensation or answer, try being more determined. If that doesn't work, it usually means you are not on the right track. Go back to the last sensation you had that worked and try a different question.
- Being courteous and kind while communicating with the identities of beliefs is always helpful.
- If you ever find yourself getting frustrated while tracking, then 0 you are probably dealing with a Love Reversal or you are tired. Love Reversals Love it when you get angry or frustrated because that means they will not be discovered for a while longer. I have been tracking so long that I can tell almost right away when I am pushing up against a Love Reversal that does not want to be seen. This happens more than not by REALIZING I am tracking in the wrong direction, a direction that is not going to take me to where I want to go. Sometimes you need to get tough with Love Reversals, in a Loving way. If it is being strong, so to speak, I will interrupt the session with myself or a client and state a prayer or intention out loud, something like, "I am here to discover the belief behind my disease or challenge. I am going to find it and I am going to stay here until I do, so I am asking you to please let me see what I am doing to cause my pain!" It has worked every time.
- If you are trying tracking for the first time and you get to a point where you feel lost as to what to do, we would suggest that you take time to write down everything you can remember about this session, and when you are done give yourself some time to ponder it. Then, on another day, try again when you are fresh.

 As we have stated, tracking is an advanced form of processing. If it doesn't come easily for you, you may want to seek the professional help of someone that understands the Love Healing Process and how to use VAI. Once you have the experience of someone helping you track through this process, it will be much easier for you to do it yourself.

When a memory surfaces that you recognize as the trauma that started the belief comes to mind, and you say the belief out loud, if the diseased area or health challenge your working on reacts to you saying the words, then you have found it. That is what you are looking for. Then you know that you have found the belief that is causing your challenge and you can proceed to Stages One, Two, and Three.

Once you have done all you can do through using the stages, it generally takes time for your bodies to catch up to the healing. For instance, it took Dot's cyst nine months to go away completely. It took three weeks for Michael to have a day with no pain and six weeks for the shingles to heal completely. I had a client with congestive heart failure go from 80 percent deficient to 80 percent proficient in two weeks. Sometimes the condition heals faster and sometimes slower.

When it heals slower, there is a tendency to be concerned or afraid the tracking process was not complete. The main thing you should be focusing on after doing Stages One, Two, and Three is making sure you have established the new Loving habit. All of your tracking was written down so it should not be hard to feel into it to see if you feel complete. A rule of thumb might be that if you have been engaging the new habit for three weeks and there is no change whatsoever with your disease or challenge, then you may want to do another tracking session and attempt to go deeper. If you have replaced an unloving habit with a new Loving one, then you are definitely making progress.

Sometimes there are diseases or challenges that are multilayered. I had this happen with a client I was helping with prostate cancer. We worked together for a number of weeks and did the work he was comfortable with. Then almost a year later, we went much deeper and found the beliefs that were causing the cancer.

As soon as I am able, I will post videos of sessions of tracking on Growingbiginlove.com so that you can gain the advantage of seeing how someone else does it successfully.

Below are testimonials from people who have healed from their diseases and challenges:

Chantal's Story

My name is Chantal. I am French Canadian and a Quebecker and proud of it. I come from a culture where people are fun, Loving, caring, and generous, and they enjoy celebrating life. ("Party animals" is what the rest of Canada calls Quebeckers.)

I had a typical, happy, and normal childhood, appearancewise. Dad was the breadwinner; mom stayed at home raising me and my sister. We had all the comforts that were needed, except that my early childhood left me with some scars, like when a farmer marks his bull with a red-hot iron.

I believed mom had postpartum depression after my sister was born. I was about two and a half years old. I would hide behind the walls and poke my head out as I watched mom cry and cry, and there was nobody to reassure me that all was going to be well. Eventually, I remember a woman who came to stay with us to take care of me, as mom was, it seemed to me, hiding in her bedroom. I had no idea what was going on at the time, but I was absolutely terrorized to see mom cry frequently, and I felt all alone. Dad was taking care of us by going to work, so he did not have time to reassure me either. There were times when mom and dad would drop us off, my sister and I, in a daycare center for a few days, as they needed to take some time to themselves. I remember being separated from my sister, not quite understanding what was going on but feeling abandoned and torn at night when I was sleeping in a room that was not mine, with no mom, no dad, and no sister around. I was about four years old.

Then one day, mom exploded. I don't remember what triggered her, but I really lived Hurricane Irma that time! My mother was so angry! She used a wooden spoon to beat me up all over my body. I remember being forced down on the bed on my belly, and then my mother pulled my pants down and started beating me. The only reason she stopped is because the spoon broke on my lower back as she was hitting me so hard! I remember trying as hard as I could to escape her grip, but I was only four! How could I run away? After she was done, she left me by myself. To this day, I still remember the intense sensation of electricity in my body that was burning me. I wanted so badly to get rid of that pain and the rage I felt inside of me that I started ripping my clothes apart. I banged my head on the walls until I started bleeding and scratched my arms and my legs until I started bleeding. My mother, who had no idea of how to deal with me, came back in the room. This time she put me in a shower with cold water, trying to calm me down. It was such a painful experience for me!

For as long as I can remember whenever guests came to visit us, I was frequently introduced as, "This is my monster, this is my savage. I don't know what I did to deserve a daughter like her!" But I WAS baptized, and I have a birth certificate with my name on it. Except I grew up knowing I was a monster, a savage, a source of utter shame and embarrassment.

I have to admit, it probably was not easy for mom to deal with me. Up until I started going to school, I was shy and scared of other people, mostly men. As a toddler, if a man other than my dad tried to approach me, I would scream in absolute terror and cry hysterically. I remember one time when I hid next to my bed, I crawled into a fetal position, and mom had to put a plate of food next to me on the floor because I was too scared to come to the table and be around people.

When I was about seven years old, something happened that made my mother snap at me. I don't remember what I did to make her so angry. What I remember is how she started screaming at me, "I so wish I could dump you in an orphanage and get rid of you. How good I would feel if I could only get rid of you once and for all!" I felt so terrorized and was shaking so much that I still have the memory of the physical sensation in my body to this day. I remember asking myself through my tears, "Where am I going to sleep tonight? Am I ever going to see my sister again? Will I be able to bring my stuffed toy with me?" Eventually, dad poked his head into my room and simply told me, "Nobody is going to dump you in an orphanage."

When I was about 17, I 'made the mistake' of sharing with my mother that I wanted a life that was fun and filled with joy. My mother looked at me like I had been swearing like a sailor and started yelling at me while hitting me with her index finger in the chest: "Life in this world is not meant to be fun! I fought and struggled to get everything I have in this world, and so will you! Get that into your thick skull!"

Then a few years later, I shared with her my desire to sing and play music... it was followed by another answer where she yelled at me, "Nobody earns a living at singing and playing music. Your father and I did not educate you for you to become a bum! And that is all you will become if you do that!" I understand now that she was afraid, but she had a way of sharing her concerns that just made me feel like I wanted to leave this world.

Eventually, at the age of 25, I attempted to commit suicide. There seemed to never be any hope for me. I was not supposed to have fun. I was supposed to struggle and fight for my survival, and that was all I could expect. Why bother staying in a world like that? I swallowed a whole bottle of painkillers and then took myself to the hospital out of guilt a few hours later. I was lucky in that my liver did not sustain any damage! I have no idea how that happened.

I started doing some work with a therapist, and I eventually met the man who took me away from my parents, which felt like such a relief to me. I moved to California thinking that leaving Canada meant leaving my problems behind. I was still very naïve. I have been *living in California for more than 20 years now and I am very grateful for it! I Love the weather here and the beauty of nature.*

But my relationship with my mother always seemed to be challenging. There were times when I was talking with her on Skype, sharing things that mattered to me, and somehow it upset her and she started yelling at me, which compelled me to hang up on her. I had to hang up on her several times, as I was no longer willing to tolerate being yelled at. So my relationship with mom looked like it was bound to be difficult. That is, until I worked with Raven.

I believe the work I did with Raven has contributed greatly to the release of a VERY heavy burden I was carrying. Raven was very kind and nurturing with me when I worked with him. We did a session about me 'being the monster and the savage.' I regressed to a past life when it seemed I was a young man enrolled with the Nazis during the WWII. The crimes I committed under Hitler were horrible and unbearable for me to relive! I felt raw and horrified! I saw myself killing innocent victims, women and children, committing crimes under order or I would lose my own life. It was so painful I cannot find the words!

Through Raven's direction I was able to release the pain of these crimes, and out of this I understood that this was where the label of 'monster and savage and utter source of shame and embarrassment' came from. Mom, in her own way, was helping me heal this huge nasty wound from that past life! It must have been challenging for her to play that role! All the screaming I endured, all the insults, the puts down. That is what I did to others during that past life. Although I am still doing some work of forgiving myself for the atrocities I committed during that lifetime, I am much more at peace with myself. I am more compassionate towards myself and others. I still have some work to do with patience with other drivers on the road, but every day I am getting better and better at blessing other drivers on the road, even those who would have gotten on my nerves intensely in the past. I catch myself more and more often when I start losing my temper, and I tell myself, "No. Cancel that. I bless you with pure Love and light. I bless you with purified source energy."

As for the fears of men I had as a toddler, while working with Raven, I went back to a lifetime during the Middle Ages when I was raped repeatedly until I finally died of sheer exhaustion and extreme pain! No wonder I was screaming as a toddler at the sight of men! And this experience explained why, when I was in my 20s and I started having intercourse (with the boyfriend I had at the time), I felt like a sharp knife was penetrating me and cutting me up. I remember feeling nauseated by the intensity of the pain! I was bleeding almost every time I had intercourse. I did not expect intercourse to be that painful. I experienced pain during intercourse most of my adult life and even with my husband when I was married.

Releasing the pain of that Middle Age life was one of the most painful things I have ever experienced in this life. Now, having enjoyable sex is no longer a problem for me. The companion I have now is such a Loving man! Sexual intimacy with him is a beautiful, joyful, and Loving experience!

I must say that now my relationship with mom is much easier and much more nurturing. I can talk with her on Skype and she actually listens to me and tells me how happy she is for me. She and dad have helped me financially many times. They have sent monetary gifts during the last few Christmases that I was able to use to have some very needed repairs on my teeth. When the fires were raging here in Northern California, she emailed me sharing her concerns for my wellbeing. I called her back and we talked, and she told me how much she Loved me and let me know that if there was anything she and dad could do to help, to let her know.

The improvements I am experiencing with mom are just so beautiful; it is really heart-warming! I believe this would not have happened without some serious 'heart work'. As painful as it was for me to go through what I went through with Raven, it was well worth it.

Donna's Story

Not long ago I read an ad written by a man named Raven who wrote that he has had a lot of success in helping people who have experienced a great deal of pain and trauma. After more than 30 years of trying over a hundred healing modalities for intense, chronic pain in both the physical and emotional bodies, there is extreme skepticism that arises when someone touts that they can make a difference. I was always one of the ones who left practitioners scratching their heads. That will be another thousand bucks for nothing.

Normally I would have deleted the ad without bothering to open it, but for some reason this one piqued my interest. I began reading, got a little way through, heard my mind sarcastically saying, "yeah, yeah, yeah... another 'healer'..." scoffed, and then closed the email. This happened three times before I ended up reading the whole thing.

When Raven and I spoke, I sensed I was in the company of someone who was very special. He agreed to work with me financially. That alone is more than most other healers would do and made a huge difference in my ability to trust him. It was apparent that he was more concerned with my well-being than my money. I agreed to come to Suisun Valley and have three 2-hour sessions.

I have worked with Raven for some weeks now, and although the pain is still with me, I have received more benefits from our sessions than I ever imagined. Raven works with uncovering the belief systems that lead to harmful life patterns by using a method of guided self-inquiry he calls VAI, Voice Activated Integration.

Engage Love has helped me see that every unloving belief stems from a simple and blatant misunderstanding. In fully embodying that misunderstanding, the belief and behaviors adopted because of that misunderstanding unwind by themselves, thusly freeing a part of myself that has been locked down by a self-destructive, egotistic pattern. I have seen that many of the traumas in my life have been based on simple, yet huge misperceptions... I am not enough. I am not lovable, there's something wrong with me, etc. Nothing new to anyone, but my work with Raven showed me that until I see the root incident and fully realize the misunderstanding that occurred, then the belief and the corresponding fearful emotions, behaviors, and thought patterns stay intact. I have been amazed at the number of profound and life-changing insights that have arisen from our work. I feel for the first time hopeful that releasing these false beliefs will allow the relationship to the physical pain to shift.

If you are willing to do the work for yourself, Raven can lead you into places that have been too fearful to enter alone. He gives you tools that will strengthen the muscles to do it for yourself. It is a fascinating process and, at times, a painful one. I am, however, seeing that the beauty of who I am underneath the limiting beliefs is emerging. I am almost sure that underneath the layers of conditioning is something so great and so magnificent, it will be unfathomable.

Eitan's Story

I was married for 16 years. It was the end of the year 2009, I had been divorced from my wife for six months, when I fell deeply in Love with a woman. This woman and I had a powerful Love affair that lasted for only 3 months when she was forced to leave the country forever due to her visa status.

I feel like I was in a very vulnerable place after the separation from my wife. My guards were down, and my heart felt completely exposed. I let this new relationship take me extremely deep. When my girlfriend left, I felt heartbroken in a way that I've never experienced before in all of my adult life. My heart ached tremendously, and I was sinking deeper and deeper into depression. It became hard to get out of bed and happiness felt so far away.

I was suffering like that for over half a year until I took a bike ride with my close friend Raven. At some point on our outdoor activity we sat on a branch to enjoy the view. Raven asked me how I was doing. I shared with him about my pain and about my ongoing deep depression from when my girlfriend left.

Raven then suggested we do a short session. Feeling like I had nothing to lose I agreed, and he invited me to close my eyes. He led me through what felt like a mental/spiritual/visual journey. In my mind, with the guidance of Raven's questions, I saw myself traveling into the center of the earth. At some point I reached what looked like a quicksilver-like substance that was constantly moving and waving, and yet, at the same time, keeping its general form. Raven encouraged me to go into that substance and so I did.

Once I "crossed over," I experienced an extremely high temperature that caused me pain beyond measure. I immediately evaporated and became part of that substance. The pain then was gone. I instantly experienced what felt like a cosmic connection with all there is.

The journey barely took 15 minutes and as it was ending I had a strong and deep realization come over me: that there is no such thing as separation. Only the confused mind tells me that I was separated from my beloved (or anyone or everything else). I came to realize I am still connected with my Loved one on all levels (besides on the immediate physical one), and so I never "lost" her and that I never "lost" this beautiful connection.

From that moment on, for the most part at least, instead of grieving my girlfriend's leaving I came to feel celebratory that life granted me with this beautiful Love I was able to experience with her; and that this Love is still here for me to connect with and experience anytime I want to.

That was a moment of huge transformation for me. Half a year of deep depression was gone. I asked myself in surprise what was all that misery about. The grief went away as if it was never with me. Life seemed exciting to me again; and my friends, like me, were surprised with how my whole being shifted so dramatically so quickly. I could never express enough how grateful I've been feeling towards Raven for his deep generosity in sharing his healing gifts with me by helping me so effectively to heal my deep pain.

Thank you, Raven!!!

Jane's Story

My name is Jane and this was my predicament. I had chills throughout my body but especially in my lower legs. It was so uncomfortable and distressing that I was having a difficult time engaging in my daily life and especially work. The doctors couldn't figure out what was wrong with me. After two months of tests, my doctor and her colleagues were scratching their heads. They couldn't do anything for me.

The anxiety about the chills became so great that I became fearful that I was dying. A friend recommended that I call Raven, assuring me that he could help me.

Seven sessions later I was healed. We found that the coldness in my legs was attached to my life story. Although I had told my story about my childhood sexual abuse many times, Raven helped me access much deeper pieces of the story that I had never talked about with anyone before. Not my therapist or my friends. He helped me open up and release deep pain and self -loathing that was making me sick.

I am a survivor of father daughter incest. My father started molesting me when I was 6 years old and it continued for 20 years. He did things to me and made me do things to him that were gross and disgusting to me. As I became older the abuse became more intense and he had to resort to manipulation tactics to get me to comply, like threatening the lives of my mother and family members. On a number of occasions, he was physically abusive to my mother. When I became an adult, I thought the incest would stop, but it didn't. It got worse! I had to leave my Midwest home, family and friends and move to California to get away from him. Since then the repercussions of the abuse have lived in my body. It has taken me thirty years to heal. Raven has an amazing presence that allowed me to open up and access and release feelings I had never expressed before. I felt safe with him. That was what enabled me to heal. I felt he could hold and understand details about my experience that I never felt safe to reveal. His intuition was right on and I always felt he understood what I was talking about. I felt that he knew what I needed to get well. In the beginning he told me that it would take about eight sessions and we did it in seven.

Now I am comfortable in my body and I feel better about my life and who I am. I am more confident, and better able to express and receive Love. That feeling of being the perpetual victim is fading, and I am much happier. I am so grateful to Raven and the Love Healing Process for helping me get here.

Can you imagine what Jane's life was like as a child, to be continually molested by her father frequently. When Jane came to me, she had spent years in therapy trying to heal the feelings of being continually invaded which produced even deeper feelings of hurt, betrayal, anger and rage. The therapies did some good. Jane had realized that her father was wrong to act that way and that she herself had not done anything wrong. That in and of itself is a huge deal because when a child is continually molested by a parent or parents, trying to figure out what is right or wrong when she becomes a young adult or an adult, is very challenging. The only way I know to help a person do that is to teach them how to grow very big in Love, because it is only being big in Love that enables a person to **feel** the truth within themselves.

When Jane came to me, that is what I did with her. I taught Jane how to get big in Love so that she could feel what was right and what was wrong about her past experience. Jane had to get so big in Love that she could find a way to forgive her father within herself, because harboring hatred, was like trying to hold a hot coal within her heart. It just kept burning and burning a hole within her. Jane was able to do that but that was only the beginning. What was causing the sensation of her legs freezing was much deeper than that.

In all the years that Jane had been in therapy, she had never been able to tell anyone her darkest secrets. I have found that for many incest survivors, this is one of the most closely held secrets that causes so much pain.

There were parts of the physical feeling of the molestation that she liked.

Through the molestations there were some parts that felt good. All healthy children seek their parent's attention but what she wanted was for him to just be a normal father. What made Jane's legs and feet freeze was the guilt she felt for liking parts of being molested over and over, for years. She felt like she was so wrong for liking some of the things that happened to her. Here again, this is where Jane was able to find peace in herself, by getting very big in Love, so that she could feel what was right and wrong for herself.

Without big Love, she could never get past her confusion or her fear of being found out. Once she was able to get big in Love, then she was able to understand, the Love gave her the strength within herself to know what was right for her. Once she was able to understand, she was able to see that she did nothing to feel guilty about and she was able to release that deep pain from her body. Within days of her coming to this understanding and releasing the pain of all that guilt, the warmth came back to her legs and feet. She was able to hold her head high and for the first time in her adult life, be free of the guilt from that experience.

Think back also to Michael's story from Chapter 4, Love Time, and you can see that opening deeply to one's pain can bring great relief. If it is done in Love, it will always bring truth and comfort. It was the same with Sheila's story in Chapter 7, Loving Questions, John's story in Chapter 9, Gliding, Dot's story in the Introduction, Our Incredible Human Condition; and Jill's story in Chapter 17, Colin Tipping and Radical Forgiveness. This Process is sometimes a challenge to do. It's not easy to open to your deepest pain, but it is necessary. And what you will gain through bravely opening to your deepest pain is this: understanding, healing of your disease, and Loving Intelligence. Each time you clarify a misunderstanding and then change the unloving patterns of acting and reacting to the old belief, you heal, and you gain Loving Strength! Generally, once you have done all the work of Stages One, Two, and Three and released the pain held by those beliefs, sometime after you have healed, the old pattern you thought you healed will happen one more time. **It is a test to see if you have really healed.** When this happens, if you react with your old habits, then you still have some work to do on healing your habit. If you act and react in Love, then you know you're done. You have truly healed. It's like riding a bike: You never have to learn it again and you never have to go through that pain ever again. It is Done! **And Knowing Rocks!**

In Michael's story, the doctors had given up on him and were helping him manage his pain the best they could. In Debra's story, the doctors couldn't figure out how to help her at all. In Dot's story, the doctors wanted to physically cut the cyst out of her throat, which would have been a very dangerous operation, leaving her scarred on the inside and the outside of her throat for life. In each of these stories, the doctors were doing the best they could but had no understanding of how to help their patients heal.

The challenge with healing diseases is that there are so many different ways people can contract disease and health challenges. And there are almost as many different ways to treat or heal diseases or health challenges, which makes it very difficult for people to know which ones will work for them.

This is where growing in Love will help tremendously. The bigger you are in Love, the easier it is to discover what you need to do to heal your conditions.

It's important to remember that the Love Healing Process is a new paradigm, so it's going to take people time to figure out just how it works.

Should you keep working with your doctors? **Absolutely**! It's important to keep working with your doctors and healers. **You can do both—work with your doctors and healers and work on yourself at the same time.**

In all of the stories above, the person had a physical ailment that correlated to unresolved misunderstandings. Every physical ailment is the same for everyone: manifestations of unresolved misunderstandings. Cancer, cysts, heart attacks, venereal disease, arthritis, mental disorders, stomach cramps, OCD, allergies, and on and on...

In many cases, resolving the misunderstanding and then healing the unloving habits that accompany the old beliefs will completely heal a person. When a person has done all the work to heal and they still don't heal, it is a sign that there is something deeper involved or that it is a Karmic issue. We'll discuss Karma in detail in the next chapter on Karma. But even if there are Karmic issues, we're here to heal our unloving conditions, and the work will need to be done, regardless of Karma.

The really cool thing, as shown in all these healing stories, is that once the misunderstanding is understood, in many cases **the relief is a wonder to behold.** Every time we heal something deep within us, we become more of who we really are: **powerful spiritual beings in Love.**

In the course of my efforts to teach this new paradigm, I have found that many people want to cling to the old paradigm of being a victim of things like cancers, viruses, colds, and allergies. And to them I say that we are spiritual beings living in a physical world and as such we are sharing beliefs all the time. So each of us is taking part in the whole Earth Project, sharing beliefs, trying to make sense of our experience. Generally speaking, the public moves to the heartbeat of fear, hatred, and loneliness, things generated by Love Reversals. These unloving qualities permeate people's lives and minds. It's what they think about and experience throughout their days and nights. Many watch or read the news daily and see proof of all of their fear, hatred, and loneliness. People are terrified of God, so the energy of masses of people living in terror has created tyrannical governments. Many people hate their living conditions and that often escalates to anger and rage. Why should their lives be so unfair? The energy of masses of people believing that life is unfair creates war around the world. They fear that they are separate from life and Love and Goddess God, and in a world of over seven billion people, loneliness is one of the most widespread diseases.

So when a big story like a suicide bombing, or people being robbed, or a nuclear meltdown is aired on the news, it's easy to see why masses of people withdraw inside themselves. The parents react to the traumas and the children react to the parents' reactions because we're all connected. These reactions get labeled as flus and viruses and such, but underneath they are simply unloving reactions to beliefs about what's happening around us. Misunderstandings run rampant!

It's helpful to disengage from watching the news so that you don't feed the fear, hatred and loneliness. When enough people stop being terrified of God, we won't need to overthrow any governments. The tyrannical governments will simply disappear. When enough people are happy with their predicaments, or should we say opportunities in life, when they have embraced the reality that the deepest fulfillment comes from Lovingly serving, wars, police, prisons, and courtrooms will disappear. People will learn to govern themselves by embracing each other. They'll sit down to a good meal while they talk about their different options. It'll be fun! Where would you like this thing to go, this Earth Project, this collaboration of souls?

You are a big part this!

What would you like to see happen?

Chapter 28 Karma

In the same way that meditation has many different meanings, Karma has many different meanings. It has different meanings to different people and different belief systems or religions, like Hinduism and Buddhism. When **we** talk about Karma, we are referring to the metaphysical laws that govern the manifestations of our thoughts and actions.

We could say that Loving intentions and actions create Loving Karma, which is wonderful, and unloving intentions and unloving actions create unloving Karma, which is experienced as different kinds of pain.

I believe that the reason Karma has never been explained in this way before is that, in general, it has not been understood that the universe, our minds, and our four bodies go to great effort to prove to us that our beliefs are true, even when they are not. We are all designed that way. The universe will **mirror** your beliefs. It is an ingenious system designed to give us free will and teach us how to grow in honor and integrity. Whatever is happening in your life, the experience you are creating or receiving is a result of your action or inaction as life moves on. Your life shows up as a **mirror** of what you believe, moment by moment. When you are in Love and experiencing Love, your life is fantastic, totally awesome, heaven on earth. When you are feeling states of unloving emotions and experiences, it can be annoying, fearful, boring, and even very painful. So, it stands to reason that you can empower yourself by learning more about how Karma works as the result of your intentions and actions.

Karma is interwoven into the fabric of the Earth Project in such a way that it governs the way we live and **enables us to learn** from our choices to act, not act, or react. If you act or react in a Loving way towards other people, animals, plants, or the earth, **you will feel your Love and you will be able to feel some of their joy or** pleasure. If you act or react in an unloving way towards other people, animals, plants, or the earth, you will feel your pain and some of or all of their pain, depending on the situation.

The thing is, when you get really big in Love, you see that everything anyone does that is unloving is simply done in ignorance. And when anyone does something unloving, they must experience the pain they have created for themselves and others. If they do it again, the pain gets worse; if they learn from it, then they gain the ability to never have to experience the pain again because they will stop doing it.

The way that Karma works **enables us to have free will, the ability to choose Love or pain.** Now why is free will so important?

Imagine what our lives would be like if we did not have the choice to do anything unloving or painful. If we couldn't lie, couldn't steal or cheat or kill or interrupt even if we tried (because the metaphysics of life wouldn't allow us to), we would have very limited choices. If we didn't have pain, **if Love was all we could experience**, we would not be able to develop or strengthen our willpower because everything would be so easy. There could be very little growth and any growth that did happen would take a very long time to come about. This would make for a boring existence, but we wouldn't know we were bored because we couldn't feel the pain of it. We wouldn't be able to grow very much. Progression in intelligence would slow to the speed of a snail. So, free will gives us the ability to grow intelligent in a short amount of time.

Look how far mankind has progressed in the past one hundred years. All of us working together has progressed our technologies in incredible ways—from horse travel to flights to the Moon and Mars in a hundred years. It is the motivation of a hungry stomach, the possibility of achieving a happy heart, and an active creative mind that make our lives wondrous, beautiful, fascinating, fun, worth striving for, and worth getting up for every morning. All this incredible growth has come about because we can be motivated, and we have choices. So, the Creators of Earth have built into the metaphysics of Earth a system of consequential laws we call Karma that govern the results of our actions and inactions. For there to be free will, we must be able to make a mistake that might harm ourselves or others, create a little pain (or sometimes a lot of pain) for someone, and interrupt someone's space a little, knowing that if we do there will be painful aftereffects. This gives us choices, provides excitement, helps us develop strength of mind, builds character, and introduces all of us to the playing field of Love versus pain.

An Unloving Act

Here is a list of what constitutes the basics of an unloving act:

- Interrupting any being's space without permission with unloving intentions
- o Lying
- Cheating
- Stealing
- Intentionally hurting yourself or someone else or doing something that causes pain to any being including yourself (this includes humans and any animal with eyes and blood)
- Defacing any person, place, or thing (dropping garbage where it doesn't go, graffiti, scratching or breaking things to deface them, etc.)
- Killing any human or animal except in self-defense or for any humane reason

The reason we say "the basics" is because there are literally hundreds of ways to create unloving acts. For example, a person could need to clear their throat and, after drawing up the phlegm into their mouth, spit it onto the ground. That would be fine if the place they spit is not being defaced. But if a person spit anywhere at any time with the intention to deface, that would create a Karmic effect. So, we can't really list all the ways an unloving act could be committed, just the basics.

Karmic Effects

Any time any of us creates an unloving act, we will suffer the pain caused by the action and the Karmic effects that action caused. Here are some examples:

Interrupting

A girl is coloring in a book. Her brother decides he doesn't want her to color, he wants her to play with him, and so he swipes the book and crayons to the floor. The moment the brother makes the decision to knock the book and crayons to the floor, he will get a pain in his gut. The pain is showing him he just made an unloving decision based on his intentions. The pain will intensify the closer he comes to swiping the book and crayons. Once he has done the deed, he cannot take it back. It is done. And at that point he has created a Karmic effect in the way of pain that must be experienced. The pain in his gut will intensify and stay that way until the effect is over. The length of the pain effect is based on how much unloving energy he put into the act and how much pain was caused by his actions. He will have to experience the pain he created within himself, the pain he created in the other person, and any pain that might have been experienced by a third or fourth party like a concerned parent or babysitter. Each time he does something similar, the pain's duration and intensity increase.

If at some point before the effect is over, the boy realizes that what he did was invasive and feels how it hurt the girl's feelings and he apologizes with empathy to the girl and anyone else his action hurt, a significant amount of the pain will be lessened. We will state here that if a parent tried to force a child to apologize and the child's heart is closed when he apologizes, it does nothing for the sister or the boy. It would be good to do some creative parenting here to help the boy realize what he has done, making sure that there are open hearts all around. Only then will the boy be able to come to using empathy and bring peace to his past actions.

Lying

A working mother tells her daughter that she cannot go to the mall with her friends because she needs to go home and do her homework. The daughter decides to go to the mall anyway. The moment she makes the decision, she starts feeling fear in her stomach. As she walks to the mall, the feeling intensifies. In an attempt not to get in trouble with her mother, she lies to her mother and tells her that she didn't go to the mall, that she did her homework. The moment the words have come out, it is done. She can't take it back. She has incurred a Karmic effect in the way of pain that must be experienced. Her pain will increase until the Karmic effect is over. If her mother catches her, she will have to experience the shame and guilt of being a liar. She will have to experience the same amount of pain her mother experiences and anyone else it may involve. And she will not be trusted for the amount of time it takes to experience the Karma effect, which could last for a few days. If she doesn't get caught, she will still have to experience the shame and guilt of being a liar and the pain and the duration will be even more than if she got caught. From this point forward, if she continues to lie, the pain and duration increase and the time she will feel like she is not being trusted could last for a long time.

If at some point before the effect is over, the girl realizes that what she did was wrong and feels how it hurt her mother to deceive her and she apologizes with empathy, a significant amount of the pain will be lessened.

Cheating

A couple is doing their taxes and they have their own business. While adding up how much they have been paid throughout the past year, they choose to omit any time they were paid cash. The moment they sign the completed tax form and put it in the mailbox, the Karmic effect starts and its pain must be experienced. As soon as they make the decision to cheat, they will both start feeling pains of guilt. Once they go through with it, the pain increases. From that moment, both people will find that they will have experiences in which they are not trusted until the effect has been experienced in full. They both will feel the shame and guilt of lying about their situation in the back of their minds, so to speak, throughout the entire time of experiencing the effects. The amount of money they did not report will be lost in mysterious ways. Here again, if they are not caught, the pain is more than it would be if they were caught. They will find that they will be cheated in some similar fashion from a fellow human being or entity or business. Each time they commit a similar offence the pain and duration increase and the time they feel that they are not trusted could last for a long time.

If at some point before the debt is paid, one or both people realize that what they did was wrong, apologize, and tell the I.R.S. the proper amount of money made, a significant amount of the pain will be lessened for one or both of them.

Stealing

A young man has just started shaving. He goes to the store to buy himself his own razor. He discovers that the extra blades are quite expensive, so he slips a package of them into his pocket and doesn't pay for them. The moment he puts them into his pocket, he will start feeling the fear of getting caught. The moment he steps out of the store and he hasn't paid, he will start to feel the Karmic effect of the guilt and shame of being a thief and the pain of it must be experienced. If the young man is caught, he will have to suffer the humiliation of being a thief, and he may be arrested and must pay the debt the storeowner or the court systems charge him. If he is not caught, he will have to experience the feeling of the humiliation, guilt, and shame of being a thief as if he were caught plus he will find that he will end up paying the amount of the value of the razor blades and fine, or more, from people stealing from him or some other catastrophe. The amount of pain he will experience if he is not caught is so much more than it is if he is caught, that it is usually better if he does get caught. The moment he steals, he will find that he will not be

trusted until the Karmic effects have been experienced in full, which can take days or weeks. Every time he commits a new offence the pain and duration increase, and he will find that the feeling of not being trusted could last for months.

If at some point before the debt is paid, he realizes that what he did was wrong, apologizes with empathy, and pays the money back to the store, a significant amount of the pain will be lessened.

Intentionally Hurting Someone

If a mother or father hits their child for any reason, they will incur Karmic effects. The relationship of any parent to a child is sacred. The only reason for anyone to raise a child is to raise the child with Love in every fashion possible. There is never a reason to hit a child, ever. Parenting is about guiding and teaching, nurturing, mothering and fathering, not discipline. There are a number of reasons why the effects happen:

- A child is quite helpless compared to the size of an adult and therefore cannot protect itself.
- Hitting a child puts the child in a state of shock that confuses the child a great deal.
- Hitting a child is communicating to the child that he or she has done something that is unforgivable or extremely wrong, both of which are not true. This is incredibly confusing for the child.
- The pain the child receives creates physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual scars that can last a very long time, quite often a lifetime.
- Hitting the child is teaching the child that hitting someone you Love is O.K., which is very wrong.
- Hitting a child is teaching the child that hitting their own children is a proper way to discipline them, which is very wrong. It is not guiding them but imposing a fear-based relationship, which is very unhealthy.

Once a parent hits their child, they will incur Karmic effects and the pain of it must be experienced. There are many factors that

determine the effects. How hard the child was hit, how angry the parent was while doing the hitting, whether an implement was used, the duration of the hitting, and how bad the child was hurt physically, emotionally, mentally, and spiritually. It should be very clear here that anyone hitting a child will experience more than the amount of pain they created in the child plus the pain that action created in all other parties involved, like siblings, the other parent, friends, grandparents, or anyone who saw or heard about the transgression.

Reverting to hitting anyone for anything besides protecting yourself brings on a very powerful Karmic effect that makes it very difficult to grow and learn but this is especially true when hitting children. It will make you feel ignorant and appear ignorant to other people for a long time.

If the person comes to understand what they did was wrong and they apologize to the child with empathy and do everything in their power to keep from hitting or yelling at the child ever again, then a significant amount of the pain will be lessened. This includes getting professional help. The person will also need to apologize to all other parties concerned. The person must learn to Lovingly guide the child instead of disciplining the child.

Another example of hurting, in the light of Jake's story, would be a woman driving down the road on her way to work. As she merges onto the highway, a car almost sideswipes her. It scares her and she starts cussing and yelling obscenities at the person. As soon as the first angry word is uttered, she has entered into Karmic effect. Every word after that just makes the effect more painful. The woman is using her energy to hurt another person. The near-sideswipe was an accident, not intended to give harm. Therefore, reacting in anger or rage with harsh words is similar to hitting someone. It is like hitting someone with her energy and creates Karmic effects. If the people in the other car were standing in front of her, happy with their hearts open, and this woman started cussing and yelling obscenities, each person would feel the pain of her anger and rage. It would hurt their hearts. It would be a shock to their bodies and lives. It would take time to get over the shock. That woman will now have to experience all their pain. In the near future, the woman will find that after doing something that was innocent or accidental, someone will yell and cuss at her in a similar fashion that she did to the people in the passing car.

It is important for everyone to understand that their voice is very powerful. When you use your voice in Love, it is wondrous and marvelous. But any time you use your voice in irritation, anger, or rage to intentionally accost a person, you create strong Karmic effects for yourself.

Killing

There are two honorable reasons to kill someone:

- Self-defense, to defend yourself, your family, your friends, or your country. (but only if your country is being attacked. In the case of soldiers, each soldier must decide for her his self if killing is honorable or not, before the killing is done. It must be done with an open heart and be in alignment with Love.)
- To protect someone else. For example, if a woman/man was holding someone hostage at gunpoint, it is honorable to kill the woman/man if there is no other way to stop her/him.

If a woman/man/child kills another person for a dishonorable reason, S/he will incur Karmic effects and the pain of it must be experienced.

If a woman/man/child kills a person dishonorably, s/he should turn her/himself over to the authorities and let them punish her/him to the full extent of the law because if s/he doesn't the pain and duration of the Karmic effects will be much worse. When a person has been killed, her/his life has been shortened. All the good and amazing things that person could have done will never come to fruition. Therefore, the killer will have her/his life taken away as well and quite often be sentenced for the duration of her/his life in prison. Usually many people are affected by the sudden death of someone who has been killed. Therefore, the killer must experience all of the pain of all those people affected, throughout the time of the effects. If the killer is not able to experience all the pain in this lifetime, it will follow the person to her/his next lifetime.

There are certain scenarios in which Karmic effects for killing would be less than a lifetime. For instance, if a woman/man killed someone in a gang fight when s/he was eighteen. By time s/he is in her/his thirties, s/he is a different person and could be released from jail if that option was available.

You can see from these explanations that the Rules of Karma are powerful and apply to any and every person who incurs Karmic effects. All pain caused by Karmic effects must be experienced, but the duration of the Karmic effect depends completely on if the person committing the offence learns from the experience and changes their ways. If you have done any of these things and have not been caught, if you turn yourself in or apologize to the appropriate people, your Karmic Debt of pain can be significantly lessened and you can get on with your life with less pain and more wisdom and honor. It can be very challenging to go up to a person you have wronged in some way and apologize for what you did. You must swallow your pride and humble yourself to do it with an open heart. But doing it builds a lot of character for yourself and says a lot about who you are. It is very honorable to admit that you have done something wrong and be willing to do what you must do to make it right, if possible. That includes learning why you had the inclination to do it in the first place so that you can heal or remedy that impulse or habit within you. Healing the 'why you did it' will significantly lessen the Karmic effects as well. And you may be surprised at the aftermath of your apology. As time goes by, you will feel better about yourself after you have apologized and made whatever you did to harm someone as right as possible.

I would also like to state here that the scenarios we have presented are in no way a complete list of all the different ways a person can create Karmic effects. But the examples we have given you should help you understand that it is important to learn to Love yourself and everyone and everything around you so that you can learn to live with honor and integrity and to grow Lovingly wise.

To be clear, you are being created by Goddess God Love each and every moment. Your life is continually an amazing gift. If you think that you have wronged a person in any way and gotten away with it, you do not understand how Karma works. You cannot fool Goddess God Love or yourself. It is simply not possible.

Also, if you were a person who was raised in the rough, so to speak, raised in a way so that your whole childhood was traumatic all the time, with the result that you have so many Love Reversals you find it very difficult to know what is right, what is Loving, and what is not, I and all of your Guides want to thank you. The path you have chosen is one of the hardest to bear, one of the hardest to heal. But if you can find it in yourself to do it, to heal all of the trauma, the payoff for your efforts will be more wondrous than you can imagine.

One of my editors asked the questions, "Isn't this person experiencing Karmic payback? And if so, how did she/he consciously choose that?"

My guides expressed that when Godlings choose Earth to be their learning ground, they are shown how much pain they are going to have to go through to learn what they need to learn in order to become Loving, integrous, and wise. They are also shown the benefits of doing so, and it is these benefits that has billions of Godlings choosing to come here. These benefits are the new age we are about to grow into, the Age of Love and Truth. When they are shown the big picture, it is clear that some Godlings will need to experience more pain than others. In order for the Earth Project to work, there have to be people like Stalin and Hitler who create extraordinary amounts of painful Karma that must be experienced. The choice to live a lifetime such as Stalin's is made on the soul level before coming to Earth, (just like anyone's decision to come to Earth), but once here the lifetime plays out through ignorance. The Godlings that choose these paths are given extraordinary gifts as well, and if you are one of them, again, all of your Guides want to thank you.

Karma is not something to be afraid of. If you have done things that create painful Karmic effects, if you can find it in yourself to keep your heart open as much as possible while living through the pain of the effects, you will come to know honor and integrity, and it will make you a very powerful, Loving human. You can learn to adore your life.

The Earth Project provides for us the opportunity to heal almost any and every kind of pain that there could ever be and to heal it completely. Once it is completed, once all the trauma and unloving beliefs and unloving habits have been healed from every human lineage and every living human, we will be done. Billions and billions of souls will have been turned loose into the Cosmos to Love and create to their hearts' content. And the state of Heaven we are moving into will be a testament to our labors of Love.

The universe will mirror your beliefs.

It is an ingenious system designed to give us free will and teach us how to grow BIG in Love, honor, and integrity.

Chapter 29 Books to Read

There are two books we would like to recommend you read. Before you embark on either of these books, however, we would suggest that you spend most of your extra time mastering the Love Tools (especially Gliding) and using the Love Healing Process, before you embark on reading either of these books.

The first book is *Nonviolent Communication: A Language of Life: Life-changing Tools for Healthy Relationships*, by Marshall Rosenberg.¹ It is an amazing book about learning how to communicate with and through Love. This fascinating concept takes time to learn and do. The book itself is a little challenging to read and understand, and so along with the book we highly recommend that you watch or listen to the Non-Violent Communication (NVC) videos made my Marshall Rosenberg on YouTube. They are even better than the book and easier to understand. If you are having communication issues in your life, it may be to your advantage to also take some NVC courses because learning NVC is a little like learning a new language, and it is powerful! Here is a **description of the book provided by Sounds True:** ²

Nonviolent Communication By Marshall Rosenberg

What if you could defuse tension and create accord in even the most volatile situations—just by changing the way you spoke? Over the past 35 years, Marshall Rosenberg has done just that, peacefully resolving conflicts in families, schools, businesses, and governments in 30 countries all over the world.

In *Nonviolent Communication*, this renowned peacemaker presents his complete system for speaking our deepest truths, addressing our

unrecognized needs and emotions, and honoring those same concerns in others. With this adaptation of the bestselling book of the same title, Marshall Rosenberg teaches in his own words:

Course objectives:

• Identify the four steps of the Nonviolent Communication process

Employ the four-step Nonviolent
 Communication process in every dialogue you engage in

• Utilize empathy to safely confront anger, fear, and other powerful emotions

• Discover how to overcome the blocks to compassion and open to our natural desire to enrich the lives of those around us

Observations, feelings, needs, and requests—
 how to apply the four-step process of Nonviolent
 Communication to every dialogue we engage in

• Overcoming the blocks to compassion—and opening to our natural desire to enrich the lives of those around us

• How to use empathy to safely confront anger, fear, and other powerful emotions

The second book we would like to recommend is *It's Never Too Late to Be Your Self*, by Davina Kotulski. ³ Davina's book is an allaround spiritual growth book, and all of the practical exercises in her book work splendidly with *Growing Big in Love*. Her audio version is great! Here's a review provided by Readers' Favorite Five Star Review: ⁴

It's Never Too Late to Be Your Self: Follow your Inner Compass and Take Back Your Life By Davina Kotulski

It's Never Too Late to Be Your Self: Follow Your Inner Compass and Take Back Your Life by Davina Kotulski is a powerful book on personal development, one that offers tools and secrets to unlocking the doors to personal fulfillment, growth, and success, and it is well-crafted for contemporary readers. Most people are not satisfied with the life they are living because they are disconnected from themselves. They spend their lives chasing ideas, values and dreams suggested to them by our eclectic culture, struggling to meet standards set by others. In this book, the author shares the wisdom that readers need to reconnect with their deepest desires and feel at one with themselves because it is only then that they can live with truth and authenticity. This book shows why we need to use our inner compass to identify what we truly need, our desires, and how to use them to create success and purpose.

Davina Kotulski observes that: "Many of us have an objection to feeling joyous. Something in us resists feeling wonderful, resists the fullness of life. We feel there's something flawed about us, something not quite right about who we are. Religious doctrine has contributed to this. For some people, this feeling is familiar and therefore comfortable." This book helps readers turn things around, empowering them to overcome their internal resistance to growth, joy, and happiness, and providing actionable steps to learn to listen to themselves, to take control of their dreams, and to find tools that help them beat fear and obstacles on the way. It's Never Too Late to Be Your Self is a book I found to be very edifying, packed with wisdom and insight, one of those books to read or listen to and pass on.

Narrated in a voice that is down to earth and engaging, in a style that connects with readers, allowing a heart to heart conversation, this is an audiobook to have in your car and in your home. The words are filled with power and that energy is communicated in the confident and clear voice of the narrator.

Chapter 30

What We Want You to Hear LOUDLY

For those of you who decided to make growing BIG in Love and using the Love Healing Process a daily part of your life, the biggest thing for you to understand is that once you start,

if you want to be successful, you will have to be persistent.

Once you start adding Love daily, you will start stirring up your world of unloving beliefs, habits, and especially Love Reversals within you. It is so important that you are consistently processing two to three hours a week, every week, week after week. If you do, you will be growing in Love, and you will be able to heal the unloving parts of you that come up to the surface.

That exchange will give you a BALANCE to your life.

It will make your life exciting and wondrous.

Yes, you will be going through Change Transitions constantly, and there will be hard times. Because all of us have so many different kinds of unloving beliefs, habits, and Love Reversals within us, many of the ones you are not working on will get triggered here and there. Here you can use your Love Tools to help you get through them with less pain.

But if you keep at it and consistently follow the Process,

you will be able to grow spiritually and effectively right into Doj.

It may take four to ten years to achieve Doj. But what we want you to hear LOUDLY is that if you do not follow the Process—

that is, if you try to add Love but do not do the processing, OR if you try to process but do not add Love, or if you do not follow the guidelines of Stages One, Two, and Three—your results will not be what you are trying to achieve. The Process is sound and if followed consistently, will help you grow into the most beautiful person you could ever imagine becoming!

How important is it to follow the Love Healing Process?

I have seen people try just to add Love or grow in Love without processing. Generally, they will experience some growth in Love and awareness for a short time—a month, maybe two. But if a person continues to try to grow in Love **without** processing the pain that the Love moves to the surface, her/his life will start to become more chaotic and s/he will lose the desire to grow in Love.

Why do people try to add Love without processing? Generally it is because they have not learned how to process, they have not learned how to process correctly, or they do not have the dedication to do the work that is needed to bring about the healing.

I have seen people attempt to process without following all the steps, believing they are doing it right and after a year or so, find they really haven't healed any of their unloving habits. This can be extremely frustrating, to spend all that time and to have not progressed.

SO what we want you to hear LOUDLY, is that if you decide to grow BIG in Love and you are actively using the Love Tools **every day**, you will need to spend a **minimum of half an hour a day, four or five days a week**, processing the pain that the Love brings to the surface of your life. You will need to follow all the steps laid out in Stages One, Two, and Three. This new way of living moves people to stand up and take responsibility for their lives.

The rewards for doing so are off the charts.

The rewards are so powerful that they make the pain we have to go through totally worth it. We can learn how to become Loving, honorable, and full of integrity.

Again, the Love Healing Process is sound and if followed consistently, will help you grow into the most beautiful person you could ever imagine you could become!

Chapter 31 DOJ

I feel ME feeling GODDESS GOD feeling ME feeling GODDESS GOD

As we grow bigger and bigger in LOVE, we are enabled to feel more and more of Goddess God. The experience is exquisite, wondrous, exciting, fulfilling, tantalizing, delicious, empowering, freeing, and the intelligence on every level of the fractal we find ourselves in is so beyond genius as to bring on the experience of LOVE manifesting infinitely on every level, and we are living/feeling/experiencing more and more of the genius of LOVE the bigger we become.

What we will discover through the living/feeling/experiencing of LOVE that big is that LOVE came first, that GODDESS GOD has evolved out of LOVE.

I feel ME feeling LOVE feeling ME feeling LOVE

This is the heartbeat of LOVE, the way LOVE experiences LOVE through YOU. YOU are that important. YOU are that unique. YOU give LOVE an experience that only YOU can give so the more YOU grow into yourself, the more LOVE can experience YOU. It is a win-win, the ultimate win-win.

I feel LOVE feeling ME feeling LOVE feeling ME

The Creator Being that is creating YOU is a very big part of GODDESS GOD, a descendant and a creation from LOVE Her/Himself, who is taking great joy in teaching you how to express yourself to become more of LOVE. They tell me that it is such an exquisite feeling to start a new part of LOVE. The experience of creating YOU for Her/Him keeps Her/Him immersed into the awareness of a very small part of Her/Himself, which gives Her/Him the experience of the awareness of how very BIG S/He is at the same time. Them creating us also gives them the experience and the ability to see their wondrous

creation of Earth out of our eyes. WE are being given the opportunity to dance to the heartbeat of LOVE so that we may become more of

LOVE

I feel ME feeling LOVE feeling ME feeling LOVE

And **if we choose to grow in LOVE**, our Creator Beings get to dance with us around the different Cosmoses of LOVE, to explore and play and sing and make LOVE to our heart's desire until we can do it all for ourselves. And then, who knows what we will do...

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