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Reflections *"The Gifts of Inner Freedom"*

If at this moment you could completely calm your body, your thoughts and your emotions, you would instantly become aware of your true Self, the soul, and of your great body of the universe, throbbing with the joy of God. The soul would be "established in its own state." Isn't it strange, that the joy

Rev. LeRoy Zemke of God is there, yet you cannot feel it? The reason you do not know His Bliss is that you are intoxicated with ego feeling (chitta). Your real nature is calmness. You have put on a mask of restlessness: the agitated state of your consciousness resulting from the stimuli of feelings. You are not that mask, you are pure, calm spirit. It is time you remember who you are: the blessed soul, a reflection of Spirit. Take off the mask of feelings. Face your Self.

> **The Divine Romance** by Paramahansa Yogananda

Letting go gives us freedom, and freedom is the only condition for happiness. If, in our heart, we still cling to anything - anger, anxiety, or possessions - we cannot be free.

Tick Nhat Hanh

In a constantly changing world, the great challenge is to find something called by saints, saviors, and mystics alike, Inner Freedom.

What is this mystery? What is this great yearning that we have to step away from the world, or if not step away, live in it in such a way we can unburden ourselves from the daily treadmill, the incessant demand of cacophonous voices, voices and vicissitudes that beg, nay plead for our constant attention.

Our lives are beset by human demands, needs and unending distractions. Yet all the teachers of the ancient wisdoms speak of the power of stillness, a definite letting go of so much of our attention on the outer and extraordinary demands of the seeming importance of the human world.

In our day to day human life, we often speak of our duties, our obligations, our responsibilities. If we have a professional job/work or business, we have duties to perform, to attend to in ongoing manner. Duties or obligations as well as responsibilities carry with them an internal agreement or commitment to follow through, to get the job or work completed. Depending upon the situation we may feel good or not about the responsibilities thus involved. If we feel good about our commitment, then, when the specific task is done, there is inner satisfaction, a kind of pleasure in seeing a goal realized. That brings freedom, a freedom from the obligation or duty. As that happens, we find within ourselves a feeling of fulfillment and that something worthwhile has been accomplished.

Imagine, however, that in the doing or completing of the responsibilities we internalize the needed obligations in a negative manner. We interpret the duty we agreed to perform as something we dislike or resent having to follow through with in a timely or appropriate manner.

Often I've noted that we may develop a headache, backache, or stomach ache because our resistance to such an internal agreement is so strong. Or imagine that we actually follow through with the responsibility and feel anger, or something stronger such as hatred, or bitterness; or even wishing harm toward ourselves or toward another person, place or thing. One can easily see or sense where such internal thoughts and reactions can lead us. The entire atmosphere then becomes very negative ... whether it is our work or a personal relationship, or our psychological/mental process in dealing with some or all of life's more difficult or perceived to be difficult circumstances.

Inner freedom is a most precious sacred realization that emerges when we really allow ourselves to connect with the Spirit, the Life Force within us.

Spiritual essence is already profoundly and powerfully present. We do not have to search for it. Thus, the real task is to remember that the Spiritual Power or Presence is always available.

In many religious settings, churches and environments, the message is offered, "Call upon me ... and I will deliver you." Psalm 50:15

The real difference is that in traditional religions, God, or God's Presence is perceived to be external, outside of us, above us, beyond us, always exterior. Metaphysical teaching says, God is within us, inside as a divine spark often suggested as within the heart, or heart center of the human being.

HOW DO WE REMEMBER?

Allow me to share some simple, straight forward suggestions, that when implemented will truly bless us or free us from many of our conflicts or restrictions. Such practices will help us to release the actual physical tension in our body at the most basic level of our lives! 1. Exercise; all forms of physical involvement, climbing, running, walking, swimming, stretches, calisthenics, hiking, (to name a few), help to improve circulation to all parts of the body, bring nourishing blood flow to all the cells, tissues, tendons, bones etc and thus relieve tension, thus reducing all forms of stress - physical, emotional, mental, psychological.

2. Sports; all forms of simple to complex sports from basketball, football, baseball, badminton, golf to canoeing, river rafting, aerobic exercise, at home or at a spa. These can include volleyball, soccer, tennis, racing, etc.

3. Meditation; all systems of meditation when sincerely practiced offer inner calmness or quietness and freedom from focus on what's wrong or missing in our lives. One meditative system is not better than another. What's essential involves regular, if not daily practice. The work is to give time and internal space to becoming genuinely quiet and peaceful.

4. Spiritual practices such as yoga, tai chi, Akido, mindfulness, contemplation, walking the labyrinth. The key here is to access these systems as a gentle practice to become stress free, to gain a deeper sense of inner freedom!

5. Social Involvements; Dancing, singing in a church or community choir or choral group, personal involvement with theater, both on or off stage, festivals, involving participation-sharing of talents, skills or time shared in helping to create or support such events. Rich internal rewards can and do emerge from such participation and allows us to experience genuine inner freedom!

Inner freedom is a state of a deep, positive, balanced internal relationship to our Self, the Sacred Self, the Divine Self (or Spark of God within) to our human personal mental/emotional physical form called a body. Some of the freedoms I reference in this month's theme are patience mercy, compassion, unconditional love, freedom from a place of fear, failure and loss to a space of trusting life to support us in maintaining a state of equilibrium, balance with our body, our emotions, as well as our mental states.

As we embrace one, some or most of the aspects suggested above, the sense of inner freedom enables us to access our talents, skills, abilities. For example; if we want to experience ourselves as an artist, musician or writer, we must allow, deeply and genuinely to move in the direction of the training and acquisition of the education we may need. We say "yes" to the possibility instead of delaying such potential choice to the future with excuses such as, "I can't do it," or "I wasn't born with any talent."

Genuine inner freedom allows us to free ourselves from false beliefs that limit and thus really bind us to behaviors, attitudes that do not serve us! Once begun the sense of what we can accomplish is limited only by what we deeply know or believe to be true. Perhaps there is no external ultimate goal for inner freedom ... what serves us is the opportunity we have to discover or realize that we are not confined by our fears or past mistakes or what we perceive to be as errors!

The more we let go of our mental beliefs (sometimes called memes), emotional attitudes that restrict us, about ourselves or others, we gain steps toward inner equilibrium.

Many times we make a decision about a person, a man/woman, a group of people that's based on limited, often inaccurate information. Thus whenever we see them or think about them, we tense up. We create an internal response to them that is limited, negative or damaging to ourself or in our interaction the other person or group. We can readily see that our negative reactivity or preset ideas make for a very limited relationship.

And each time we engage in thought or even possible action we are restricted by our attitude belief or perhaps even limited experience. One can easily recognize how such does not serve us or anyone else. If we are always anticipating a fearful response or a negative response to a circumstance in our lives, real inner freedom to be who we are, to be kind, thoughtful, loving, caring, at peace with ourselves or others is not really possible.

In conclusion, inner freedom emerges as we learn to live in the world of form and function as a joyful, conscious participant. It's our ego based nature that brings focus upon our false identities, inappropriate demands and selfish ends. When we are able to be at peace, or at a point of equilibrium, inwardly, then the outer world around us reflects the reality as well. Our soul knows the way. Our conscious connection to and with our soul will help to bring a kind of balance that allows life to genuinely unfold, gently nudging us in the direction of inner freedom.



Rev. Zemke On Tour

Omaha, NE July 7 - 11

For Private Consultations Contact: Anna Harwood (402) 616-3210

ALTERNATIVE HEALING

THE TEMPLE OF THE LIVING GOD'S HEALING MINISTRY AFFIRMS GOD AS THE TRUE SOURCE OF OUR STRENGTH, GUIDANCE AND HEALING. WITHIN A SPIRITUAL FRAMEWORK WE OFFER ASSISTANCE, PRAYER, AND SUPPORT THROUGH A VARIETY OF HEALING APPROACHES.

SPIRITUAL HEALING

ENERGETIC HEALING BEFORE SERVICE, 10:35 - 10:50 AM CONGREGATIONAL DIVINE HEALING DURING EVERY SERVICE

PRAYER & HEALING MINISTRY

Upon receipt of a request for healing the individual's name will be placed in our healing prayer chest and prayed for during Sunday Service. The same request is given to the Healing Team to be prayed for throughout the month.



ARE YOU INWARDLY WILLING & READY TO EXPERIENCE HEALING IN ALL AREAS OF YOUR LIFE?

DO YOU NEED A LISTENING EAR?

A Chaplain or Minister is available to support you on your spiritual journey.

Someone who will hold sacred space with you.

Someone who will listen and hold what is said in strictest confidence.

Someone who will pray with you.

Someone who is there when you are in need.

> Each Sunday this service is available to all.

Sunday Services

July Theme Choose Once Again

July 4 Rev. LeRoy Zemke **"Will the Real You Stand Up!"**

July 11 Gonzalo Lever "Street Gospel"

July 18 Lonnie Joseph Nichols "Always Choose the High Road"

July 25 Rev. Mary Moore "Choose Only the Good"

AugustTheme Unveiling Our Purpose

August 1 Rev. LeRoy Zemke **"Life is not a Round-A-Bout!"**

August 8 Lynne Forrest **"Shifting Blame to Celebration"**

August 15 Rev. Marvin Shepherd **"In the Flow of Life!"**

August 22 Rev. Madeline Diemer **"Our Fourfold Purpose"**

August 29 Rev. Annette Mason **"What Now?"** From the desk of Andrew Guilfoil





Children's Church Youth Enlightenment Program (Y.E.P.) Sunday Service 11:00 am

July 2021 "Choose Once Again"

August 2021 "Unveiling Our Purpose"

We are so very grateful for our Children's Church Youth Enlightenment Program with Andrew Guilfoil as our Children's Church Leader.

For the month of July and August our Y.E.P. Assistants will continue to assist with the Youth Education Program. Each week will reflect the personal weekly Sunday theme, incorporating arts and crafts and the Spiritual message of our church.

We look forward to seeing our children return to be with us and to experience the gifts of the sacred within the Children's Church.

MIRACLES BOOKSTORE PRESENTS

SOUND BATH EXPERIENCE

with Robin Hill & Jayde Lucia Piot

Guest: Anthony Aleman, Didgeridoo Alchemist, Sound Therapist

Thursday, July 8 7 – 8 PM Energy Exchange Fee: \$20.

Relax and immerse yourself in powerful vibrational healing as chakras, mind, heart and body become aligned and energized. Gifted Healers Jayde, Robin & Anthony integrate instruments with intention to create a wonderful, soothing Sound Bath Experience.



MONTHLY PSYCHIC FAIR



PENDULUM BASICS

with Teri Lake

Cost: \$15.

Saturday, July 17 1 - 3 PM Pendulums can be useful tools when seeking answers, healing, clear direction and even help in finding lost items. Join us in this fun and useful class and how to use your pendulum to your best advantage.



In this workshop we will learn:

- > FAQs & History Studies and research on the pendulum, and the many ways they have been utilized throughout the ages;
- > Stone? Crystal? Metal? ??? Find which properties are best for you;
- > Charging, cleansing and proper storage;
- > Establishing a personal connection with your pendulum;
- > Creating your own pendulum board.

For attendees only ~ Bring your pendulum or buy one at Miracle's Bookstore at a special discount!





Potluck

Sunday, July 4th, 2021 12:15 pm

Bring your favorite dish to share, as we celebrate with food, fun, fellowship and musical entertainment.



Stoicism:

Working Your Inner Magic

with Douglas Wm. Elliott



Wednesdays Beginning July 21 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Love Offering

Stoicism isn't about appearing to be serene. It's all about being serene!

In this class, we will have the opporunity to learn and understand the ancient truth that Stoicism shares with other ancient disciplines. We will learn to activate and enjoy our inner magic, as a result.

Doug Elliott received a Bachelor's Degree in psychology with minors in philosophy and history from Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Michigan. Entering the financial field in 1980, he ultimately founded Greystoke Consulting, Inc. in 1994, a registered investment advisory firm. Several years ago, he sold his business then worked part-time as a Certified Financial Planner. Doug has been interested in metaphysics and philosophy his entire life.

ATTENTION!!!

NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

is scheduled for

Saturday, July 24, 2021

9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

and

NEW MEMBER INDUCTION

will take place

Sunday, July 25 11 AM Service

We welcome you to explore becoming a part of our Temple Family.

We invite you to sign-up in the lobby.

Message Circle



Sunday, July 25 6:00 – 7:30 PM **\$15**



Please arrive by 5:45 PM

Doors close promptly at 6:00 PM









Saturday, July 31 and August 28

1:00 – 3:00 PM

(Hosted by the Temple)

Love Offering

Join us in the Temple back classroom for a fun-filled afternoon of exploring avenues of creativity, relaxation and fun. Bring your ideas, inspiration, materials and let's each create something beautiful! Create poetry, jewelry, drawing, doll art, flower arrangements, and more.





Silence, Prayer & Meditation Wednesday

> with Rev. Karmene Lusis

Join Rev. Karmene in the Temple Sanctuary the FIRST Wednesday of every month from 12:00-12:30PM. LOVE OFFERING

Let us share in sacred space as we enter into the silence together. Let us be reminded of our Truth and be awakened to deeper understanding of our divine nature.

Let us unite in peace and Oneness!



Wednesdays Facilitated by Doug Elliott 5:00 – 6:00 PM (Also on Google Meet) Love Offering

This Book Club embraces interesting and intriguing literature with a spiritual edge. We will read a chosen book together with insightful and reflective discussion throughout. Once completed, we will begin with another book selection, chosen by the group.

All who appreciate contemplative, introspective literature are welcome.

Join us as we share profound thoughts and insights by writings of various metaphysical authors. We look forward to seeing you there.

Please call the Temple at (727) 822-8628 for more information.

Earthbound Rescue Circle

with Lynette Millus

Tuesday July 20 Tuesday August 17 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Love Offering Burlington House

Sometimes when a soul leaves



the physical body, the soul is confused. The soul is not clear about where to go and what to do after he/she has left the physical plane of life. The purpose of Earthbound Rescue is to liberate the soul. The intention of the group is to release the soul into the Light so the soul can advance and progress on its evolutionary journey in life. If you would like to join in this group, please join us for an evening of service.



METAPHYSICAL FORUM with Rev. Karmene Lusis 12:00 – 1:30 PM

On Sunday, July 18 and August 15, join us here at the Temple for an early afternoon of insightful, inspiring conversation as we explore new and not so new ideas that will reveal powerful truths to live by.

Whether you are new to metaphysics or have walked this enlightened journey for a while, ALL are welcome to experience these afternoon gatherings! Come and awaken your mind, stir your thinking and move to new levels of understanding.

> JOIN US AND BE INSPIRED !!! Love Offering

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MONTHLY PSYCHIC FAIR

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14 NOON – 4 PM \$15 for 15 minutes

READERS: JANET REYNOLDS ~ CLAIRVOYANT MIKE COUPER ~ TAROT, RUNES, INTUITIVE REV. CAROL WICKER ~ PSYCHOMETRY, CLAIRVOYANT

PENDULUM HEALING with Teresa Grace (Teri) Lake

Saturday, August 21 1 - 3 PM Cost: \$15. LEARN TO USE YOUR PENDULUM AS A GUIDE AND TOOL to healing and maintaining good health, as well as to help prevent chronic disease.

In this workshop we will learn how to:

- > Balance our Chakras effectively
- > Pinpoint the source of current and potential health issues
- > Determine which herbs or supplements your body needs now
- > Find what foods are best for your physical well being and harmony
- > Check your medications & dosage to confirm they're right for you.

INTERACTIVE PRACTICE OF 'HANDS OFF' CHAKRA BALANCING and energy healing through pendulums.

For attendees only ~ Bring your pendulum or buy one at Miracle's Bookstore at a special discount!



Friday, August 20st, 2021 6:00 – 8:00 pm

You are invited to join in the fun as Temple members & friends gather together in a Summer Luau Celebration. Enjoy a variety of foods to choose from, a warm and inviting ambience, music and laughter, followed by a surprise event.

Sign-up in the Temple lobby by August 15th

Let us know how many will be attending and what your dish will be.

TLG proudly welcomes Toastmasters



TUESDAYS

6:30 – 8:30 PM

TLG Sanctuary



Heartfelt congratulations to our own Andrew Guilfoil who was honored to accept the position of Assistant Director of the St. Petersburg Ballet Conservatory.

We celebrate and applaud the fulfillment of your new life-long dream.

May your journey continue to be blessed as you make an inspired difference in a new direction in your life.



We invite you to explore our Temple website on any of your social media devices.

Log onto www.tlgtemple.org

Discover all the unique classes, services and events we have posted. Get to know us... what we have to offer and then "share" us with your friends.

Astro – Insights by Carol ("CJ") Bonni

Spotlight for this July - August issue is on the signs Cancer and Leo.

Cancer (June 20-July 21) A water sign. Cancer begins on the first day of summer, also known as Solstice. Days start to grow longer providing more solar energy. The enhanced solar energy brings a renewed interest in creative projects. This creative energy is supported by Mercury's apparent retro-grade motion, which will be in effect from May 29th through June 22nd. During this time of retrograde movement, Mercury urges all of us (not just Cancers) to slow down and turn our thoughts within. Rethink, re-consider, re-define, renew, revisit. All words that begin with "re" are appropriate activities under retrograde Mercury. You might as well put your to-do list away during a Mercury retrograde period. Venus and Mars are both in the sign of Leo at the Cancer New Moon. Moon Children will experience this influx of fire energy in the area of self-esteem and personal worth. If you have ever had issues about self-esteem, the combined energy of Venus and Mars in Leo will assist you in overcoming any doubts you may have about your worth. You are sizzling, confident and charming. The combination of Venus/Mars in Leo will continue through the end of July.

Leo (July 22-August 22) A fire sign, Leo is ruled by the Sun. Known for your sunny disposition and desire to please, you are the entertainer of the Zodiac. Because you are loyal, you value loyalty from your close friends and associates. Once convinced of others' loyalty, you will stand by them forever. The August New Moon occurs on August 8th at 16 degrees of Leo. Mercury, the planet that describes one's sense of humor, is also in Leo, very close to the Sun/Moon, giving you an enhanced ability to communicate your thoughts in a light-hearted way with humor. At the time of the August New Moon, both Mars and Venus have moved into the sign of Virgo. For Leos this planetary combination focuses attention on financial matters. This energy occurs in the earth sign of Virgo, helping you to take the time to make a plan, think it through, and test the practical value of the plan. Because Virgo is also concerned with matters of health and nutrition, you would be well advised to pay extra attention to your diet during this time. A few words for all those who AREN'T Cancers or Leos:

Virgo: Be willing to step outside your comfort zone this summer. Take a chance!

Libra: Own your power. Use the summer months to make much needed changes.

Scorpio: Set aside your fears and feel your spiritual connection to all that is.

Sagittarius: Ready to share your wisdom and knowledge? Now's the time!

Aquarius: Be willing to let go of all that no longer brings you joy. Let your inner Teacher be your guide.

Pisces: Find peace and contentment while communing with your inner mermaid at the beach this summer.

Aries: Your Light shines brighter than ever this summer. Share it with wild abandon!

Taurus: Draw on the power of Divine Will to help bring you into alignment.

Gemini: Your creative endeavors have an edgy quality this summer. Have fun with it!

In the next issue, the spotlight will be on Virgo and Libra. Stay tuned!

On Saturday, September 18, 2021, we will be celebrating our own Rev. LeRoy Zemke for his 60 years of ministry at the Temple of the Living God, St. Petersburg, Fl. This commemorative event will take place at the St. Petersburg Country Club, with an extraordinary dinner and program created in his honor.

More detailed information will be mailed to members and friends of the Temple.

SAVE THE DATE.

On Sunday, September 26, 2021, the Temple will mark its 61st Anniversary with a unique program, followed by an Anniversary Potluck!

The Temple invites each of you to our 61st Anniversary celebration. Further information will be in our September/October Bulletin.

The Living Legacy Tree



The **Living Legacy Tree (LLT)** is a way to provide a tribute/memorial by members and friends of the Temple. It is a tangible way for those who would like to support the vision, future growth and expansion of the Temple ministry. We invite you to pick up a complete brochure offering information for your individual participation.

When you visit the Temple you may pick up a detailed brochure indicating how you can participate. If you prefer, we can also mail a copy to you!

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Scholarships are available to members of the Temple and to others who regularly attend Sunday Services or classes.

Call the Temple at: (727) 822-8628 for information on Scholarships *at least 2 weeks before the proposed class begins.*

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