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From our state of deep thought or dreamy abstraction.

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Topics:

1. We have downloaded onto YouTube videos the talk we gave in Mpls on July 9, 2010. There are multiples because YouTube limits the length. Please bear with the “off-the-cuff” nature of the talk. We had planned on dividing the time between us with Loren giving a talk on Fortunate Number Jewelry and me giving one on Crystal Removal (just some basics)... We were introduced just for the Fortunate Number Jewelry... so had to wing it a bit... Actually, since my part is so woo-woeey.... I was kinda glad (o: , but we did manage to stick in a bit about crystals – mainly on Fortunate Number Jewelry and how Loren arrives at what he does. So – click on the below if you want to be entertained by a couple of “wingers”.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rTrWczVm9is> Part 1

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jX6jrKVfxKs> Part 2

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A5x8wPUit4I> Part 3

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CM95Dnu2Be8> Part 4

2. Recommendation of a book to read.
3. Our trip of saying “goodbye and saying hello”

The Return of Intuition

Kathryn Harwig has written a new book, *The Return of Intuition* that is now available on Amazon. If you haven't yet read this book, we highly recommend it... the topic is "Awakening Psychic Gifts in the Second Half of Life" and is so very relevant to all of us.

Saying Goodbye to the Past

What a summer this has been... In fact... what a year this has been... In January we "embarked" on a journey of "saying goodbye" and "saying hello"... Well, actually in simpler words, we decided it was time to figure out what in the "heck" was going on in our lives. Since it was a bit easier (and by no means did we find it so)... we started with our business... our career... our "path"... Did we still want to continue with our work? Did it still "fit"? Since although we try to operate under some sort of assumption that we are in control... (yeah, right!)... we meditated, contemplated, fussed, worried, prayed, wrote lists, debated, argued, etc... and with lots of help from "the others" (yep, the folks on the other side), friends, family, acquaintances... we decided to forge forward on the same path we were directed to over 20+ years ago... BUT we needed to recommit (be committed? (o:)) ourselves to our path... We examined it nearly to death... (all the ways to go forward – to proceed) and decided that we needed to "get-with-it", needed to be in the 21st century (blah, blah, blah)... anyway, we needed to figure out how to market differently since the "old" way wasn't working and didn't fit anymore. Although we have known this for literally years (the troublesome part of trailblazing...no lesson plans...no maps), we couldn't quite figure out what to do. We did know that traveling from city to city giving talks didn't work anymore, trying to set up classes didn't work, making appointments and seeing clients one-on-one didn't work anymore--- we knew we had to figure out how to reach more people easier. In the early 90's we set up our website and started newsletters, but really never used either as marketing tools... We've received sooooo much guidance from so many folks to continue the traveling, the seminars, the one-on-one appointments in our home, but energetically and physically we could not sustain it... something had to change.

So --- yep, Internet marketing.... Webinars.... Tele-conferencing.... These are the wave of the future for us.... For us, they were only words... Again, research, take classes (both online and in person), read, Google and Bing, on and on and on... From January on, we have literally been working 20 hour days Re-worked interactive website (with over 65 mini-videos of us explaining our work), blogging, and social networking (facebook, twitter, etc) by both of us were the result (again, with lots and lots and lots of help) seems to have been the answer. So you take 2 very un-computer individuals and try to bring them "up to speed". Man, it has been quite a year so far. We are now in the process of being (certainly) in kindergarten – but "doing" it – computer geekdom here we come. Stay tuned – we will keep you posted as we (hopefully) get more computer literate and actually get nerve enough to start webcasting and teleconferencing – perhaps offering some online classes and channelings.... Woooooo-weeee!!!! World here we come!!!!

So we know what we are doing with our business... what about us? Who are we? We know who we are related to "what we do"... but, who are we? It was time for us to not only figure that

out, but also “own” who each of us are – individually. This, of course, has turned out to be the most difficult. Although, we have certainly been working on ourselves... doing lots and lots of inner and outer work... we don’t believe we had actually figured out who we were... That may sound strange, but very real. Here I am many words later...telling you that we decided to start with the beginning... us... at the beginning. Meaning that we decided to go back to where we started in this lifetime. Although I was born in Portland, OR... my folks moved back to the Midwest when I was just a few weeks old... so the beginning has to be in the Midwest.

The end of June, we started on our 5,500 mile – 26 day adventure of saying goodbye and saying hello to people, places, memories, etc. We are back now in Seattle – getting settled in and trying to process and integrate all that we have learned about ourselves. The trip was joyous, exciting and sometimes painful... but we find ourselves exhilarated and really stoked to be “us”. Although the “journey” to “us” isn’t nearly finished (do we ever really finish?), we have found out so much about each of us individually as well as “us” as a couple. So the journey continues....stay tuned.... If you haven’t, do check out our blogs: www.drsmick.com/blog , www.drsmickjewelry.com/blog , www.fortunatenumberjewelry.com Also any feedback would be greatly appreciated.

Oh, yeah... during this journey – Loren turned 65 in July and I will break that barrier on Friday... (hmmmmm – insurance??? Interesting)... and we will celebrate our 44th anniversary on Friday.... Where has the time gone????

Till next time....
Loren and Diane

PS... a big, big thank you to EVERYONE who has helped us with this transitional journey ... you all know who you are... and we are grateful and very thankful you are in our lives.

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