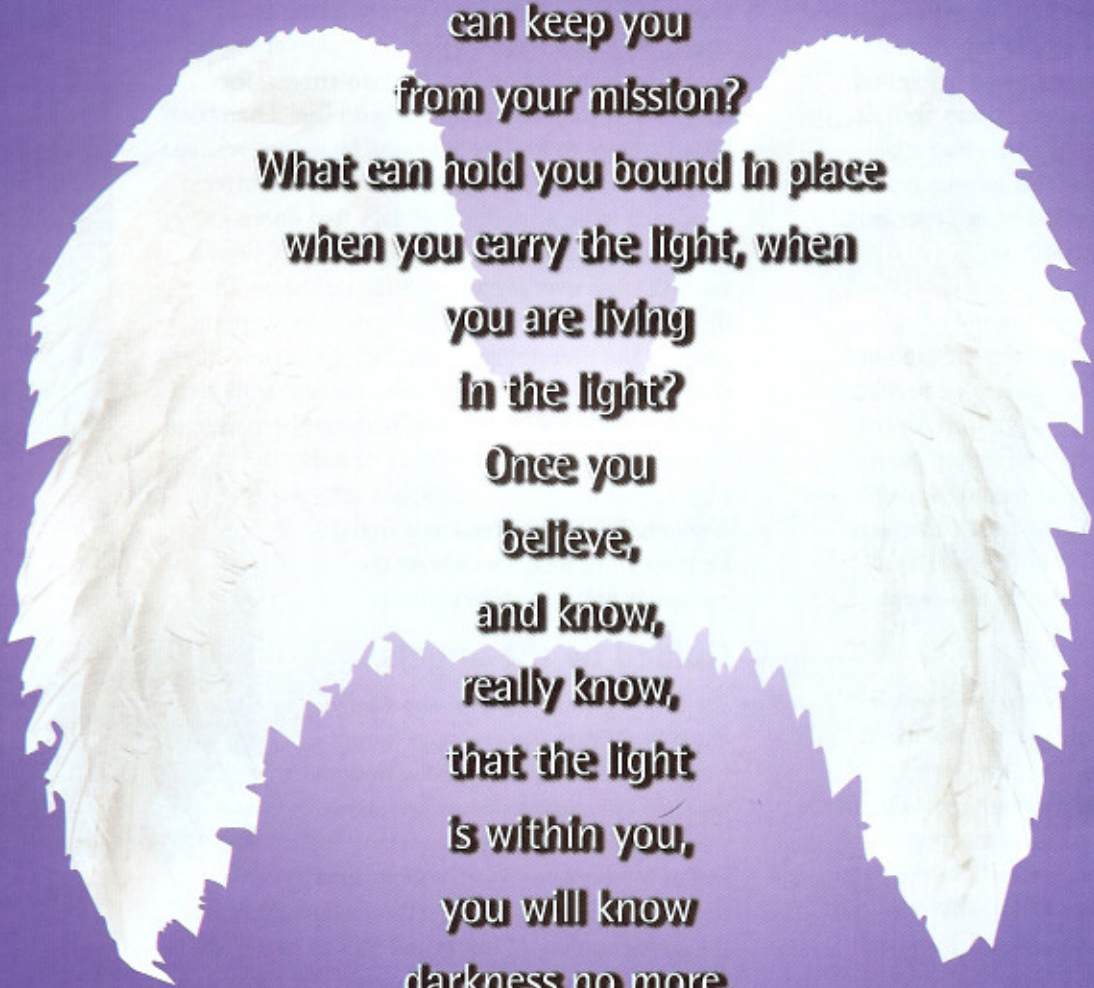


FEATURE

BEYOND THE ILLUSION

# Light the Way

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**What  
can keep you  
from your mission?  
What can hold you bound in place  
when you carry the light, when  
you are living  
in the light?  
Once you  
believe,  
and know,  
really know,  
that the light  
is within you,  
you will know  
darkness no more.  
How can darkness  
envelope your being  
when you are the light!  
Oh Dear One, it is time to know  
that You Are The Light of The World!**

—Michael and Cecelia, The Quiet Place

## I was exhausted but there was so much to do.

I had once said to someone, 'If I am just 'being' all the time, how is anything ever going to get done? Who is going to do the 'doing'?' I was back in 'that' place again, perhaps a little further along but quite reminiscent. The year had been one of incredible service and love, both to others and myself. Everything that had been created was done with a willing and happy heart. It filled me up. 11:11 magazine had grown and reached national store distribution. The 11:11 Talk Radio show went to the largest online network and also became syndicated. Believe SC.com was hosting wonderful events devoted to personal growth and self-awareness. ChoiceAlliance.org, an organization supporting the awareness, education and marketing of holistic and well being practitioners, was born. So much creativity had come through me. I had asked to be of service. However, it was also surrounded by the muck and mire of phone calls, emails, paperwork, people wanting even more support, etc...

Piece by piece I could feel the yarns of my fabric being pulled from within me down into the ground. My spirit was tired and my body felt weak. I needed to cocoon and go inside. It was time to turn off the cell phones, ignore the computer and forget about the rest of the world. But how was this to happen? Where was this to happen? I found myself forehead to the ground, palms facing up and humbled by all the gifts I had experienced but also feeling swept away by it all.

Dear God, My will is your will. I live to serve you. I live to give of myself to all those I know as YOU. As I serve them, I see YOU. As I continuously create, I honor YOU. But, dear Lord, I am feeling tired. I do not know how to continue when my shoulders feel so weighted down and my feet are weary from the path. Help me Lord, please. Thank You. I know that your gift of revival has already come. I know you are sending angels of care in swift support. I know that your love forever surrounds me and you shall never let me falter in my greatest desire...which is YOU. Thank you Lord. Thank you Lord. Thank you. May the words of my mouth and meditations of my heart be acceptable unto you oh Lord.

With that, I felt my heart increase in glow and a warmth spread across me as my spirit knew the answer had arrived. I went down to my office to begin the day and my phone rang. A woman by the name of Cecelia was in town and made an appointment to see me. She and Michael had left their lives, careers,

and families to follow a vision they had been given. They purchased land above Asheville NC and built a place for people to come; individuals and primarily practitioners to rejuvenate, heal and be nurtured by Spirit. They began The Quiet Place as a non-profit organization based on donations. They had not been sure how it would all work but somehow they always received what they needed to sustain. Guests also gained what they needed. Cecelia extended an invitation to come as a guest and experience a silent retreat at The Quiet Place.

I sat back in my chair, a tear gently falling along my cheek. My God always showed up in perfect timing with a perfect solution. The gift had arrived, The Quiet Place, to get away and be with God. I had been gifted a place to heal, be nurtured by nature, rest and be fed in many ways. The weekend that was offered happened to be a triplicate of days that numerically were each 11...further confirmation. Again, I felt a warmth wash over me as gratitude welled up. The messages had been coming in my dreams, from the animals and everything around me. It was time to rest. This was just the beginning...I was to truly step back for a while and hibernate because there were to be many new gifts to experience in work, play, family, creativity, confidence, and freedom. The time to resurface would be 2010. Until then, I was to do the minimum, eat, rest, sleep and play.

## Guided by the angels...

The drive up the mountain was windy, much like life. It was serene as is our true nature. It was also filled with signs that can only be seen when one steps away with intention. Upon reaching the end of Marble Mine Road, a slight turn to the right led to a quaint setting which displayed the gentle turning of leaves and sounds of rushing water. As I walked along the grounds, the earth spoke, 'Welcome Home. We have been waiting for you.' In that moment I felt a gentle guiding palm rest upon my shoulder and once again filled with that warm full feeling of Higher Love.

Michael & Cecelia greeted me graciously and led me to the Master's cabin. As Michael gave me a tour of the lovely cabin they had built, he said, 'We were told you need much rest. Allow yourself to be nurtured by the land and let us know if you need anything. I know you are having a silent retreat.' With that said, my silence began.



I spent the next three days walking through the woods and sitting by the magnificent waterfalls. I stepped through portals and experienced the strong energy of a mountain built upon crystals. I received highly vibrating healing energy by resting upon Eagle's Rock. I slept to the sound of falling rain on a tin roof, walked beside the whispering wind within the trees and meandered along trails glistening of mica so revealing of spiritual essence and human being. I sat, prayed, disappeared into meditation next to bubbling brooks, and placed my feet in cool cleansing waters. I was fed loving hot meals, participated in beautiful sound and meditation services, and curled up in a cozy bed next to a fireplace. I truly allowed myself to be loved by God.

Each experience at The Quiet Place is sure to be significant, revealing and awakening for any individual. Each person receives exactly what they need and has their own unique journey. For that reason I will not go into the details of my own. However, the first gift is the self's permission to let go of the world and give yourself the time deserved. The second gift is the realization there is only you and God that is real...have you let yourself fall into his/her arms? Finally, it is knowing that there are angels walking this earth and places filled with sacred light readily available to us. We have to be conscious, ready, willing, and able to participate.

One of the most profound gifts of The Quiet Place was the mica all over the paths. I found it incredibly beautiful and symbolic. It is buried in the mud, yet it still shines. If you hold it, layers can be gently peeled off revealing brighter mica beneath. It is sheer and shines light, does not mind the mud, its fragility, or its beauty. It just is. It is there to receive light, give light, reflect light and allow light to pass through. It is what we as human beings are. We are the mica, sometimes in the mud appearing very fragile because we think we are the physical, but in the end a glorious conduit for light.

## You Are The Light Of The World

"I AM with you. We are one. Feel My presence with you, as this day has begun. And it will be a day of great joy, and peace, and light. For, as I sit with you . . .

I say to each of you . . . "You are the light of the world!"

Before your body was formed, God gave you the light of life, eternal life, and this light will remain with you forever, as it is forever yours. The light, you carry, at the core of your being, can be diminished by denial, by refusal, by the act of ignoring it. Yes, it can be dimmed by you; but, it cannot be extinguished, for it is a piece of God!

You carry the light. Each person, inhabiting the planet of Earth, carries the light of God. And when each individual makes the freewill choice to call forth the light, in its full glory, Earth will be: a ball of light, showing The Way; returned to its rightful place; no longer in shadow, or darkness. But it requires each individual piece to be ignited fully. And this will be your choice.

The Time of Great Light, a period of enlightenment, will settle over a the Earth: when each individual decides to call forth the light of God and let it shine, as it is intended to shine; when each individual make the choice, to bring forth the light of God, into the dimension of Ear

It is a great honor to be assigned a mission upon Earth. And you do God an honor, by calling forth the light, by bearing the light, by holding the light. Your gift to God is bringing forth the light. But it is your choice.

Most of you are aware that a lamp, or another fixture for lighting, can sit in a room, and the room can be totally dark, until a switch is turned-on, and the light receives the power of electricity. And then, the light illuminates the darkness. This is exactly how it works with the light that you carry within. For you are filled with energy. Energy is flowing through you all the time. When you choose to open to the energy of God, fully, turning from darkness and shadow, and choosing to do the will of God, by calling forth the light, it is like turning-on the switch in a darkened room.

This week, think of yourself, as the light. Know that one person does make a difference. See: that even in a dark room, one candle brings forth the light; one switch turns on a lamp, and the light, coming from the lamp, moves through the room, and the room is no longer in darkness. Everywhere you go, you carry the light of God.

I said these things as I walked the Earth two thousand years ago, and I repeat them today, as I AM the light of the world, My brothers and sisters, I say also, 'You are the light of the world!' (NIV Matthew 5:14) And when each of you remembers this, and calls forth the light at the core of your being, Earth will be illuminated.

It is possible. All you have to do is to call forth the light of God, and it flow through you, into the dimension of Earth."

**"You are the light of the world."**

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As you begin 2010, allow yourself what is real. Take a moment to give to yourself, love yourself, and be with yourself, because ultimately that means you have taken time out for God. I wish you and yours every blessing in 2010. Create a powerful awakening....All you have to do is Believe...

