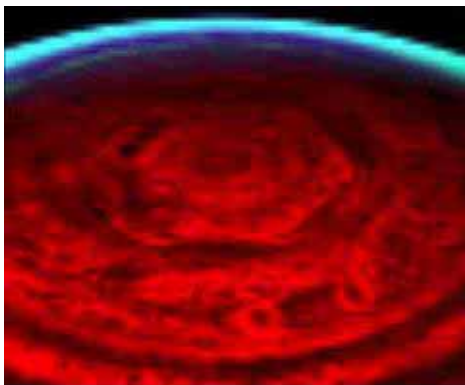


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Hexagon shape at north pole of Saturn

“In theory and practice...

To a philosopher, a seed is an object of great fascination. You can hold it in your hand and see only what it IS... or you can become overawed by an amazing vision of what it may one day BECOME. Days, even months can go by in quiet contemplation of the seed. Then discussions can ensue involving several different philosophers about subtle variations between types and qualities of seeds. To a farmer, though, a seed is just something you plant.” **Jonathan Cainer**

From the Editor

Hello and welcome to the May issue. This month the theme appears to be addressing the shape of things to come... from different angles.

Firstly we have a playful look at changing the shape of what may appear to be resistant to change. Here we also wonder about what help may be to hand!

Many Reasons to Give Thanks allows us to ponder just being here right now, and the humour reminds us that life can be just play.

Michael's poem quite innocently plays with words that conjure up images and pictures of changing and resistant forms.

Patrick brings us up to date with the state of play as he sees it, in his commentary. Now back in Adelaide after a hectic program in South Africa, Patrick is offering a program called *Your MindSet* in June (see advertisement).

Louis also is running a program shortly. It is called *The Quickening* and will take place somewhere in South Africa at the end of May (see advertisement).

Hope you enjoy the edition. If you have anything you would like to contribute, read the *Contact Us* page for where to send. Ciao.

The Editor

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What does it take to change its shape?

by Jan Melanie

What an interesting question I thought as I re-read Michael's poem appearing in this month's issue of the newsletter. I'm not about to dissect the poem, merely taking a line and throwing it out in all directions to see what can be reeled in! The English language can be quite poetic as well as quite confusing but lots of fun when one can play with meaning to see where it takes us.

I need to establish here a platform in order to have a starting point. So let's say we have a shape of granite that has been exactly the same for a very long time. Maybe it has been caressed by the winds of time and licked by thunder bursts of rain but its shape has more or less remain unaltered. Well that is about as far as I can go with that analogy. I was about to say, *how can we change its shape*, but another part of me that has been bombarded with stories of how bad it is to interfere with nature stopped me. You know that politically correct way of being, acting, thinking, saying, etc. etc. Dr. Who's Darleks would no longer have to say, "*you will be assimilated*", rather they could now say, "*you have been assimilated*". Not for long though, one does always have choice.

Back to this question of changing shape and what the analogy might be referring to by placing it in the context of the human experience. This lump of granite could be figuratively excess weight, excess baggage, or it could refer to one's fixed attitude and outmoded beliefs. It could even refer to the seemingly stagnant position of warring factions or warring countries or warring religions. It could be anything.

What all the above has in common is that it may appear to be an insurmountable problem or issue. One thing is for sure though if some shapes refuse to change, their existence probably won't fit very well into what we usually regard as the future. The analogy then of a shape of granite may well suffice for the purposes of realizing its obstruction. So what does it take to change it?

Recently in Australia there has been a program called *The Biggest Loser* on television. Large, no, obese people walk through some gates and enter what is called The White House in an effort to change their lives for the better. They all have a very good chance of succeeding for each one chose to, each one wants to and each one recognizes that they can't do it by themselves – they have tried and it hasn't worked. Apart from the lure of prize money, humility might be a quality each one shares. What has been fascinating is each of the participant's journeys through and beyond their 'stuff' as they shed kilos week after week. What seems to have been important is to experience the stuff without getting stuck in it and without others', particularly the trainers, giving in to the emotional blackmail and the pleas of "*you don't understand how difficult it is for me*" at the core of resistance.

I do not feel obliged to believe that the same God who has endowed us with sense, reason, and intellect has intended us to forgo their use.

Galileo Galilei

So while this is a physical example appearing to only be on the surface, just beneath the surface laid blocked emotions trapped in a long distant past where beliefs had turned to stone and mental attitudes were formed to punish. Help was at hand, but the individual was responsible for his or her own transition. Shapes changed dramatically and as was the original intention, it appears that each life has been changed forever and in more ways than each had imagined possible.

Attitudes and beliefs don't have the same measure of visibility when weight is not an issue. Isn't it all relevant though, isn't it a choice as to how we might deal with letting go, isn't the bottom line whether it be physically visible or not, a desire to become the truth or who we are?

Now perhaps I'm crossing boundaries here or is it that I am using the above program as an analogy for changing shape. We can find snippets of clarity and understanding anywhere if we choose to look carefully, however, the journey for a metaphysician venturing into the unknown contains that factor of the unknown and so there is not a well-travelled path to follow. Isn't that the intention though, to create new pathways?

As one travels along, often off course but able to correct, we can meet well-meaning people. We can do this in so many ways, particularly now we have ease of communications through the Internet and email. Perhaps what I am about to say is one of those off course diversions, or it may be an invitation to jump ship for it may be more comfortable to be coached through life or reprogrammed. It just might be however a temporary diversion... or not...

Needless to say, either out of curiosity or simply because one wants to explore the outreaches of a particular concept for whatever reason, life coaches abound. When this is considered in the context of the unknown how is it possible that such certainty abounds? When someone appears as a life coach the connotation may be that this is it, this is everything I need to know, all I have to do is follow the advice. Surely though the best I can expect is resolution of a piece of the puzzle not the entire answer. Is a life coach appearing to have all the answers the boulder that eventually may become an obstacle to overcome? And will the shape really change or will the shape be a copy of other shapes? Also, what I find interesting is the shape of 'life coaches'. Some name themselves as such others though appear in the form of husbands or wives, friends or foes, partners or siblings.

Perhaps it is a matter of degree and a matter of remembering. We cannot know with absolute certainty when a gem might be heard or a gift received and surely we can trust ourselves enough to remember that we are well equipped to deal with whatever may present and hopefully humble enough to realize we are simultaneously learning.

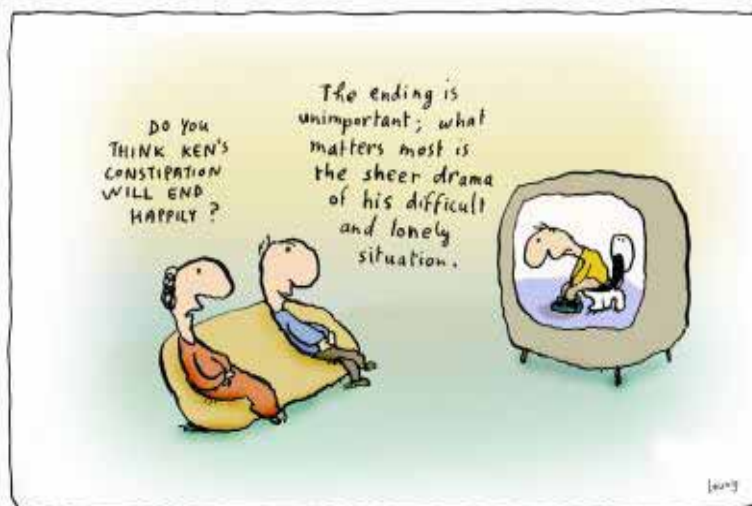
To put the world in order, we must first put the nation in order; to put the nation in order, we must put the family in order; to put the family in order, we must cultivate our personal life; and to cultivate our personal life, we must first set our hearts right.

Confucius

Perhaps to change the shape we need to continue to experience. I hope you are still with me and we haven't lost you along the way! Isn't it through experiencing what we know that we tap into wisdom? Then isn't it probable that we engage in our world to have experiences in order to realize what we know and what still we need to learn? Could this engagement in the unknown then be aided by remembering or at least pretending to know that we cannot reach somewhere that we have never left and that what we are playing with is appearances?

So what does it take to change the shape? Discipline, effort, desire, passion... this and more, but what I have recently discovered for myself is that when the lessons come in the form of beauty, love and respect the experience is priceless and the shape is something that will change itself forever.

It is the mind that
maketh good or ill, that
maketh wretch or
happy, rich or poor.
Edmund Spenser



Many reasons to give thanks ...

*I'm uncertain as to where I extracted this from, however originally it was an article by **Scott Burns** in **The Dallas Morning News** on November 25, 2004...*

Background: Sir John — born plain John Templeton in the hills of Tennessee in the USA and now a naturalized British citizen knighted by Queen Elizabeth II in 1987 — turned 93 this month and is currently a full-time philanthropist who gives away about \$40 million a year.

"If you do not fall down on your knees each day with overwhelming gratitude for your blessings — your multiplying multitudes of blessings — then you just have not yet seen the big picture."

Those are the concluding words of a speech Sir John Templeton delivered to the Financial Analysts Federation in 1984. When Scott interviewed the master of global value investing in Nassau two weeks ago (see above date of article), he asked his permission to reprint the entire speech for Thanksgiving. Here it is, as direct and meaningful today as it was 20 years ago...

What is the shape of the future? As long as freedom lives, the future is glorious.

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A landmark for freedom was the publication 208 years ago of Adam Smith's great work called *An Inquiry Into the Nature and Causes of the Wealth of Nations*.

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We now enjoy prosperity greater than ever dreamed of before this century. Will this level of progress continue in the future? If we are able to preserve and enhance freedom, these trends may continue and accelerate. We may expect more rapid change and wider fluctuations. Life will be full of adventure and opportunity and never be dull or routine.

In America alone this year, over \$100 billion will be dedicated to research and development — more in one year in one nation than the total research for all the world's history before I was born. Awesome new blessings are visible also in health, entertainment, spiritual growth and charity. In America alone, over \$50 billion will be donated to churches and charities this year. Each year the generous and voluntary giving by Americans alone exceeds the total income of all the world's people in any year before Adam Smith.

It is easier to pick over the past than to plan for the future. Yesterday responds well to manipulation. You can't change its shape but you can alter its appearance! You can make it look the way you want to make it look.

You can have a satisfying, if imaginary, degree of control over it. Tomorrow, by contrast, has an awkward habit of being full of surprises, no matter how cleverly we try to predict it. It is your future that deserves your attention though. You can't control it, but you can influence it.

Jonathan Cainer

We should be overwhelmingly grateful to have been born in this century. The slow progress of prehistoric ages is over, and centuries of human enterprise are now miraculously bursting forth into flower. The evolution of human knowledge is accelerating, and we are reaping the fruits of generations of scientific thought: Only 60 years ago, astronomers became convinced that the universe is 100 billion times larger than previously thought.

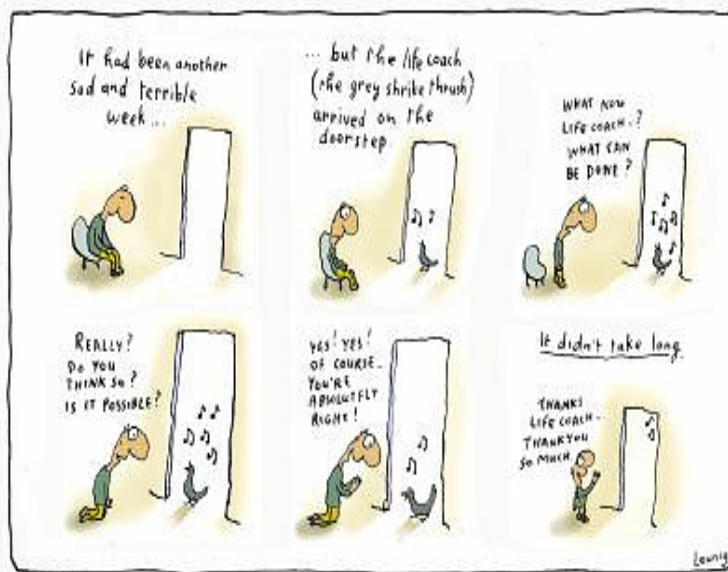
More than half of the scientists who ever lived are alive today. More than half of the discoveries in the natural sciences have been made in this century. More than half of the goods produced since the earth was born have been produced in the two centuries since Adam Smith. Over half the books ever written were written in the last half-century. More new books are published each month than were written in the entire historical period before the birth of Columbus.

Discovery and invention have not stopped or even slowed down. Who can imagine what will be discovered if research continues to accelerate? Each discovery reveals new mysteries. The more we learn, the more we realize how ignorant we were in the past and how much more there is still to discover.

Scott Burns, the columnist concluded... As Sir John suggests, the best we can do is to stand in awe, humbled at how little we yet know of all Creation.

You see time as the means to salvation, whereas in truth it is the greatest obstacle to salvation. You "get" there by realizing that you are there already.

Eckhart Tolle



A bit of Humour ...

The following was sent in by Carita D'Souza...

Forest Gump goes to heaven.....

The day finally arrived. Forrest Gump dies and goes to Heaven. He is at the Pearly Gates, met by St. Peter himself. However, the gates are closed and Forrest approaches the Gatekeeper.

St. Peter says, *"Well, Forrest, it's certainly good to see you. We have heard a lot about you. I must tell you though, that the place is filling up fast, and we've been administering an entrance examination for everyone. The test is short, but you have to pass it before you can get into Heaven."*

Forrest responds, *"It shor is good to be here, St. Peter, sir. But nobody ever tolt me about any entrance exam. Shor hope the test ain't too hard; life was a big enough test as it was."*

St. Peter goes on, *"Yes, I know, Forrest, but the test is only three questions:*

- *what two days of the week begin with the letter T?*
- *how many seconds are there in a year?*
- *what is God's first name?"*

Forrest leaves to think the questions over. He returns the next day and sees St. Peter who waves him up and says, *"Now that you have had a chance to think the questions over, tell me your answers."*

Forrest says, *"Well, the first one - which two days in the week begin with the letter "T"? Shucks, that one's easy. That'd be Today and Tomorrow."*

The Saint's eyes open wide and he exclaims, *"Forrest, that's not what I was thinking, but you do have a point, and I guess I didn't specify, so I'll give you credit for that answer. How about the next one?"* asks St. Peter, *"How many seconds in a year?"*

"Now that one's harder," says Forrest, *"but I thunk and thunk about that and I guess the only answer can be twelve."*

It is the creative
potential itself in human
beings that is the image
of God.

Mary Daly

Astounded, St. Peter says, *"Twelve? Twelve? Forrest, how in Heaven's name could you come up with twelve seconds in a year?"*

Forrest says, *"Shucks, there's gotta be twelve: January 2nd, February 2nd, March 2nd..."*

"Hold it," interrupts St. Peter. *"I see where you're going with this, and I see your point, though that wasn't quite what I had in mind.... but I'll have to give you credit for that one, too. Let's go on with the third and final question. Can you tell me God's first name?"*

"Sure" Forrest replied, *"its Andy."*

"ANDY!!!!!" exclaimed an exasperated and frustrated St. Peter.

"OK, I can understand how you came up with your answers to my first two questions, but just how in the world did you come up with the name ANDY as the first name of God?"

"Shucks, that was the easiest one of all," Forrest replied. *"I learnt it from a song."*

*"ANDY WALKS WITH ME,
ANDY TALKS WITH ME,
ANDY TELLS ME I AM HIS OWN..."*

St. Peter opened the Pearly Gates and said: *"RUN FORREST RUN!!!!!"*

What we play is life.

Louis Armstrong

Poet's Corner...

ANOTHER REVOLUTION?

by Michael Corcoran

It is a time when the nation is soft
Clay
After a revolution
Each hand leaves an imprint.
The clay may make
Whatever the nation wants.

It is a time when all forces
Struggle
To shape the nation
When a president can be a philosopher
When enemies battle
With the mighty pen.

It is a time when past and future
Coalesce
In the present
So that looking back
The clay is shaped
For the future.

But when the clay is set
And baked in the furnace
Of years
What does it take to
Change its shape?

When an inner situation
is not made conscious, it
appears outside as
fate.

C.G.Jung

Current Events

by Patrick Desplace

Hello,

Sorry I did not "Comment" last month, I was at a residential with limited communication. Also, I was performing some challenging work and could not take the "time off" for anything else.

I am now back in Australia and will be offering a new version of *Your MindSet* program that was offered in South Africa – details in this issue of the WDHR Newsletter.

The following is an overview of news around the world...

- **The earth is still rumbling:** Japan received several Quakes – on one occasion the after shock was stronger than the original quake. This is rather unusual. The latest (24/4) was in Chile where there are at least 10 victims.
- **The death of Boris Yelstin** reminds us of the fall of the Berlin Wall and the collapse of the USSR – it is unlikely we will have such a colourful Head of State ever again. Good Vodka helped a lot! Backus is a great God...
- **George Bush looked rather pathetic on the news today:** his plan to reduce casualties and finish the job with dignity in Iraq was floored with 85 US soldiers killed this month. A few Australian soldiers were wounded as well. We are approaching the end of the Middle Eastern conflict although it may not appear that way – nuke may become involved within 18 months.
- **Prosperity:** Although the market is volatile, most nations (beside the USA) can expect at least 6 months (perhaps, but unlikely 18 months) of prosperity. The AUD is picking up against the USD while it is going down against most other currencies. The USA should be in rather severe recession, perhaps depression rather soon. This is anticipated by the end of the year. It will create a rather uncomfortable wobble but other nations won't be affected for long. It is good (for a change) to have your cash in RSA or OZ of course. Europe or China currencies are good too, however not the Middle East or the rest of Asia, including Japan.
- **Earth Changes:** I can assure you of 6 months of safety as far as earth changes are concerned. Some Sorcerers are requiring an extension of time for their work at the end of time, however this will not change the end date of 2009 to 2113 as far as I can see.

Nina and I are heading for Melbourne Wednesday 25th April until Monday 30th April and are likely to be incommunicado...

Love always
Patrick

"The sin of
inadvertence, not being
alert, not quite awake, is
the sin of missing the
moment of life—live with
unremitting alertness."

Joseph Campbell

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Just a reminder or two:

- when changing email address remember to let us know (give old email address too so we can find it in the address book)
- if you no longer wish to receive the newsletter please drop us a line with U nsubscribe in the heading
- present advertisements by 25th of each month for following newsletter
- articles, letters and jokes – ones that hopefully haven't been circulated too far and too wide before ending up in the newsletter!
- finally, please send correspondence and submissions to me Jan Melanie at the following email address: janmelanie@inet.net.au

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*An Advanced Program Requiring
Unbending Intent on Freedom
By Louis Smit*

*To establish a clear connection with **Silent Knowing** is **True Sorcery**. Within every Human Being there is gossamer veil between the ordinary person and the Warrior Sorcerer / Sorceress. You will be offered the minimal chance to do a somersault of thought to pierce this veil. We will commandeer the creation of a Reality beyond what you have **Dreamt Of, Hoped For** and **Aspired To** with a boldness of Heart and Mind!*

Mastery sets in motion the "Quickening"

...And you will cross a Threshold to never Be the same again!

This challenging program will be over 6 days somewhere in South Africa outside the resonance of the 'normal' Space-Time continuum from 6pm Wednesday 30th May until 5pm Tuesday 5th June. The program and venue details will be on a need to know basis for those who make the commitment to Self! The pre-requisite for Mastery – The Quickening will be a Heart that Beckons Courage and Dares to Know the Truth! Listen to Your Heart

Looking forward to working with you.

My love to you always,

Louis



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Your MindSet

By Patrick Desplace

No matter how capable you are or how hard you are prepared to work – without the relevant MindSet you will not succeed ... With the **proper mindset** you will get “there” no matter what...

The tools of the Universe are designed for us to create elegantly, seamlessly and abundantly – it is not hard – you simply choose it to be that way.

This course will be an exploration of developing a MindSet that enables an abundant life in every aspect of who you are. The ultimate power of true freedom lies within the recesses of your mind – Now is the time to set your true power free. The abundance you will receive is an extra proportion of the definitiveness of your vision, fixity of purpose and depths of Gratitude. Create your reality from the MindSet of Abundance and complete freedom.

The program will run over two full weekends and one evening

Investment: \$ 650 – Discounts are available for people who pay two weeks in advance (not refundable), and for family groups. For enquiries please contact Nina on: nina@worlddevelopment or Patrick on: wdhr@tpg.com.au



Patrick immigrated to Australia from Mauritius at the age of 23. His search for the “truth” led him to study physics, hypnotherapy and conventional psychotherapy. He then went on to study with a Tibetan Lama and with the Rosicrucians where he was initiated into Hermetics and the Kabala. Patrick lives his life’s passion, which is to show people how metaphysics can transform their lives. He is a formidable teacher and healer with the ability to guide and Inspire people to go beyond what they ever imagined they were capable of.

Private Consultations

Patrick guides you through your own individual healing experience. He uses different techniques to assist in releasing energy blocks, as well as balancing and realigning the body to its natural state. He brings to your attention limiting decisions you have made or you have allowed others to make for you through your indecisions. Through the healing process, you are presented with options and are given the support on whatever level you are willing to receive and accept it, to revise that which has limited you from living the life you deeply desire. You will be able to make choices that can change your life significantly and in a purposeful manner. It is recommended that you allow a little time in solitude after the session in order for the full impact of the healing to take place. Sessions last approximately one hour.

Investment: \$120.00

Tentative date to start: Mid June 2007 – Contact us for details.