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# Weekly Bulletin #279

A time for hope?

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## Notes from Neale...

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My dear friends...

I'm afraid that my letter is going to be very short this week. My brother celebrated his Continuation Day on Thursday. He had a heart attack that morning. He and his wife were traveling in their motor home, taking a tour of the U.S.A. for which he'd been yearning for years. Bryan was 65.

My Mom, and Dad, and my other brother, Wayne, have been waiting for Bryan for a number of years now, so I imagine they had a grand reunion. I have one brother remaining in this physical form, Allan, who is 14 years older than I.

Bryan left on Valentine's Day -- which is wonderful, because he loved life, he loved his wife, he loved his grandchildren endlessly and enormously, and now he's with those others he has loved so dearly, who left before him.

I love you, Bryan. We had a wonderful ride. See you in a wink...

(Want to hear something neat? I was sitting here on the couch, just thinking about things, thinking about Bryan leaving so abruptly, just...you know...mulling things over. And then I thought to myself, "Well, okay...let's live life to the fullest; let's move on. It's Valentine's Day. Let's move on, with a smile for Bry, and lightness of heart." And just then...JUST then...the lamp to the right of the couch flashed out. It had been on because I'd been up since just after 4, down in the living room, tapping away on my laptop, handling some things. And, of course, at 4 a.m. I needed the light.

Well, the bulb decided to blow just at that moment. The room was filled with a flash, and the light went out!)

Hey, Bryan...neat trick. Thanks for letting me know you are okay, and on your way. And I trust that you will excuse this shorter-than-usual message here this week. I know that you understand.

Love and Hugs,
Neale.

(P.S. Oh, and, for the record, I do disagree with Marion on what she has to say in the letter below. Next week, a look at why!)

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**Message From Marion...**  
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Hello Friends~

As I stated in the last few weeks, I'm now going to do a series of articles as I do my re-read through all of the *Conversations with God* primary text. I'm starting with the first third of *What God Wants*, as it and *Home with God* (which I'll cover next) are the two books I never completed.

It's so funny and gratifying to go back and revisit the basic concepts of the material this way, because what I clearly and deeply am able identify is how much CwG and these ideas are just a working part of my life and understanding of the world.

As I've been reading in *What God Wants* about man's basic ideas about God, Love, Marriage, etc...and how that so directly relates to Neale's ideas about the ills of the world, how it impacts the current plights of man and the planet, and how it has done so for almost as long as we human beings have inhabited the planet...I'm also struck by my own feelings that aren't quite as hopeful as Neale's are. I don't tend to share Neale's ever optimistic view of the world and his deeply felt idea that there's time and man can and will change.

Unfortunately, that's just not my truth. It could be that I'm about a generation and a half behind Neale in age. It also may be that the entire way I view the world, and experience it, is very different from what I observe to be Neale's experience. He is the eternal optimist! Always hopeful. Always willing to believe in the best of everyone and in the hope for all of humankind - almost childish in many ways. But that's just not me. I don't have that child like sense of wonder and amazement at the world and those of us who occupy this planet.

I don't think that man will change in time. I believe that we are living in huge spiritual times on the planet, but my gut sense is that catastrophic events will happen on this planet in my lifetime and that then the door will open for those of us left to take it to the next highest level. I'm not so sure that the Christians have the events of the rapture so wrong, in that many will choose to leave the planet, but not necessarily for the reasons they believe.

I believe deeply that Neale and other profoundly important messengers have come to the planet to usher in the New Spirituality - or the "new age" or "higher consciousness" - to wake many of us up, so that we can ready ourselves, those who are also awake, and our children and their children, with a new way of looking at the world and understanding the absurdity of the ideas that are held by the majority on the planet.

I don't mean to sound as if I'm viewing a future full of doom and gloom, because that is not what my sense of things is. I feel full of hope and excitement at the prospect of things to come. I feel so grateful to be here now on this planet at this time. Wow, do I ever! Because the truth is, I think this will become known in the evolution of our species and our planet as a pivotal time. A time when great changes took place, and amazing messengers came to the planet and spoke, while others went on fighting one another, economies crashed, killing in the name of God ravaged the planet, and the weapons of war could that destroy everything of the known world proliferated. And when many have left the planet through war, famine, etc... there will be "those who know" here on the planet, ready and willing to lead those who are left, into the New Spirituality - into a new, higher, more conscious way to live with one another and the miraculous creatures and plants that share our planet with us.

I don't know truly whose "right" or "wrong" in our views of the world, Neale or I, and as CwG tells us there is "no right or wrong," I imagine we've both got a little bit of what's ahead of us right. I'd love it if Neale's vision were absolutely on. I'd be ever so grateful if humanity could see what's really going on and wake up as a planet and choose differently for the good of all. I have children and I want that for them, too, but if that's not what happens, I want to be prepared.

I know in my heart that I am aware of the erroneous beliefs and understandings that I see most of the planet hold about God and life. I've now spent twelve years of my life learning about this material and that of other like-minded messengers on the planet. I've taught my children these ideas, too. I've learned how to live them in my own life and how to share them with others in a way that makes sense.

What I know about this is - no matter what happens tomorrow or the next day - or years from now - the ideas of the New Spirituality have given me a way to live life that is full of happiness, love and understanding for myself and others. For that I'm grateful - so very grateful.

Wishing you all the very best in the week ahead.

Love and Light,
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Category: Politics

[Faith and Hope at the polls](#)

People of faith and hope are flexing their political muscle these days...and the nation is better for it. Wouldn't you agree?

I am surprised, impressed, and pleased with what has been happening in the campaign of former Arkansas Governor Mike Huckabee.

Now please don't take this as an endorsement of Mr. Huckabee. It is not intended as that -- and, in fact, to be truthful, I do not agree with many of his political positions. But that is not the point I hope to make here, and it is not the reason I am so pleased with what is happening at the ballot box.

I am pleased that Mike Huckabee is winning state after state, and is becoming a real force to be reckoned with in Republican politics, because it says something to me about People of Faith, and the powerful role that they can play (are are *playing*) in our political process.

Faith has an important part to play in politics. Perhaps the most important part. For if our politics is not a statement of what we believe in (about everything, including God), then what is it? As I said here yesterday (and have said before audiences all over America for years), a politics that is not based on our most sacred beliefs is bankrupt.

Read that, *bankrupt*.

That is, empty, worthless, without any coin or value.

I do not believe in a political process that about beauty contests. This should not be about personal popularity. This should be about individual convictions. This is not beauty, this is about beautiful ideas.

On the Democratic side, Senator Barack Obama talks a lot these days about "changing the mindset" that led this country into war in Iraq; "changing the mindset" that allows this nation to ask more, as a proportion of income, of its middle class than it does of its rich; "changing the mindset" that produces a national debt in the trillions while paying scarce attention to the challenges and problems of health care costs or global warming.

What Obama is talking about, of course, is changing the *beliefs* of Americans. Author of the book *The Audacity of Hope*, Obama wants voters to rise to the level of their highest thought, rather than what they think we can get away with, or reasonably accomplish, politically.

This is a refreshing energy shift in the political scene, the likes of which we haven't observed since the stirring speeches of John F. Kennedy.

Mike Huckabee, likewise, is inviting voters all over America to vote their conscience and their beliefs, to rise to their highest idea, rather than accepting what they think is most practical or workable politically. In his view, the GOP is moving toward nominating a candidate not because he holds the highest ideas, but because he is said by some to have the best chance of winning in November. That would be, in Huckabee's thinking, the entirely wrong reason to vote for anyone.

I agree. A vote for John McCain should be a vote for John McCain because one thinks he is

the best person for the job, not because one thinks he is the person mostly likely to win.

Both Mike Huckabee and Barack Obama are underdogs in this presidential candidate nominating process. Yet both have unbroken spirits. As Huckabee said the other day, "I believe in miracles." And as Obama said over the weekend, "I have to have hope. Look where I came from to be here."

I like that. I like that attitude from both of these men. The two are miles apart politically and philosophically, but they are touch my heart with the power of their hope and faith.

I, for one, yearn for an American electorate that votes its beliefs, its hopes, and its conscience, not political practicality. Not its best idea of what will "work," but its best idea of what is "right."

Wouldn't that be just wonderful?

Do you think it is possible?

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**The Calendar**  
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A look at events at which Neale Donald Walsch will share the message of *Conversations with God* in the weeks ahead. You can learn more about the work of the ReCreation Foundation at these events...and on its official website, www.cwg.org, as well.

NOTE: Not all events are sponsored by the ReCreation Foundation.

February 23rd, 2008

Las Vegas, Nevada

Happier than God Workshop

Contact: Will: 352-442-2244

<http://www.nealedonaldwalsch.com/retreatlasvegas.cfm>

<http://www.nealedonaldwalsch.com/contact.cfm>

March 8th, 2008

Tampa Bay, Florida

Happier than God Workshop

Contact: Will: 352-442-2244

<http://www.nealedonaldwalsch.com/retreattampabay.cfm>

<http://www.nealedonaldwalsch.com/contact.cfm>

March 11th, 2008

Baltimore, Maryland

Happier than God Workshop

Contact: Will: 352-442-2244

<http://www.nealedonaldwalsch.com/retreatbaltimore.cfm>

<http://www.nealedonaldwalsch.com/contact.cfm>

March 15th, 2008

Atlanta, Ga

Happier than God Workshop

Contact: Will: 352-442-2244

<http://www.nealedonaldwalsch.com/retreatatlanta.cfm>

<http://www.nealedonaldwalsch.com/contact.cfm>

April 9-13, 2008

Tampa, Florida

Celebrate Yourself Workshop

Contact: Will: 352-442-2244

<http://www.cwg.org/main.php?p=Retreats&sub=RSchedule>

May 3-4, 2008

Infinity Foundation

God and Me: A Journey to Holy Ground

Chicago, IL

Contact: 847-831-8828

www.infinityfoundation.org

May 9-14, 2008

Hollyhock Retreat Center

Cortes Island, BC

5-day Intensive Workshop

Contact: registration@hollyhock.ca

www.hollyhock.ca

1-800-933-6339

May 16-18, 2008

Mexico City, Mexico

Workshop

Contact: mariluf@expo-ser.com

May 24-25, 2008

Humanity's Team Oneness Summit

Buenos Aires, Argentina

htargentina@gmail.com

www.humanitysteam.com.ar

+54 11 4783-3881

May 31 - June 2, 2008

Celebrate Your Life Event

Chicago, Illinois

www.celebrateyourlife.org

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