

## Winter 2006 Seasonal Message #2: Winter Comes

Dear Friends,

Now, in winter, the blossoms and leaves have fallen to the earth. The branches of the trees bend toward the source of their birth. Winter is a time, symbolically, when all returns to what has given life, and the cycles are complete. There has been birth and the fullness of life, and now there is death, there is the time for hibernation, not only physically but spiritually as the profound shadows of sleep hug the earth. It is a time for understanding the great Mother Bear within each of us, the great dreamer, the hibernator, the one who moves into the silence and stillness of her own cave to contemplate the Great Spirit. It is a time to go within, to understand more deeply all that has occurred in the past year that you may choose anew for the coming year in this great life that you are creating.

### ***A Prayer for Winter***

*Great Spirit, as we move into a time  
Of shorter days and longer nights,  
Not unlike the winter of our lives,  
We experience the coolness of your brilliance.*

*Star Shield Mother, who empowers my intent,  
Great Spirit, give me courage to face my own frailty.  
Give me courage to walk on the path of heart.*

*And if I have failed you,  
Help me to understand how I can better  
Tear away the veils of ignorance,  
And live more fully in the coming year.  
Help me, Great Spirit and Mother Star Shield,  
To manifest my act of power,  
To provide a mirror for my sisters and brothers,  
Of integrity and impeccability,  
As a warrior of the spirit.*

*Great Spirit, I am yours in my heart and soul.  
As I lie down for the long winter to pray  
To more deeply understand my true nature,  
And the nature of the Great Mother Earth,  
My spirit is like a hollow log filled with your light.  
May I never lose touch with what is real and true.  
May I touch the snows of winter with my fingertips,  
And be reminded of the purity of your being.  
May I see the reflection of your face  
In all of the beings who surround me.  
In my long dream, through the long winter night,  
May I receive symbols from you  
That will deepen my understanding  
And help me to go beyond the limits of language Into the dreamtime.*

*I await the imprinting of your knowledge  
Into my emptiness.  
Help me to understand, Great Spirit,  
All that I have come here to learn in this lifetime.  
As I move into the sacred dreamtime of the winter,  
I offer my prayers and gratitude and love,  
Oh Great Spirit, for my life. Ho!*

**Power Deck Card for the Winter Solstice: Mystery**

*A shaman can teach you about power. A magician can train you to become strong in spirit and competent in your endeavors in life. But to describe how a miracle happens or how you come to be a powerful magician is to try to explain the mystery. You can talk around the secrets of power, but if you describe them directly you lose that power and you destroy the mystery. Welcome the mystery, and allow the miracle of existence to emerge from the darkness and transform you.*

Mystery deals with introspection, death, and transformation into a new life, a new vision, a new way of seeing reality. The universe is within the cave of the unconscious mind. True consciousness comes through an emerging from the darkness of our untold selves into the light of balance and harmony between the conscious mind and the unconscious mystery.

In love and spirit,  
Lynn Andrews

Registration is now open for the 2007 school year of my Mystery School, the Lynn Andrews Center for Sacred Arts and Training. I am so honored and full of enthusiasm to present you with this truly unique and magical course of study. [www.lynnandrews.com](http://www.lynnandrews.com)

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Our 2007 Joshua Tree Gathering, *Soaring on the Wings of Intent*, will be held in the exquisite and spiritual surroundings of Ghost Ranch in Abiqui, New Mexico (“Joshua Tree on the Mesa”) from Thursday, May 31, 2007 to Sunday, June 3, 2007. Please make your plans now to join us at this magical event. [www.lynnandrews.com](http://www.lynnandrews.com)