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“All trails lead back to the center – all spirit. All ways, all religions lead back to the the center. Walk within goodness.” Agnes Whistling Elk, Medicine Woman

(“Unknown” card, The Power Deck – Cards of Wisdom)

“We are all pilgrims on the path to the unknown. We sit in awe and wonder at the architecture of power. Ripen the receptive void within you, like a womb accepting a seed. Open yourself to the unknowable, to what is unfamiliar to you, so that the energy of what you need in order to be whole can flow into you. When you think of yourself as an entity separate from power, you will obstruct the current and power will defeat you. Identify the form of power that

you want – what you want to accomplish, build, create, or be – and become that, so that there is no separating you."

Hello Friends,

I hope you all are having a lovely summer. I must tell you all about my new goat, which I got to become a buddy to my newborn colt, who lost his mother shortly after his birth, and the joys and frustrations they bring me as they learn about their world through one another. I have never had a goat before, and I am having quite a time learning something new by witnessing my own corner of nature. We do, truly, learn so much from the simple things of our daily lives.

I like to think of August as the perfect time for sacred study. Indeed, for many years I would visit with the Sisterhood in August. Please join me in a circle of sacred study and learn something new this month!

I want to tell you a story. One afternoon, many years ago, I was sitting on the porch of Agnes Whistling Elk's cabin in the far north of Canada with Agnes, Ruby Plenty Chiefs, and Betty Fast Bear, a woman of the Sisterhood of the Shields about whom I am privileged to write about for the very first time in my new book, *Coming Full Circle*.

We had been talking about many things when all of a sudden Betty reached out and kicked Ruby's boot with her toe. "I am mad at all of the bloodletting," she stated. "I'm mad at it all. The state of our world. All the modern wars." After a bit of resettling among us at this sudden turn in our conversation, there was a long period of silence.

And then I was told something quite extraordinary.

Agnes got the strangest look on her face and she said, "I wonder if we will ever see the time again when we will have peace?"

"When did we have peace?" I asked. "There are wars going on in this world all of the time between different people."

"Yes, but there was another time," Agnes said, and the three women shook their heads, nodding in agreement.

"There was a time on this earth, the time before sand, when our history was so very different," Agnes continued, "Before things were covered up by sand."

"In Egypt there was a great labyrinth. And this labyrinth was as big as the city of Rome." Betty said. "Well, at least part of Rome," she continued, reflectively. "There were twelve cities within this labyrinth."

"Yes," Agnes said, picking up the conversation. "It was a huge, beautiful gathering of wisdom, before everything was buried in sand. It was a time of great peace and understanding, and sacred study. There were twelve different ways of wisdom brought to the Labyrinth by people from twelve different regions around Egypt, probably from areas we now know as Syria, Iran, Egypt, perhaps from the Sinai. These ways of wisdom were all different from one another, each with its own understanding of life. *But there wasn't war.* People settled their differences and honored the differences between them. Every year, the people would come to the great Labyrinth and share their wisdom just as they shared the tools that they had developed and the magnificent pots they made. They came from many cities of joy that are also buried in sand now, maybe never to be found."

I sat there, absolutely stunned. I had read the works of Herodotus, of course, a Greek historian circa 500 B.C., considered by many as "the father of history," who had traveled extensively and wrote about a great labyrinth that had existed in Egypt over a thousand years earlier, near the "City of Crocodiles." He had described it in extraordinary terms, saying it had twelve covered courts containing over 3000 rooms filled with hieroglyphs and paintings, with underground rooms that housed the tombs of kings and of sacred crocodiles, the most beautifully designed construction he had ever seen, surpassing, even, the great pyramids.

I was also aware that there is a much shorter description of a similar area in the Bible.

But I had never before actually read or heard anyone talk about the culture of this great Labyrinth as my teachers were now talking, three indigenous elder women, describing for me in great detail this magnificent undertaking from deeply ancient times!

Many years after my conversation with Betty Fast Bear and Agnes Whistling Elk, in 2008, an expedition of Belgian archeologists and geophysicists released to a gathering which included the Egyptian Supreme Council of Antiquities, UNESCO and a number of international professors and researchers of archeology the results of their highly specialized technological deep penetration scanning of the ancient sands of Hawara showing what is believed to be the remains of a great labyrinth buried beneath tons of ancient Egyptian sands. As of this writing, I am not aware that any attempts at excavation have been made.

The often controversial and many-storied origins of the sage scribe Hermes Trismegistus, the "Thrice Great Hermes," who was either a combining of the Greek god Hermes and the Egyptian god Thoth, or the son of a god believed to have lived either before or around the time of Moses, notwithstanding, he wrote, "Egypt is an image of heaven, or rather, the place where here below are mediated and projected all operations that govern and actuate the heavenly forces. Even more than that, if the whole truth is to be told, our land is the temple of the entire world."

Does it strike anyone else as odd that today people are waging the most brutal and destructive of wars in a place where literally beneath their feet is the most gigantic monuments to peace and sacred learning the world, perhaps, has ever known, created and honored by their very own ancestors, containing a knowledge and wisdom that encompass the mystery of life and the cosmos?

Just imagine, for a moment, a temple for the entire known world, a place where people from all over come together to honor one another and all that is sacred between them. What happened to this dream? What is missing from our lives today, we, the peoples of this great Mother Earth, with our tremendous technological and artistic advances, cannot seem to overcome hatred and war? We are so often at war within our own selves, and that war is reflected out into the world, everywhere we look, "I am right and you are wrong and in the name of my god I kill you."

What does sacred study mean to you? The forty-four women of the Sisterhood of the Shields as one state firmly that this year, 2012, is demanding that we step up and take our own places as the creator of our dreams. This is the task that the Great Spirit has given us, to redefine ourselves and our sacredness in accordance with what is

real and true for each one of us, not what someone else tells us our truth should be.

2012 is a time when all knowledge is at our fingertips, when the wisdom of the ages, born of the collective understanding and experiences of all of humanity is within our grasp. If we could only open our eyes and open our minds and become willing to learn, become willing to study, become willing to expand our personal world view to encompass other peoples and other ideas and other pathways to sacredness.

I am asking all of us to give the "time before sand" a chance in our lives, now. Honor the ways of other people and the differences between you, learn about a culture not your own and know, in your heart, that a dream of peace and understanding – as I have been shown so clearly by the Sisterhood of the Shields – is very, very, real. It is possible, and it is within reach!
Please join me in a prayer of joining together:

We are all a circle. Our dreams and prayers are at their core the same dreams and prayers. Our circle will lead us out into the world and spread harmony over all the earth. To remind us of this circle, we envision one knot. This knot will bind us together in higher circles, each of us responsible for one another person's prayer, responsible for our own prayers and the prayers of one another, the prayer that our circle represents. We offer our knots up to the Great Spirit. We are now separate, and we are now joined. May our prayers be as one. May our unique spirits thrive independently and together!

We are now separate, we are now joined. May our prayers be as one.

In love and spirit,

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to read 'Suzanne', written in a cursive style.

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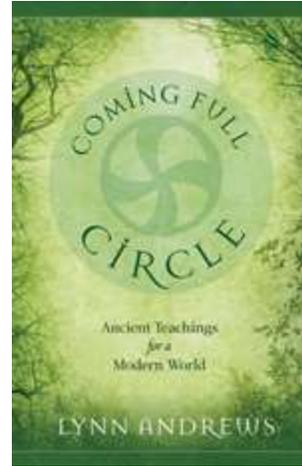
Council's Corner

We'd like to welcome our newest council, **The Butterfly Valley Council!** This council is located near Mount Shasta, outside of the town of Cottonwood, CA. – about 2 ½ hours north of Sacramento. Before the first meeting, Council Coordinator, Kahndi Smith collected prayer sticks with her two grandchildren. During the meeting, participants created their Council Talking Stick. Kahndi said that each person who attended created his or her own prayer stick. "The first meeting was beautiful. One friend drove 5 hours to attend. We felt a strong connection in and around the circle. We placed the prayer sticks in Mother Earth as a circle with ceremony." The next meeting with this council is August 5th. For more information on this or other council meetings, go to Lynn's website and click on councils.

THE MYSTERY SCHOOL: The Lynn Andrews Center for Sacred Arts and Training will soon be open for early registration. The next school year begins February 2013. We are now offering a pre-session package allowing you to: speak with one of the school's mentors, begin some of the reading, practice by using the Mask of Power Workbook and the Love and Power Journal! Please contact our

Enrollment Manager for more information at: 1-800-554-7414 (USA) or (561) 265-1838 (International only)

My new book, "Coming Full Circle – Ancient Wisdom for a Modern World," is now available everywhere and response is just wonderful! Visit my online Retail Store at www.LynnAndrews.com/retail. While there, check out "Riding the Light Waves of 2012," the 6 CD-set of this year's Joshua Tree on the Mesa Spring Gathering, which is now available. To purchase my book, you can also go to a bookstore near you, or order online from Barnes & Noble or Amazon.com



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