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"Fostering an awareness of the presence of a sacred depth in nature, human nature, and in the events of ordinary life..."

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In Search of Soul: "Discovering the Sacred Self"

Next Soul-Link
Retreat Scheduled for
Jan. 12, 2002

The next Soul-Link quarterly retreat will be held on Sat., Jan. 12, 2002 at the Center for Creative Leadership from 9:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. The Center is located off 8th Street on Leader Way.

The focus for the day is **In Search of Soul: "Discovering the Sacred Self."**

You may register by completing and returning the enclosed form with your registration fee: \$15.00 per person (includes lunch). Drop-ins are welcome the day of the retreat. The registration fee "at the door" will be \$20.00 per person (includes lunch).

We hope you will join us on Jan. 12. Please feel free to invite anyone who may enjoy this time of presentation, meditation, and conversation.

For more information, call 473-5852 and leave a message. A Soul-Link Council Member will call you.

"The Still Small Voice Within"

Written by Chad Glang

The cobblestone square in Venice is surrounded by walls built during the 13th and 14th centuries. Though behind the facades are distinct buildings, what one sees from the square is a graceful, hodge-podge continuity. Vivaldi composed his "Four Seasons" here, and behind me is a grand hall where I'll hear it performed this evening. This large space began as a medieval soup kitchen and homeless shelter. After a couple of centuries it was appropriated by the upper class, to become a school for Venice's best and

brightest . . . adorned with a parquet marble floor and magnificent paintings on the walls and ceiling.

In front of me is an unassuming wooden door, partially open. I enter. A small, warm sanctuary. More homey and

welcoming than the many imposing cathedrals which are all towers and marble and gold. I want to be here. I want to rest. Post-Gregorian chant sacred music softly fills the space. A dozen tourists from several countries mill and murmur.

I am drawn to a simple carved wood crucifix, perhaps three feet tall, in the back. I sit before it. Having stumbled across Jesus in my wanderings, I reflect on how he made his historical appearance in another easy-to-miss place . . . a far corner of the Roman Empire. "Feed my sheep," he said; and for this he was killed. How inconvenient when Jesus says "In God's Kingdom, there are no insiders, no outsiders." So we killed him. Silence that voice, please, when it interferes with business as usual.

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And so it is with the "still small voice within." Our ego, seat of self-focus, has its Pharisaic business to attend to. "Hey, Can't you see how busy (important) I am?" How inconvenient to stop, sit and listen. So, each day, we replay the Passion. The Sanhedrin convenes, the vote is clear. "I'm in power, and I have important things to do." In fact, we're so busy doing them that we don't even know we are silencing that quiet voice of goodness, somewhere off in a far corner of the inner Empire. Until one day, when we are somehow drawn to a partially-open door.

Chad Glang, Ph.D. has practiced psychology in the Springs area since 1981. Other interests include mountain biking, cross-country skiing, service project and camping with his wife and teenage daughter. Chad is a member of the Soul-Link Council.

BOOK REVIEW

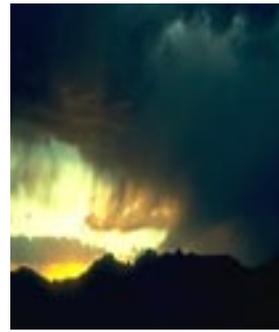
By Patricia Francek, Soul-Link Council Member

Soul Prints, Your Path To Fulfillment by Marc Gafni

The book *Soul Prints*, offers an engaging, creative and inspiring conversation on the discovery and radical uniqueness of each person's soul print. Soul Print, as defined by the author, is one's spiritual signature which belongs only to oneself; it is special, unique and irreplaceable. It is one's Sacred Autobiography which needs to be shared with others.

The author, Marc Gafni, is a philosopher, lecturer, and dean of Melitz public culture center in Israel.

He uses Biblical myth, folklore, and other storytelling to reveal the message



"Sit beside me in long moments of shared solitude, knowing both our absolute aloneness and our undeniable belonging.

Dance with me in the silence and in the sound of small daily words, holding neither against me at the end of the day."

Oriah Mountain Dreamer,
THE DANCE

Visit the new Soul-Link Web Site . . .

www.soullinkonline.org

We have yet to put the "finishing touches" on the site (current calendar and additional resources). We will be doing so in the very near future.

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that each of us is compelled to leave our authentic soul print in the world, moving from loneliness to connection with ourselves, with others and with God (*as we understand God to be for us.*)

The author's purpose in writing this book can be summed up in his own words: "Only the fire of your unique soul print can light up your life and transform your existence from the routine fulfillment of obligation to the passionate unfolding of your unique story in the world . . . This book is about lighting the lantern of your soul."

"What is needed is to learn afresh, to observe, and to discover for ourselves, the meaning of wholeness."

--David Rohm, Wholeness and the Implicate Order

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Soul-Link Council is Formed

In an effort to expand its size and scope, a Soul-Link Council was recently formed. The Council is a broad based group committed to the spiritual growth of Soul-Link participants. Recently, the Board of Trustees, which stewards the legal and financial aspects of the organization made a decision to create the Soul-Link Council which will serve as the visionary and developmental arm of the organization. The role of this new Council shall encompass the following activities:

- To create an overall short and long term vision for Soul-Link
- To be a "think tank" for ideas and assist in the implementation of these ideas and evaluate their effectiveness
- To assist in the development of resources, i.e. people, finances and leaders to support the vision of Soul-Link
- To create a strong communication network for Soul-Link so that participants are supported in their search for a deeper sense of soul connection.

Soul-Link Council Members: ___

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Upcoming Soul-Link Activities

**Dec. 10, 2001- Potluck and
& Discussion:** 6:30-8:00 P.M.,
Holy Trinity Parish Meeting House
(3117 Poinsetta Dr.) No RSVP needed.

**Jan. 12, 2002 - Soul-Link Quarterly
Retreat:** 9:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Center
for Creative Leadership; registration form
enclosed.

Jan. 14, 2002 - Potluck & Discussion:
6:30-8:00 p.m. Holy Trinity Parish Meeting
House (3117 Poinsetta Dr.) No RSVP
needed.

**Jan. 22 & Jan. 29, 2001 - The God
Instinct (Two session course)** Facilitated
by Tom Stella; 7:00-8:30 p.m. Holy Trinity
Parish Meeting House (3117 Poinsetta
Dr.). Registration fee: \$10.00. Call
number listed below to register.

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THE GOD INSTINCT

Facilitated by Tom Stella
January 22 & 29, 2002

This two-session course looks at our longing for communion with what is greater than ourselves, and with the kind of life we embark upon when we heed our heart's unrest. Participants will have the opportunity to identify the "thin places" in their lives where they touch or are touched by what seeks us at the same time that we seek it. The course will be held at the Holy Trinity Parish Meeting House, 3117 Poinsetta Dr. from 7:00 - 8:30 P. M. To register, call the Soul-Link number: **473-5852 by Jan 20, 2002.** The registration fee is \$10.00 per person. This amount includes both sessions and may be paid on the first class date.

*"To know the Mystery in our midst, we must focus on the present, for what lies beyond also dwells within."
--THE GOD INSTINCT: Healing Your Heart's Unrest, Tom Stella*

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TO:



Mail In Registration Form.....Clip and return with registration fee no later than Jan. 8, 2002.....

JAN. 12, 2002 RETREAT - CENTER FOR CREATIVE LEADERSHIP

Please complete information below, enclose your check in the amount of \$15.00 per person (Includes lunch) and mail by **Jan. 8, 2002**. **Mail to: SOUL-LINK, INC.**

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Name(s) of person(s) attending _____

Phone number _____ Drop-ins are welcome the day of the retreat. The registration fee "at the door" will be \$20.00 per person which includes lunch. We hope you will invite a friend to join us for this time of meditation, presentation and conversation.

Please note special dietary/lunch needs _____.

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