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COME SIT WITH ME ...

and my wide open heart

A pocketful of daily writings to bring moments of reflection into your day. Take this little book with you to read - on the bus - while you take a break on a park bench – anywhere - everywhere - one page at a time will draw you into the thoughtful world of the author who encourages you to be aware of what your own life is teaching you.

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Welcome, come on in ... enjoy a simple short read while you have a moment ...

Each of the paragraphs of this collection of every day thoughts and musings were first published by Patricia on her Facebook page, intended for sharing herself and her memories as she recognised the changes in her life along with the changes in herself. Happenings alter attitude and the resulting compromises affect each and every one of us. The author's wish is that you take a moment to read and perhaps relate your own feelings as she Come Sit With Me: and my wide open heart writes.

Your Best is Always Enough

Always, without doubt, your best is always good enough. It comes from you, and you are always good enough. Your efforts are as much as you are able to give. Stop putting pressure on yourself, you are fulfilling your own potential and your purpose and there Come Sit With Me: and my wide open heart is no need to expect anything more from yourself. Throughout life we try to be the best child, best friend, best parent, best employee, and Come Sit With Me: and my wide open heart all along we run the risk of striving to fit into someone else's version of success. Wanting to improve is a healthy attitude, but it is also healthy to remind ourselves what our motivation for striving actually is. Trying to impress comes from the ego and life is not a competition of living up to someone else's Come Sit With Me: and my wide open heart standards. It took me a long time to realise my striving was creating feelings of failure. Awakening to that truth was liberating and life began to be totally satisfying. I continued my efforts, but no longer to impress anyone, how others perceived me was never the issue again. I think it's great that others have standards, and it's great that I do to, and the greatest thing out of that is we exist without comparison. At yoga classes years ago our tutor used to give Come Sit With Me: and my wide open heart us a little wisdom after the session; one day she told us we are not here to compare ourselves either favourably or unfavourably with anyone. Throughout this lovely day, be yourself and know you are the best. With love from my Come Sit With Me: and my wide open heart wide open heart and warmest thanks to you for being here with me.

Fresh Morning

Stirring, not fully Come Sit With Me: and my wide open heart woken, yet aware of the shapes in this room that are gently coming into being as a shaft of moonlight claims its place between the dark curtains. I want today to be a day where I can see everything with newborn eyes, where the Come Sit With Me: and my wide open heart routines and familiarities are fresh. Like when we moved into this little place and arranged the furniture, placed the kitchen items where they are easily reached and used, cleaned the stove in readiness for producing nourishing meals and wholesome baking. I want that new feeling again today. Beginning with gratitude, my thankfulness is for the warm bed I just vacated, the restful sleep without waking through the night, the sliver of cool air invited into my lungs as a deep breath intervenes normal inhaling, and also for the chirping birds that are calling to the sun as it teases the horizon with its promise of warmth. I cautiously uncover the windows to reveal softest light, turning to the semi-dark kitchen that awaits like a cavern of hovering delights. Life is way too short to hold back pleasure, fragrant coffee permeates the Come Sit With Me: and my wide open heart stillness, gurgling and Come Sit With Me: and my wide open heart dripping its elixir ready for the mug I hold. Thoughts of food are irresistible; at Come Sit With Me: and my wide open heart its simplest food is fuel. We Come Sit With Me: and my wide open heart rely on the foods we eat for energy and mental well-being. Just as nutrients will power the body and the mind, they have a significant effect on our ability to focus and our stress levels. While consciously equipping my insides then showering and dressing, this morning has indeed blessed me with its freshness. I wish the same for you, time without complications, newborn energies, and a mind full of anticipation. Thank you for sitting here with me and my wide open heart.

Taking it to Heart

We take so much of what comes our way to heart, we take things personally. This can be overwhelming Come Sit With Me: and my wide open heart and is definitely unproductive. When Come Sit With Me: and my wide open heart feeling criticised we are thrown off balance and sometimes feel numb. Then later we can easily think of how we would have preferred to respond, but at the time we were unable to recover ourselves. Why is it that we can't continue to speak and act our truth? Most of the time the criticisms from others have more to do with them and how they are feeling than with us. We get caught up with trying to adjust ourselves to their negativities instead of deflecting them. With practice our integrity will be the first thing we feel, rather than serving as targets for others' crap. The more we do this, the more we are able to discern what belongs to us and what belongs to other people. Dodging negativities can be done physically, when someone is being negative subtly turn from them, don't let them direct stuff into your face, turn your face slightly, turn the other cheek, remember where that saying came from? That small unnoticed action results in our retaining our own strength and refusing to be a catchment for criticism, or any other negativities. Make you day marvellous dear ones, be kind to yourselves. Come Sit With Me: and my wide open heart I am delighted you are here with me on this page today, thank you.

Reach for a Better Thought

Sometimes I find myself trapped in an anxious thought stream. It can strike when I go to bed so ready for sleep yet what is going on in my mind just won't let me rest. I was thinking of a dear friend who is in another country, concerned because of an email I received Come Sit With Me: and my wide open heart that things were not going well for her. I kept thinking of her message, imagining the worst. My logic told me that I couldn't do anything to help her; she would find her own solution, yet I couldn't let go the spiralling anxiety that entered my thinking. I decided to quietly get out of bed and sit Come Sit With Me: and my wide open heart in the living room, the moonlight gave the room a soft feeling compared to the energy of daytime. I slowly felt at peace and decided to light a candle. Prayers flowed silently from my thoughts to where my friend lives, I imagined her surrounded with love, and that love saturated every cell of her Come Sit With Me: and my wide open heart being so there was no room within her for the pain and serious worries she had shared with me earlier that day. I needed to trust, to have faith, that all Come Sit With Me: and my wide open heart was being taken care of. The next day dawned and my feeling of peace remained with me, confirmed by a message from my friend that she was organising to move out and take better care of herself. I sent thanks to her for letting me know, thanks also for my prayers being answered so beautifully and so promptly. What a lesson for me, when thoughts take a dive into that dark place we get trapped in, we can reach for a better thought. In reaching out we find what is available for us, the supply is as Come Sit With Me: and my wide open heart promising as it is endless. What a promise ... endless love ... just reach out for a better thought and it's all yours. This wide open heart of mine reached out and here you are with me, I can't tell you how good that feels.

Natural Rhythm

Listening to my own heartbeat reminds me of the rhythms that surround me. Natural rhythms like when daylight appears and darkness disappears, like seasonal plants that turn from blossoming into resting as their leaves fall, like the waves of the sea. We are all guided every day by the sun rising and when it Come Sit With Me: and my wide open heart sets. Changes in weather may be unpredictable, yet they are also part of nature's rhythms. Our own breathing and our own hearts beating are always linking us to life's pulsing changes. Rhythms tell you when to start, when to stop, Come Sit With Me: and my wide open heart when to hasten, when to go slow. Are you listening? Or are you ignoring your own body rhythms and Come Sit With Me: and my wide open heart pushing yourself beyond your natural limits. Examine why you are compelled to act this Come Sit With Me: and my wide open heart way; is it Come Sit With Me: and my wide open heart ever essential? Is it to please someone who has unreasonable expectations? Are you seeking approval, perhaps afraid your job may be threatened? There has to be a significant reason for your unacceptable self-drive. Be truthful with yourself, protect

yourself, you are precious and deserve to treat yourself with respect and love. Take time out to sort what is important, or not, then decide what to include in this beautiful day. What a lovely feeling you and I have now, knowing we have returned to our natural rhythm. With loving thanks to you for sitting here with me.

Stress by Invitation

Perhaps you have been under a lot of stress. My father used to say if you are feeling stress, some of it is from yourself. That made me think! The principle of living your life from my inside rather than from what is external reminded me of my own contribution to what was bothering me. While we may not be the catalyst of a Come Sit With Me: and my wide open heart situation, we need to be honest about how we contribute to what is going on. I meet so many people who end our conversation with the comment 'You must keep in touch'. Knowing that it has Come Sit With Me: and my wide open heart always been me who actually phones them I immediately feel affronted that they expect me to Come Sit With Me: and my wide open heart initiate all contact. Then I feel stress because I have just created a kind of standoff in my thinking. How does that affect me? With disappointment, with sadness, with misery if I keep harbouring the stress! Well, now is my chance to say no to stress, and move towards more harmony. While it was suggested that I keep in touch, out of caring for them I will. If words end in the three letters 'ess' I would rather it be kindness than stress! After all if faced with a decision, I want to feel that I have picked the path to happiness. Loads of love to you from my wide open heart.

Blossoming Creativity

It took me a series of interests to find the creativity I enjoy today. Attempts at Tap-dancing and Singing to the wooden spoon eventually made me realise I didn't have a blossoming stage career. I wasn't even good at sports or other competitive games. When I was age nine Mum let me use her treadle sewing Come Sit With Me: and my wide open heart machine. I managed to sew a couple of reasonably straight seams, then a 'casing' to thread elastic into, halleluiah after hemming the bottom edge I had a skirt! Sewing became a hobby for years to come, intervened by spinning and weaving. Textiles always won; I hopped and skipped through Cross-stitch, Ribbon embroidery, Textile crafts, to Patchwork and Quilting. These days my time at the sewing machine is superseded by my computer, I found Writing! As children many of us had fantasies of being an actor, artist, Come Sit With Me: and my wide open heart dancer, perhaps a singer or musician. If we were fortunate to receive encouragement, some of us actually made our dreams come true. But some of us shut down and turned attention away from our inner artist and the retrieval of creative juices took a long time, if ever, to reclaim. We valued the logic of practicality over dreaming and personal expression became lost. The energetic lift of creativity that arises within is something we all deserve. Our little minds may be showing obstacles like the idea of being too old or don't have the time. The truth is, you are NOT old,

you DO have the time; we all make time for something we love. It's okay to stumble as we find our way, perhaps we need to see what Come Sit With Me: and my wide open heart we don't want so that we can take that path our hearts truly want to follow. Then we discover that "good" is far from the most important thing, it is "doing" that teaches us all we need to know.

Acknowledging Feelings

It takes courage to acknowledge your feelings and to surrender to their powerful energies. All too often I have put my feelings aside, thinking I'll deal with it all later. Then have ended up not dealing with what I had felt and storing up emotions. Denial of feelings can make us anxious or even physically ill. I tended Come Sit With Me: and my wide open heart to hide or push aside feelings, thinking I was being strong or brave. I wonder what that did to my frown lines. Learning about the connection between mind and body – that is, emotions and physical health – gave me a clear awareness of how unwell I had become. Expressing tears or taking time out to quietly turn my observations inward, is now my response to unwanted feelings. This is all we are required to do; our feelings simply want to be felt. We don't need to analyse or complicate any situation. The healing that follows will wash through us, washing away what is not required, soaking up excess, nourishing an infinite number of positive elements. We can all transform our health by acknowledging our feelings. I feel today is clear and uncomplicated, ready for me to enjoy – hope you feel the same way – blessings to you from my wide open heart.

Learned Behaviour

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