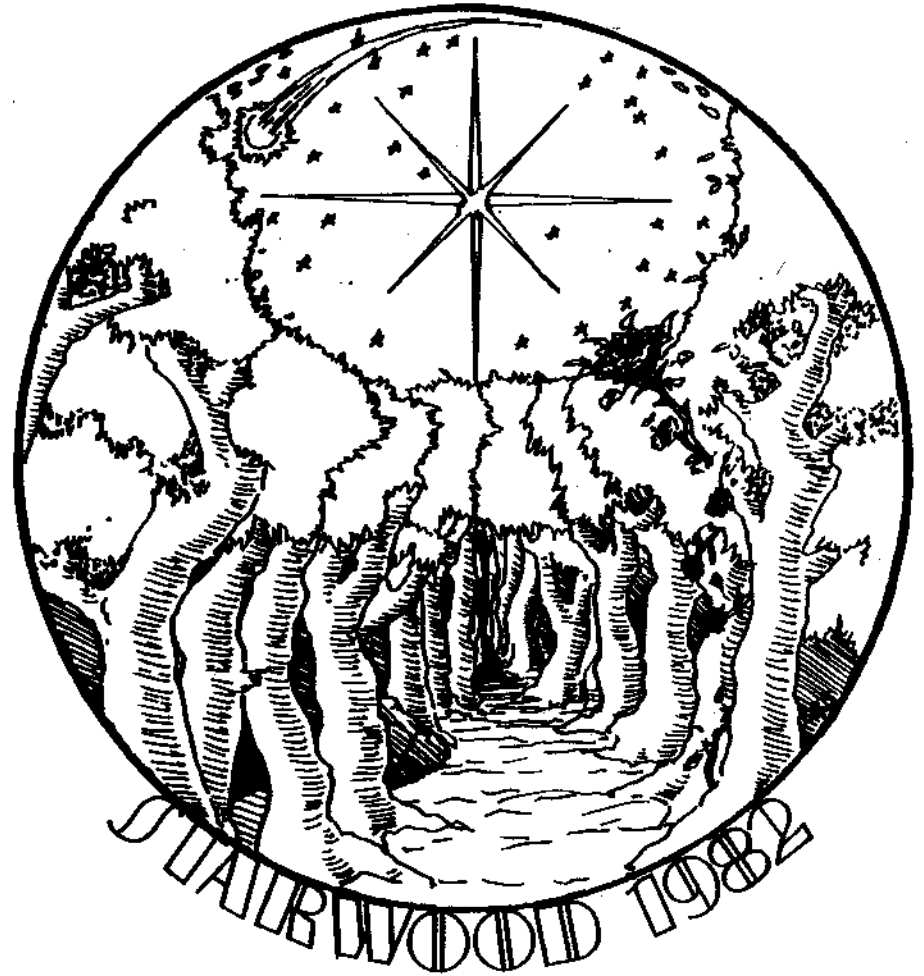


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LUNAR VISIONS & COPPING OUT

As every occultist knows, subtle energy underlies all physical world events and while this energy may be broadly attributive throughout the spheres, the events it engenders must be specific as must all "things" which "exist".

These days it is rare to find an individual who does not agree (layman or mystic, whether he knows the terms or not) that the energy coming down is clearly Atu XVI, but what does this advise?

Well, that must depend on one's True Will, its preference, and who can deny the popularity of preference among us to see the organic, technological, social, and spiritual "science fiction" future projected by some of our favorite authors throughout the century become reality? All energies powerful, all in harmony, the best of all possible worlds.

Do we agree that this scenario represents a possible future? We agree. We also agree that it is not the only one. Quickly springs to mind the Christian Apocalypse version and its modern pal the "we reduce it to a heap of ashes and the survivors revert to tribalism" alternative. Why choose this?

"We do not choose it," say those who see this future (or any), "our visions simply come." But this can be a very personal experience and while we say not choose the visions themselves, we can and must choose the influences our mental and emotional selves shall dwell upon, and the centrality of the influence of "heart" or "guilt" feelings in the consciousness lives of those who see incontrovertible holocaust is hard to ignore. These visions (inner actions) can and do neatly balance those feelings (outer actions) to result in something strongly resembling personal liberation and making things such more confusing to those of us who see the "minimal unpleasantness" thing as the "brighter" alternative. But where, exactly, does clairvoyance end and magical intent begin?

The psychic "sees" the "future" in much the same way the magician "sees" his "results." Are psychics more innocent, less manipulative than their "willful" cousins? Or aren't they? Easy to be positive energy when we've already decided that the people we REALLY don't like will soon DIE and go to HELL. Easy to be calm when we are sure in our hearts that we will soon DIE and go to HEAVEN. "Oh, good! I don't have to commit suicide! The world will soon do it for me!" Go a head. Say it. "So note it be!" Something wrong? Well, excuse me!

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SCHEDULE FOR STARWOOD

** A finalized schedule is impossible for this type of event. A time schedule will be provided to participants as soon as feasible. All changes will be announced as quickly as possible; updated information will first appear at the Chameleon Club site Information Board.

FRIDAY

8:00 PM Opening address and attunement
 After dark Movies Large Pavilion

SATURDAY

9:00 AM *Shamanic attunement* Morning Attunements *by Circle Sanctuary*
 10:00 AM Discussion for morning attunements
 11:00 AM Workshop slot I
 12:30 PM LUNCH BREAK
 1:30 PM Workshop slot II *Bobbi Sue Cabris*
 3:00 PM Workshop slot III *Circle Sanctuary*
 4:30 PM Workshop slot IV *Circle Sanctuary*
 6:00 PM DINNER BREAK
 8:00 PM Musical Entertainment including
 Jim Alan & Selena Fox
 Jeff Wyndham John Bassette
 Victoria Ganger
 Fireworks and Bonfire following

SUNDAY

9:00 AM Morning Attunements *Bobbi Sue Cabris*
 10:00 AM Discussions for morning attunements
 11:00 AM Workshop slot V *Circle Sanctuary*
 12:30 PM LUNCH BREAK *SCA PSA SCA Lake*
 1:30 PM Workshop slot VI *Circle Sanctuary*
 3:00 PM Farewell Address
 Aftergathering

Future Magick William Eichman (School of Changes)
 Space Exploration and Exploitation Steven Stein, Michael Klepper, and Bill Avery (L-5)
 Herbs as Incense Donna Boswell
 Circle Sanctuary Vision Sharing Jim Alan & Selena Fox
 Vision Quest Selena Fox
 Aura Energy & Kirlian Photography Jim Alan & Selena Fox
 Witchcraft Today: Introduction to Neo-Paganism Jeff Wyndham
 Blessing Way Ritual Rebecca Hoffman
 New Age Recreation Norm Christiansen Society for Creative Anachronism
 Working of Magick Ray Buckland (Seax Wica)
 Biofeedback Joseph Rothenberg
 Dream Workshop Michael Ragan-Shoemaker (Seax Wica)
 Developing Hypnotic Technique Dr. Bryan Grotte
 Hypnosis Workshop Dr. Bryan Grotte
 Body Imaging Earil and John Wilson

MORNING ATTUNEMENTS

Circle Wicca Jim Alan and Selena Fox
 Includes Healing Ritual and Magickal Healing Ministry discussion
 Thelema Vitrian

**Other groups or individuals who wish to present workshops should post their information of the Information Board. Those wishing to present workshops or offerings should check in at the Chameleon Club site.

William Carl Eichman
School of Changes

Future Magick

What is Magick? Is magick really real, and if it is, what does that mean for us, our children and the future of humankind? Where will magick and magickians be one hundred or five hundred years from now? What is the magickians responsibility to the world?

These questions will be part of a discussion workshop focusing on new directions, attitudes, and purposes in magick. My suggestion is that we are entering a magickal Renaissance, on the edge of discoveries that will transform our simple magickal practices into a developed and potent science and art. Writers such as Crowley, Gurdjieff, Timothy Leary, John Lilly, and Robert Anton Wilson, all experimental mystics, have begun to map the path of the future of magick. This workshop is intended to stimulate discussion and experimentation, the sharing of knowledge and plans, in these revolutionary fields.

Michael Ragan-Shoemaker

Dream Workshop

A student of dream analysis for over a decade, Mike bases his common-sense approach to dream interpretation on the works of noted psychologist Carl Jung. The workshop deals with the "why" of dreaming and takes a step by step approach to the complete process of dreaming. Universal and Personal Symbolism are examined, with many examples given. The final portion of the workshop will be devoted to actual dream interpretation of the attendees. This was a very popular workshop at last year's STARWOOD, and Mike will be tying in with some of last year's dreamers.

Ray Buckland

The Working of Magick

There are possibly hundreds of different ways of working magick. In this lecture-workshop, Ray Buckland (a Wiccan High Priest for over twenty years) deals with the fundamentals of working magick in a Wiccan Circle. Suitable for the coven or for the solitary Witch. Included will be discussions of Preparation; Raising the Cone of Power; Candle Magick; Cord Magick; Sex Magick; Poppet Magick. Bring a notebook and pencil, and a nine-foot cord.

Starwood Network of Alternative Publications

SNAP Meeting

SNAP was formed at last year's STARWOOD gathering in order to share ideas, experiences, and creative energies with sister publication of the New Age. Though an informal association, SNAP has been a line of communication between its seven participants. A joint issue is being discussed. All groups or individuals who publish or are about to publish are welcome to attend and share ideas.

Bryan Grotte, M.D.
Foundation for Research in Medical Botany

Developing Hypnotic Technique

This workshop will concern itself with the hypnotic state, and especially with verbal techniques for exploring the hypnotic state. The hypnotic state is seen as a method to access the model representational systems that the individual uses to interpret incoming sensations -- and can be accessed on several levels at once.

Participants will learn some of the specialized language used for discussing or utilizing the hypnotic state--and as such, this seminar is highly recommended for those wishing to experiment in the practical workshop. Bring a pencil or pen.

Hypnosis Workshop

In this experiential workshop, participants will form small groups or work individually. The techniques discussed in the earlier seminar will be employed to perform hypnotic experiments. It may be wise to bring some comfortable ground cloth for sitting or lying upon.

Earil and John Wilson
of Wintertree

Body Imaging

Through massage, the body image can be reawakened and reshaped. The techniques of meditation, aromatherapy and massage can be blended to form a new way to achieve a balanced and relaxed awareness of your body and its abilities. All that is required is that you find a partner and a ground cloth.

Steve Stein, Mike Klepper, and Bill Avery
Cuyahoga Valley L-5 Society

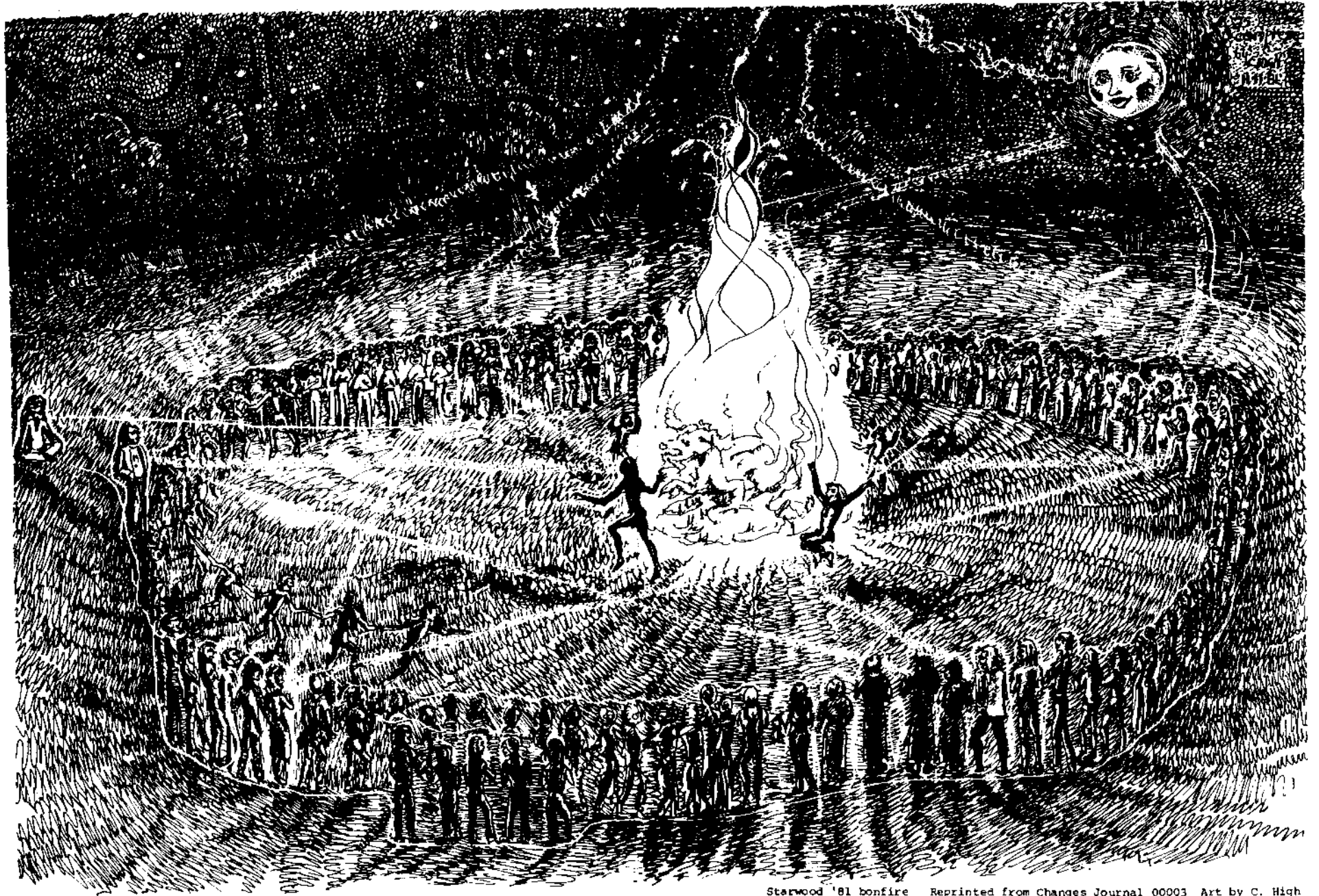
Space Exploration and Exploitation

The L-5 Society was formed by Keith and Carolyn Henson in 1975. It is now an international organization dedicated to promoting space development. This workshop will discuss the L-5 society and what it does, the concept of the "high frontier", the United States civilian and military space programs, and why L-5 feels that humankind must move out and settle/explore/utilize the High Frontier of space.

Norm Christiansen
Chameleon Club

New Games

The New Games workshop will be run continually during and between workshops, anytime people get together to play. Norm will provide suggestions and some equipment; games are based on principles in Stuart Brand's New Games - Play Hard, Play Fair, No One Hurt. Games for groups from two to two hundred can be organized -- and need not even be competitive!



Starwood '81 bonfire Reprinted from Changes Journal 00003 Art by C. High

Rebecca Hoffman
Chameleon Club

The Blessing Way

This workshop introduces the group to a Hopi Indian ritual of blessing for the mother-to-be, a traditional ritual involving the friends/fellow tribe members of the woman, and focusing on the mother, rather than the child.

Jim Alan and Selena Fox
Circle

Morning Attunement: Shamanic Healing Circle

Auric cleansing, laying on of hands, absent healing, and planetary healing. Bring spirit drums, rattles, crystals, and other healing tools if you wish. Prior healing experience, while helpful, is not required.

Circle Sanctuary Vision Sharing

Brief presentation on the Circle Sanctuary project, followed by idea/vision sharing discussion not only about Circle Sanctuary, but about the creation of magickal Nature retreat centers and communities for the New Age in general. Bring your brainstroms, concerns, and experiences to share.

Aura Energy and Kirlian Photography

A short slide presentation will be shown at the Friday night films on various views of aura energy, including slides of aura studies through Kirlian photography. Jim Alan will devote time later in the weekend to Kirlian photo sessions and discussion.

Donna Boswell
Chameleon Club

Herbs as incense

Herbs have been used for religious, magickal and symbolic purposes for centuries in all corners of the world. Some techniques, lore, and personal experiences in making incense will be discussed in this workshop. A handout on herbs and their attributions will be provided. Participants will be invited to share their own knowledge and experiences.

Vitrian
Chameleon Club

Morning Attunement: Thelema-Don't Call It Crowleyism!

Thelema morning attunement (Sun adoration) and lecture/discussion/seminar on mindsets/states central to Thelema.

Jeff Wyndham
Chameleon Club

Witchcraft Today: Introduction to Neo-Paganism

A discussion of the origins of the neo-pagan movement in the magickal and religious traditions of the past, and the nature and diversity of the pursuit and practice of the craft today. Jeff compares various traditions, and compares and contrasts these with the major religious movements of the day from a historical and a theological standpoint.

Joseph Rothenberg
Chameleon Club

Biofeedback

This workshop will include a history of biofeedback research and its implications for individual health and the exploration of altered conscious states. The class will include demonstration of EEG and EMG equipment, and a chance for participants to try them.

Gwidion
Forever Forests

Due to personal and organizational crises, Gwidion has had to cancel his plans to attend Starwood. He sends his love and apologies. The Chameleon Club will reschedule an event with Gwidion by mid-September.

Pagan Spirit Alliance

PSA Meeting

The PSA is a growing, non-profit, worldwide organization for Pagans on positive magical paths. A special network within the Circle Network. All Pagans who wish to join in for information or discussion are invited.

Society for Creative Anachronism

Fighting Demonstration

The SCA was created in the mid 60's by a small group of science fiction writers and friends at Berkeley, California and has blossomed into an international organization of "medievalists." The members of the SCA have chosen the time period of approximately 50 AD to 1650 AD as their medieval era, and as an educational, artistic, and especially recreational pursuit they recreate the imagery, art, craft, battle-play and other aspects of medieval times.

At STARWOOD, SCA members will conduct a fighting demo to illustrate how living in the past can be good, clean fun.

Confessions of A Personal Growth Addict

by Cheryl Morfin
Connection Columnist

I have been: rolled, eated, and regressed. I have taken classes in male sexuality, female sexuality and generic sexuality; time management, stress management, relaxation therapy and yoga; self esteem, assertiveness, jealousy, anxiety and propriety. I have soaked in an isolation tank, a hot tub, a sauna and a suburban swimming pool. I have had my wardrobe planned, my career planned, my weight watched, and my budget balanced. I've had my script done, my biorhythms done and my hair done. I've seen a psycho-therapist, a psychologist, a psychiatrist, a massage therapist and an allergist. I've explored religion, politics, communalism, nudism, monogamy, polygamy, monotomy, alternative futures, and volunteerism. I've had my consciousness raised up and down.

THEREFORE, I hereby claim my place in the membership ranks of the seekers of spiritual, physical and emotional truth currently and variously called: the personal growth movement, the human potential movement and the holistic health movement. Some of these experiences helped, many didn't and most could have been replaced by "a little bit of love." Sometimes I wonder if perhaps I might have benefitted more from contact lenses and tennis lessons.

If it seems that I've jumped too many things into one category, it is because I see all of the experiences as part of the same quest. The quest is a search for meaning in an increasingly meaningless world; a search for new solutions to old problems; a search for personal satisfaction and joy. Each person must find his own pathway in a bewildering sea of choices.

The personal growth movement, the human potential movement and the holistic health movement are umbrella terms that can include religion and spirituality, health and body, psychology, social skills and the occult. Personal growth courses constitute a large part of the curriculum of the Denver Free University, which serves as a barometer of society's interests. The credo of the Free U might well be a manifesto of the movement.

- To encourage lifelong learning by providing access to a creative educational forum.
- To provide opportunities for personal and social growth and transformation.
- To connect people and increase the sense of community.
- To provide an environment so that those who come in contact with DFU are enriched, empowered and satisfied."

Because the personal growth bag can contain so many things—the good and the bad, the hurtful and the useful, the truth and the lies—seekers of truth need a way of sorting and deciding which path to take. For example, when personal growth crosses the boundaries of psychology and religion, sensitive issues are raised. Anyone can call themselves a counselor or therapist—there is no legal definition of the term.

Also, many organizations use religious fervor and charismatic leaders to proselytize for the organization and gain control of members. Like rubes listening to a flim-flam man, we are often duped into buying snake oil by the fast talk and the easy promise. Vulnerable truth seekers will find some help in the principles of consumerism: know what you want, explore and experiment, use a fair trial period, do your research and get the facts about what you are buying.

The biggest trap in the personal growth industry is the promise of an easy transformation. Our society is ripe for the transformation fantasy. Madison Avenue has convinced us that toothpaste gives you sex appeal and coffee makes your husband love you, so why shouldn't we be able to buy personal satisfaction in a weekend or a day?

Steve Richards, MSW, Clinical Social Worker and teacher of "How to Find a Shrink" and "Facing Yourself," feels that people are seeking instant gratification.

"People are seeking magic. They think that there is a fast, effortless way to having a wonderful life. People are not taught how to make choices, so they look for someone else to give their lives structure and organization. The existentialist thought that there is no meaning and whatever order we find is our own imposition on chaos is upsetting to most people."

Denver philosopher, Dr. K. Carret is currently involved in a project to band personal growth addicts. "Not," he says, "to warn anyone, but mainly so others can be amused."

"Spiritual growth," states Carret, "is too personal for a group, but the personal bandwagon is currently "in" for those who need 'father guidance,' or someone to make decisions for them.

"Our society is the first in which people have so much leisure time. Consequently, we work on our souls just as we might work on our tennis game."

Both Richards and Carret see a positive side to the personal growth movement. Richards feels that personal growth has done a lot to humanize traditional therapy and has encouraged many people to look inside themselves for the first time. Carret notes that the movement has kept a lot of strange people off the streets.



Art by Lydie P. Brokaw

The standard format for personal growth seminars (in case you want to start your own) begins with a social icebreaker, followed by some sort of relaxation exercise. An information or lecture period may be next, frequently including an assignment to keep a diary of some sort. People are then encouraged to talk about themselves—the climax and the most useful part of the seminar. Through this "sharing," people discover thoughts and feelings, perhaps for the first time. Through the realization that other people feel the same way, loneliness subsides and friendships are formed.

These emotional and sometimes clumsy displays of honesty have gained the movement a label of superficial.

Many people are uncomfortable in a room of hugging, weeping people that they have met for the first time that day. Various indecipherable jargons also add to the superficiality.

Language is a sure sign that you've stumbled into the twilight zone of personal growth. Catch-22 is a favorite tactic to bewilder the buyer. Beware of the set up that is perfect for the seller. For example, if our program doesn't work for you—then obviously, there's something you didn't do—you failed, not the program. Several programs use the switch-and-belt con: our program really works in one session, but it was so good, don't you want to buy more? One last example is the avoidance technique. You tell the groupies of your complaint or anger and they do not respond to the specific problem and merely say, "thank you for sharing."

Denver printing consultant, Pat Wagner, has studied "psychobabble" for several years. She defines psychobabble as words without concrete meaning, jargon that is used to avoid talking about reality. She points out that all fields generate terminology that is meaningless. Especially in the personal growth "field," however, the speaker when pressed, cannot define the words he has used.

Wagner also notes that many techniques are created by charismatic individuals with an instinctive ability to deal with people and their problems. This skill is more difficult for acolytes and disciples to acquire, but the language is not. Trust your own common sense. Your inner voice is probably right when it warns "that person just spoke for 15 minutes and said absolutely nothing."

Which is not to say that one should not push himself to understand new ideas and beliefs. I frequently feel like the character in the B. Kliban cartoon. Surrounded by boxes labeled "Uniform Mananas," "Tapid Boredeom," and "Ennuil," he accepts delivery of "Old Age." This nowhere man may need a shot of personal growth, but it won't be delivered to his door, fast and easy like a pizza.

Each person who undertakes a pilgrimage, must take the first step themselves. Although teachers, gurus, and friends can help, each must learn their lessons individually and engage in a private struggle towards enlightenment.

Eventually, Marilyn Ferguson, author of the Aquarian Conspiracy, predicts that a turnout in the consciousness of a critical number of individuals will be enough to bring about the renewal of society. I hope so. I would like to believe that the measures of joy, friendship and ability to cope that I have gained in my quest might change the world just a little.

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About Our Site

Devil's Den Park is a 280 acre primarily wilderness recreational park, featuring a swimming lake, a fishing lake, two waterfalls, numerous caves and caverns, rolling hills and deep gorges. There are trailer hook-ups, restrooms, water & power (in some areas), a sauna, picnic tables and pavillions, maked hiking trails, some showers, and play equipment for the children.

The park is run by Whispering Winds, an affiliate of the National Nudist Council. They have kindly consented to our use of the facilities for the Starwood Festival this year, and many of their members may participate in our activities. In turn, we would like to create as little a hassle as possible with our presence. Please, DO NOT LITER. Please keep the noise level down around members' private dwellings and keep them private unless invited to visit. Generally, respect the fact that this is not only a lovely piece of Mother Earth, but it is someone's home.

The park is a former state park, only recently brought back into use, and many railings and similar safety features are in a state of disrepair. Please be careful, and monitor children and pets.

People interested in particulars in park facilities and history, or membership details, are invited to speak to Jesse in the front office.

Remember that if you decide to participate in the nudism of the site (clothing is optional), to take care not to overdo sunlight exposure or trek through the brambles in unprotected skin. Hike with good shoes, not barefoot, and bring along a towel or something for times when you've had enough sun but are not near home base. Use sun-screen on areas unaccustomed to much sun. Basically, use common sense and courtesy.

Also, remember that nudism is not an invitation to indiscretion or exhibitionism; it simply states that nudity per se does not constitute either.

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To paraphrase Mr. Spock, the beauty of the universe lies in its infinite diversity, and the way those differences combine to convey meaning.

And so we are made aware of the eternal dichotomies of diversity and unity, separation and unification, interdependent components of all human experience. The study of our complex universe requires dissection, focus, and examination, while the appreciation of our universe requires synthesis, integration, and comprehension of the whole, as the colors and weave and texture of the individual threads combine to create a tapestry conveying meaning beyond the minutae of the threads' interactions, when viewed from a more encompassing perspective.

One only truly learns about a phenomenon through experience, and each new perspective allows us a whole new experience of the perceived subject, as an aerial view of a geographical area affords an understanding of the relation between features of the landscape unavailable and sometimes incomprehensible to an earthbound traveller. Even the experience of "aerial view" to picture in your mind a place as a being capable of flight might see it, is a consciousness-expanding ability open to anyone today, but once reserved only to those who, through the magicks of the mind, could create the experience for themselves without the need for vehicles for the body. Once the perspective is experienced, it becomes an integral part of one's world-view, and therefore a part of one's personal universe.

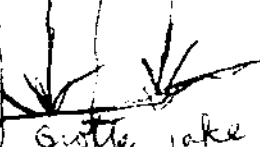
And so, as science and magick and spiritual pursuits all share the message that all we perceive is a dance of energy, and all energy is one, we, the seekers, expand the diversity of our perspectives, deepening and widening our appreciation of all that is in its manifestations, thereby expanding our universe itself in every way we can know it. By delving deep within ourselves, evolving ourselves through our experiences, our world grows with us like the trees of the woods, ever changing, ever branching, standing tall beside each other, branches intertwining, leafy questing fingers reaching for the distant stars.

Welcome to Starwood

C.C. Rancourt

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3:00 PM	Herbs - me	Intro Nee Paga	Bin seedbed
9:00 PM	Blue + white Pavilion	J. Wyndham By cabins	the cabins → Park
9:30	Body Imaging T + E + S	Thelma - S + D Bodine area	 Gistle lake
Sun			
Attune	S + D Thelma	9:30 T + S Healing next cabins	
11 AM	Future Mayek Bill Eichman Front Pavilion	Dream cabins	12:00 SCA Lake
1:30 PM	Blessing Mary Becker + Blue Pavilion	last year follow up	
lunch	PSA meeting		