

MARY MAGDALENE GATHERING

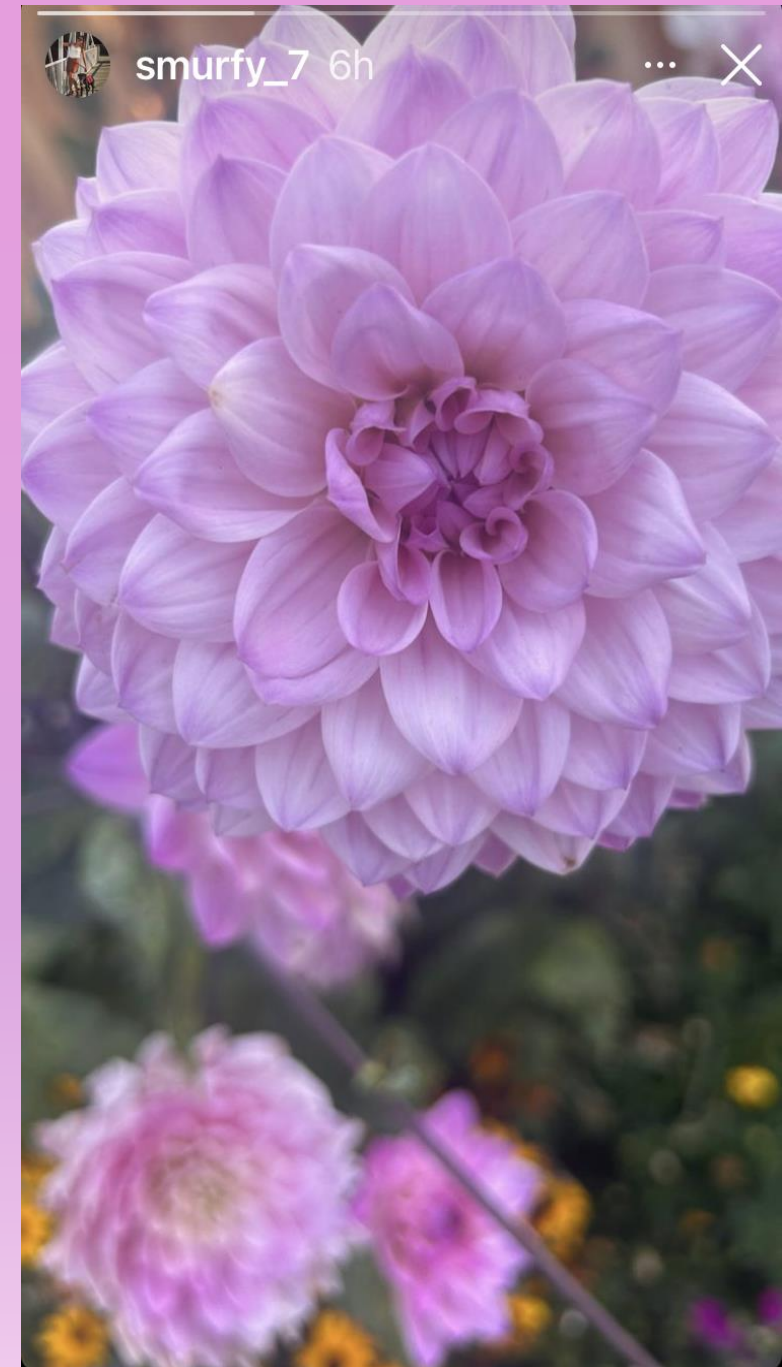
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WELCOME

Let us take a few moments
to quiet our minds



OPENING THOUGHTS

Living through these changing and radical times and what it means to each of us.

What did it mean to Mary Magdalene?

“You never change things by fighting the existing reality. To change something, build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete.”

R. Buckminster Fuller

Life Has Its Challenges



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And like the
moon, we must
go through
phases of
emptiness to
feel full again

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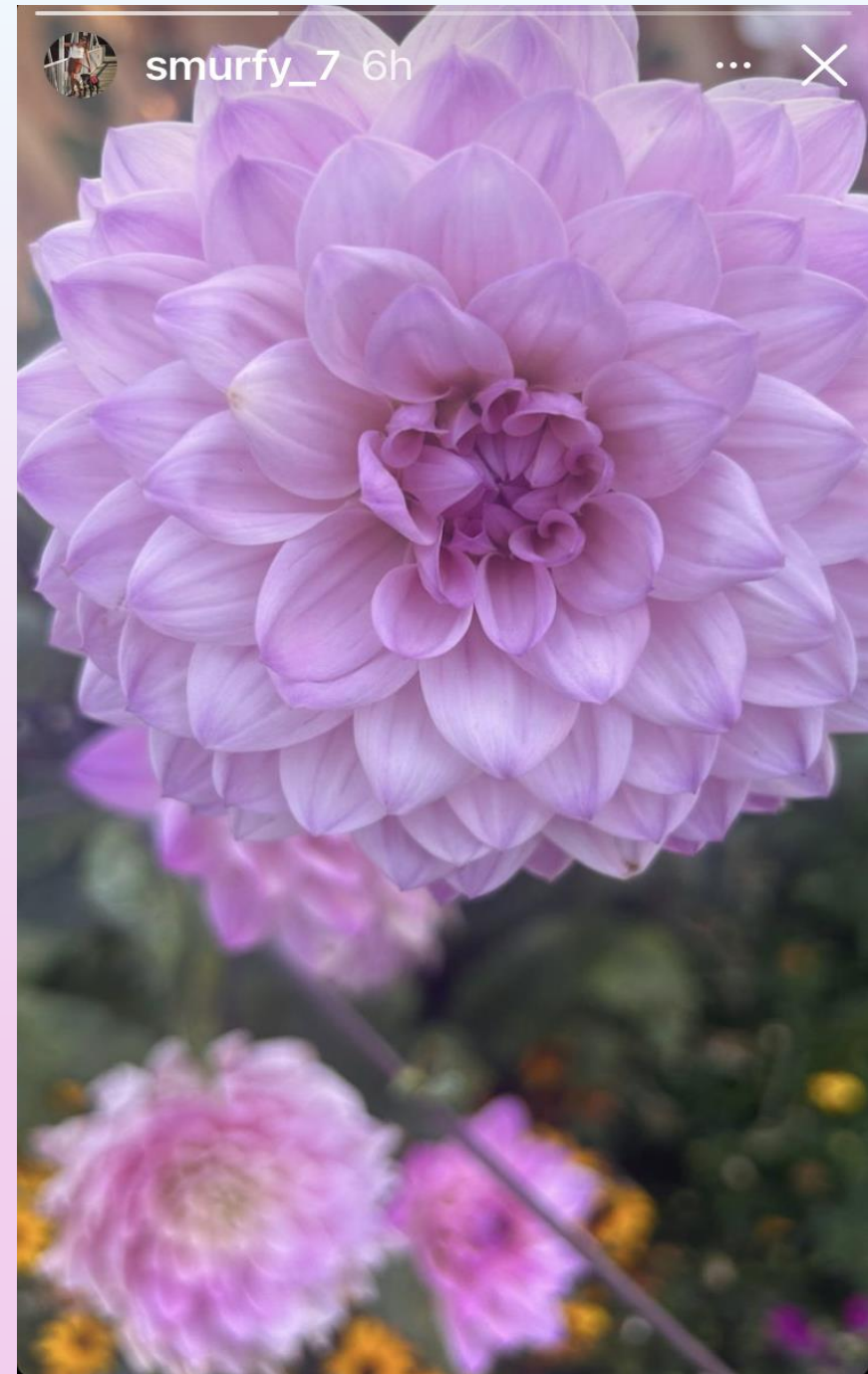
“Let me pull myself out of these waters. But they heap themselves on me; they sweep me between their great shoulders; I am turned; I am tumbled; I am stretched, among these long lights, these long waves, these endless paths, with people pursuing, pursuing.”

-Virginia Woolf, *The Waves*



Then Mary stood up. She greeted them all, and said to her brothers and sisters,
“Do not weep and be pained, nor doubt, for all his grace will be with you and shelter you.”

Gospel of Mary 5:4



THEN THE MIGDALAH STOOD UP, GREETED THEM ALL AND, RAISING HER RIGHT HAND, SAID TO HER BRETHREN,

“ONLY FROM THE TRUTH I TELL YOU, DO NOT WEEP AND DO NOT GRIEVE OR BE IRRESOLUTE, FOR HIS GRACE AND THAT OF THE ONE WHO SENT HIM WILL BE ENTIRELY WITH YOU AND WILL PROTECT YOU. BUT RATHER, LET US PRAISE HIS GREATNESS, FOR HE HAS PREPARED US AND MADE US TRULY HUMAN.”

WHEN THE MIGDALAH SAID THIS, SHE TURNED THEIR HEARTS TO THE GOOD, AND THEY BEGAN TO DISCUSS THE WORDS OF YESHUA

Gospel of the Beloved Companion 41:3-4

The difference found within the Gospel of the Beloved Companion

An interesting feature of the GBC is the scarcity of the words “God” and “Father.” Whatever word gave rise to “Father” or “God” in the canonic gospels, de Quillan translates “spirit” and she uses the feminine pronoun for it. Her reasoning is that in Hebrew the word for spirit (ruach), is feminine, in Aramaic the word (ruah) is feminine, and in Greek the word (pneuma) is neuter. The GBC refers to Jesus as the “son of humanity” not the “son of man” or “son of god.”

From the Canonical Gospel – the back story

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God: believe also in me. My Father’s house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. You know the way to the place where I am going.”

John 14: 1-4

5 Thomas said to him “Lord, we don’t know where you are going, so how can we know the way?”

Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.”

John 14:5-7

TOMA SAID TO HIM, “RABBI, WE DO NOT KNOW WHERE YOU ARE GOING. HOW CAN WE KNOW THE WAY?”

YESHUA SAID TO HIM, “MY WORDS ARE THE WAY, THE TRUTH, AND THE LIFE. FOR MY WORDS ARE GIVEN TO THE SPIRIT, AND NO ONE COMES TO THE KINGDOM EXCEPT THROUGH **HER** TEACHINGS. IF YOU HAD KNOWN AND UNDERSTOOD MY TEACHINGS, THEN YOU WOULD HAVE KNOWN AND UNDERSTOOD THE ONE WHO SENT ME ALSO.”

Gospel of the Beloved Companion 35:12

THE GUEST HOUSE

by RUMI

This being human is a guest house.

Every morning a new arrival.

A joy, a depression, a meanness, some
momentary awareness comes as an
unexpected visitor.

Welcome and entertain them all!

Even if they're a crowd of sorrows, who
violently sweep your house empty of its
furniture, still, treat each guest honorably.

**He may be clearing you out for
some new delight.**

The dark thought, the shame, the malice,
Meet them at the door laughing,
and invite them in.

**Be grateful for whoever comes,
because each has been sent
as a guide from beyond.**





There was a star riding through clouds one night, and I said to the star, ‘Consume me’” Virginia Woolf

Many people want to get rid of their painful feelings, but not of the beliefs and viewpoints that are the very root of their feelings after recognizing a painful feeling, becoming one with it, calming it down, and releasing it we can look deeply into its causes, which may be based on inaccurate perceptions.

We need to remember that most of our perceptions are wrong. Practicing full awareness means to look deeply and go beyond our inaccurate perceptions, to see the true nature of everything.

Thich Nhat Hanh How To Smile

“You must
unlearn
what
you have
learned.”

Yoda

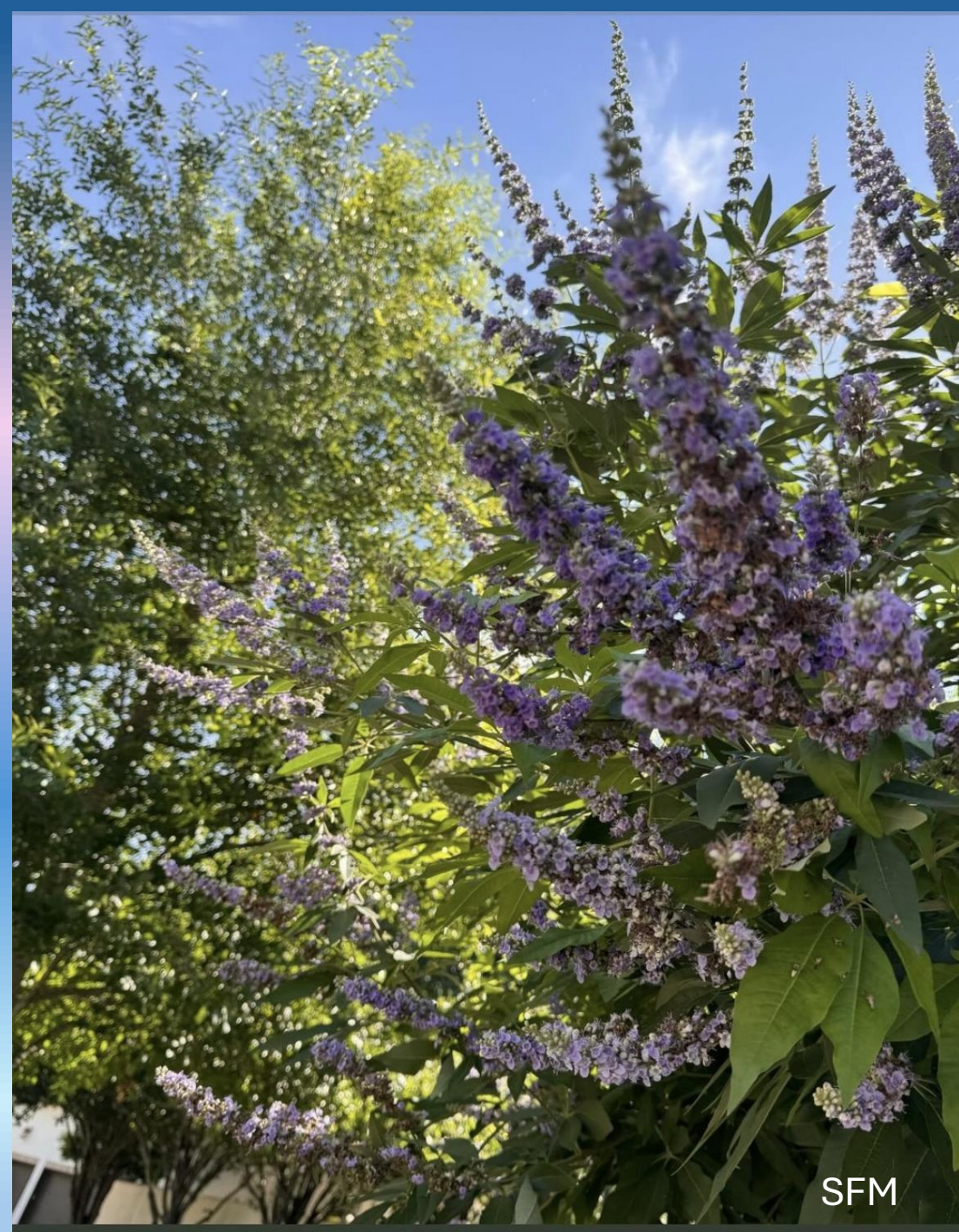
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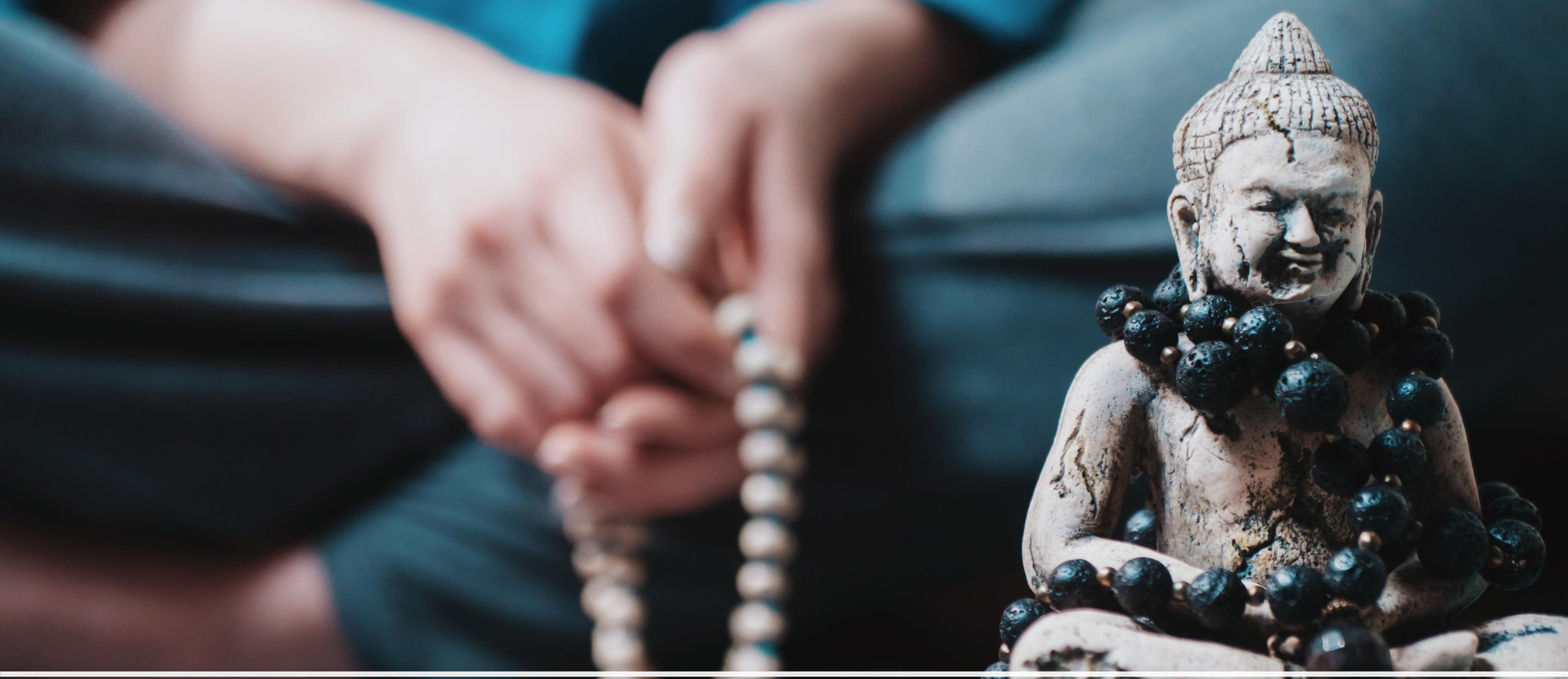
What or who gets us through?

Do we expect to always get through these difficult times?

How do we trust our heart? Heart can lead us astray

Having wise people in our lives, different opinions?





PRAYERS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



CLOSING DIALOGUE

Solo: Today I let go of all things that no longer serve me.

Unison: We do not weep nor are we irresolute

Solo: Today I move forward with courage and resolve.

Unison: Let us praise His greatness for he has prepared us and made us truly human.

Solo: Today I remember that the stars are always present.

Unison: And found only in the darkness.

Solo: Today I remember who I am.

Unison: A child of True Humanity.

Solo: Go in peace.

Unison: Acquire my peace.

Today is your day to
let go of things
that no longer
serve you.



A long, straight asphalt road with a white center line stretches from the foreground into the distance, leading towards a low mountain range under a sunset sky. The sun is a bright yellow orb on the horizon, casting a warm glow over the scene. The road is flanked by dark, scrubby vegetation.

All great changes are
preceded by chaos.

DEEPAK CHOPRA

REMEMBER



Be
someone's
Sunshine
Today

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