

LIVING WORDS

An Editorial from Poets of the New OM

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Have you ever stopped to think about the words you use every day? There are many millions of symbols in the world that make up languages, and that affect our emotions; sometimes with such subtlety that we don't even realize what's happening. We usually take the knowledge of communication completely for granted, and we tend to forget that the gift of words is, indeed, a miracle!

We don't actually think in words – we think in pictures. This is how the human mind works. As our thoughts gain order in our minds, the words to describe the pictures come to us, and they convey the experience of that thought. In poetry, the writer will often search for just the right word in order to express the thought fully. Why do you suppose a poet is so particular about this? Why go to so much trouble?

As you might have already guessed, there is another step. First comes the thought, then come the words – and those words then draw forth emotions. Certain words engender very strong emotions, which can go so far as to change a reader's whole life! This is why a poet must do their level best to express their ideas with words that live.

Our poetry offerings this month present you with an opportunity to experience the living words of several highly expressive people. They study the craft of writing, but living words are not relegated only to poets. Everyone has them.

We invite you to contemplate and compile your own list of living words – the ones that have rich, deep meaning for you - and we invite you to use those words as often as you can. Use them to tell stories. Use them to comfort friends in need. Use them to make the canvas of your life the most colorful, and the most meaningful it can be. For we all bequeath our spoken words to friends and family around us, just as a poet leaves a loving legacy of written ones.

May you be abundantly blessed!

Namaste

A FEW OF MY OWN LIVING WORDS

Earth, Lightning
Rain, Thunder
Senses, Heightening
Heart, Asunder

Light, Embrace
Earthquake, Within
Childhood, Face
Seeking, Akin

Smile, Realization
Father, Universe
Trust, Actualization
Knowledge, Immerse

Remembrance, Soften
Gather, Attune
Receptive, Open
Mother, Moon

Dance, Rebirth
Friendship, Peace
Sharing, Mirth
Bold, New, Lease

Wisdom, Years
Blessings, Above
Happiness, Tears
Gratitude, Love