



JOAN'S NEWSLETTER  
APRIL 2015



*Letter of Hope*

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

*If you knew what's really going on, you wouldn't worry so much. If you knew what I know about how well things are going, and how they will turn out, you'd find it a hundred times easier to trust Me.*

*If you knew now what you'll learn from this experience, you'd ask me to put you through it. When it's over, you'll thank me for it.*

*Your comprehension will forever be limited. All I'm asking is for your faith in advance of your fuller experience.*

*Trust me now that I know what is best for you.*

*Love,  
God*

*P.S. Be assured, that when you follow and do "my will," I will be responsible for whatever happens - the consequences are Mine.*



BY: LEON IRBY DATED: APRIL 30, 2015



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\*Jewish and Islamic holidays start at sundown the day before they are listed.

● New Moon ◐ First Quarter ○ Full Moon ●



I can do  
**ALL THINGS**  
 through **CHRIST**  
 who strengthens  
 me.

*Philippians 4:13*



AND WE KNOW  
*that*  
 God causes  
 all things to  
 work together  
 for good to those  
 who love God,  
 to those who are  
 called according  
 to His purpose.

*Romans 8:28*

Spring, 2015

Dear Friend of Companions:

Recently a man wrote us about his belief that our purpose as human beings is to pursue our potential. This man also said that we will never receive perfection because as we grow and evolve, we have new potential. I believe our gifts and talents are given to us to be used in the service of others. That is what will bring us happiness.

My mother has been teaching me new lessons in recent months. At the facility where she lives, she is touching many lives. I am always amazed when staff or volunteers some who do not work on her floor tell me how much they love her and how she helps to keep their spirits up. This is so important when working in a nursing home with so many people in such bad shape.

How I wonder can a 101 year old woman whose memory is failing her, who can't hear very well and who is wheel chair bound affect so many people? Clearly she continues to be developing new potential even though it is very different from her achievements and her life of service from younger years.

Many of us talk about how we will help others upon our release or after our children are raised or when we have more time. I want to say, "Don't wait." If we look around we will see that we are surrounded by people for whom any act of kindness can have a big effect.

It truly is through giving that we receive so very much. I have found that when I concentrate on others, I am happier and can better let go of the frustrations and resentments I carry. I also know that we each can change our environment just as Mom is affecting the environment in which she lives and my correspondent friend who is pursuing his own particular potential.

My questions for each of us:

What is the potential I have that I have not yet developed?  
Each of us was created with many gifts and talents. What are mine?  
How can I become more of what I was created to be?  
How might my potential be used to serve others?  
Who are the people around me to whom I could reach out in a positive way?  
Who are the people who can teach, inspire or encourage me?  
Am I willing to seek out those people?  
How might I make a positive impact in the place where I am residing?

I am so grateful for the many ways you inspire and teach me. May you become newly aware of the wonder of you.

Take care,  
Jana

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