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This is an offering for those of us who are moving through the lull of the familiar and into a better sense of self-understanding. This is also an offering for those who desire to release any acting we do in life to 'get by' and into a life of resolute meaningful authenticity. This is the invitation to visit what is calling to you and investigate further.

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Cicadas emerge after 13 or 17 years (depending on the species) to transform, reproduce and ultimately die over the space of just a few days, cicadas can represent the blueprint for us to view ourselves as ever-evolving mission-driven revolutionary communities.

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For many of us we live in a false divide between what we feel is required of us and what our inner knowing shows us is 'right' for us. And additionally, what is right within us.

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This inner split may cause great pain. Our strengths and sensitivities can become distorted in an unsuitable environment without unsupportive structures or nurturing spaces to 'unfurl'.

In some instances we are asked to break ourselves into parts that are more 'acceptable' for some individual people we come into contact with, risking the phenomena of "self-erasure" to be in community with other people.

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A life of purpose is attainable. **And we can have more than one purpose.** Purpose is already within you. It's for us to refrain from constraints and to discover what is within us. Unifying our multiplicities gives us the clarity to see what is already within us, for us.

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To live in the pursuit of purpose or with the guidance of our purpose does not ask us to rescind our compassionate selves. Purpose asks us to heal, embody and activate our sensitivities.

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Purpose holds our unique qualities in high esteem. We are no longer in a state of running to safer spaces to unfurl our true selves. We no longer need to reflect to ask "what am I running from?" or "what am I running to?" since what we seek we find in ourselves undisturbed.

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The danger here is finding ourselves in combat with the world around us, struggling to frame ourselves for approval. Rather than being in harmony, our own harmony, with liberated momentum and the capacity to reveal, then live in our purpose.

"I am fully aware and in full possession of myself. I have no desire to be understood, admired, pitied, or even known."

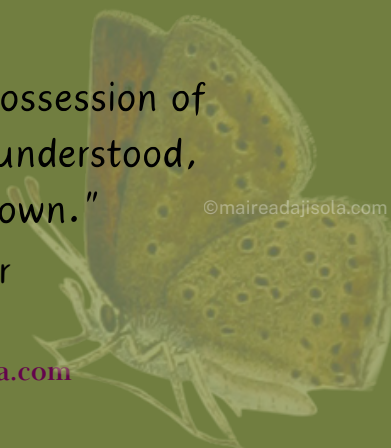
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– Simone de Beauvoir

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We are no longer in a state of dwelling in self-sacrifice, self judgement, shame and self-doubt.

When we are living undivided we are balanced. We are able to integrate our perception of the world around us and the discipline required to cultivate healthy boundaries within it.

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If we are no longer exhausting ourselves by breaking into pieces and instead unifying our truest selves we can see there is no need to run, to amble or wander away from our purpose. We can sit quietly with the direction our revolutionary selves and the complimentary intelligence of freedom dreaming.

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“The Heart Sutra says that there is “nothing to attain.” We meditate not to attain enlightenment, because enlightenment is already in us.”

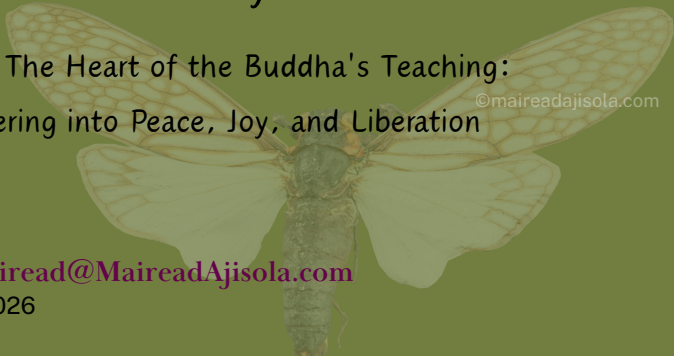
– Thich Nhat Hanh, *The Heart of the Buddha's Teaching: Transforming Suffering into Peace, Joy, and Liberation*

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"It's magical, and that's part of
their name. Their genus name is
magicada, and it's because it's a
magical experience."

Tamra Reall, Entomologist, University of Missouri

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