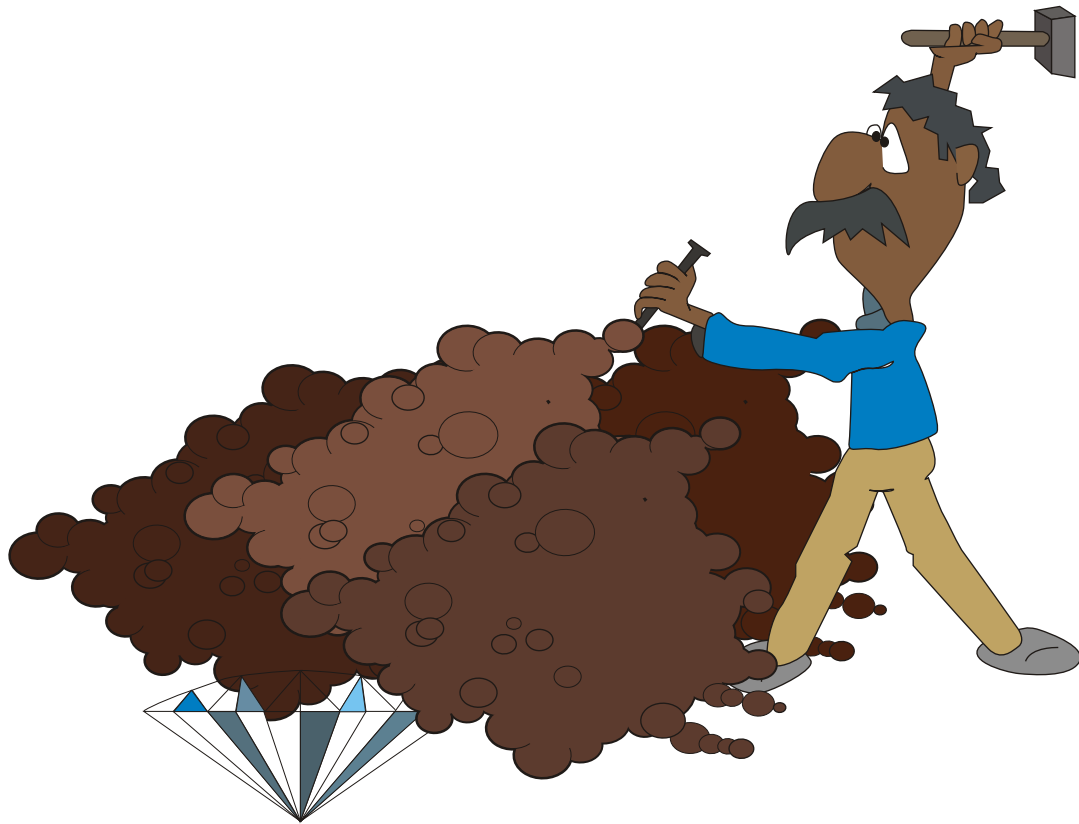
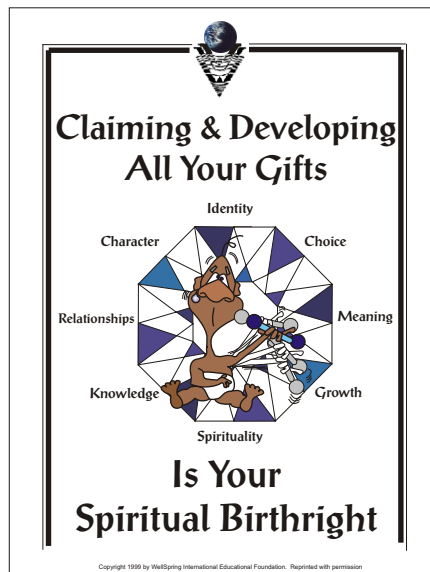




(Re-)Claiming Our Gifts



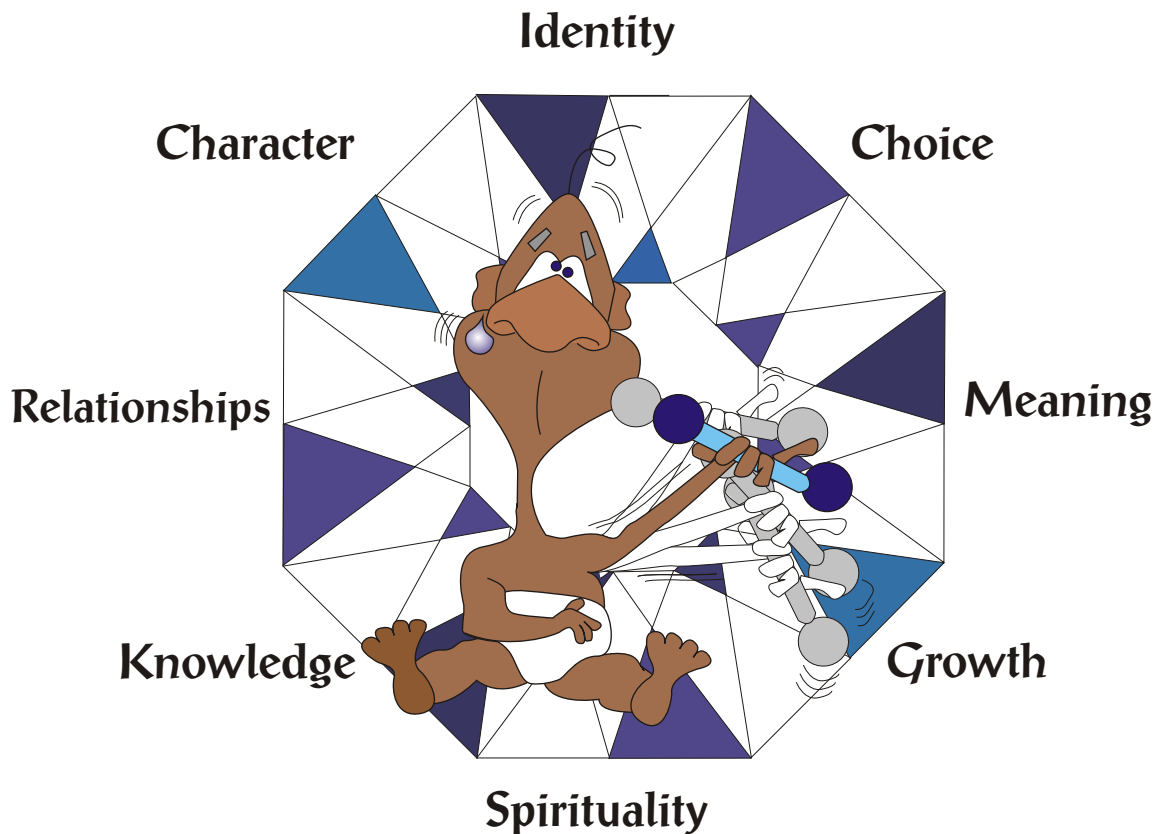


Key Points

- * **Each of us was given a unique place in the great circle of life. We were given a unique set of gifts that allow each of us to occupy our place and to play our unique part in the creative plan of our Creator.**
- * **Each of the gifts we were given are there in potential from the beginning awaiting us to claim them and to develop them.**
- * **Developed they comprise a great treasure. Unclaimed or undeveloped they are like a lottery prize that we have not claimed.**
- * **Our joy, our peace of mind and our destiny depend on the development of these gifts. They are the facets of our soul and our spiritual birthright.**



Claiming & Developing All Your Gifts



Is Your Spiritual Birthright



Key Points

- * **We have the right to our soul. It is a vital form awaiting development. We have a right given by our Creator to develop each of its facets.**
- * **We have the right to be ourselves, to make our own choices and develop our own character.**
- * **We have the right to love and be loved, to make our own contribution in our own ways and to be honoured for our service.**
- * **We have the right to grow and develop and to know and love our Creator and return to the Creator the gifts we were given -- fully developed.**
- * **These rights come with being human, we do not have to earn them, demand them or to justify them. They are our God-given human rights.**



Individual Rights

Identity

Our "Self" * Self-Accepting *
Self-Assured * Self-Aware

Character

Our "Nature" * Empowered *
Successful * Self-Respect

Choice

Our Own Decisions * Justice *
Discernment * Accountability

Growth

Perfect our "Self" * Change *
Develop * Grow * Mature

Relationships

Accepted for Our Self * Loved *
Loving * Inter-Connected

Mastery

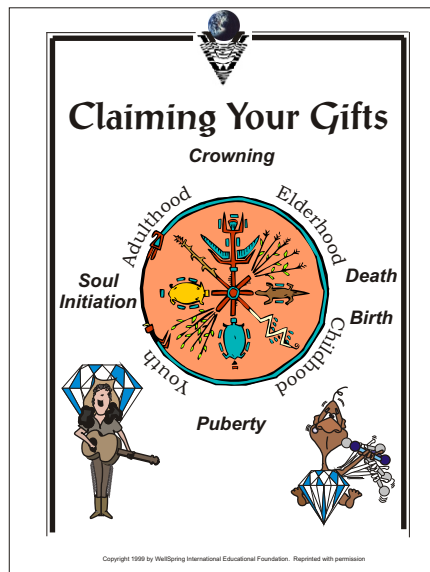
Our Own Way of Knowing *
To Find Our Own Voice

Meaning

Our Own Part in the Divine Plan *
Useful * Essential

Spirit

Our Own Path to Our Creator *
Mystical * Spiritual * Complete



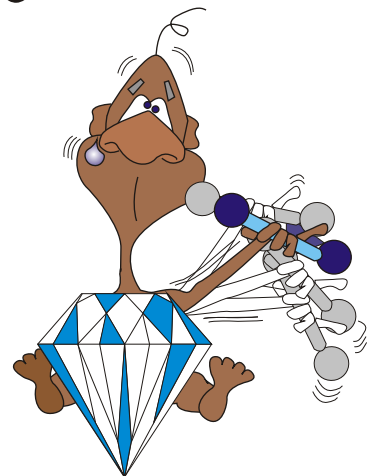
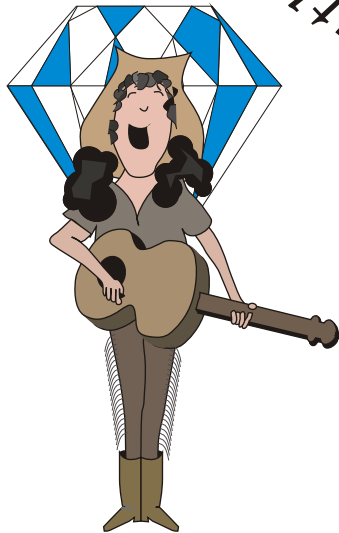
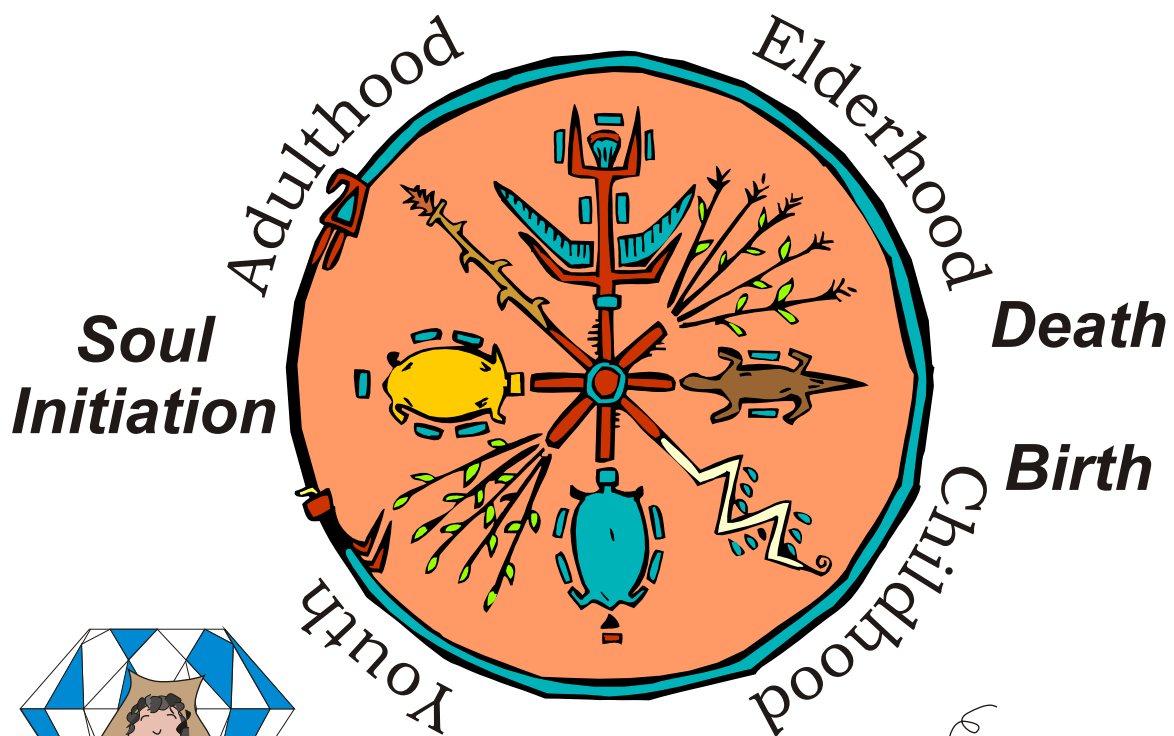
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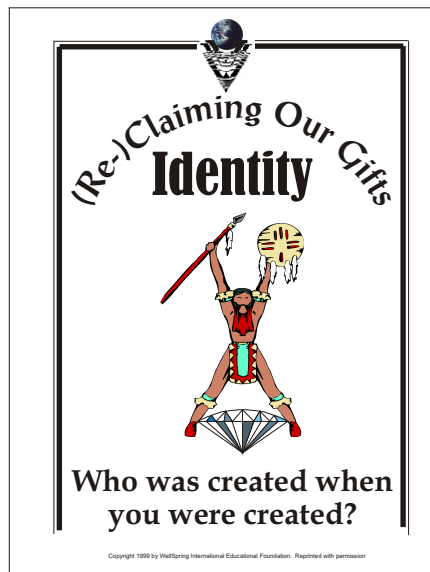
- * **Our treasure, the gifts within may be our spiritual birth-right but claiming and developing them is not automatic. Many things have to come together to make it happen.**
- * **There is a time when it is easy if the necessary conditions are present. Parents who know what to look for and know what to do to make them develop. Communities that value diversity Schools that want to hear your voice and that seek only the truth. Friends that what you to be your true self. A person who realizes they have won the lottery.**
- * **Few are the people who have the conditions present when they are young, when it easy to claim the treasure.**
- * **For the rest, the debris of life distracts and obscures our gifts. They become buried -- much effort is needed to cash in our lottery ticket once we realize that our treasure awaits. Whether it is easy or difficult the process is the same.**



Claiming Your Gifts

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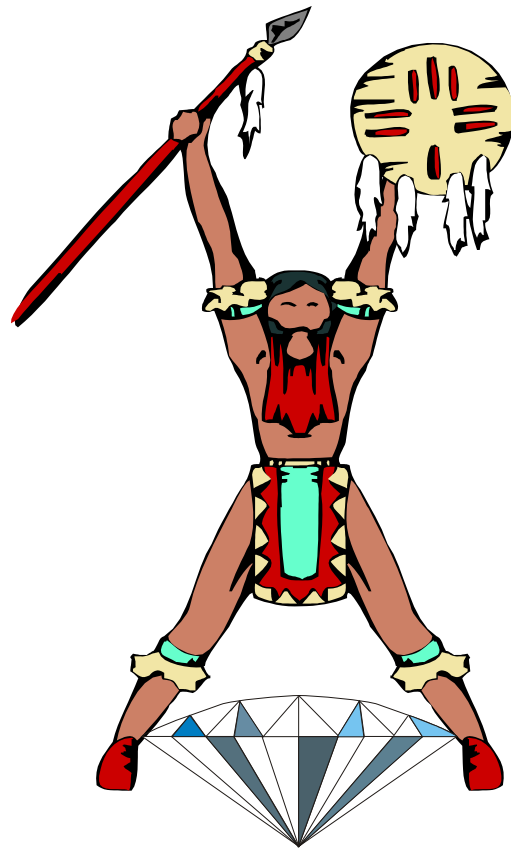


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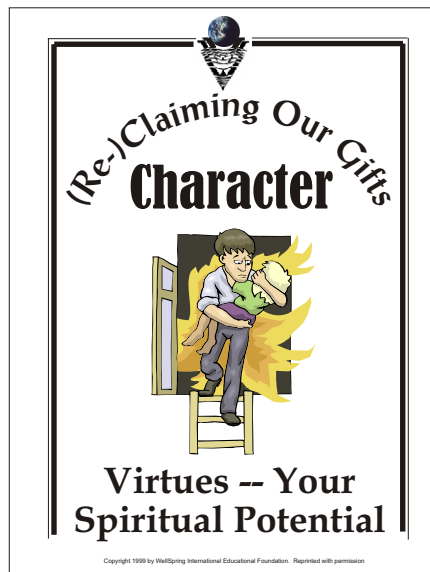
- * **The first step in claiming our gifts is to realize that the Creator has made each of us unique and placed us in a particular place of honour in Creation.**
- * **Those who have come before live in us and in those who come after we will live.**
- * **All Creation finds its fulfillment in us and we see reflected in everything our gifts -- if we have the eyes to see.**
- * **To the past we owe honour and gratitude for bringing us to this point -- to the future we have a responsibility, to prepare for them a place .**
- * **What our Creator has given each of us is the Creator's gift to us -- what we do with what we were given is our gift to the Creator.**



(Re-)Claiming Our Gifts Identity



**Who was created when
you were created?**



Key Points

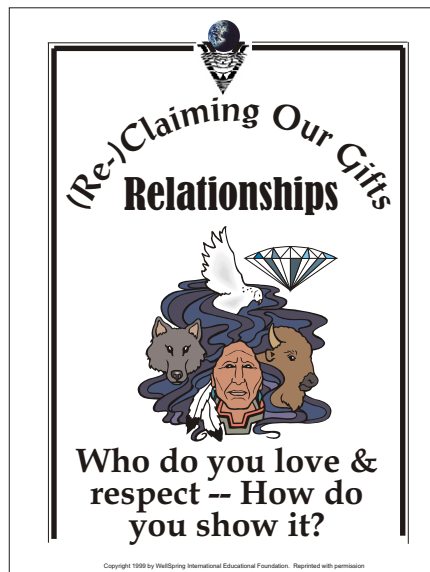
- * **The Virtues - the spiritual qualities within each person are the building blocks of Character. That is - they comprise its foundations.**
- * **They define who we are as persons - both their presence and their absence - strengths and weaknesses make a person who (s)he is.**
- * **They are also essential for a second, more relevant form of Character. The Virtues are at the heart - the foundation - of each element of having the inner strength to do the right thing for the right reason at the right time.**
- * **When we think of Character we think of the Virtues. Developing our virtues is a critical part of claiming our treasure because the virtues themselves are a major part of that treasure.**



(Re-)Claiming Our Gifts **Character**



Virtues -- Your Spiritual Potential



Key Points

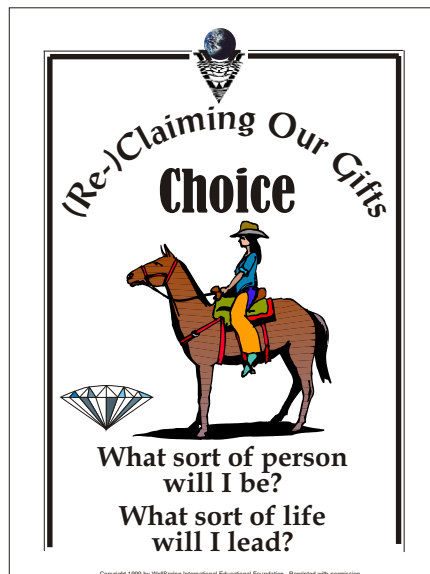
- * **We are meant to love and be love.**
- * **We are meant to be linked to all Creation by bonds both obvious and subtle.**
- * **We are meant to belong and in that belonging to honour all our relationships.**
- * **To claim our gifts -- to claim our place we must claim and honour our relations and our relationships.**



(Re-)Claiming Our Gifts Relationships



**Who do you love &
respect -- How do
you show it?**

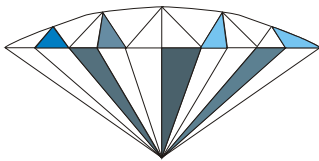


Key Points

- * **To be human is to have choices -- to make deliberate choices between options and alternatives.**
- * **In real sense all choice are moral choices because every choice that we make has implications. Our choices work good or they work for ill.**
- * **Claiming our gifts is first to claim our choices. We are who we make ourselves through our choices and efforts within the limits established by the Creator.**

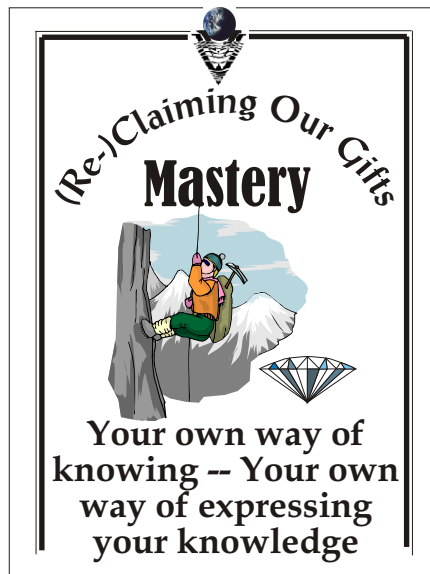


(Re-)Claiming Our Gifts **Choice**



**What sort of person
will I be?**

**What sort of life
will I lead?**



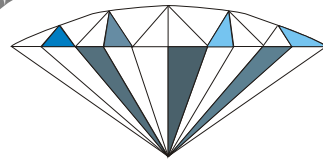
Key Points

- * **Each person was given a mind with which to understand -- a heart with which to love -- and a place of responsibility within the creative plan of the Creator.**
- * **We are not meant to see with another eyes, hear with another's ears, or speak with another's voice.**
- * **Our thoughts must be our own although they me informed by the thoughts of others.**
- * **As each person's way of knowing will be different -- each person's way of expressing what they know will be different as well.**
- * **Claiming your treasures calls for you to know yourself and know what only you can and to find your true voice with which to express it.**

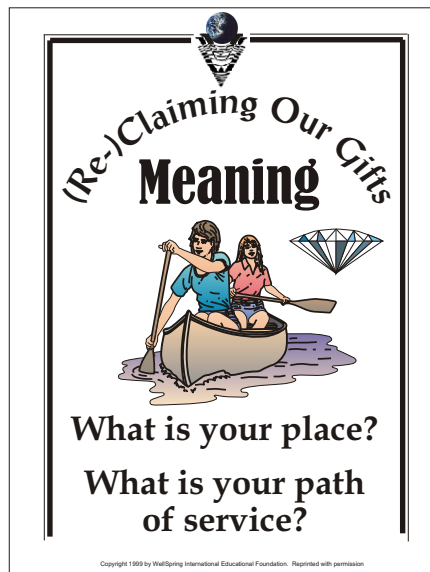


(Re-)Claiming Our Gifts

Mastery



Your own way of
knowing -- Your own
way of expressing
your knowledge

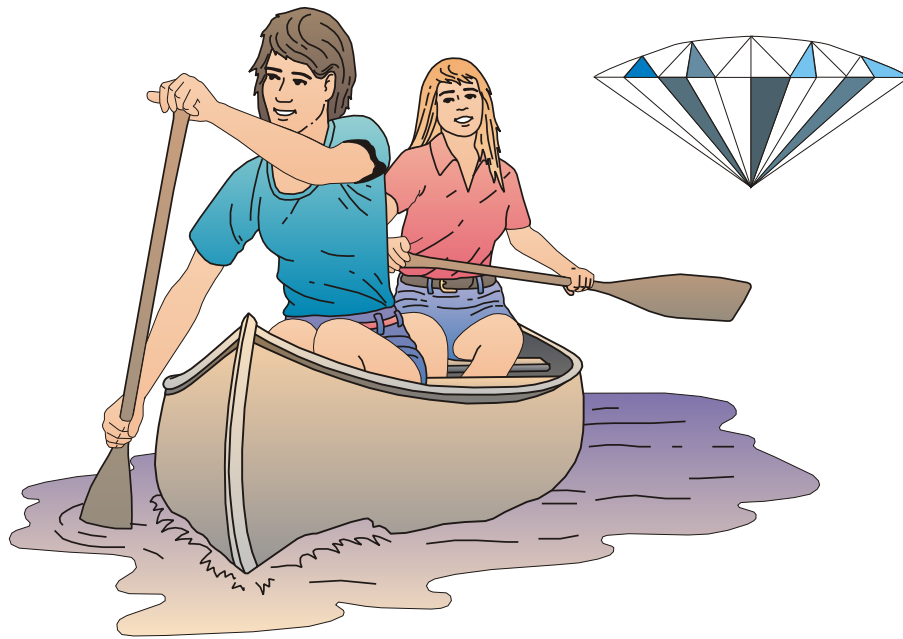


Key Points

- * **Each of us has a particular part to play in the creative plan of our Creator. A place to be and a purpose.**
- * **Not every person is called to a particular path of service but in some paths our souls will sing in others our spirit dies.**
- * **Claiming the treasure within is finding the path of service that benefits you and those around you.**
- * **The true gift of service is claim in the doing and the being -- it is doing what you were sent to do.**

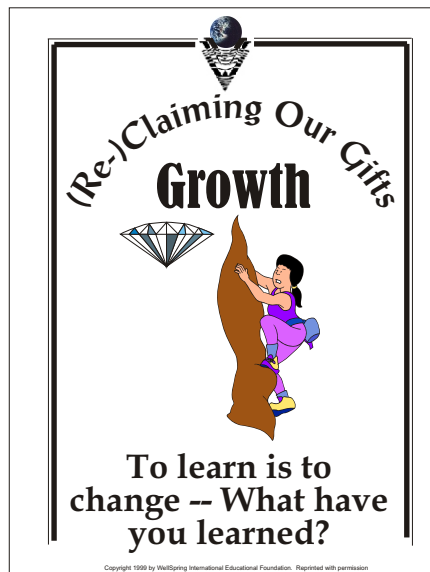


(Re-)Claiming Our Gifts **Meaning**



What is your place?

**What is your path
of service?**

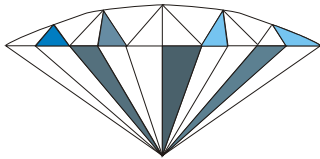


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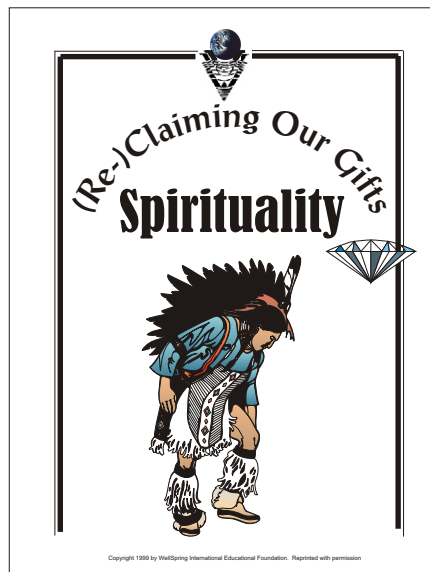
- * **Within us are gifts beyond number. If we strove to claim each of them we would return to the Creator before we had them all.**
- * **Each gift claimed has a price -- we must change. Either the gift will change us or we must change to receive the gift.**
- * **Growth is endless and so are the perfections that we can perceive and receive.**
- * **Prepare yourself to receive treasure after treasure, gift after gift. Prepare yourself to change each day of your life.**



(Re-)Claiming Our Gifts **Growth**

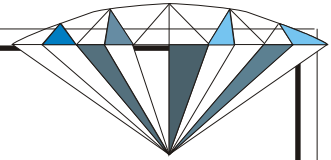


**To learn is to
change -- What have
you learned?**



Key Points

- * **Every gift claimed belongs not just to you but to the human spirit of which you are a part.**
- * **Every choice made that works for good advances us all.**
- * **Every relation formed does all Creator closer together.**
- * **Every truth known and shared makes the truth clearer for all.**
- * **Every service perform benefits all Creation.**
- * **Every virtue developed increases the potential for that virtue within the human spirit.**
- * **Every positive change increases the capacity of the human spirit.**
- * **And all that we have done with our treasures honours the One who gave them to us upon our return to spirit,**
- * **Our greatest gift, our most precious treasure is our relationship with the One who sent us and who entrusted us with the capacity to know and love our Creator.**



(Re-)Claiming Our Gifts Spirituality

