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**FEATURE STORY OF THE MONTH: TOUCHED BY A WHALE’S LOVE**

There are many who doubt whether our aquatic mammal friends have the ability to feel, let alone be able to express emotions such as gratitude. I bring you a story that deeply touched me of a whale caught up in the web of crab lines and traps. The story appeared in several newspapers across the country, but first appeared on the front page of the December 14, 2005, *San Francisco Chronicle*, in a story, “Daring Rescue of Whale Off Farallones,” written by reporter, Peter Fimrite. And, yes, it has been labeled to be a true Urban Legends story (in “Saved the Whale”), according to the Urban Legends Reference Pages ([www.snopes.com](http://www.snopes.com)).

According to Chronicle staff writer, Peter Fimrite, a female humpback whale, perhaps 45-50 feet long and weighing about 50 tons had become deeply entangled in a multitude of crab lines and traps. Fimrite provides the description of the whale offered by James Mosquito, one of the rescue divers. “Moskito said about 20 crab-pot ropes, which are 240 feet long with weights every 60 feet, were wrapped around the animal. Rope was wrapped at least four times around the tail, the back and the left front flipper, and there was a line in the whale’s mouth.” The combined effect of the weight of the 12 traps hanging on her body (each weighing 90 pounds), added to the rope, made it hard for her to keep her blow-hole above water. Fortunately, a crab fisherman had seen the whale at 8:30 a.m., struggling to stay afloat and radioed an environmental group for assistance.

After the rescue team had arrived and evaluated the scene, the difficult decision they came to was that it was necessary to actually go into the water and, using curved knives, work to free her of the nylon lines. This was a daring action to take because the divers knew that just one flip of the whale’s tale could kill one or more of them. One of the experienced divers did not think they would be able to save the whale. There were, however, no other options. Fortunately, miracles do happen. They worked for about an hour at cutting away the ropes and traps, successfully untangling the lines.

I especially love the description provided of the whale while the men worked to free her. The reporter who interviewed the diver, Mosquito, quotes him: “The whale floated

passively in the water the whole time...giving off a strange kind of vibration...When I was cutting the line going through the mouth, its eye was there winking at me, watching me...It was an epic moment of my life.”

It was when the team had finally freed the whale that the magic began. The whale was described by the divers as swimming joyfully around in circles. Again, it is the comments of the diver, Mosquito, that also moved me: “She swam to each diver, nuzzled him and then swam to the next one...It seemed kind of affectionate, like a dog that’s happy to see you...I never felt threatened. It was an amazing, unbelievable experience.” Another diver said the following: “You hate to anthropomorphize too much, but the whale was doing little dives and the guys were rubbing shoulders with it...I don’t know for sure what it was thinking, but it’s something that I will always remember. It was just too cool.”

No one can say for sure whether the whale was expressing her gratitude – or not. You may bring your own conclusion to this gentle, sweet story. As for me, I have long known that animals are sentient beings, capable of feeling emotions, just as we are. This was the first humpback whale to be successfully untangled and freed in Marin County. We can only imagine how thrilled she was to be given back her freedom and her life. Certainly, she had every reason to celebrate – and be grateful. How lovely for this team to receive her gift of joyful appreciation and for all of us to receive the gift of this special story.

Let us remember Albert Einstein’s thoughts regarding our relationship with other living beings: we are all connected, all One, and, therefore, need to be mindful of being thy brother’s keeper. And so it goes.

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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**THE ONE HOUR INTERVIEW WITH JUSTINE TOMS, ”SEEING MIRACLES WITH SUSAN APOLLON,”** which was taped at the New Dimensions Studio in Ukiah, CA in February, **is being released nationally (350 National Public Radio affiliates in the US and 300 in Australia) May 15.** Please check [www.newdimensions.org](http://www.newdimensions.org) for the station nearest you which will feature the show – or call 1 800 935 8273 for station listings. You may also listen online at [www.newdimensions.org](http://www.newdimensions.org) from May 15<sup>th</sup> for two weeks –or you may go to [www.touchedbytheextraordinary.com](http://www.touchedbytheextraordinary.com) for a link to the New Dimensions website. And, you may also purchase the program (#3133) as a CD, cassette, or MP3 by going to [www.newdimensions.org](http://www.newdimensions.org).

**According to the *New Dimensions Radio Newsletter for May, Volume 34, Number 5,* “Susan Apollon sees miracles everywhere, every day.** What’s even better is that she teaches others to do the same thing. In this interview she shares her own extraordinary experiences, and stories she’s gathered in her years of studying miracles in others’ lives. Coincidences too meaningful to be happenstance, communication from loved ones who have died, the protection of guardian angels, the healing power of love – all of these are among the events she’s come un understand and expect. Each of us can learn to

recognize them, too...Apollon will remind you of the ongoing presence in your own life of angels and loved ones who have passed on, and leave you with renewed awareness of the joy and healing that can happen – for yourself and for others – when you remember how loving you really are.”

**Topic discussed include:**

“How you can become more aware of the miracles in your life  
 How a deceased loved one can be your guardian angel and reincarnate at the same time  
 What quantum physics tells us about reincarnation  
 Why a shift in perception may enable you to see miracles and angels  
 What you can do to find help anywhere, in any circumstance”

**THE JEWISH EXPONENT**, a Philadelphia newspaper, published “IS THERE REALLY A GREAT BEYOND,” an article about *Touched by the Extraordinary* written by reporter, Rita Charleston, in their April 27, 2006, issue (p. 45).

**HEALTH MAGAZINE WILL PUBLISH MY INTERVIEW ON INTUITION** which I had with reporter, Audrey Edwards, in their September 2006 issue. Doing this interview was such fun. Audrey shared amazing stories of her own which will be in forthcoming in my talks, books and teleseminars.

**BOOK EXPO OF AMERICA, BOOK SIGNING, CONVENTION CENTER, PMA BOOTH, Washington D.C... May 19, 2006. ) I hope to see those of you from the DC area.**

**JUNE 24, WEST DENVER, CO, BOOK SIGNING at the NEW AGE TRADE SHOW, NEW LEAF BOOTH. Look forward to seeing you there.**

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

**A LETTER FROM YANNI MANIATES, MY DEAR FRIEND AND TEACHER:**

“Dear Friends,

I am happy to announce the launch of my new blog and podcasting web site. It will offer lots of tips and techniques on how to create Balance and Self-Mastery in your life.

I’ll be posting written entries (blogs) on Mondays and Thursdays and audio broadcasts (podcasts) on Fridays. <http://www.lifemasteryblog.com/>

As well, I will have other material available for you gratis.

So, please feel welcome to go to my blog and read what I have posted or listen to what I have broadcast. All the material will be archived, too, so you can read or listen to it whenever it is most convenient for you.



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In the words of the New Dimensions writers, “Topics range from inner wisdom to space exploration, from folk tales to quantum physics, from spirituality to wellness, from ecology to virtual reality, and from ancient myths to new thinking. Andrew Weil states: “I consider New Dimensions an invaluable format for people with innovative ideas – to get them out, to help bring new ways of thinking and new ideas into the cultural mainstream.”

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**EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE**

Thank you from my heart for wanting to take time to read the newsletter – and wanting to expand your own consciousness. This is how we continue to grow in compassion, love and wisdom and create the most beautiful world!

Until next month, warmth, peace, light and love,

Susan

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Thank you for subscribing to Susan Apollon's newsletter, and for your support of her work on intuition, spiritual communication and the nonlocal mind. This newsletter will bring you stories of real-life "extraordinary" experiences (such as communicating with a deceased loved one, being protected by a spirit guardian or having an experience that helps you better manage a serious illness or injury – and, at the same time, contributes to healing) drawn either from Susan's book, *Touched by the Extraordinary*, or from her ongoing research.

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