

## CONTRIBUTORS

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Central and South America and the Anglo-American countries. She has recently published her work on Ancient Indian Traditions titled *Sprache und Bild in der Indischen Bildungstradition*.

Ann-Ida Fehn, a trained nurse who was later ordained a deaconess in the Church of Sweden was a popular youth speaker and organizer before she joined the Ecumenical Community of Holy Trinity at Berget, Rättvik, Sweden. Ann-Ida in her search for meaning later discerned to become a Catholic. During the Easter celebration of 2016 she was received into the Catholic Church by the bishop of Sweden Anders along with the Director and some other community members of the Holy Trinity Community, Berget. This spiritual oasis is a place for prayer, meditation and contemplation. The community receives guests all year around for courses and retreats, as well as volunteers who come to share in their community life of work, prayer and sharing. Community members hail from Lutheran Church, Catholic Church and various other Churches and denominations to share prayer life, pursuit for complete unity of Churches, and spiritual deepening. At present Ann-Ida is with a group of youngsters participating in the World Youth Day in Krakow, Poland.

Ulf Sandström works as a hypnotherapist and as a lecturer for doctoral students At Karolinska Institutet in Stockholm, Sweden. He is co-author of the book *Resolving Yesterday about First Aid for stress and Trauma* which was drawn from his personal experiences of working with survivors of the genocide in Rwanda and Congo. Ulf is a member of the Indian Society for Clinical and Experimental Hypnosis and co-founder of The Peaceful Heart Network and the International Hypnotists Guild. He supports trauma treatment for the refugees in the war torn area of Africa and Middle East.

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Dr. Amar Dhall is interested in the interface between structured human experience and the ineffable holistic universe. He obtained his

PhD (laws) by articulating a paradigm of law using Bohmian quantum mechanics as its ontology. He holds undergraduate degrees in construction management, economics, and law (Hons). He gives lectures and workshops in Australia and internationally on shamanism, *tantra* and conscious masculinity. He has performed music across Australia and internationally at lifestyle gatherings, art exhibitions, music festivals and yoga classes. Amar is currently undergoing advanced shamanic initiations with the Foundation for Shamanic Studies established by the esteemed anthropologist, Michael Harner. He is also in pursuit of counselling and post-Jungian psychotherapy qualifications in Australia.

Dr. Ernest Lawrence Rossi is a California licensed Psychologist who became a collaborator of the legendary hypnotherapist Dr. Milton Erickson MD and received the Milton Erickson Foundation's life time achievement for outstanding contributions to the field of Psychotherapy. He also received life time achievement award from the American Association for Psychotherapy and the American Society of Clinical Hypnosis. Dr. Rossi authored and co-authored many books on therapeutic hypnosis starting with Dr. Erickson himself and edited the collected works of Dr. Erickson and thus became an expert in the Ericksonian Hypnosis. Some of his books are the following. Rossi, E (2002 )*The Psychobiology of Gene Expression: Neuroscience and Neurogenesis in Hypnosis and the Healing arts* .Rossi, E (2004) *A discourse with our genes: The psychosocial and cultural genomics of therapeutic hypnosis and psychotherapy*. Rossi, E., & Rossi, K.(2008b) *Open Questions on Mind, Genes, Consciousness, and Behavior: The Circadian and Ultradian Rhythms of Art, Beauty, and Truth in Creativity*. Dr. Kathryn is a research associate of Dr. Ernest Rossi and a reputed psychologist and hypnotherapist.

Dr. Bruce Gregory is a psychotherapist doing private practice in Los Angeles. He was the Director of the Master's Program at Ryokan College, Los Angeles for twenty-five years. He has been a corporate behavioural specialist for thirty-five years, working with clients that include Travellers Insurance and American Express. He has been a frequent presenter at Erickson hypnotherapy conferences for over twenty years, and was a co-presenter at the Evolution Conference of Psychotherapy in Anaheim in 2013, presenting on the role of quantum dynamics in the transformation of consciousness. He has written numerous articles on the integration of mind-body hypnotherapy with classical music composition theory, tai chi, mathematics and physics, with the primary focus being the transformation of resistance during the healing process. He is currently training the staff and management at Cliffside Treatment Centre in Malibu, California.

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Puja Shah is a counselling psychologist and a clinical hypnotherapist who achieved gold medal during her studies. Based in Vadodara, Gujarat, she has rich experience from working with the best names in the area of counselling and hypnotherapy. Currently, she is an independent therapist who dedicates her time for home visits. She conducts workshops and seminars on stress management, anxiety and depression.

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Nausikaa Haupt is an avid traveller who writes about her splendid experiences in the media. She has been to Arctic as well as Antarctica. She has also been to Mongolia and other exotic places where not many have travelled in the highlands, mountain ranges and meadows as well close to it, China. Having been to African countries like Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Kenya, Uganda, South Africa and many of the exotic Safari parks, enjoying the fascinating landscape and the exciting animal kingdom, she writes about themarvellous experiences. Nausikaa is from Sweden and working at the Curia of the Catholic Diocese of Sweden in Stockholm. She describes her exciting travel in the Southern India and especially the stay at Vettom Resorts whose major interest is to recharge the people through the integration of the body, mind and soul and making a pilgrimage through their life with hope and happiness and the exotic nature surrounding the Resort and thus, attain wellness, wholeness and holiness.