

IT'S A  
watercolor  
WORLD



ANGEL ART



What colors do you need?

WORD MUSEUM

Artist

Wild Things

# Found Words

words  
and  
thoughts  
to inspire

Joyce Wycoff  
connecting through art

CREATING

ALL THE WORLD'S A

THINK BIG

imagination at work

Aha! Moment

creative

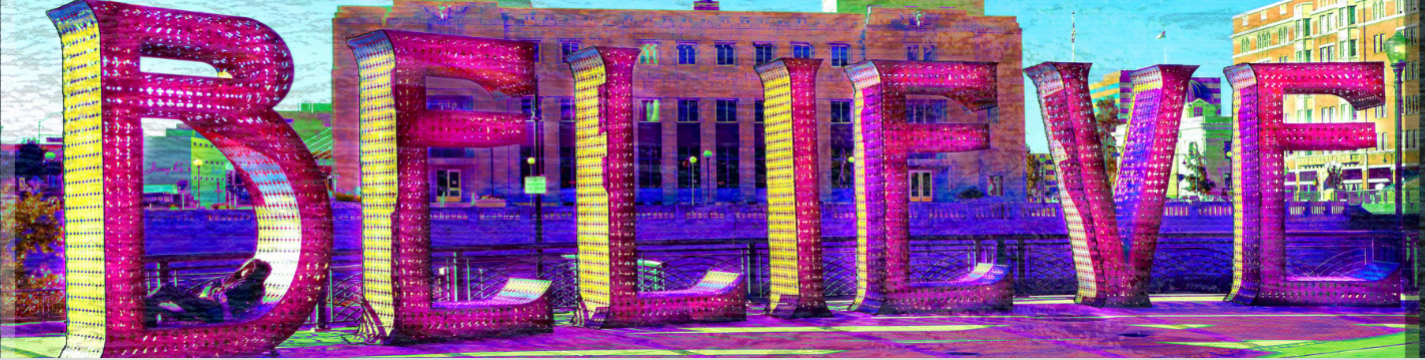
Bright ideas

new

• Where do you do your best thinking?



CREATE



Greetings everyone ...

I'm delighted to share my first potlatch with you

Potlatch is a gift-giving feast practiced by Indigenous peoples of the Pacific Northwest Coast. These celebrations focused on the reaffirmation of family, clan, and the human connection with the supernatural world. In addition to giving away riches, potlatches involved feasting, music, dancing, singing, storytelling, speeches, and often joking and games.

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While potlatches were illegal for many years, they remained an integral part of the Indigenous culture. I am borrowing the term and using it as a metaphor for the act of giving away stuff ... for some riches or wealth.

In my case, it won't be wealth in the sense of money or assets, but rather the gathered gifts of a life I never expected to live. Until my middle years, I never expected creativity to be part of my life ... it was something given only to "them," the god-like creatures who were born with talent. Therefore, it has been an ongoing surprise and delight to find myself writing poetry, making art, seeing beauty in ordinary things. I now know that creativity is a part of being human and one of the great tragedies of life is that so few people have the time and resources to discover their own creative gifts.

It took two great losses to give me the time to discover the direction of my creative life. The death of my husband ended one phase of my life and the financial

devastation of 2008 ended the career that I thought would last forever. Out of those ashes, though, came pieces of me that I never knew existed and reminded me that, "This, too, shall pass."

Fifty-seven months ago, I began celebrating the 17th of each month as my Death Day (since I do not know the exact date of my death, I've chosen the day of my birth) by writing a love letter to my life. This month, I decided to add a ritual of letting go ... of potlatch ... to the monthly celebration.



Since you are my extended tribe and I cannot invite you to a gathering of feasting and celebration, I am going to use our electronic circle to share with you some of the artifacts of my creative life. These are yours to use as you wish and to share with whomever you wish.

### Potlatch #1 - Found Words

Before digital art entered my world, I did collage and spent untold hours ripping magazines apart for the images and words I

found there. I was especially enchanted by the tiny messages-in-a-bottle words I found floating primarily on an ocean of advertising. At some point I created a booklet of found words that I wanted to pass along to people for use in their own collages or journals. However, the year was 2003 and technology did not offer a cost-effective way to share the color images. Idea shelved.

This week I unpacked a box that had survived several major downsizings and discovered a treasure trove of magazine images as well as the originals of that shelved project from 2003.

Since we now have access to magic in the form of a universal file protocol ... pdf ... this slightly updated found words booklet is attached for your use. Again, feel free to pass it along.

Two ideas for how to use it ... and if you think of others, please let me know:  
jwycoff@gratitudemojo.com.

1. Use the words as thought prompts for your journal.

2. Print the pages and use as graphics in your journal or collages.

Thank you for being a part of my world and accepting this small gift. I believe that giving away what one has been given is a way of expressing joy. So, by being a part of this celebration of my life, you are adding to my joy.

*joyce*

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watercolor  
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ANGEL ART

IF YOU  
WANT TO  
WRITE

WORD MUSEUM

Artiste

Remember when eight crayons were all the colors you needed?

PAY OFF!

It's!  
Show  
Time



Wild Things

CREATIVE FREEDOM

ALL THE WORLD'S A STAGE

PLAY

THINK BIG

bright ideas  
new

Aha! Moment

imagination at work

creative space

• Where do you do your best thinking?



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**BREAK THROUGH**

MAKE A WISH

THE TRANSFORMER

Discover

A World of Choices

What More Do You Want?

“Open Your Eyes to Your Magnificence and Limitless Possibilities Appear.”  
— Bruce D Schneider, Ph.D.

the nature of change

CHALLENGE YOURSELF

relax...

A TRANSFORMATIVE MOMENT  
BLUEPRINT for CHANGE

HOPE



WHEN DREAMS BECOME REALITY

The Thrill of It All

what's next?

What's the story of your life, starting now?

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RITUALS



SELF-ESTEEM!

What's new?

SEEING beyond the obvious.

grace notes

Voices

IT'S LIKE SINGING A  
**LULLABY**  
TO YOUR INNER CHILD.

Imagine The Possibilities

Reflections

INDULGE YOUR CURIOSITY

Dreamspace



Oh, what a feeling.

limitless heart

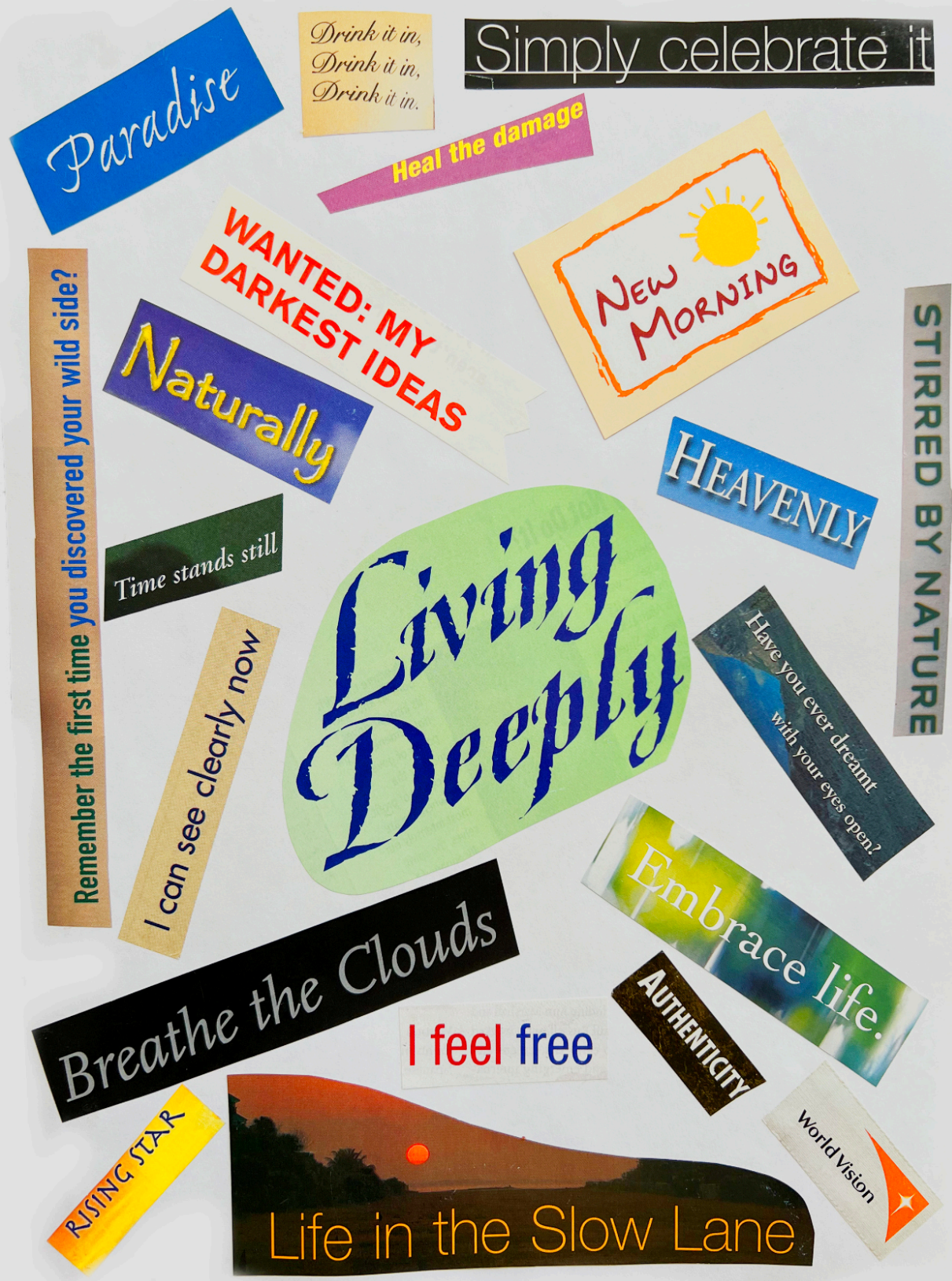
GATHERING THE SOUL

blithe spirits

"All animals, except man, know that the principal business of life is to enjoy it."  
- Samuel Butler

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# DIS·CERN·MENT

(di-sərn'mənt) n.

The act or process of exhibiting keen insight and good judgment

## Making a Difference

You can lead a horse to water, but you cannot make him drink

Never put off until tomorrow what you can do today

Where There's a Will, There's a Way

People who Live in Glass Houses Shouldn't Throw Stones

If You Can't Say Something Nice, Don't say Anything at All

There's a place for people like you.

INSPIRE GREATNESS

Transformation is Possible

Promises kept

Spiritual Activism

Community spirit lives

Global Vision

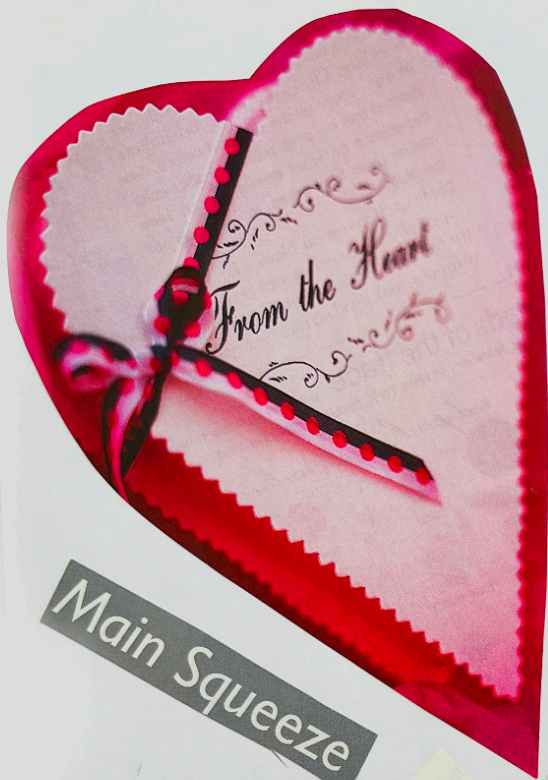
Woe Is I  
NEVER CONFUSE YOUR NET WORTH WITH YOUR SELF WORTH.

SOAR LIKE AN EAGLE  
LOOK AGAIN  
ALTERNATIVE UNIVERSE

MAKE A CHANGE  
Grand Illusions

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magical nights

Dim the Lights

love is in the air

Main Squeeze

Amoré

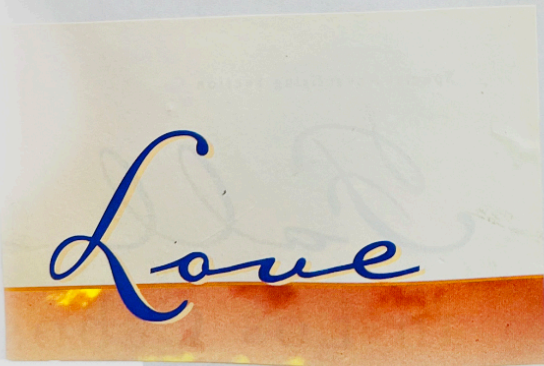
Who says the honeymoon  
can't last forever.

honeymoon highlights



PASSION

When your  
hearts  
are  
in the  
same place.



**SACRIFICE  
TO THE HUNGER GODS.**

Chocolate  
on the Brain

**WHAT IS  
PHYSICAL REALITY?**

Life does have a certain rhythm

energy that lasts

eating  
mindfully



'After 30, a body has  
a mind of its own.'  
-Bette Midler

**LOSE WEIGHT!**

**Act your age  
with abandon**

**Fat Chance**



**YOUR RECOMMENDED  
DAILY ALLOWANCE  
OF  
INDULGENCE**

Blood is thicker  
than water

An apple a day  
keeps the doctor  
away

Great expectations  
S'more s'mores

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insider

I finally see what you're saying

Just Whistle

FISCALL  
FITNESS

choice!

Neither a Borrower  
nor a lender be

QUILTS

WOW!

Run with  
the big dogs

STICKY WICKET

HAVE A  
splashing  
GOOD TIME

Speak of the Devil

All in a day's work

Why is this  
Rabbit smiling?

A little spice in your life

achieve FREEDOM from clutter  
THERE'S A STORY BEHIND EVERYTHING

Pleasures

Pretzel



FRESH

Silent Sentinels

Beer is proof that  
God loves us and  
wants us to be happy.  
Ben Franklin

Yes.

Welcome to  
**ORDINARY**

**LIVING COLOR**

Quick  
**Flash**

We're Number One!

ROCK THE BOAT

**MOJO**

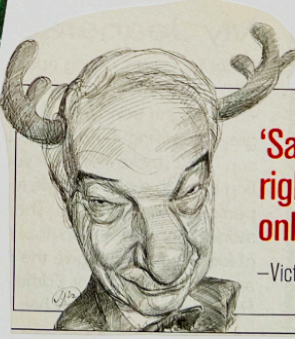
*Diamond*

*Deluxe*



*American Standard*

**ALLIGATOR ALLEY**



'Santa Claus has the  
right idea—visit people  
only once a year.'

—Victor Borge

**LIKE A ROCK**

**A cluttered  
desk is a  
sign of genius.**



Breaking the Rules

LETTERS

WACKY



celebrate spring

TURNING LEAF

MORNING SURF



Follow the leader.

Hang time

Lost in Space

luxury...

The Other Side of the World

"Should I? Shouldn't I?"


FRESH

Classic


Hijinks

Rising to the Occasion


baby steps



COOL



WARM



HOT

hit the road



FIREFLY

For One  
*Wild*  
Summer

LIVING ON  
island time

WATERWORLD

fantasy

from the seashore

Bon Voyage!

Gifts from the sea

Come join the fun!

ocean views

Morning  
sunshine

One-third sun. One-third sand.  
One-third fairy tale.

adventures

Sunset

HAVE FUN!

GET THE FEELING

Living  
aloha

In the Lake  
of the Woods

Hike  
the  
Alps

All the world loves a party

good party



destination: Paradise



Land Ho...

Camping

Natural Escape

ALASKA

SUMMER

Adventures

THE RAIL ADVENTURE of a LIFETIME

Be Merry

shangri-la

Head out

Window on the West

WHERE THE SKIES ARE NOT CLOUDY ALL DAY.

1,000 WEEKEND IDEAS

Acapulco

WHERE THE REAL PLAYERS PLAY

Summer

Wild Time

PARIS

ALOHA!

go jump! ...in the lake

YOUR OWN great escape

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timeless women



flower girls

Women  
Words



Ultimate  
Chocolate

Green is my color.

big sister's expectations



ENEMY  
WOMEN

"Age  
doesn't  
matter  
unless  
you're a  
cheese."

That's a really  
good color  
on you.

A CUP OF TEA

DRESSED IN  
BLACK

She's a fan.

in style

Thanks,  
I just threw  
it on!

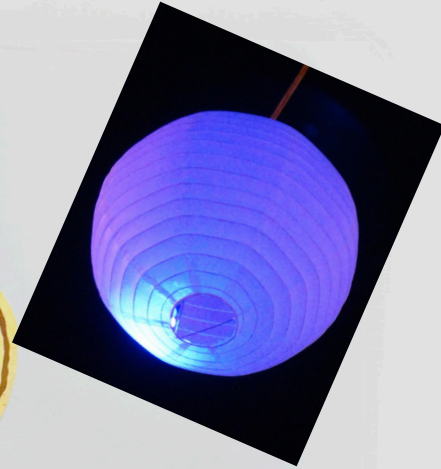
A  
Sisters  
love  
is for all  
seasons

GUTSY WOMEN

SAVAGE  
BEAUTY

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Playful



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INSPIRATION  
Tap Into  
the Source

PEACE  
ON  
EARTH

"It is the theory  
which decides  
what we can  
observe"  
—Albert Einstein



what lies behind us  
and what lies before us  
are small matters  
compared to  
what lies  
within us

begin  
each day  
as if it  
were on  
purpose  
  
—mary anne  
radmacher

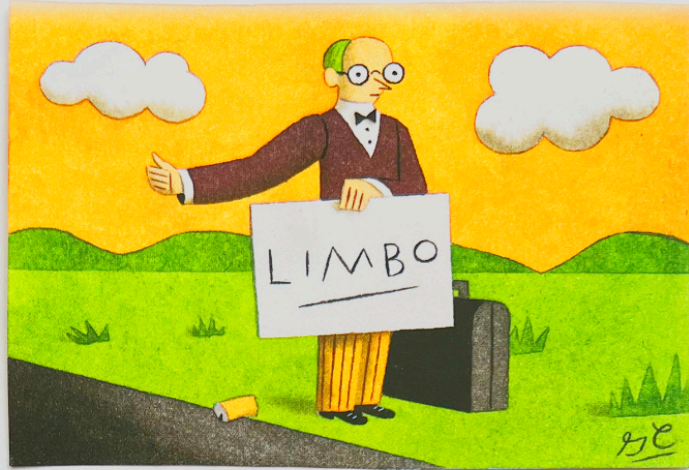
GO!



BRILLIANT!

THE MORE  
OF  
LESS

The sky is  
no longer  
the limit.



Now, your  
personal journey  
begins

Your journey  
begins now...

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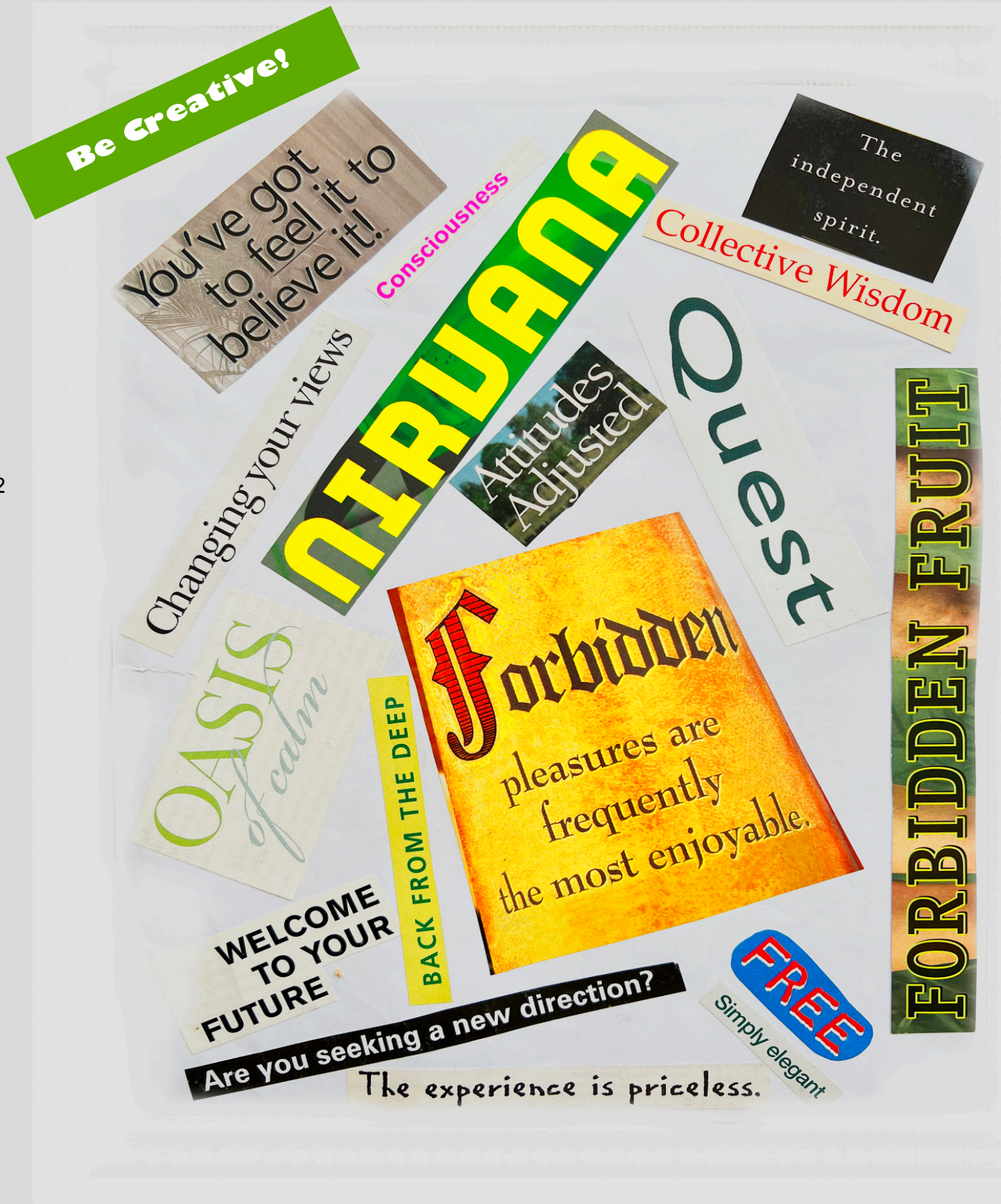


Celebrate

Do not follow  
where the path may lead  
Go instead  
where there is no path  
and leave a trail  
Ralph Waldo Emerson

**COME  
TOGETHER!**  
THE POWER OF  
COLLECTIVE  
INTELLIGENCE

WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE





**ELEGANCE**



# Imagine

CASA  
CONTENTA

Nevertheless,  
She persisted

BE NICE  
OR LEAVE

WE ARE ALL  
STARDUST

Walk  
In  
Beauty

To all ... hope you enjoy  
some of the words I've  
collected on my journeys.  
Many hugs and much  
creativity on yours ... joyce

BORREGO • We're all here 'cuz •  
SPRINGS • we're not all there •

THE WALL OF  
HOPE