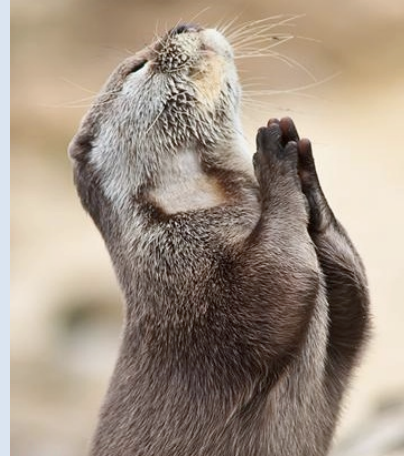


# The End of an Era

There comes a time in most of our lives when we decide to give up all or part of our occupation, in favor of “retirement”. This means different things to different people. Some envision taking it easy, playing golf or whiling away their remaining years in some similar frivolity.

For those of us on the yogic path, however, retirement means relinquishing career activity in order to devote more of our time to our spiritual quest, our mission in this life, so to speak. It is that time of life for us. Once we take care of giving away the remaining gems to help our equine program keep going this year, we will no longer be active in the gem trade.



Both Jennifer and myself will continue to teach and write about the powers of gemstones, as well as promote their use in Ayurveda and Planetary Gemology. However, we will no longer also be merchants of gems.

Many of you have noticed that the Balaji Natural Gems website was taken down some time ago. Planetary Jewels was one of the “stalwarts” in the jyotish gemstone business, beginning in the 1980’s, long before so many others entered that specialized field due to its increasing popularity, and the demand for natural, untreated gemstones.



All of our remaining gemstones, a considerable inventory of emeralds, yellow, white and blue sapphires, natural pearls and chrysoberyl cats-eyes, have been donated to “Ocala Equine Rescue”.

We will from this current newsletter be offering all of them as free gifts, a “thank you” for donations to the horse rescue project here, Ocala Equine Rescue. There is a minimum

donation for each gemstone, but the donation amounts are literally a pittance, in most cases half of wholesale trade dealer costs.

This is truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for anyone that's been desiring a gem to help them in life. Not only are the donation amounts so far below what such stones would cost were I to have to buy them today in the source countries, but all donations are 100% tax deductible, as the Vedic Cultural Fellowship has 501 c 3 tax status from the IRS.

This phenomenal offering will not be advertised on our website. It is first being offered to our members and all those who receive our newsletters. To see highly magnified digital photos of the natural gems being offered for donations, send us an e-mail requesting photos of the particular gem you are interested in receiving as a gift for a donation, along with the list of minimum donations being asked for them. We will forward the list and photos to you for your consideration.



There is no time limit to this offer. When they're gone, they're gone, though, and these remaining gems will not last long. Ask to see the lists and it will be obvious why. We thank all of you for your confidence and trust in us over many years and for your continued interest in and support of the Vedic Cultural Fellowship and all of its teaching programs, as well as the equine rescue center.

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