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# GILEAD IS GROUP THINK REALIZED

You might have seen it.

It won multiple Emmys for its first and second seasons on the air.

The TV show I'm speaking of is Showtime's '*The Handmaid's Tale*.'

If you don't know it... **it's a must see**. Canadian author Margaret Atwood wrote the novel the show is based on, in 1985.

Atwood's world in *The Handmaid's Tale* is called Gilead. It's an extreme world to be sure, but it feels so possible.

## **The Tale**

In Showtime's version of *The Handmaid's Tale*, a political group has swooped in and murdered every single member of Congress, all the Senators, The Vice-President and President and all the upper level officials at the Pentagon.

This unnamed faction has taken over the United States of America.

With surprising speed, they turn Washington D.C. into Gilead. The headquarters for their new oppressive regime.

Gilead is run by authoritarian men with obedient wives who don't work and aren't equal. In their homes they keep oppressed handmaids. The handmaids wear either grey dresses (for the worker-bees) or red ones for women in their fertile, child-bearing years.

Then there are the 'problem' handmaids. These recalcitrant bitches go to a type of concentration camp called "the colonies."

Gilead seems extreme, but it fits neatly into the categorized, compartmentalized, and hierarchical psychology of superior men.

Beware of superior men... and when I say *superior* I mean those who **think** they are superior.

### ***A sense of superiority leads to all things bad.***

The events of Gilead are farfetched but, the show's popularity with both men and women, young and old, suggests it's hit a nerve.

### **Nerves Are Raw**

The fact is, it's feels more constricted living in the US today. It's definitely more constricted online. There's a good argument to be made that American democracy has been eroding for decades.

Along side The Patriot Act, signed into being on October 26th of 2001, there's also been head-spinning advancement of technology and social media.

This mix of cyber invasion and data collection has left us more exposed and vulnerable than ever before.... and I don't mean from terrorists.

It's our own US government and big corporations who are using the laws and technology for their benefit re: against us.

We have not seen this before. The overwhelming amount of data collected by the powers that be has changed the game.

And now we have Trump and his swamp. In Trump's America, every lie turns into the truth and every fear is manipulated into a sense of superiority.

### ***A sense of superiority leads to all things bad in this world.***

Of course, Trump can't be blamed for all the ill-conceived, knee-jerk policies put forth. He can be blamed for pulling back the brush in the everglades.

We can see the swamp monsters clearly now.

It's a superior sense of one's self which creates an authoritarian view and need for totalitarianism.

Those of us who respond to totalitarianism can listen to their leader speak in absolutes and relax. When their leader plays the victim they can relate. When their leader puts the blame on someone else they can agree... and relax.

You can stop thinking. You can stop being afraid. You can be lead into the gas chamber without question. And no one talks a more final, absolute game than Donald Trump... the likes of which the world has never seen before.

### **This Is Group Think**

In an odd, surreal type of way, this is what group think looks like.

This is mass consciousness made manifest. The affect group think has on individuals who feel powerless, is powerful.

The oppression of Gilead is a group of men with a strong sense of superiority. They also have purpose and vision.

Perhaps we're lucky... Trump seems to have absolutely no vision for American.

He's content to win the approval of his fan-base, authoritarian leaders around the world and filling his bank account. If he had a greater sense of purpose and vision we might be really screwed.

In the end, the societal molotov cocktail we find ourselves in needs to be put to an end.

So what are we supposed to do? Go in the corner and meditate? Fill out an online petition? Rant on Facebook? Bring prayer beads to a gun fight?

### **An Internal Proposal**

What we can do is take responsibility for our internal world and not let the density of living dampen our joy. It sounds too simple to work but it does. Try it.

Try paying attention more. Stay focused on what's right in front of you. Work. Live. Love. Laugh. Stay happy. Superior, joy-hating authoritarians hate it when we do.

# CANNABIS



# INDUSTRY

# Legal Cannabis Banking: Doing Business Like A Drug Lord

Although 30 states, as well as, Washington D.C. have partially or fully legalized the use and distribution of marijuana the banking laws are putting legit owners in an impossible bind.

Politicians Don't Get It

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Unfortunately, many of our politicians don't understand how dangerous the current banking climate is for legal marijuana businesses and often times don't seem to care.

Many want to keep cannabis as a schedule 1 drug. Schedule 1 is the worst category. Apparently, they believe pot is on par with heroin and LSD. What?

In June of this year a congressional committee voted to reject a measure that would protect banks who allow pot businesses to open accounts from being punished by the feds.

This foolish vote is in spite of the fact that the list of 30 states plus D.C., who've opened marijuana laws, is growing.

Which means financial institutions will stay reluctant about cannabis businesses for fear of breaking money laundering laws and testing federal prohibition.

As a consequence, most legally operating cannabis businesses are cash only.

Cash And Carry... Out

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It would be a dramatic understatement to say these businesses need to take extra precautions. Ultimately, politicians who don't pass laws allowing banks to deal with legal pot businesses are putting many owners, their families and their customers at risk of theft, violence and extortion.

To give you an idea of this insane situation read this excerpt from the San Francisco Chronicle;

“... the Oakland (CA) tax office became so swamped with currency that officials notified retailers it would only accept \$20,000 in cash a day – a move that would have required some businesses to make multiple trips. The limit was rescinded shortly after The San Francisco Chronicle inquired about it. ... shop owners in San Francisco said it was not uncommon for them to haul in \$80,000 at a time.”

Seriously?

That's what our federal government is doing to marijuana businesses and to the over regulated banking industry in general. Everyone is a potential criminal. I guess we're all money launderers in the making. Why so much suspicion? Most of us just want to do legit business. Period.

The Problem Is Clear As... Crystal

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The dilemma the banks find themselves in is clear; anytime a bank suspects a business has anything to do with cannabis they have to report it to the feds as suspicious activity. Why? Because marijuana is a schedule 1 drug and illegal on the federal level and banks are regulated by the feds.

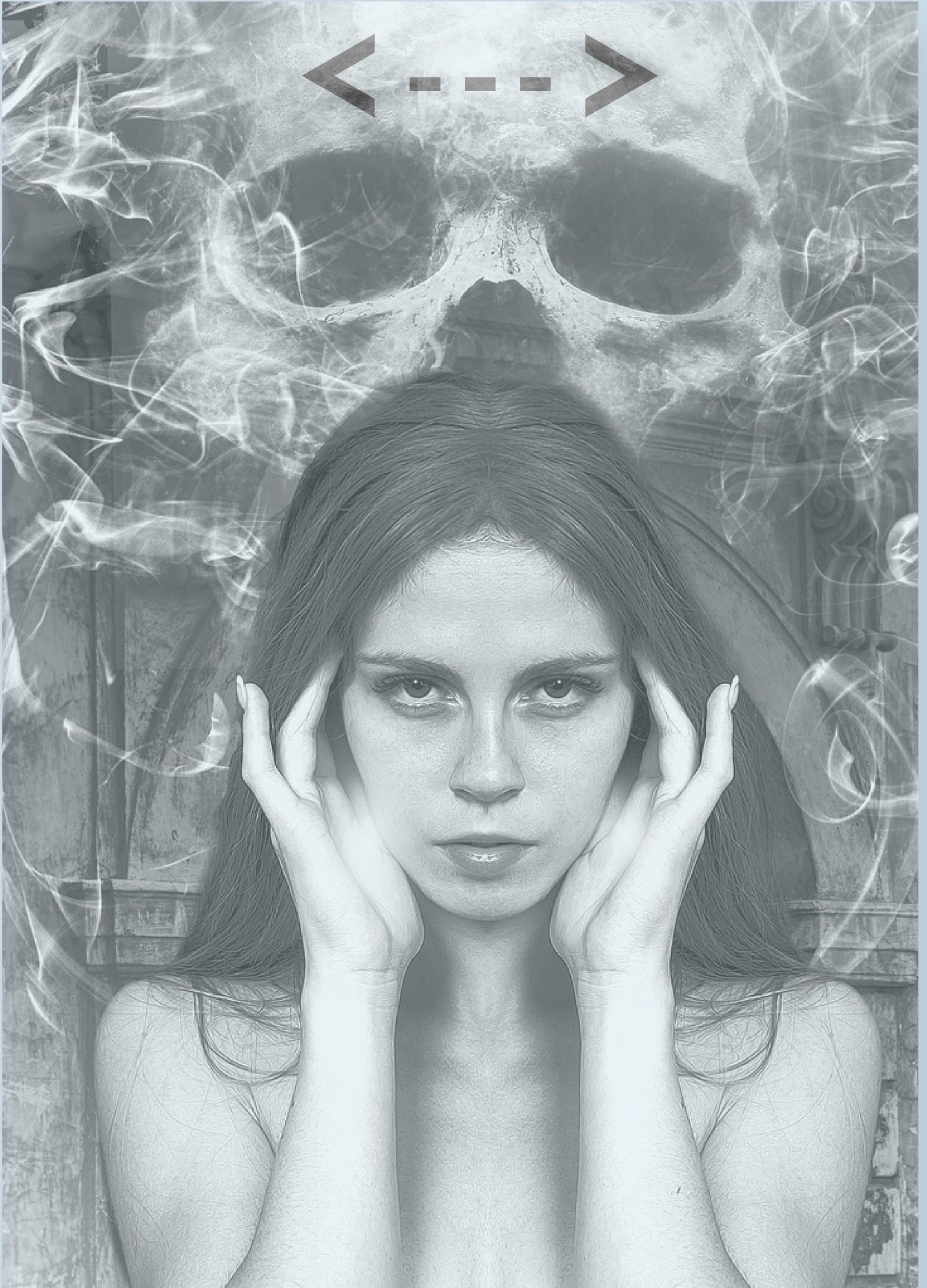
So although there have been a few brave banking souls who've tried to accommodate cannabis businesses they usually stop within a few months. The fines they risk incurring would be crippling. They'd be threatening the entire existence of the bank to support a few marijuana businesses. Who would do that?

Here is a short list of politicians who support the legalization of marijuana. There's even a few Republicans on it.

Please be aware that we need progressive politicians in office more now than ever before.

Chances are good, that if a politician supports legalizing pot, they are at least somewhat on the progressive side of the fence despite party affiliation. I encourage you to vote. Not just in the general elections but in the primaries and in your local races too.

# PSYCHICS



# Why We Need To Talk About Anthony Bourdain, Kate Spade & Craig Turner

Sadly, this year we have lost some well known and well loved people to suicide.

Anthony Bourdain, Kate Spade and Craig Turner.

Bourdain, was a chef and TV host of "Parts Unknown" a show where Bourdain flew around the world to bring us food and cooking in other countries. He had a huge and devoted fan base. He was 61.

Kate Spade was also a great success with her sleek and elegant line of handbags and accessories. Women around the globe cherished their Kate Spade bags. Women who are celebrities to soccer moms sang her praises for years. Spade was 55.

Craig Turner was a very successful real estate agent selling high end residential properties in California. He was also the first born son of singing legend Tina Turner. He was 59.

Why would 3 very successful, famous and physically healthy people in their middle years take their own lives?

I think we need to talk about it and I think my take on it maybe somewhat unusual.

First, I want readers to understand that I have never met Bourdain, Spade or Turner and I'm not connected to them in anyway. I know them only through their work and the media like most of us do.

Far Beyond 'Mental Illness'

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Sometimes suicide has origins doctors can't diagnose. There certainly are hormonal and neurological components to clinical depression. I just think, with otherwise healthy individuals with every reason to live, there's a lot more to it.

Instead of labeling the fight against clinical depression and suicide as generic 'mental illness' we need to look deeper. I believe the root cause may come in the form of energy.

When I was offering my bodywork sessions, on occasion a client would complain about something that wasn't connected to anything else in their lives. They didn't sleep well, they had sudden random and broad muscle soreness, they suddenly felt funky or other generalized problems.

These complaints are obviously nothing compared to deep depression, but they do have roots in understanding how energy works and how it gets damaged.

## Backed By Science

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Science says we and everything else in the world is made up of 99.9% space and that there is a force within that space. It's quantum science which is still mostly a mystery within the field. Unlike classical physics which once a theory is proven, doesn't change. For example, gravity is gravity. What goes up must come down. Not in the quantum world.

For more info on this quantum phenomenon click here to go to this article...

The protons and electrons in an atom are held together by the force of invisible waves. That is a fact science knows for sure. Most everything else on the quantum level is not as concrete.

You may or may not believe in auras, chakras or personal energy fields but these 'unproven' energy forms are backed up by modern quantum science. So let's agree on that.

So if human beings, like everything on the planet, are atoms held together by waves of invisible energy then these energy fields can get damaged like anything physical. It's on this energetic level where the seeds of suicide grow.

All life will fight to save itself when threatened. Just try to squish a bug. As soon as it realizes a giant is bringing down a shoe on its head it makes a run for it. So it is with the human spirit.

Then why do people in the prime of lives with every reason to live, cut themselves down?

## Explaining the Unexplainable

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I'm attempting to put into words here something that is inherently ethereal and unexplainable. However, it must be attempted. So it's important to understand for suicide to happen, in an otherwise healthy, sane and rational person, their energy must be severely damaged in specific ways.

Talk therapy and pharmaceuticals won't help someone like this. In most cases these practices will make things worse if they have any effect at all.

The damaging of energy happens when there is a deep spike of pain which strikes a person to their core. Often times this spike of energy is creating from a severe emotional blow. Such as the end of a significant relationship like a divorce or death of a loved one.

This spike is usually filled with intense frustration, stifled rage, a sense of powerlessness, accompanied with massive feelings of guilt and shame. This particular emotional mix creates a vortex or spike-like form of energy which inherently turns inward.

It's the self directed nature of this energy that is so damaging. If you could see the energy of a person in this state (as some can) you would see how these emotions create a dagger in the energy field. This is not a metaphor.

This type of energy creates real damage in an individual's energy field. So much so they start "bleeding" life force energy so profusely it changes who they are.

This can be likened to physical bleeding. If you didn't know you had internal hemorrhaging, you wouldn't understand why you were in so much pain. You just knew the pain doubled you over and stopped you from enjoying your life.

If you didn't know there were doctors who could help you with this kind of pain you wouldn't seek them out. If you didn't receive medical attention for your internal hemorrhaging quickly enough, you would continue to feel great pain and soon die.

So it is with a severely damaged energetic field. Your life force "bleeds" out of you until all you feel is pain. Constantly.

This state can create a world of self destructive behavior in an attempt to numb it. Drugs. Alcohol. Extreme promiscuity. Excessive spending. Extra long work hours. Constantly oversleeping. Some or all of these behaviors may be engaged in to try to distract or dull the individual to their private agony.

Armed With Knowledge

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So, with this understanding, I'm guessing these successful and beloved people were in a great deal of pain over an issue or several issues they felt they couldn't do anything about and more than likely blamed themselves for in some way.

They may have tried pharmaceuticals and/or talk therapy. I don't know. These methods may or may not have helped. I'm not suggesting these curative measures can never be used and don't have some value. I'm saying please be wary of them. Very wary.

Now, armed with this new understanding of energy, if you know someone who may be struggling with clinical depression and want to help, you can start by making it clear it's not their fault. Most of the time that won't be in so many words.

What you can do is tell them how much they are contributing to the world around them. Make it specific. Make it meaningful to them. Make sure they know how valuable they are. If they are not too far gone they may be able to hear you. They may be able to start repairing some of the damage themselves.

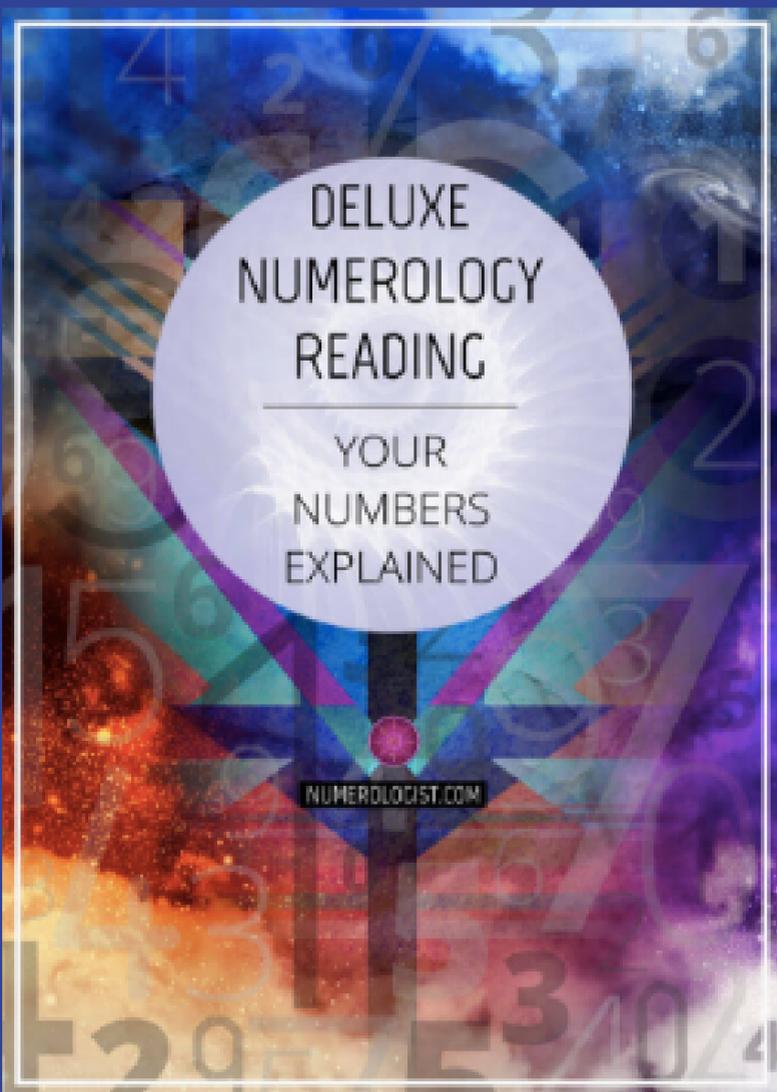
If they don't seem to hear you, then I would suggest getting help from someone who knows how to heal the human energy field. These types of people are few and far between. Finding them can be difficult.

I would encourage you to look in busy urban areas. That is often where healers live, at least in the US. Starting with a search online is a good.

Use your intuition. Do your research. Ask questions. They may call themselves psychics, spiritualist healers or energy healers. Most of them are not skilled enough to handle someone with deep clinical depression. So beware. When you find a good one... they can change your life.

R.I.P.

ANTHONY BOURDAIN   KATE SPADE   CRAIG TURNER



A woman with long blonde hair is shown from the chest up, wearing a blue dress with a yellow and green floral pattern. She is holding a lit candle in her right hand. The background is softly blurred, showing a warm, golden light.

**INTERVIEW**

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ELSEWHERE LIFESTYLE

**MARINA  
THE  
MASSEUSE**

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# INTERVIEW WITH MARINA THE MASSEUSE

In this issue, Dyann interviews a really sweet young CMT. She is trained in massage, but also practices a unique form of bodywork called, "Aqueossage".

She is 33 and loves what she does. Marina sounded like the kind of woman and erotic provider that so many men crave. Marina is interested in truly giving of herself to her clients.

As she says, "I have so much love to give." Wow.

This is a very generous young lady. I enjoyed talking to her and encourage you to listen to our interview. She talks about her sessions and what she looks for in a relationship.

---> LISTEN TO THE INTERVIEW HERE <---

Marina also offers what she calls "lifestyle intimacy coaching." It's a type of counseling that includes her bodywork.

She helps clients with many issues such as:

- any intimate inhibitions
- addictions
- any sexual concerns

Marina works with individual men and women, as well as couples... and guess what, she's recently opened a new studio in Boston called "Sacred."

Please check it out. I think you'll be glad you did. :)

Please visit Marina's main site at:  
[www.marinathemasseuse.com](http://www.marinathemasseuse.com)

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