DOLPHIN ASSISTED THERAPY

Throughout the ages, man has celebrated his special connection to the cetacean world. From earliest times, dolphins and whale have been revered, embossed, adored, and painted on human possessions such as jewelry, urns, bowls, weavings, toys, etc. My favorite is an ancient Roman mosaic depicting a man riding abreast of two dolphins. There have been countless sagas, from ancient mariners to modern sailors, of dolphins being revered as sacred to the gods, and to the sea and bringing them to safety. Even in the movie Castaway, with Tom Hanks, a while shows up at Tom’s darkest hour.

Cetaceans, the message is, are our friends. And cetaceans, especially dolphins, seem to enjoy a sort of cosmic dance with man.

Now Dr. John Upledger, of the Upledger Institute in Palm Beach, Fl, has taken this dance one step further...

On the shores of Port Lucaya, Freeport, Bahamas, an interesting experiment is happening on a special therapeutic kind. In conjunction with The Dolphin experience at UNEXSO groups of cranial-sacral therapists are treating clients in the water with the assistance of dolphins. Although these dolphins at UNEXSO are kept in large pens and trained to perform, they are also taken out to sea each day to play and interact with other dolphins. When a hurricane comes along, the cagers are opened and the dolphins go out to sea for their safety. Yet they always come back of their own accord. These unique dolphins appear to want to be at UNEXSO. They could leave anytime they chose, but don’t. (OK, who would want to leave when there is readily available supply of fish for the asking, but hey...) These are happy dolphins and love their interaction with humans.

So how can these magnificent creatures help in therapeutic treatments? Dolphins have a natural sonar, called echolocation, that emits sound waves through the water. This natural detecting devise of theirs is similar to our ultrasound machines, but their ultrasonic frequency is four times higher. In the Upledger Foundation’s therapeutic model it is believed that this dolphin frequency can scan the human body and detect abnormalities, restrictions or disease states in the client’s tissues. It is also thought that dolphins can, with this echolocation, transmit a frequency or resonance to a particular part of a person’s body, stimulating change, in tissue structure, cleansing the energy fields, and aligning the nervous system at the same level. By their interaction with us, standing at the balance point, our energy field can be cleansed and centered. This especially goes for the heart chakra center. Dolphins have amazing heart energy, filled with joy and emotion. By just being in the same vicinity, swimming by us, or facing the same direction, we can feel our heart center open, filling with light and delight. Dolphins seem to spend their time playing an enjoyable life. They are one of a rare species that have sex for enjoyment rather than just procreation.

Another aspect of dolphin healing is that dolphins feel is brought to a therapeutic session is what he term “information bearing biologic sound energy”, and which is explained as “information contained within the dolphin’s biosonar” is somehow “communicated to many levels of the body system, thus influencing its functioning process.” Their clicks, hums, whistles, chatter and various other sounds all have an impact on our cellular bodies, clearing dysfunction to the “unconscious level.”

I’ve been down to the Bahamas for the last three years to co-treat with dolphins through the Upledger organization. In the therapy session with the dolphins, the clients are floated in the water (on a platform in a dolphin pen) by two or more qualified cranial-sacral therapists. There are usually 2 dolphins that have been chosen to help treat the clients. One or more dolphins will usually swim about 2 feet above the head of the client and there, pulse sonic vibrations through the water to the client. The sound vibrations that one hears under the water are amazing. There are a multitude of different sound qualities that they emit during treatment, each distinct in their own way. Often a dolphin will actually come close to the client and touch a part of the body with the rostrum (the dolphin’s beak) and send the frequencies directly into a body area. More likely than not, this area that the dolphin focuses on will have had some trauma or dysfunction in the past. Sometimes the dolphin will gently strike a limb or body section. And they have also been know to do some pretty intense “therapeutic adjustments” by tapping the palm on the head and snappng the neck back. After the initial shock, people have claimed amazing results. The dolphins seem to know exactly how much pressure and force to use in a restricted area in order to free it up. If the client has any fear, the dolphin usually will respect the energy and only direct frequencies from afar. Such is their compassion and union with Cowan’s (feeling) emotions. They just seem to know everything about you!

In my personal experience with dolphin healing, I have had distinctly touchingly and gently on my head, working deep into my midbrain and midbrain system. They once rubbed my left knee, which I had previously had recurring problems with, though not at that moment. How did they know, when I had totally forgotten that injury? I have felt them blast open my heart chakra and felt the heart expansion. They have transcended me into a time and place that

to their being. How can you be touched by a dolphin and not be intrinsically altered on an energetic level?...

The Upledger Institute runs several bio-aquatic programs down in the Bahamas each summer and has had incredible results... People from all different levels of physical challenge, from children with cerebral palsy and autism, to people with chronic illness, to people who just loved the idea of dolphin contact, have all flocked down to these programs to interact with these gracious beings. If you are interested you can check out the website: www.upledger.com.

Dolphins live in pods, in community. It could be this aspect of their global understanding of the whole that spurs them to include us in their efforts to raise the frequency of the earth. How noble of these flora creatures to consider us worthy of healing? They communicate to us through sound vibrations and frequencies and with these vibrations offer us a chance to rebalance around dysfunction. Who knows what it means to us when we are doing, but whatever it is, the results speak for themselves. We could all use a good dose of joy, peace,

Sue Bovenizer with friend
heart centered love and compassion. If we only could be more like dolphins...

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