

DOUG BOYD WISDOM KEEPER AWARD



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A Tribute in Appreciation

Douglas Wright Boyd April 15, 1935 - October 27, 2006

by Lynn B. Robinson

"May that which is best for all of life come to pass" -Doug Boyd

Doug was a dedicated humanitarian, researcher, lecturer, teacher, activist, internationally known author, and founding director of the Cross-Cultural Studies Program, a long-range investigation of traditional and esoteric ideologies. He traveled all over the world and was a student and friend of adepts and healers of many traditions and cultures. Possessed of incisive wit, he was a master storyteller who shared personal tales of telepathic experiences and communication, rainmaking, and psychic healing from his many years of experience working with and learning from culturally diverse yogis, monks, psychic healers, and medicine people. He was a student of some, a mentor to many, and a friend to more.

Doug was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota. When he was 9 years old, he moved with his parents, Elmer and Alyce Green, and his three sisters, Pat, Sandra, and Judy, to Canada. They later moved to California, where he attended school, high school, and a couple of years of college. One of his first jobs was using his wonderful voice as a radio announcer. He left California as an army enlistee stationed in Korea. He reenlisted in order to attend the Monterrey language school, more thoroughly learn Korean, and then served in Intelligence in Korea, where he was discharged. While making many friends, Doug remained in Korea for eight more years, founded a language school, taught English, and mentored several students, helping them through college.

Back in the United States, in the Voluntary Controls Program at the Menninger Foundation in Topeka, Kansas, Doug worked with others of special abilities, including the Indian Yogi Swami

Rama and the Native American medicine man, Rolling Thunder. From these projects, Doug wrote two seminal books, ***Rolling Thunder*** and two years later, after a trip to India with the Voluntary Controls program, ***Swami***. His book ***Rolling Thunder***, went through many printings and translations into 28 languages and is still in print.

Doug wrote two more books: ***Mystics, Magicians, and Medicine People***, a book with stories of many special people he met while traveling, and ***Mad Bear***, a story of a remarkable contemporary medicine man with whom Doug traveled extensively.

Doug germinated, envisioned, and developed the ideas of the Cross Cultural Studies Program, which he founded in 1971. Unknown to Doug, Native elders applied many traditional Native tests, made much medicine, to determine the sincerity of CCSP and Doug, who passed repeatedly. In 1978 CCSP acquired 501(c)3 status, enabling it to host numerous projects and Doug to travel and write in support of cross cultural understanding. Doug was so successful in those endeavors that Native Americans looked to him and CCSP as friends and helpers with whom they collaboratively actualized many initiatives.

For the next 35 years, Doug directed CCSP, and it was the focus of his life and work. With a board of directors and many volunteers over the years, a large number of special projects were accomplished. As an example, Doug facilitated planning and convening of a Spiritual Summit in 1979, bringing representatives from the United Nations, from the Dalai Lama and from other religious groups together to meet with representatives of Native American tribes of the United States and Canada. In addition to the many human participants, there were hundreds of birds that came to the prayer circle.

Doug worked quietly, effectively, and with humility in close cooperation with a wide variety of cultural groups, helping to resolve complex issues by guiding those involved toward transpersonal communication and collective empowerment. He facilitated many councils of leaders of diverse disciplines, lending support to resolution of many difficult social issues. A primary emphasis in Doug's work was on the principles of volition and self-regulation--the voluntary control of psychophysiological states, which he expanded to an emerging interest in the wider applications of those principles to a Principle of Group Endeavor and to social change.

In addition to his commitment to CCSP, Doug had great allegiance to a wide circle of friends. He was known for his virtually instant friendships and for his willingness to mentor others, especially students from other cultures.

As an example, Doug had as many as six Korean students at a time living with him. Some he'd meet on the street, looking lost and fearful. Others would be brought in by students already living with him. When the numbers were too big for his apartment, Doug would find a bigger space and move.

In December of 2000, Doug was dining in an Indian restaurant in the San Francisco area. So was Angche Sherpa, an exchange student from Nepal who had just learned that his college sponsor had dropped out, leaving Angche without finances or living arrangements. Doug and Angche met in that restaurant and had several follow-up telephone conversations. Doug volunteered to help. Angche related, "He actually paid for my college and logistics for the first two and a half years. We got the loan only in the third year," with Doug as Angche's guarantor, cosigning a note for financial aid. Doug again volunteered, moving closer to Angche's college so that Angche would have a place to live. According to Angche, Doug would stop his own work to help with Angche's: "He would spend hours and hours helping me with my school work. He was completely family to me, a

fatherly figure. He was always there to motivate me, to uplift me. He had vision to show me the path, to help me and to help my family still in Nepal.”

A devout Buddhist, Angche attested to a relationship with Doug across lifetimes, one echoed by Doug at times when he suggested that the ease with which he could help Angche resulted from their knowledge of each other in previous lives. Watching Angche working so hard, Doug told his sisters, “I was meant to be there for Angche. If I’m unable to do so, I want you to make sure he finishes school.” A very proud father figure, Doug attended graduation of the suma cum laude Angche’s receipt of a degree in Business Administration, an accounting major.

In discussion about Doug, Angche recalled Doug’s big sense of humor and his friendliness, “a most friendly person. Doug was very unpredictable, willing to help anyone, not caring what it would take, forgetting about himself when it came to helping others...having such a big heart. Many friends would call him, even in the middle of the night, and he would listen. If someone would confront Doug, he would just smile. He’d have no bad words, no anger at all.” Angche also recalled Doug’s ability to know without being told, “He was a very special and powerful person.”

April 13 -16, 2007 a CCSP Wisdom Keepers (native American) Elders Open Forum met at White Memorial Camp in Council Grove, Kansas. On April 15, 2007 those in attendance celebrated what would have been Doug’s 72nd birthday with a memorial pipe ceremony. Onandaga elder, Lloyd Elm, called in the spirits of the four directions and invited Doug in, into the empty chair that was for him. Love for Doug was palpable in the circle as grandfather Lloyd reminisced of Doug’s love for all human beings.

Doug’s older sister, Pat, told charming stories of his excitement with learning, obvious even in his preschool years. By the age of seven or eight, Doug was already telling and writing stories, most memorably his Oliver Sudden stories, where the protagonist would stumble into a situation when “Oliver Sudden” would come to the rescue—at least it went something like that. Pat sang a song written by her brother and confided by the time she was 14 and he 12, she saw him as a leader in her life. She told of a very large, unusual, bird with white, beige, tan and gold feathers that arrived at a window of a board meeting that Pat, Karen and others were attending in Kansas City. The bird came right to the window, a few hours after Doug’s death, and sat with wings open for several minutes before soaring away. All attending felt this unusual behavior was a message from Doug, whom the birds often followed. Karen Malik, CCSP president, told of seeing the same kind of bird sitting on a fence post on the road leading to the April, 2007 Forum, just sitting there.

Doug’s younger sister, Sandra, recalled Doug’s taking her around in his bicycle basket to look at plants and to press leaves. “It was like he never left the spirit world, like he was just visiting Earth. And he was the funniest.” She pictured the smile on Doug’s face at death and the victory fist by his ear.

Grandfather Lloyd Elm spoke humorously of seeing Doug riding gleefully away on Lloyd’s now in spirit horse, Easy Girl. The assembled bid him happy travels. And, the board of directors voted to keep CCSP active for continuing projects such as Wisdom Keepers, The Tibetan Education Project, and The Eagle and the Condor, bringing together shamans from North and South America.

Because Doug wrote with greater clarity than most, because he was unique, special, powerful, because his own words are such beautiful representations of his soul, enjoy them now.

From an email, May 17, 2005:

“I believe (and I may not be too lonely in this) that personal experience is the only validation that

really counts---even if imagined (as in: "Wow this tastes delicious, but, unfortunately, it might only be my imagination").

"I remember Elmer often telling me that. 'The only use science has in this world is to find out what works and work it---and, for those who cannot see it, that's their problem.'"

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"Science, true science, does not engage in research suppression, proselytizing, or any sort of campaigning whatever; and real honest skeptics do not coerce conclusions regarding subjects they are openly unwilling to investigate. No blame here---only understanding of these perhaps regrettable circumstances as we move our growing edge of observation and experience closer and closer to the portals of Truth that Threatens.

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Sustained and very comforting love to all...Doug."

From an email, May 28, 2005

"The word Intuition (in however many languages) has had a different, fuller and more encompassing implication over these many centuries than mind reading and prediction. Intuition is a precious word and a precious treasure. Intuition is a word we must use more and more so that we encourage its recognition, its development, and its invaluable service. Without the use of intuition, conscious or otherwise, we'd all be stuck with the rational mind which, left on its own, would atrophy pretty rapidly. Therefore, fortunately, none of us has a choice about that. It is with the intuitive mind that we learn anything and everything. The rational mind is incapable of learning anything. That's not what it's for. As with any computer, it deals only with its content. ...

"It is only the intuitive mind that can see all the pieces. It is only the intuitive mind that can put the puzzle together. "

Both these minds (or parts of mind, if you prefer) are tools of the Higher Self. The Higher Self, with its constant unconditional love (sometimes called submissive love), allows the personality the gradual unfolding of all aspects of mind with infinite patience.

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"By the grace of intuition I can now delegate the articulating capacity of my rational mind to speak of its own limitations. I appreciate this arrangement."

"If I am employed at all, which is questionable, I am self-employed---in the same chosen work since 1962. My job-my only job-is to actively promote (with the help of so many enduring traditions) intuition--the word, the concept and the application--in its most loving, peaceful, benevolent, magnificent, or magical potential.

More love yet,Doug"

From **Mad Bear**, page 352

"...I often recall his response when I related to him the 'message' he had urged me to listen for: 'Those Who Care care deeply and strongly, and blame is beside the point with us...and for those who fear...jump up...unto the level of the Heart.'

'Maybe that's the important part,'he had said,'...that part about no blame and about the heart level...'"

"...Mad Bear had committed to memory and had often recited...the well-known speech of Chief Seattle. I hear Mad Bear's voice when I recall it, and the closing lines remain strong in my memory. 'At night when the streets of your cities and villages will be silent, and you think them deserted, they will throng with the returning hosts that once filled and still love this beautiful land. The white man will never be alone. Let him be just and deal kindly with my people, for the dead are not

powerless. 'Dead' did I say? There is not death, only a change of worlds.”

From *Mystics, Magicians, and Medicine People*, page 173

“We all have our own dynamic and developing designs, but we share the same big picture. The picture has no frame; it simply extends in all directions beyond our conscious view. It is a boundless context within whose infinite weavings every living being moves in and out of form-- constantly changing places and patterns--and everything keeps going back to good again.”

Douglas Wright Boyd lives in the memories of those who knew him in this world, in this time. He has changed worlds, a new weaving now in the picture with no frame, available in its boundless context.

Asked about making contact with Doug since his departure from his physical body, Angche Sherpa replied, “Yes, I have met Doug in my dream a few times. When Doug transitioned, I had left a note to Doug on his bed asking him to contact me through my dreams. And since then, I have had conversation in my dreams a few times. The most memorable one was: I met him, and he was back at our home. He was very happy and very usual with his wisdom. I was happy to see him, almost breaking in tears with happiness. In my dream I was very conscious of Doug's death and I was very very sad. I asked him why did he leave so early? He answered he was still with us, and in fact, he was at our home when I met him. He made me feel so realistic that he was cleaning our living room to welcome some guest at home. I believe that was the only way Doug could make me believe that he was still with us. In that same conversation, he also said he was doing very well and not to worry about him. I had very similar dream twice, which confirmed that Doug is still with us and very happy.”

Doug Boyd Award Recipients



2011 • Jack Stucki

This award, in honor of Doug Boyd, is presented to selected individuals who exemplify the spirit of gathering and sharing ageless wisdom through stories, books, presentations and gatherings in an effort to raise consciousness, cultural preservation, serve humanity and make the world a better place in which to live.

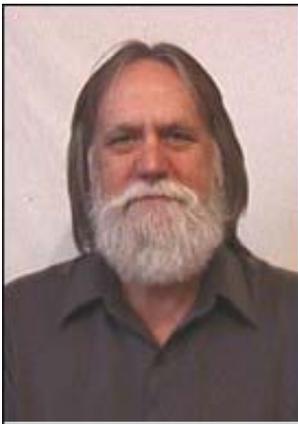


2010 • Celia Coates

..... one who gathers and shares wisdom, views and perspectives on subtle energies, spirit, and consciousness, with journalistic zeal and with love.

2009 • Shin-ichiro Terayama

...a true cross-cultural, universally accepting soul who brings people together, empowering and healing us all through his stories of love and joy and personal transformation.



2008 • Bernard O. Williams, Ph.D.

...exemplify the spirit of gathering and sharing ageless wisdom through stories, books, presentations, and gatherings in an effort to raise consciousness, cultural preservation, serve humanity and make the world a better place in which to live.

Berney Williams is Dean of Energy Medicine University in Sausalito, California, and Professor at the Holos University Graduate Seminary. Dr. Williams serves as the editor of *Subtle Energies and Energy Medicine*, and on the Editorial Board for the *International Union of Medical and Applied Bioelectrography*. He is also President of the Center for Environmental Energy Medicine Studies, in Lawrence, Kansas. Berney is an historian of sci- ence. His studies range from the earliest circuit designs for electronic digital computers, to physiological and psychological investigations of mind, and the history of spiritual alchemy and physical chemistry.

2007 • Rangimarie Turuki Rose Pere

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consciousness, cultural preservation, serve humanity and make the world a better place in which to live.

Dr Rose Pere has been strongly influenced by teachings that go back over 12,000 years. Her book ***Te Wheke - A Celebration Of Infinite Wisdom***, is an introduction to these teachings. Rose has been on lecture tours on Te Wheke throughout Europe, including Germany, Austria and Italy. She has represented Aotearoa New Zealand internationally as an educationalist; written a monograph called AKO: Concepts and Learning in The M'ori Tradition; held a Visiting Teacher Fellowship at the University of Waikato, Hamilton New Zealand in 1982; taught from preschool to tertiary; and researched ancient teachings in the Americas, the Mediterranean, the Middle East, Great Britain, East Asia and the South Pacific.

Rose is a holder of the New Zealand 1990 Commemoration Medal and was honoured as a Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire 1996. She attained a Doctorate of Literature at Victoria University Wellington, New Zealand 1996. Rose has her own consultancy called Ao Ako which focuses on global learning. She is also a Director of the Four Winds Foundation - an international body that works with indigenous and non-indigenous people.
