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## **Dialogue on Awakening Authors Present Ashland Workshop Saturday August 29, 2009**

***“Forgiveness: Innocence and Guilt”*** is the topic of an interactive talk and seminar by Tom and Linda Carpenter, acclaimed authors of ***“Dialogue On Awakening – Communion with a Loving Brother”*** and popular teachers of ***A Course In Miracles***. The all-day intensive at the Best Western Windsor Inn in Ashland will be Saturday, August 29; 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., followed by a book signing. Phone 541-826-3583 or visit [www.ACIMblog.com](http://www.ACIMblog.com) for info. Cost is \$45 in advance, or \$50 at the door.

*"There is no right way or wrong way. There is a way that conveys a message of love, and there appears to be a multitude of others."* (from Dialog on Awakening)

*“Mind makes forms the symbol of its thoughts so the world can become evidence of their reality. The function of these symbols will bear witness to their purpose. To not be misled by the appearance of the symbol is the function of forgiveness.”* – Tom Carpenter

The Carpenter's books, audio programs, interviews, appearance schedule and book excerpts are featured on their website at:  
[www.TomAndLindaCarpenter.com](http://www.TomAndLindaCarpenter.com).

### **Biographical Information about Tom & Linda Carpenter:**

After an intensely busy life in Denver, and after our five children were established on their own, we felt inspired to move to a quieter life in Kauai in 1985. That move away from our immersion in an urban environment was also a fork in our life towards an experience we could not then have imagined.

In Kauai, we began a small discussion group with a few friends who were also intrigued by the new teaching called, “A Course in Miracles”. Like many who begin to try to understand the Course, it was initially confusing to us as well. One

day in 1989 Tom asked within for help from the Holy Spirit, “assuming there was such a thing.” He recalls offering a deal; if the HS would help him understand this teaching, then he would pass it along. About a week later, he began to be aware that information appearing in his mind was not of his own thinking; anything he wondered about was immediately answered. When he shared some of the information with me, I recognized a profound and beautiful awareness was being given to him and encouraged him to continue. When he did eventually ask about the identity of this source, it was confirmed that it was the one who once was called, “Jesus,” the author of “A Course in Miracles”.

In those first few years of this communication, we had a great many questions, as did those who we shared this experience. I began transcribing the dialogues just for my own review. But within a few years, so many people wanted copies that we put the early transcripts together in a book we named “Dialogue on Awakening.”

About 1992, just after Dialogue was first published, Tom was asked by “Brother” (the name that had the most meaning to Tom for this beautiful, loving relationship) to let go of the idea that he had to “channel” his awareness. The purpose of the relationship, he was told, was for him—as it is for each of us—to realize that this awareness belongs to each of us and is eternally a part of our shared Mind. Tom then stopped channeling Brother publicly and has since experienced an expanding awareness on his own from this same consciousness. Yet the personal relationship between he and Brother now has become even closer and is always the perfect example to us of the nature of Oneness, of an unconditional love, and even humor without ever a negative thought.

It is only when I look back at our life together that I can see how each part has unfolded perfectly for us in our learning and appreciation of “A Course in Miracles”. In hindsight, I suspect that Tom and I must have made some kind of commitment to help Jesus bring this awareness into the consciousness we call the “human experience”. I am also aware that the best way we could ever do that is to accept Brother’s teaching for ourselves. We’re still working on that, but despite our imperfections, the journey has been more beautiful and enjoyable than either of us could ever have dreamed. The many dear people we’ve met along the way make Oneness seem to be even more desirable and the joy and love that has been given and received make our life rich beyond all measure.

To whatever degree our journey of remembering our shared Oneness is helpful to you, we are most grateful to you for your dedication, your willingness, and your joining with us.

~ Linda

## Testimonials:

*"Dialogue on Awakening is charged with wisdom, love, and vision. I thrill with inspiration to read these dynamic words and know that they proceed from a deeply profound Source. Thanks to Tom, Linda, and Jeshua for delivering the truth of heart."*

- Alan Cohen, author of *The Dragon Doesn't Live Here Anymore*, and many other inspirational books.

*"There has been no other single book which has so clarified spirituality, Christianity, and opened my heart to the Self, to Love. My life journey has included being a Franciscan friar, Catholic priest, and clinical psychologist. These experiences have been gifts that prepared me for being touched by the grace offered in this book of direct revelation."*

- Thomas A Leenarts, Psy. D., The Northwest Wellfolk Institute

*"This book clarifies and shines a bright light on the principles of "A Course in Miracles"-it has been enormously helpful! We have used it in study groups and have distributed it to many others who have had the pleasure of discovering it."*

- Bob Sandoe, Founder: The Quest Foundation, Past President:  
International Network for Attitudinal Healing

*"My library is very busy before and after our weekly ACIM study group with everyone rushing to check out the latest CDs from Tom and Linda Carpenter. They all say how much Tom's and Linda's explanations of the Course help to explain and clarify its teachings."*

- Alexandra Smith

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