



Getting to know the Authors of

Soul Whispers III

Soul Wisdom for Living the Life of Your Dreams



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SWP: Where are you from?

I was originally born in Korea and lived there until I was almost 6 years of age, adopted and moved to the United States.

SWP: Have you always lived where you live now?

No, I just moved here.

SWP: Tell us a bit about your background.

I have lived in 5 countries and 6 states, have worked in a variety of sectors that include: politics, business, education, human services, banking, along with being an entrepreneur, and most importantly, I have two sons.

SWP: What do you do to unwind and relax?

My joy in life is to be out in nature taking photographs.

SWP: What is your favorite quote, by whom, and why?

I have many favorites but one is: “Someday, after mastering the winds, the waves, the tides and gravity, we shall harness for God the energies of love, and then, for a second time in the history of the world, man will have discovered fire.” — Pierre Teilhard de Chardin.

It is a favorite because it talks to the importance of love, but how illusive it can seem to be.

SWP: Do you recall how your interest in writing originated?

I have been interested in writing since I was in college when I was writing poems. However, in packing up for my recent move, I found a “newsletter” that I had written as a child that was my letter to Santa, so I’m thinking that my interest in writing really goes back much earlier!

SWP: When and why did you begin writing?

I probably started my writing in my diary as a child, along with letters, and it has continued and evolved from that.

SWP: How long have you been writing?

I’ve been writing in journals for years.

SWP: When did you first know you could be a writer?

I started approaching writing differently when I did the ‘Morning Pages’ exercise when reading *The Artist Way* by Julia Cameron.

SWP: What inspired you to write your chapter for Soul Whispers III?

My story evolved organically. I didn't really have to give it much thought. I started writing and it just seemed to flow.

SWP: What do you consider the most challenging about writing in general?

The most challenging aspect of writing for me is my inner critic, which takes me out of the moment!

SWP: What are your thoughts on being part of this anthology of writers?

It's an incredible gift to be included with the other Soul Coaches who have also authored chapters for this book.

SWP: How did you come up with your title?

I do believe that everyone has a story within them, it's just a matter of letting it out or discovering what it is.

SWP: Why did you choose to write this particular chapter?

I'm not sure that I chose or if the chapter chose me!

SWP: Is there a message in your chapter that you want your readers to grasp?

One of the messages that I would like my readers to grasp is to listen to that still small voice within.

SWP: What books have most influenced your life?

There are so many but two that are top of mind are *The Prophet* by Kahlil Gibran and *The Way to Love: The Last Meditations of Anthony de Mello*.

SWP: Are you reading any interesting books at the moment?

I just finished reading *City of Women* by David R. Gillham.

SWP: Can we expect any new writing from you in the future?

I have a book that I began several years ago when I was living by the beach following my divorce and need to edit.

SWP: What dreams have been realized as a result of your writing?

The dream of being published!

SWP: Do you have any advice for writers?

Just write and listen to your inner god/goddess rather than your inner critic!

SWP: Where can we purchase the book?

My website: www.pathwaysofawareness.com