

EDITOR'S PICKS

BY KAREN NEWTON

Every once in awhile, something comes across my desk that I just cannot pass on to someone to review. Don't get me wrong – many, many books, CDs, and other items are sent to us for review consideration that I *reluctantly* pass on to reviewers so that they can be reviewed and given the exposure they so deserve. But there are a few that I've received this year that I just cannot bring myself to send on! Here are some worthwhile items to consider for your own personal collection or as a special gift to someone this coming holiday season. Most of these items can be purchased through your local new age bookstore. Dancing Moon in Raleigh can order all of these items for you!



Gift of Enlightenment

by Veritas Productions Ltd.
www.giftofenlightenment.com

I've always enjoyed board games, and generally I like to play to win! When the *Gift of Enlightenment* – with its chakra, pathway, life, and humanity cards – crossed my desk, there was no mistaking that I was going to play this game! What I found as I was playing this game with a few friends, however, is that I wasn't playing to win. We were all rooting for each other to succeed in our given tasks during our turns.

The object of the game is to collect five positive humanity cards, energize all seven chakras on the chakra card, and land on the Pathway of Enlightenment spot. Activating the chakras is probably the most challenging part of the game. You are asked to use your sense of awareness for the crown chakra, your intuition for the third eye chakra, your sense of knowing for the throat, your sense of balance for the heart, your inner power, your inner feelings, and self-trust.

This game exercises your intuitive gifts, psychic capabilities, and interconnectedness with other players. Playing the *Gift of Enlightenment* will help you put into practice that which you study, meditate on, and contemplate! Have FUN!



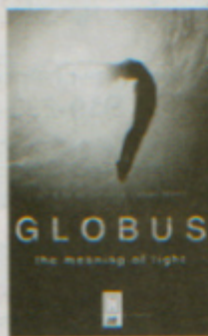
Mother Teresa Wisdom Deck: 50 Inspiration Cards

by Mother Teresa
www.NewWorldLibrary.com

This 50-card deck is a collection of some of Mother Teresa's most inspiring quotes, set in a uniquely designed box that can be used to display your

chosen quote. Mother Teresa had an uncanny ability to convey levels of thoughtfulness and meaning in just a few words. Quotes that were selected speak about joy, kindness, generosity, sacrifice, silence, faith, prayer, poverty, and love. The quote I currently have displayed from the generosity theme is "There are many people who can do big things, but there are very few peo-

ple who will do the small things." The deck also features photos of Mother Teresa and a signature card that can be displayed along with your chosen quote. I have already purchased a few of these decks as gifts, and I often refer to it for my own personal reflection or a soft dose of wisdom.



Globus: The Meaning of Light

A Film by Jeff Hornbaker / Albert Falzon
www.ThirdEyeWorld.com

The interplay of swimmer and surf; ritualistic dancing from around the world; light and water and dolphins; sparkly snow. These are just a few of the images that Jeff Hornbaker, filmmaker, captures to share a visual journey of light and spirit in our world. This 70-minute DVD contains several "chapters" with meaningful messages between each one. An example of one message is "Creation is God's love made manifest." Except for the opening chapter, which is set to someone reciting a reflective poem, all of the chapters are set to an eclectic array of unique music and music styles from 11 different artists, including Deva Premal, Secret Garden, and Nova Nova, to name a few. I was expecting this film to be meditative in nature, but it's more about re-appreciating the beauty of our world, the uniqueness of our spirits, and the interconnectedness of all. As the filmmaker says, it is truly a "gift of love."



Dreaming in Color Luman Deck

by Mindy Sommers
www.DreaminColorTarot.com

Another deck of cards, you ask? And what is a "luman deck" anyway? Of course, my opinion is biased in this column – after all, this is one of my "picks." But the *Dreaming in Color Luman Deck* is one of the most strikingly beautiful card sets you'll ever own. This deck was created over a span of seven years by Glen and Mindy Sommers in Vermont using Mindy's intuitive artwork as well as extensive testing to be satisfied that the deck provided the visual stimulation needed to help "unlock the subconscious mind or Inner Self." Each card in this 60-card deck features a unique piece of art associated with a word, such as "ascension," "forgiveness," "hope," and "nurturing." It comes with a User Guide that explains about the deck, how to use the cards, and the meaning behind each card. In addition to the *Luman Deck*, the Sommers' have also created a *Child's Dream Deck*, Dreamcards, bookmarks, screensavers, and handmade drawstring pouches. The vivid beauty of each card, alone, is worth adding this to your own collection and sharing it with others!