

# A Mystical Marriage With Your Soul

By Melissa Van Cleave

In Mystical Marriage, I am not talking about a traditional marriage where boy meets girl and they live happily ever after. To me this is a fantasy.

As young adults we grow up with our dream of what we want to become. But, somewhere in the midst of life and hormones, our deep passions and long-term dreams diminish. We find ourselves on a social treadmill. Meet the right person. Get married. Have children. Work for the next paycheck. Try to make everyone happy.

One day we suddenly wonder what has happened. We seemingly have everything we need. Why are we unhappy? Moments of great joy exist, but they vanish quickly. We try to find them again. Maybe we drink more. Or develop an addictive behavior to feel excitement. Or we switch to a new relationship, only to experience similar dynamics with a different partner. Same story, different day; but with more intensity. Ground Hog Day all over again. We become angry and resentful. We blame others. We blame ourselves. We feel alone. But we keep searching. Happiness has to be out there somewhere. But *where?*

It has been my discovery as a sensual artist that life unexpectedly unfolds the Ground-Hog-Day scenario so we can unravel the next layer that we are to infuse differently. Knowing this, I have learned to just have fun with life's situations. The secret is to not react and to definitely not make decisions out of a reactive space. This creates more chaos.



Know that happiness is right now! In this very moment! Inside of you! Stand naked with yourself. Celebrate being with life. It happens so easily when we surrender the mind/ego self and step aside so our soul can tune in and lead the way. Everything that distracts us from being connected to our inner wisdom creates a diminished vibration

of aliveness. The soul's intuitive voice ignites life, creating passion that is on fire.

When I paint, I feel this passion that escalates to exhilaration. I feel like dancing, singing, laughing. Sometimes mystical tears flow. I sit before my canvas amazed. Who painted this? Was it really me? This is when I know my soul is working through me to bring these creations to life. We two are bonded, flowing together.

The Mystical Marriage is the intimacy bond with our soul. The connection we have conveys the imprints of our life on a moment-to-moment basis. The real secret to happiness is taking action from the unknown space of the soul's voice. This creates the Mystical union of the female and male parts inside each of us. This is the aliveness from which I paint.

Imagine your "wisdomed" nature coming alive on canvas. Every day let your painting open you to be more vibrant with life and to risk living the uniqueness of who you really are. You will shine like a star, inside and out. It is contagious! As you shine, it gives permission for others to do the same. You will make a difference!

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