

♥ Snippets of Encouragement #33

Hello darlings

Today is day 33 of Snippets of Encouragement, and I'm so excited to be encouraging you today.

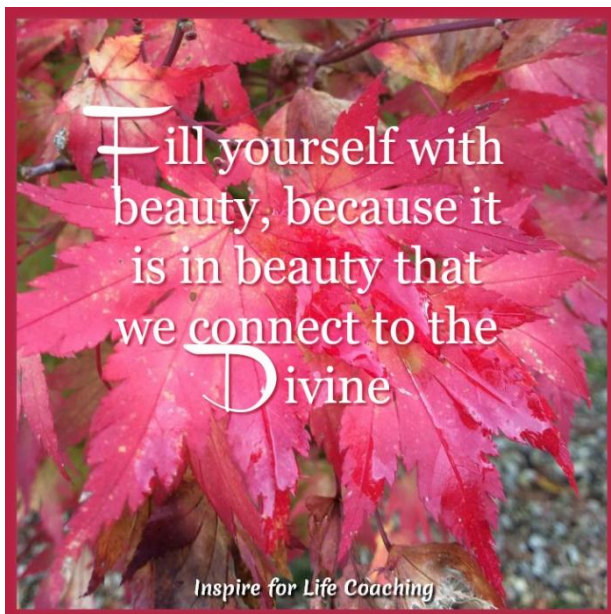
We are currently experiencing the middle of autumn here in Germany and we are fast approaching my favourite season, winter. Yes! I'm one of those crazy winter babies! I just love it, the colder the better.

I love watching how the earth rearranges herself, sheds that which is old and prepares to rest for the winter. During autumn I love observing the colours of the leaves as they change, noticing the cold bite in the air and looking keenly to the heavens in the hopes of seeing a flock of migrating birds.

We had some sunshine today after quite a few stormy and rain drenched days. It's a public holiday in my state so I thought I'd go into the garden and rake up a tonne load of leaves. We have a small Japanese maple tree in our garden, who in the last week has shed most of her leaves.

As I worked in the garden, I felt overcome by the incredible beauty this tree produces. This year her leaves are different shades of orange and yellow. Last year she was an array of gorgeous reds and pinks.

As I worked in my garden I was reminded again, of how much beauty there is in the world, and this is what I would like to encourage you with today. **Fill yourself with beauty, because it is in beauty that we connect to the divine.**



What I've realised in my life is that when faced with incredible beauty, be it in nature, art, music, literature, or human endeavour I find myself expanding. I open up and as I do, I am able to embrace more of what is.

We must not be so jaded that we neglect to notice, neglect to pay attention. If we open to the beauty around us, we learn so many beautiful wise lessons.

A few years ago, I had the pleasure of visiting the Iguazu waterfalls in both Brazil and Argentina. I was also able to walk

out onto the falls under a full moon and experience the thunder of the water crazing around me in the dark.

In the two days that I spent on and around those falls I felt overcome with joy and the sense of oneness with the universe. I remember leaning over the railing and catching a glimpse of one small water droplet as it jumped along with the river. I



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watched as that droplet was pushed and pulled by a force greater than itself. It was both singular and plural and as it rushed over the edge into the oblivion of the great falls, I understood in that moment that I was both that drop of water and it was me.

I remember weeping as I experienced this realisation because it was in the beauty of that moment and that setting that I heard the voice of God. The voice was both a still, small whisper and a roar like thunder. The voice said, "Behold my beauty Angie. Behold your beauty Angie. We are One."

So wherever you are today, fill yourself with beauty. It is waiting there for you to connect.

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