

## TRIP TO END MARRIAGE

It was 1996 and my husband and I were taking a reconciliation trip to Oregon. It would be our last vacation together as we were seriously considering a divorce. We decided that we had irreconcilable differences and that although we still loved each other, it would be best for us to separate. This trip was like a movie script.

One night we slept in a Yurt (Year-Round Recreational Tent) in a campground. Although this could have been a cuddly cozy night together, we slept separate because, after all, we were getting a divorce. I think we both cried ourselves to sleep.

Another day on the trip, it was early morning and we were walking around a fishing pier where boats were docked. These weren't large houseboats or yachts. They were old fishing boats with sleeping cabins. We peaked into one of them and out came a jovial looking guy with a cap on, who called out to us, "Come on down. Have you ever been in a real fishing boat?" We told him we hadn't and accepted the invitation. The cabin had seating but was dingy looking. Although it was only 8:00 a.m. in the morning, I noticed he seemed a bit drunk and there was an almost empty bottle of scotch on a ledge near the window. He asked us what we were doing here. We responded that we were having our last trip together, that we had lots to talk about because we were getting a divorce.

"Naaaahhhh-he slurred as he stumbled a bit. You can't get a divorce. Look at the two of you. You still look too much in love."

We left the boat and walked around some more. A few days later on Halloween night, we walked around an area that was around railroad tracks. There was a little bookstore with lights in the window. We walked in and the owner said she was a psychic and astrologer. She was wearing a long purple cloak and between talking to us, was giving out candy to the few kids that lived around this dark area. She asked if we wanted our signs read. We agreed and after looking deeply into both of our eyes, she said that we would be together forever.

We came home from this trip after nights of deep discussion, emotional tears, and memories of experiences that told us maybe we were wrong. In 1997 we began long-term marriage counseling and looked deeply at our differences and the areas we shared and loved about each other. We decided not to divorce.

Interesting in the year 2006 we repeated this trip, going back to Oregon, where we shared wonderful days and nights together. We visited the fishing pier. The boat was there, but we were told by other fisherman the man we met ten years ago died of a heart attack. We visited the astrologer and she was not surprised to see us together. We have been married now for 34 years. I guess we did listen to the universe.

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