## CRACK

One day a man noticed a crack in the earth. He looked at the crack and wondered if it had always been there or if it was new and was growing. So, he vowed to come back exactly one year to the day later to see if it had grown. When he returned, he saw that the crack was much larger. One year to the day later he returned again. The crack had grown even bigger than before. It was big enough for a person to walk into.

On the same day of the following year, he returned on horseback and rode into the cavern. His torchlight showed dazzling gems and pools of water reflected their splendor. It was beyond beautiful. The cavern seemed to go on forever as he rode deeper into the earth. After some time, he came to a river. He followed it but stopped when he noticed another cave opening on the other side.

The man got off his horse, took off his cloths and held his torch high above the water as he swam across and into the opening. There he found a hidden chamber. It was lined with patterns of black and white crystal. Ahead he saw above a waterfall of white crystal was crystal throne.

In the silent room the sound of his breathing echoed as music. He closed his eyes and listened as it brought him a to a state of powerful peace. He stood a long time and when he again looked up, he saw a translucent woman standing with her hand on the crystal throne.

She looked right at him and said, "We brought you here to tell you something very important. We know who you are. You are one of us. There are others in the world like you. We want you to know that what you know is true and that what you do is right. You will never forget this. You are right. This is true and real."

Again, the man became aware of the music of his breathing. He stood for some time in peace and power. Finally, he opened his eyes, swam back across the river, dressed and rode his horse out into the bright sunlight.

When he came to the nearby village, he found that it was a year to the day later than when he entered the crack and rode into the cavern. So, he knew the experience had really happened.

From that day forward, the people who gathered around him were filled with the same sense of powerful peace he experienced in the chamber.