

Myron Love

Social Notes

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We would like to thank all our friends and relatives for their generous donations and good wishes on the occasion of our 60th Wedding Anniversary. May you all enjoy continued good health and happiness.

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MARRIAGE ANNOUNCEMENT

Dick and Minnie Bell have the great pleasure of announcing the marriage of their son Dr. David Bell to Ms. Elena Byington. The wedding took place on December 31st at Congregation Shir Ha-Ma'alot in Irvine, California. Rabbi Richard Steinberg officiated. David is an Oral & Maxillofacial surgeon who practices with Southern California Permanente Medical Group in Orange County, California. Elena is a financial analyst in Newport Beach. The couple resides in Irvine.

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Former Winnipegger transforms himself from magician to spiritual advisor/life coach

AROUND TOWN



By

MYRON LOVE

After a lengthy absence, Mike Likey has returned in triumph to this city he called home for 13 years.

Likey was in Winnipeg the week of March 18-25 to promote his third self-help/metaphysical book, "The Science of the Soul". He had readings both at McNally Robinson on the 22nd and at Aqua Books on the 23rd.

"The McNally launch was packed," he says. "I met and mingled with many old friends. Aqua Books was also packed." "The Science of the Soul", Likey's guide to pursuing excellence at whatever task or goal you may choose, was published last December and launched in Vancouver where the author has resided for the past 18 years. He says that he had been wanting to come back to Winnipeg to visit for years.

"I thought I would approach Aqua Books and McNally and see if there was any interest in promoting my book," he says. "Both bookstores responded positively."

It was an emotional homecoming for Likey, though, who may be best remembered here as magician "Magic Mike", the host of his own show on cable TV.

"I have really missed Winnipeg," he says. "This community was very good to me. This still feels like home."

Likey is originally from Montreal. He arrived here by way of Toronto in 1980 as a newly-minted graphic designer with an interest in magic.

"I had visited Winnipeg several times before I moved here," he says. (His first wife was a Winnipegger.) "I met Sid Bursten (a former Jewish Post editor) who was publishing a downtown newspaper. He hired me to do some work for the paper. I also got a job doing ads for Westfair Foods."

He quickly fell in with a group of largely Jewish magicians such as Brian Glow, Brad Minuk and Larry Freedman. Before long, he was reading Tarot cards and doing a magic act at The Bombay Bicycle Club, hosting his own cable television show and appearing regularly on a TV show hosted by Joey Gregorash. He was also running a magic shop out of his home.

"I had a thriving mail order business," he recalls.

Then, in 1993, it all (or most of it anyway) fell apart. His and Gregorash's shows came to an end and The Bombay Bicycle Club closed – all within a few months of each other. His marriage had also ended.

He became depressed. "I was 38 and it seemed like I had to start all over again," he says. "I took it as a sign that I had to move on."

He decided to try starting again some place warmer – like Vancouver. It was a decision that he came to regret in the short term.

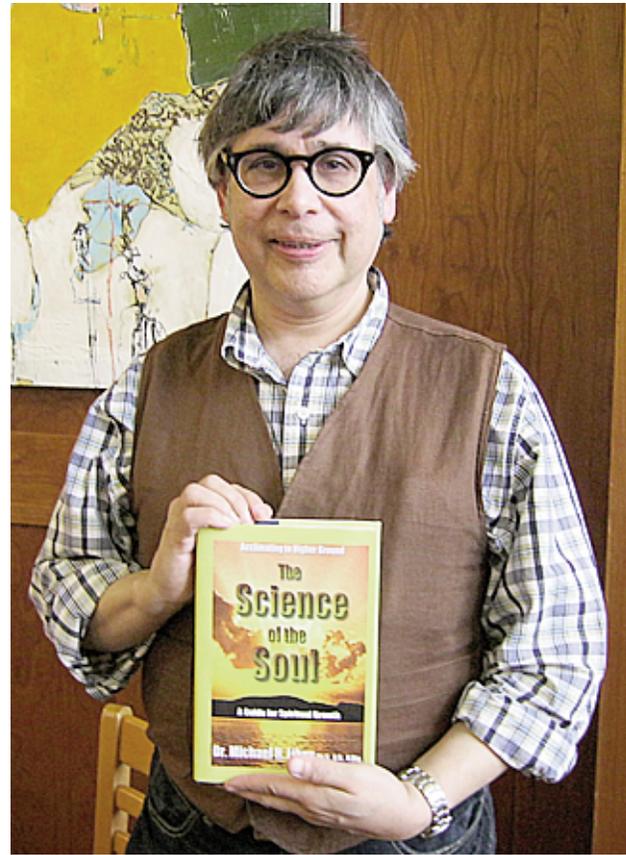
It took him a while to become established in Vancouver. He wasn't able to find any work as a graphic designer. At first, he tried earning some money sketching pictures of visitors at the Westminster Quay market – without much success.

Then, one morning, he woke up with the idea to try offering tarot card readings. "I put up a makeshift sign and suddenly I had long line-ups," he recalls. "I had found my calling."

And he has never looked back.

Likey says that he has always been attracted to the spiritual. "My mother and grandmother were healers," he says.

He also recalls as a kid his father telling him about a near-death experience his father had



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when he was a child. He was dying from rheumatic fever when he felt a hand on his shoulder and a voice assuring him that he would live.

"God is real," Likey says.

He adds that he has long been a practitioner of meditation

He says that he initially used the tarot as a visual prop while he counseled people. "I would direct people who seemed to need more professional counseling or medication to the right sources," he says.

He found, after a while, that people would come forward and give him self-help books by authors such as Marianne Williamson and Wayne Dyer. "They spoke about healing, loving yourself and taking care of yourself – lessons I was able to share with my growing number of clients," Likey says.

Over the years, Likey has continually upgraded himself in his chosen field. He has become a clinical hypnotherapist and earned Doctorates in Divinity and Philosophy (specializing in mystical research) from the University of Sedona.

He is currently the CEO, owner and spiritual director of Michael's International Spiritual-Light Centre and the Academy of Metaphysics in Coquitlam and hosts "Dr. Likey's Daily Meditation Moments" and "Dr. Likey's The Science of the Soul" – both on the internet.

He also does some Reiki healing.

"I will use whatever I can take out of my bag of treatments to enable anyone to access this inner power or potential, sometimes referred to as one's higher self, and improve their quality of existence," he says.

"The Science of the Soul", he says, is designed not only for studying and for practising, but also for integrating into one's everyday living. "The book," he says "offers a path for a deeper connection and the transformation of the soul. Using the methods presented in it, readers can gain greater quality of life, deeper love, and inner peace, focused on your true life purposes."

He reports that his books are selling very well on line and in different venues in Vancouver.

And having remarried, with two grown step-children, and his career thriving, Likey couldn't be happier.