

Check out the Intuitive Messengers visiting Down Under: John Holland, Gordon Smith, Sonia Choquette and Doreen Virtue.

# GOOD SOULS

In the next two weeks Australia is playing host to some very special guests. Angel Intuitive Doreen Virtue, mediums John Holland and Gordon Smith, and psychic Sonia Choquette are joining forces to bring hope and comfort to people. The four internationally respected authors and intuitive messengers are performing together, for the first time ever, in a huge one-day program. It's an opportunity for personal readings, and for anyone who wants to connect with the other side or find out what their future holds.

'We'll have about two hours on stage each, presenting what we do and educating people, then working with the people in the audience,' says John Holland, a US medium and author of *Born Knowing* (Hay House, \$24.95)

'Each one of us does something different, we work at different levels, so you'll get to see what we all do.'

Famous for his entertaining public speaking style, John, who communicates with dead people, will instruct people in the elusive art of mediumship and give spontaneous readings to audience members.

'I'm a psychic medium, so I talk about how people are still connected to their lost loved ones,' he says.

'I also discuss the various ways that they are connected – be it through dreams, smells or sensations.'

He says mediums are here to heal and help. He feels it is his life purpose, and is honoured to have the ability.

'If I can help people connect with someone on the other side and bring peace, comfort and perhaps some closure, then I've done my job,' he says.

'People want to know that their loved ones are OK. Everybody fears death, but it's a natural thing.'

'Years ago our grandparents used to live with us, so you used to see the people in your life get old, get sick, pass away. Death was a part of life, a natural process. But now it's hidden.'

'My job is to let people know that a loved one might be gone, but their energy, their spirit, is not gone,' he explains. 'Spirits come to me to let people know: "Mum, I'm OK."'

John started seeing 'spirit people' as a child. The spirits of those who were dying or had died would come to him to pass messages on. But his family and friends thought he was weird, and his dad's fear of his gifts caused him to hide them.

But a bad car crash when he was 30 reawakened his psychic ability, and after years of running from his obvious

Psychic messengers can help us heal ourselves – and four of them are coming to Australia

gift, John finally decided to learn more about it. He went to England to study at a famed psychic school – or 'spiritual boot camp' as he calls it.

'What I do is not morbid – it's healing, it's uplifting. The power of the spirit is unbelievable,' John says.

'I try to keep it upbeat when I'm doing a show, because we're talking about people who have passed away. I use a lot of humour.'

'Even though death is a very serious subject, I try to keep it light so people have a good time and they're educated. You have a lot of crying when I'm up there, and a lot of laughing too.'

But does he ever get stage fright?

'Never! Well, OK, sometimes I get nervous – I just did a show in front of 2000 people. But the minute I get on stage I'm fine – something happens to me. I really believe those on the other side work with me, so a sense of calm comes over me and I just do it.'

John says that while women have traditionally been more interested in such spiritual things, more men are now coming to such events.

'And not just the ones who are dragged along by their wives,' he grins.

'It's anyone from young teenagers to people in their 80s and 90s. Not everybody will get a message, but hopefully they'll all walk away with something – a little bit of information on the afterlife, or I'll take away their fear of death a little. By watching someone else get a message, others will get something from that too.'

Although some people primarily come out of curiosity, John says that seeing a medium or psychic can give people a sense of peace. It offers the chance to speak with a loved one, which gives some people closure, while others come looking for answers or comfort in their grieving process.

John says the Intuitive Messengers event will provide all of this, and he is

very excited about working with the other three intuitives on the day.

He has met Doreen and Sonia a few times, and is friends with Gordon Smith, 'the UK's most accurate medium' and the author of *Spirit Messenger* (Hay House, \$24.95).

Gordon is renowned for his ability to give exact names of people, places and even streets. The seventh son of a seventh son, he is acclaimed around the world, but his feet have remained firmly on the ground.

'I relate to Gordon as a brilliant colleague,' John says. 'He's like me – but he's Scottish. We have a totally different delivery, totally different accent – and I don't do mine in a kilt.'

Gordon, known as the Psychic Barber, is hesitant about accepting payment for his medium work, so he still runs a barber shop in his home town of Glasgow.

'I like having a normal working life. There's nothing like doing 20 short back and sides to keep your feet on the ground,' Gordon says.

'I don't take money for being a medium. I don't have anything against the mediums and psychics who do, but I'm a hairdresser first and foremost.'

Gordon brings messages from the 'other world' to the people who come to see him. His ability has brought comfort and healing to thousands of people, while his story and the universal messages he writes about in his book have helped countless more.

Sonia Choquette, the author of seven books including *Diary of a Psychic* (Hay House, \$26.95), is a third generation US psychic with a doctorate in metaphysics.

Unlike Gordon and John, she was not made fun of at school and forced to hide her unusual abilities, as her gift was a family thing.

She does psychic readings, but empowers people to find their own answers and their own soul path.

'A medium helps others understand there is no death and opens us up to the other side. But I am a psychic channel and teacher who is here to help people evolve so that they overcome the problems that keep them blocked in their life today,' Sonia says.

'I will use my psychic gifts to do readings for people in the audience, which will focus specifically on karma and purpose – our reason for being here on earth. I am a guide for conveying to people their personal soul plan and soul mission.'

'With the help of my guides, I tell people how to get on track with their soul plan and how to do it swiftly and efficiently so they don't waste any more time feeling dissatisfied.'

She welcomes questions about anything at all, as her guides are open to any sincere query.

'I will also be speaking about my mission – to serve as a healer, guide and spiritual teacher, and to bring light and support from the higher planes.'

'My ultimate goal is to open people up to being psychic, and to emphasise that people need to open this channel to be happy and successful in life, and live in harmony with one another.'

Sonia believes that all people have psychic abilities and intuition – it's just that we ignore it, refuse to develop it and explain our hunches away.

Angel Intuitive and psychologist Doreen Virtue also believes we all have innate inner powers. She does workshops, writes books – including the beautiful *Healing with the Angels* and *Archangels and Ascended Masters* (Hay House, \$24.95) – and has produced amazing healing with angels and fairies

oracle cards to help people access the healing powers of angels and their own higher self.

Doreen is a clairvoyant who is in constant dialogue with what she calls the Angelic Realm. She uses her highly refined psychic ability to give people messages directly from their guardian angels, and her appearance here is eagerly awaited.

'Are my departed loved ones OK?' is a question I hear continually,' Doreen says. 'The reason people ask is simple – they fear that a deceased loved one is in some sort of "hellish" place, literally or figuratively.'

'Yet my readings find that 90 per cent of deceased people are doing fine. Their only discomfort has to do with us – especially if we're grief-stricken.'

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'I'm also asked: "But what if my departed loved ones are mad at me?" People worry that crossed-over friends and family members are angry with them, perhaps because they weren't there for the dying person toward the end of their life or they had a fight.'

'But during all of my thousands of readings, I've never met a deceased person who was angry. In heaven you release a lot of the concerns that weigh you down on earth.'

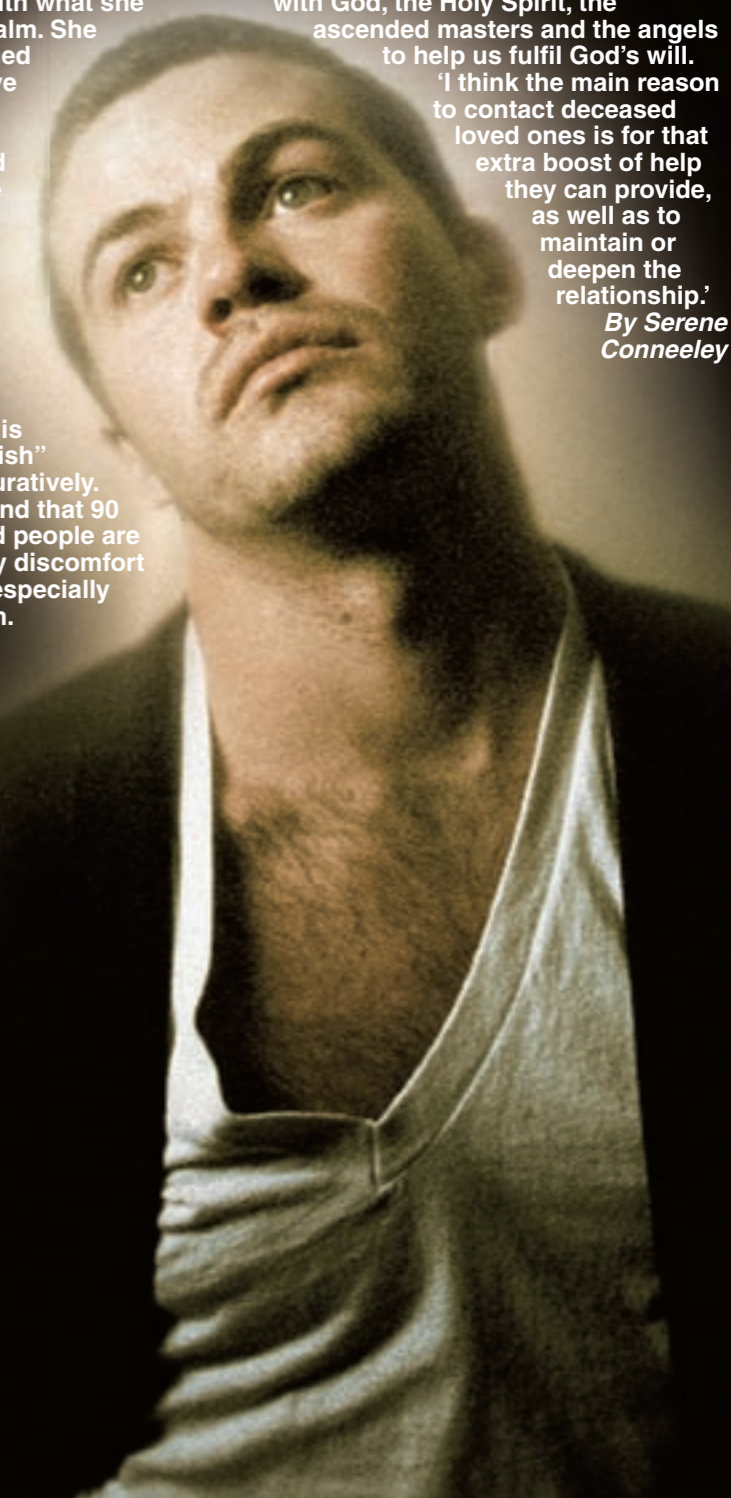
Doreen is teaching her famous Angel Intuitive course in Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane in September and October, and is looking forward to the Intuitive Messengers days as a way to bring comfort and hope to people.

'Our deceased loved ones can definitely help us, but they're not automatically saints, angels or psychics just because their souls have crossed over,' Doreen says.

'But they can work in conjunction with God, the Holy Spirit, the ascended masters and the angels to help us fulfil God's will.'

'I think the main reason to contact deceased loved ones is for that extra boost of help they can provide, as well as to maintain or deepen the relationship.'

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Brisbane Saturday September 6, Convention Centre, (07) 3404 6700