

Letters to the Editor

Dear Self & Society,

Someone has just shown me Tim Thompson's letter in your last issue in which, apart from likening me to Charlie Manson (which I can't answer, as I know nothing but the vaguest rumors about the guy), he finds the concept of being openly angry with someone you can't stand - even if you've only known them a few hours - 'disgusting'.

I want to stand up joyfully for the most beautiful thing about Atlantis, which is precisely that reality is full-time, not something reserved for sessions and special occasions. Also I'd like to point out that there is no question of an insensitive rubbing off of tension on a newcomer - reactions will be 'clean': there are enough people here who are completely themselves to make sure of that. I'd like to tell you about one of my best girlfriends, Patsy Macadam, who has been here a year and a half and who was so gamesy and unreal when she walked in the door that she had a really bad time to begin with. Weeks later when she was finding her way back to herself, I said 'What made you stay, Patsy, it must have been so bad those first days?' She said, 'Instinct. I just knew it was the first time in my life that anyone had been real with me'.

Atlantis is not a clinic or a hospital or a therapy service. Everyone who writes to us gets plenty of information as to what to expect: we take great care in letting every enquirer know that if they want Janov, they can go to Janov. We offer something much better: complete, all-round immediate growth on all levels of life; and we offer it not to make a living, but because we want it for ourselves and want loads of people

to share what we have discovered with us. Atlantis is a revolutionary centre, a power centre: where you discover your own personal power in the world; as far as I know, there is nothing like it in Europe - if there is, write and tell us, we'd love to share experiences.

As for being 'choosy' about who joins our tribe: well, we have a standing open invitation via the press and TV in Ireland for anyone to visit us, a permanent notice outside our house saying anyone can stay, and we hereby invite anyone reading this to visit and see for yourselves - including you Tim Thompson, though judging by your strange letter, I reckon you'd have a bad time!

With celebrations to anyone who feels energy surging around their bodies at this moment and who feels fantastic in it.

Jenny James .

Dear Vivian,

I want to express my thanks to Mary Chambers who helped so much with the practicalities of putting the TA issue together and without whom it would have taken me another month to get it out.

And also special thanks to Clive Holmes for doing the Cover. He says he designed it for black and white and is slightly disappointed that we forgot this and the monkeys turned out pink!

Yours sincerely,

Lilly Stuart