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“I truly have enjoyed this book. It has given me the kick I needed to remember how important it is to use my Reiki to live a healthy life. I am filled with gratitude for Shalandra and all that she does for the health of so many.”

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Rev. Robin Morini, Reiki Master
Administrator, Universal Brotherhood Movement Inc.
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**Life isn't about fear— it's about being willing to
take on something new to learn.**

INTRODUCTION

Two of the first questions people ask me about Reiki Natural Healing are, “What is Reiki?” and “How does it work?”

Reiki is frequently called Energy Medicine and is used by individual practitioners as well as doctors and nurses in hospitals and other healthcare facilities across the country, including the United States Department of Veteran’s Affairs. The following passage is posted at the Veteran’s Affairs website:

Reiki is another type of energy healing. The Reiki practitioner's hands are either lightly touching the patient's body or are held slightly over it. Energy is thought to flow through areas most in need of healing. In Reiki, the energy is thought to come from the Universe, and the practitioner helps to transfer this positive, healing energy to the recipient. The concept is bizarre to some, but people who receive Reiki often have positive experiences.

When Reiki practitioners speak of energy in this case, we are speaking of it in the way ancient civilizations defined it. We are referring to the life force that flows through our bodies, supporting optimal health, development, healing and fulfillment. This energy is what animates and enlivens all living beings. As Starr Tendo, a Maui newspaper writer explains: “Simply put, it is the energy that makes the world go round, the stars shine, the flowers grow, the child laugh and the waves of the South Shore break.”

In a Reiki Natural Healing treatment session, the flow of Reiki energy simply encourages the body’s own innate ability to heal and stay healthy. After a person is initiated into Usui

Shiki Ryoho (Usui System of Reiki), the therapeutic energy flow is automatic and continual. The last chapter of this book is filled with testimonials of actual case histories where people have experienced Reiki healing with anything from broken arms to deep emotional and psychological issues.

More and more scientific studies are being conducted and research projects funded as Reiki continues to be integrated into our various health care systems. Some of the documentation of this work, which better answers the science questions of “what” and “how,” is available at my website and can be read here: www.reikihawaii.com/studies.

A Brief History

Reiki Natural Healing was brought to the Western World in 1936 by Hawayo Takata, a Japanese woman born in a sugar cane camp on the island of Kauai who required surgery. As was custom of the time, she was sent to her ancestral home in Japan for the operation. But instead of receiving surgery she was healed by Reiki and returned to Hawaii with the gift of natural healing.

While living in Hawaii, Mrs. Takata was contracted to teach Reiki at the University of Hawaii on the island of Oahu and had Reiki Energy Medicine approved in the mid seventies by the American Medical Association to be practiced in Hawaii hospitals.

Hawayo Takata was the third Grand Master of the Usui System of Reiki. Before she made her transition in December of 1980, and after sharing Reiki for more than forty years, she passed the lineage to her granddaughter, Phyllis Lei Furu-moto. More of this story is told in chapter two.

Sharing My Journey

At the age of fourteen, I remember watching my mother

die in the hospital. Day after day as I went to visit I couldn't help myself from thinking, "There has got to be another way to heal." This experience planted a seed deep inside of me. A seed that wouldn't sprout and grow until much later in life.

My introduction to Reiki began in 1988 as a series of synchronistic events that would forever change my life. After many years of working for a living, I felt I had accomplished all of the goals that society promised would bring happiness. I was astonished to discover that something was missing. While searching for this "something," a co-worker at IBM suggested I make an appointment for a Reiki treatment. Not understanding anything about Reiki Natural Healing, I was surprised when something deep inside of me validated that the timing was right to experience Reiki. This something did not allow me to use the analytical mind that I had become accustomed to using in my corporate workplace. This felt new but incredibly okay to me.

After the one hour Reiki session, consisting of a gentle laying-on of hands, I was relaxed and peaceful and amazed at the healing abilities of the gifted practitioner. I remember thinking how lucky she was to have been born with such healing hands.

Several treatments later she explained that anyone of any age can learn to do Reiki after just twelve hours of training. In a state of suspected disbelief, I quickly registered for the next class. Since that first class encounter in 1988, my life continues to be healthier, happier and filled with exciting, and sometimes even, surprising events.

For the past twenty years I have been living an extraordinary life of Reiki Natural Healing—one I never would have dreamed of while sitting in my office as an IBM executive in the 1980's.

While each of the three degrees of Reiki takes a student

into deeper levels of internal healing, it also creates immeasurable external benefits. As each new day unfolds amazing things often happen that I wouldn't even think about, and all I can do is fasten my energetic seat belt and hold on.

In 1991, after I quit my corporate job and became a Reiki Master, there were only a handful of books on the subject. Today, you can find Reiki books everywhere, yet I still have not found anyone who has shared what it is truly like to live the life of Reiki. This to me is the real pearl in the oyster of our practice. Using Reiki on a continual basis throughout each day helps keep us connected to the source energy flow of life. This is where magic, in the form of improved health and happiness occurs, and along with it comes diverse forms of never-ending abundance.

What you are about to read regarding this ancient healing art, which I offer from the deepest part of my heart and soul, is a personal sharing of my long journey as a practicing master that is designed to move you step-by-step towards the next phase in the Reiki growth process.

It may be helpful to realize that this book is not a manual to learn this practice, but rather to give you a deep understanding of it and to prepare you for training. Reiki, as originally brought to the West, is an oral tradition and the ability to fully perform this ancient healing art can only be received from a Reiki Master in direct, physical contact with the student.

I have found that some of the more recent books on the subject seem to teach a derivative of the original practice handed down through a lineage of Grand Masters for more than 100 years. I respect these works for what they are, and also want to distinguish that there are differences in their modern approach compared to the information shared in this book.

Within these pages you will find a comprehensive study of the Usui System of Reiki and a path towards greater health, love and harmony in your life. And if you are already a Reiki practitioner, you will find helpful reminders and new ways to utilize more fully the precious gift of healing in your hands.

This book will not only provide more awareness of possibilities available through Reiki, but can easily become a reference book for making positive lasting changes in all areas of your life.

**“In every culture and in every medical tradition
before ours, healing was accomplished by
moving energy.”**

Albert Szent-Gyorgyi, Nobel Laureate in Medicine