

# CLEANING CHRONICLES

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***First and foremost, Happy New Year and thank you for all your past support.***

## **This Newsletter**

This is the 22nd newsletter I've written since 1994. The last one was two and a half years ago. I guess it's time for a new one.

I've done a lot of things over the last 14 years: tinted glass, cleaned carpets, taught, sold air purifiers, engaged in clutter control, wrote a novel, and, of course, cleaned a lot of Windows.

Though there is not a great deal of glory in cleaning glass, it's a living and there's something very satisfying about it. So no point in stopping now.

## **Clutter Catastrophes**

Do you have a basement, attic, garage, or spare room, you would like to use but can't because it's so full of stuff? Would you like to clean it up, throw out the garbage, and organize the rest but don't know where to begin? I can help. I have quite a bit of experience in bringing order to chaos.

## **Utter Catastrophe**

Is our current economic collapse signaling the end of the world? Perhaps, or just the world as we know it. Reorganization takes place in a system that has reached its limit. According to Prigogine's theories, when a system can no longer function at a lower order it reorganizes into a structure that is on a higher order that can take into account changes that the old structure cannot accommodate.

Ekhart Tolle suggests that the world cannot sustain itself in its present state of consciousness, hence humans are being prompted to evolve.

Perhaps the higher order structure that we are organizing toward will include notions of a sustainable environment, economy, and quality of life for all living beings.

A new order would ultimately be a good thing, though the process may be scary. Even though it is uncomfortable, it may bring about the change we need to save us and our planet from ourselves.

## **Winter**

To help me while away the winter, I'm cleaning Windows, helping people organize and clean, selling world-class air purifiers, tutoring, teaching science to young children, developing a workshop for teachers on teaching science, doing odd jobs like painting, and, also, a little writing. If you can use my help in any of these areas, please call me—I can use the work.

## **Why is it Winter?**

Reason number one, because we can't put it off any longer. We would've if we could've.

Reason number two, because of the tilt of the earth. Many people think the earth is further away from the Sun in the winter, but actually it is further away during the summer. The secret to the seasons is in the tilt. In our summer, North America is tilted toward the sun. In the winter it's tilted away, giving us shorter days and very little direct sunlight. In the summer it's the opposite. The Sun is almost directly overhead and out longer, heating things up.

## **Precipitation in Winter**

On average, Connecticut receives nearly the same amount of precipitation each month, a little over three inches. It's slightly heavier in the spring and fall than in the summer and winter. The reason windows stay cleaner longer during the winter is because a lot of that precipitation is snow and snow doesn't affect the glass.



Shoveling out

## **Odd Jobs # 1**

The oddest job I ever had was demonstrating a one-man hovercraft. The oddest window cleaning job I ever had was cleaning the windows for a pornography publisher. Besides the unsettling photography on the walls, I needed to descend on rope from the roof to clean the high windows over a river.

## **Odd Jobs #2**

I'm doing some odd jobs this winter like painting, cleaning, and minor household repairs. No job is too odd to be considered.

## **The Bush League**

I can't say I've enjoyed much of the political landscape of the last eight years. However, I have to thank George W and his ilk. They made it possible for an African American to become president.

## **Clean Air Act**

I'm still a dealer for a state of the art air purifier. I've been using them for three years. They help people suffering from allergies and remove unhealthy odors in closets and basements etc. The machines send out ions into the air that oxidize and eliminate irritants and toxins. Call me, I'll let you borrow one.

## **Letters to the Editor**

Dear Editor:

I thought you were only going to clean windows for a short time.

Perplexed

Dear Perp:

I was.

Ed.

Dear Editor:

How canst thou clean windows in barren winter with his wrathful nipping cold?

Willy the Shake

Dear Shake:

Wearing a lot of warm clothes.

Ed.