## My sister Katleen,



My beautiful sister Leen. She couldn't get to this world fast enough! Eleven months after my brother was born, there she was, on June 18, 1973. Not many moms can say that they delivered 2 baby's in one year! At age nine, Leen and Jeroen declared themselves twins for one month.

"Now we represent the Belgian Flag!", my dad announced. Leen is black, Mieke blond and Jeroen red. (For those not living in Europe, not to be confused with the German Flag. Same colors, different direction.)

Leen is fast in everything. She immediately made friends in first grade. One day she came home with her report card. My mom asked about the bad grade she got for talking in class. She answered: "Yes, but I LOVE to talk!".

I loved my little sister's energy! Very swift, pure, alive, honest, positive, active, feminine, there was something special to



her and I felt it. She beamed with beauty and I always felt very good around her. An energy I recognize now in her son Gauthier as well. They both have a very unique vibration.

Leen, Jeroen and I are born in the same family, but we are all so different. Each having our own unique goals, intentions and gifts to share with the world.

Here are a few of the very valuable lessons I learned from my sister.



My sister likes to have fun, laugh and create gatherings. She has an outgoing expressive and creative way of making things alive and fun. She makes things light and she naturally interact with people in a playful way, which I truly admire in her.

My introverted and more quiet way can sometimes become a little too serious. It is good for me to have people in my life who motivate me and reminds me to have more fun!

Leen is comfortable handeling the material world! In her early twenties, she ran her own pub and delved deep into the remodeling. She just did it, and she did it well. She also naturally presents herself nicely with beautiful clothes and accessories. She keeps up with the current fashions and in a creative way gives it her own spin.

In contrast, my main focus has been on my inner world, my relationships and my consciousness. I made the false assumption that the physical body and the material world were not as important as the inner world of the mind, emotions, spirit and soul. I couldn't understand why others weren't as interested in the inner world as I was. As a teenager and young adult I resisted the fact

that my sister was so involved with the material world. For me, that looked like a lot of waisted time and energy.

The gift my sister has given me is the awareness that everything is part of this universe. Loving my own body, taking care of my material objects and being comfortable handeling the material world is all part of my life's journey. Supporting my body with the nutrition it wants and dress it nicely is all part of feeling good. Because of Leen's example I have learned to respect and balance the material, outer world and the inner world better.

I admire my sister for all that she is and does. There is one thing I especially admire! She brought into this world an amazing son, Gauthier. He is a profoundly gentle soul, with incredible awareness. He is fun, has great humor and has many unique abilities. He sees and can discern many aspects of systems. How they work, how they interrelate



with other systems and their value. He is highly intuitive about relationships and can communicate and support others in dealing with their challenges.



My sister is attune to the gentleness of his spirit and is devoted to her son and his mission for this world. I am amazed and delighted at their deep connection and teamwork.

Leen and her partner Bjorn have explored the opportunities of relationship to learn more about themselves and each other. Through their years together and their challenges and triumphs they made choices that brought them closer together. They now enjoy and treasure their beautiful relationship and bond.

I am continuously delighted to have such a beautiful and awesome sister!

## Pictures:

- 1. Leen, Jeroen and Mieke as flower bearers at the wedding of Hugo and Martine De Boever in Machelen-aan-de-leie on June 30,1978.
- 2. My beautiful and fun sister Leen
- 3. Mount Hood, Oregon. Leen and Gauthier visiting us in 2003.
- 4. Gauthier in communication with Nature.
- 5. Bjorn and Leen.
- 6. Belgian Flag



and German Flag



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