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Gentle Wind Project from Two Others' Perspective

Recent letters in praise of the Gentle Wind Project (GWP) from Mary Ann Hale and Laurie Thompson (Jan. 27) - both of whom we have known for many years - concerning your articles about the GWP leaders' lawsuit against us and other critics (Jan. 9 and 11) left out a few points:

1. GWP "healings" are "free" at their seminars, or by asking to use a "healing instrument" that someone else has already purchased. But, to own one, the "donation" prices, listed on the GWP Web site "Gallery," are \$250 to \$7,700.
2. GWP claims on its Web site ("About GWP") that the "healing instrument" designs come from their connection to "the spirit world, not the human world."
3. Posting our personal stories of experiences with GWP over 17 years, which GWP's Web site ("Project News") labels "outrageously false information by Internet hoaxers," resulted in GWP's massive lawsuit against 11 defendants, including ourselves, for the stated purpose of removing our stories from public view on our Wind of Changes Web site, and elsewhere on the Internet.

During our years as GWP followers from 1983 to 2000, we used scores of "healing instruments," from "rods" to "pucks" to "cards," and were placed on GWP's board of directors.

Regrettably, we also pitched the products at seminars, praised them to anyone who would listen and made large donations.

Our own experiences with the group, its practices and its "healings" - as told on the Wind of Changes Web site in "Insiders' Stories" and "Husband's Perspective" - resulted in a lawsuit against us. That speaks volumes.

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