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People often ask me what makes Core Energetics unique. What distinguishes it from other psychotherapeutic modalities? Is it the body and energetic work we do? Our commitment to spiritual, transpersonal values and our close connection to the Pathwork? Or the way John has taught us to experience the creativity and higher consciousness of love, eros and sexuality?

In this issue, in a time when we are becoming increasingly cognizant of our abuse of the natural resources of the planet, Anthony Rullo reviews the literature on child abuse and multiple personality disorder and recounts how he treated two clients so diagnosed. His sensitive, humanistic approach to these two women and his perusal of the relevant literature from both psychodynamic and bioenergetic perspectives rivets our attention on the wounds created by abuse within the family system. His care and sensitivity are evident as he recounts the process of healing.

Joan Groom searchingly explores the interconnections among the character energetic typology, levels of consciousness and the personal journey. Interweaving lyrical passages of one woman's journey with penetrating theoretical observations, she deepens our understanding of their interconnection.

Bernard Rosenblum writes of his successful treatment of a client diagnosed as a psychopath. Dr. Rosenblum discusses the challenges, both personal and professional, of treating a character structure often thought difficult or impossible to help.

Elaine Waldman presents a wonderfully speculative meditation on the possible role of emotions in diseases such as multiple sclerosis as she explores the relationship between the arts and sciences of healing.

And, finally, Susan Ram broadens our perspective by demonstrating how she integrates past life material into Core Energetic therapy.

Hopefully, the articles contained in this volume will inspire and encourage you to think about your own process and work. In attempting to define and refine Core Energetics, I hope we may continually question ourselves in a way that produces opening

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and growth, and prevents closure and stagnation. I would hope that Core Energetics will always continue to appraise and incorporate new areas of growth both at its boundaries and in its depths.

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