



#80 *The Bee and the Otter*



An otter was learning a new and tricky way to leap into the creek. But the harder he tried, the more confused he got. Finally, he mastered the new technique. Suddenly, he realized that he had now forgotten the old way he used to slide down the bank into the water! Perplexed, he sat for a moment on the bank of the creek, wondering if it was even worthwhile to remember the old way. A bee, the otter's friend of oh-so many years, was passing by and asked as to the source of his obvious confusion. The otter explained the problem and wondered if the bee had any advice.

The bee complied, saying, "We bees have been around a long time. I have seen something like your problem before. Perhaps I can tell you a tale." "Will it help me?" asked the otter. "I think it will," said the bee. "Then, please relay your story, my good friend," entreated the otter. "Ages ago," began the bee, "the humans tried something that was new to them. They tried to think on their own. Instead of using their ancient INTUITION to see the spiritual world and ask spiritual beings how to solve problems, they went and got a new form of consciousness that allowed them to ANALYZE their very own answers - just using their own reasoning. But lo and behold - once they achieved the ability to analyze, they forgot how to intuit." "What happened?" asked the otter. "Well, we will see," continued the bee, "they are at this very turning point in their story, right now. If they can regain their ancient, intuitive abilities, perhaps they can have both the old and the new." "I see your point," said the otter, "the humans are just like me - they want to enjoy the new ways, and also get back the old."

*SEEK THE NEW ...
REGAIN THE OLD*