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no Buddy Baba brand?

Between [Sharon Kumuda Janis](#) and You



Andrea de Michaelis November 25 at 11:05am

I think having Buddy as icon/logo is brilliant even if you do not want to use the name Buddy Baba as a brand. Folks go nuts for cats, especially ones with expressive faces like Buddy. And they sell millions of dollars worth of merchandise featuring cats (hello, kitty?). I know they will buy something with a 2013 hopeful message and darshan of Buddyji can only be good for everyone.



Sharon Kumuda Janis November 25 at 11:23am [Report](#)

Really? Well it's not that I'm against it, just didn't make sense to me and I think it could also dilute the focus on the message. Also a lot of people don't like cats. If you guys come up with something that works, it's fine with me with or without Buddy's name. Just felt like Jeffrey was getting off track from the main idea and I couldn't picture it working well. But if you can, that's cool. ♥♥♥



Andrea de Michaelis November 25 at 11:36am

I can see the Buddy Baba brand with Buddy's face being a BIG draw



Andrea de Michaelis November 25 at 11:37am

the 9 people on the planet that don't like cats, we don't care about them. They would not get the 2013 message anyway. Although it's so crystal clear that, well, even a feline can see it.



Andrea de Michaelis November 25 at 11:39am

and he'll just be a discreet little logo, he won't be like holding the Earth in his paws as the main image with 2013 emblazoned across it :)



Sharon Kumuda Janis November 25 at 11:41am [Report](#)

It's fine with me - will have to be supported by your vision for it until I catch it. Although whenever I say, "it won't be like. . ." and say the most absurd thing I can think of, that's often what the final outcome is ;)





Sharon Kumuda Janis November 25 at 1:24pm [Report](#)

I thought about it and really don't resonate to the whole Buddy Baba thing, and to me the cat aspect takes some of the shakti out of the initial idea, but that's just my opinion. I'm not so much of a mass market kind of gal ;)

But you're welcome to do it with another cat's image and name. What I think would be best is for Jeffrey to take his idea and my suggestions and go off and do his own thing as we discussed, with him owning the idea 100% and arranging some royalty payments for me for the help I've been giving with sparking and envisioning the idea, but not involving me too much in all the decisions, so again best not to use Buddy when there are many beautiful cats around. I asked him and he has no interest in being famous and enjoys his simple life ;)

I'm happy to give suggestions and if inspired may play around with some design ideas, but I have other projects to do (as you do of course) and as much as I enjoy talking with Jeffrey, don't want to spend too many hours on this or get too involved. I can be the muse for the project who helped get it going, which is what I do.

Also if I go forward with the video part, which Jeffrey and I agreed would be 100% my project as the products are 100% Jeffrey's, that will be a big job. The involving of other energies in that have taken some of the initial enthusiasm away for doing it, but it's still a good idea, so may discuss it with a few people and see what to do. I think I'd feel more comfortable if it were my own title without potential for problems in the future, since you never know how people can change, especially when they've had major substance abuse problems (learned that from watching Judge Judy!).

Anyway, if you happen to talk with Jeffrey and want to help us clarify this, that would be great. If not, that's fine too.

What I really need here is a hand out of the financial quicksand to sponsor me having some time off the edge of monthly potential homelessness so I can feel more free to delve into more music recording and finishing my memoir properly. Good thing about clarifying what you need is that it usually shows up, through funds coming in one good way or another.

Actually, I just started preparing Secrets of Spiritual Happiness for publication by LULU - was inspired by a writers information link I saw yesterday that gave a lot of info I already knew, but organized well to show the clear options. It's so funny that with how many people I've coached to use LULU for this and that, I don't have SOSH up where I could link from the web version for those who would like to purchase a hard copy. BTW would be cool to have some of your and Val's writings put together as a LULU book. You can even order just one copy for less than \$10 and doesn't have to be public until rewrites are completed. It would make a sweet gift for Valerie to put her gratitude blog into pdf format and have LULU make a copy. The gift of envisioning her upcoming book in form.

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Andrea de Michaelis November 25 at 3:02pm

I understand what you're saying - if you're not vibing there, you're not vibing there.

I agree you never know when people will change.

A hand out of financial quicksand to be free to work on projects is what everyone wants. If I'd waited for that, I'd still be waiting. It's hard to give up on a story of month to month potential homelessness, if that is what is primarily in your consciousness, and it's in your consciousness because it's in your life.

It's not easy to find a balance of when and to whom do you tell that story to give ppl the opp to help you out, and when do you drop the telling of it, because you are more focused on what is coming rather than what is missing? You can't have it both ways. You either vibe one way or the other, you attract either one result or another. I'm not giving you sh*t, it just sounded like a fun and do-able project and I get the vibe the idea is going to take off and you would benefit by it. My days are over of trying to convince someone to do something just because my crystal ball shows something fantastic in the works.

I'm not sure what Lulu is but know different people who have books on there - are they e-books? Just books in pdf format? I'm not interested in doing a book of any sort, unless it's something I compile and sell on my own site.

I'll stop bugging ya about it and let Valerie and Jeffrey do their thang and you do yours. I'll support whatever you guys do.

I need to sleep for a few hours, I am burnt out. But I'd like to ask for your thoughts on how you believe attracted your financial situation to you. And ask if there are any steps that can be taken to produce a different result?

I don't mean to sound preachy. I value our friendship and don't want to alienate you by what I say.
Andrea



Sharon Kumuda Janis November 25 at 3:30pm [Report](#)

Hi Andrea,

I know there is some good advice in what you say, but it seems to me that it was quite a negative, know-it-all response to what was a positive sharing and movement on my end, so I don't really want to share more of my thoughts with you, to be honest. You and I have different approaches to life that seem to work fine for each of us. What you see as me complaining or telling a story I shouldn't be telling is something different in my world view, and I'm sorry that my sharings bring up such feelings of judgment and superiority in you.

Anyway, Jeffrey and I spoke and I told him that this is his project, and that I'd be available for bouncing some ideas and possibly editing the video if he gathers the materials, but otherwise have many projects to work on. The reason I suggested and encouraged this project is because I saw the potential in it so it's not that I don't see the "crystal ball." But that doesn't mean it is my project to do.

The LULU idea was of a gift for Valerie. I also shared it with Jeffrey, so he may help get that together.

Okay, let's move on and stay happy.

Kumuda



Andrea de Michaelis November 25 at 4:08pm

ouch I didn't mean it as a negative know it all response. sorry I butted in :(



Andrea de Michaelis November 25 at 4:58pm

"What you see as me complaining or telling a story I shouldn't be telling is something different in my world view, and I'm sorry that my sharings bring up such feelings of judgment and superiority in you."

You misunderstand me. If you read my blog, I often talk about "the story we tell to the world" being the story we will live until we begin to tell a different story. I have no judgment or feeling of superiority. It saddens me that in your perception, some





Sharon Kumuda Janis November 25 at 5:29pm [Report](#)

"A hand out of financial quicksand to be free to work on projects is what everyone wants. If I'd waited for that, I'd still be waiting."

This reminded me of when I left the ashram to go to Hollywood and was looking for work as a video editor, and my "mother" poo poo'd the idea saying, "We all have dreams. None of us gets to live our dreams. You should just get a job at McDonalds."

Well, I've got the freedom to do my own projects part down, just have to get the sponsorship in place. Once many years ago, someone I hardly knew read Never to Return and wanted to sponsor me in having freedom to get Spirituality For Dummies out, so arranged for me to receive \$2000/month for 6 months, so it is not an impossible thing. I later helped him write a book on the mental game of tennis, which greatly upheveled his life and brought new opportunities. He still sends me "royalty" checks from his book sales here and there, which often save the day, even though he certainly does not need to do so. My friend Swami Nirmalananda often suggested that someone should be sponsoring my works, as have others. As I said, it doesn't have to necessarily come from a person, could be that putting SOSH in LULU will bring something or that Dummies will start to sell. Or something else. Consciousness first, then creation. I was opening a door for that by even asking for a time of financial stability - I welcome help and good suggestions, but having someone come down on me in that way was not really helpful.

Even if what you write about on your blog is useful, which it is, doesn't mean it applies to everyone's situation. Or that it should. My goal of life is not just to have everything be perfectly comfortable, although I do think it would be good to shift into a new, more abundant and healthy phase at some point, rather than having to continue on this miracle of the month club. I've learned that sometimes a desire that leads beyond this world keeps one from focusing their intentions or using their powers for creating in this world. I respect the poverty I've been through and how it has taught me much and kept me free in many ways, and I also treasure my stories.

Regarding Jeffrey's project, there has been no dearth of projects with great potential that I've put lots of time into, so don't need to get involved with one more good idea that involves partnering with someone when it is not something I feel positive energy to do.

Anyway, it's fine. No need to be sorry or feel that we've become alienated, unless you do.

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Kumuda



Sharon Kumuda Janis November 25 at 11:24pm [Report](#)

Hi Andrea, I'd like to take a little break from our Facebook connection for now because don't want to be watching the wall to see if you are going to write a blog criticizing me because I said something you didn't like, as you've done with people previously, and as you've already indicated is in the air by your mentioning it so quickly online in such a negative frame. Of course you're welcome to write whatever you'd like, but I'd rather not have to read it, so am going to take a break from our connection here and from contributing to Horizons, which I think has had it's run for now anyway, and you have some fresh new voices like Valerie's and lots of ads to fill the pages. I don't do this with negative feelings toward you, just following the guiding signs. When I posted the link to the macbook pro the other day, actually imagined your judgment about it, and at first was going to include this line: "Note: Facebook friends who shake their head at a spiritual person who is low on funds, kindly pass over this post (or help to remedy the situation :) " but then realized that you were the only one I was expecting to be judgmental about it, and then you were quite so earlier today when I shared my intentions on ways to improve my condition. Actually, just today received a message from someone saying to call on her if I'm ever in need, so seems a shift to kindness is in the air.





Andrea de Michaelis November 26 at 12:26am

I understand. I can't control your perception. I feel I've done nothing but try to help encourage and promote you from day one. You misjudge me completely if you think I shake my head at anyone low on funds. But even simple ideas like monetizing your sites and using donation buttons go unheard, that could be thousands of \$ a month to help you do what you want to do.

I'm used to being misunderstood. Unlike you, I don't have a community of swami and other friends I interact with on a regular basis. I see very few people in person due to my schedule, only a time or two a month. I have about a half dozen personal phone calls a year. I'm more isolated than I write about and that keeps me from understanding what goes on in a lot of people's minds. I felt we had a connection.

But I'm strong, I am sorry you feel that way. I assume that means you will unfriend me. I'll miss you.



Andrea de Michaelis November 26 at 12:29am

and my post: "has butted in, got misunderstood and alienated a friend. Ah, well. I attracted it" was a typical Andrea post. No one had to know who or what it was about but after seeing your response everyone is likely curious. Mine was a generic post.



Sharon Kumuda Janis November 26 at 12:40am [Report](#)

Hi Andrea, why don't we chalk it up to a misunderstanding and just move beyond this "challenge" and hopefully we've both learned something in the process.



Andrea de Michaelis November 26 at 12:45am

I am fine with that, but feel I've lost a true friend. But I understand



Sharon Kumuda Janis November 26 at 12:51am [Report](#)

Well if you feel that way, then let's unfriend.



Andrea de Michaelis November 26 at 1:24am

Kumuda I would rather not unfriend



Andrea de Michaelis November 26 at 1:24am

I am saying it hurts my heart to feel misunderstood by you, that is all. I will stop talking



Sharon Kumuda Janis November 26 at 1:42am [Report](#)

Like you, I'm basically a hermit, obviously more than you think. I don't get attached to people beyond what feels like a mutually beneficial friendship and generally relate to God so that can be through whomever. But I don't like feeling disrespected, which is how I felt from your message, and when a friend is disrespectful then I usually feel that is a sign that it is no longer a beneficial association. Last year my swami friend was disrespectful because I was happy Obama won and for some bizarre reason they are total republican/Limbaugh fans - and after the disrespectful conversation where he shouted that Obama was a thug, I asked to take a break and that was about a year ago. Before that we had spoken almost every day for at least an hour for several years. I still consider them as friends, but we are not actively associating for now. So it doesn't mean that I haven't appreciated our friendship, although I think we do see some things differently, so most likely misunderstand each other to some degree. I don't want to be put in the position of being accused of hurting your heart just because I told you that I felt your message was disrespectful.

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