

 [IP--Happy New Year by meetu khosla](#) by Louise S. [2015, Jan 03]

Dear Louise,

Hi. Wish you a very Happy New Year!

I am also enclosing another article of mine:

A Clash of Cultural Ideologies: Are we still Evolving?
How important is Sugar in Tea?

Enjoy reading!

Warm Regards,
Meetu

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 [Comment by Maureen O'Hara](#) by Louise S. [2015, Jan 03]

Thank you Meetu. I found your first person discussion touching and inspiring. I teach classes on cultural psychology and I am doing some thinking about a psychology for a global (but not globalized) future and the question "are we still evolving" is right on the mark.

I also had a bit of a giggle at the images of you in a Kelly green saree, walking like a duck, and pushing the rubbish bin through the snow. Stuff like that rarely ends up in the journals and yet it communicates so much.

Happy New Year.

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 [Comment by Janet I Jones](#) by Louise S. [2015, Jan 03]

Thank you for the most enlightening article, and highlighting of the importance of storytelling. Several colleagues and I recently published a book called "Letters to Friends: Wisdom Through Storytelling" in which 34 of us share stories from our personal lives that speak to life's journey, and the themes that run through each of our life stories in spite of our great diversity across lands, ages, ablement, ethnicity and other aspects of culture. These storytellers also speak of the value of both telling their stories, and of reading those of others. We are indeed in a smaller world, and getting to know others through their stories help us become one in relationship with all our brothers and sisters across the globe, and all our relations - sparking peace worldwide. See www.letterstofriendsstorytelling.com. Wishes for a blessed 2015 to all!

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Each of us as the power to be Peacekeepers, and to dedicate ourselves to working toward a world without war. "wars are poor chisels for carving out peaceful tomorrows." - Dr. Martin Luther King

 [Comment by meetu khosla](#) by Louise S. [2015, Jan 03]

Dear Maam,

Thank you. Yes it was an amazing experience. My wearing a green saree made a huge difference to my audience, they felt happy and more involved in my seminar. Since they were doing so much for me, this was the least I could have done..

Yes I wanted to write about the small experiences which we never have in India, I had to learn everything like a child. If I did not walk like a duck, I would slip on the hard ice, and could not walk through two feet of snow to my college.. the best was that when the weather predicted snow storms, I would go out and play in the snow with my friends. So every time it would snow, the whole college would say that its because of me (as they were fed up of it), and I simply loved it. (MN has massive snow)

We do not have huge bins that we have to push in India, so doing this, through the snow was very difficult initially, and then when it got stuck in the snow, I had to use a spade to break through the snow... these things are very common for people in US but not here. Specially in Delhi, where I stay, its very warm.

Writing personal experiences was a way to elucidate that one is always a learner, evolving new ways to survive and then enjoy every moment to the best..

Happy New year. If you visit Delhi, do let me know.

Warm Regards,

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 [Comment by Bond, Michael](#) by Louise S. [2015, Jan 03]

Thank you, Meeta! May your discoveries about Indian culture and its many sub-cultures continue!

Relatedly, there is a large Indian sample in the World Values Survey #6, so it is possible to sub-divide the population into ethnic/language/religious groups to reveal internal distinctions among the cultural traditions and their effects on human behavior – how interesting! People have been talking for too long now about “Indian culture” [myself included!], and it’s time to look more deeply...in my opinion.

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"And take upon's the mystery of things,
as if we were God's spies."

Shakespeare, King Lear

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my latest book: "Understanding social psychology across cultures"
(2013): <http://www.sagepub.in/books/Book240293>

Latest book on social axioms: <http://www.amazon.com/Psychological-Aspects-Social-Axioms-Understanding/dp/0387098097>

the latest addition to the "Forbidden City" of Chinese psychology: <http://www.oup.com/us/catalog/general/subject/Psychology/Clinical/?view=usa&ci=9780199541850>

Recent book on Chinese organizational behaviour, edited with my M&M colleague, Xu Huang: http://www.eelgar.co.uk/bookentry_main.lasso?id=14417&breadcrumblink=&breadcrumbvalues=&site_Bus_Man=&site_dev=&site_eco=&site_env_eco=&site_inn_tech=&site_int_pol=&site_law=&site_pub_soc=

 [Comment by Lutz Eckensberger](#) by Louise S. [2015, Jan 11]

Dear Louise,

forgive me that I have chosen the Western date as a frame of reference of the change of the year, that many cultures count differently. Yet, I know from many international friends that the message of my small card in a way seems to be widespread (not to say universal), although it is based upon my personal experience.

Anyway, I wish you a relaxed and attentive 2015 hoping that it will feel longer.

I experienced a very difficult 2014, therefore I did not participate in almost all discussions of the IP community although they touched upon issues I am very interested in. I hope I will do better this year, I hope.

If it is o.k. with you, you can forward my greetings to the group. There is nothing wrong with wishing a good new Year.

Cordially

Lutz

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 [Comment by Waseem Alladin](#) by Louise S. [2015, Jan 11]

Dear Lutz (and Louise)

Thank you for the lovely, amusing and for me, resonating new year greetings. I am myself from a different culture and find it a little sad that some people appear to take offense when given good wishes. Here in the UK because of IMHO political correctness gone a bit OTT some are scared to wish others a Merry Xmas and so resort to Seasons Greetings. If I have ruffled a few

feathers here I apologise in advance but loving thoughts and greetings for me are always welcome even if I may not necessarily celebrate or share the religious/spiritual sentiments behind a particular celebration. In this global world all good wishes are worthy of celebration and I send you and all my best wishes for a better/good New Year. As they say maybe the best is yet to be!

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