



### Magical Connections

In 1990 a greeting card company in California, Present Moment Greeting, chose 12 of my photographs to be the Connections Series for greeting cards that were marketed across the U.S. through a direct mail campaign. At the time and through this day, nature images remind me of a higher power, a divine source, God and all references of a spiritual essence. When I viewed this sight, I saw how the earth and the sky are reflective of our dual sides... male and female and that the blending of these two are what I see as Magical Connections. I also saw a male profile in the ground bushes on the left and an image of a female angel in the sky. Years later in 2003 after returning to the east coast where I was born and raised, I wrote the poem that is written over the image of Magical Connections titled "Slowing Down In A Fast Paced World". It was published in The Colors Of Life, by The International Library of Poetry. The book published the poem as well as the following Artist's Profile: Judith G. O'Connor – Communication through the use of words is one of the multiple blessings in life. From our first cry to our last breath, we all have something to say! As a reverend of all faiths, photographer, writer and poet, my ongoing message is consistent. It focuses on personal empowerment – through physical, mental, emotional and spiritual health and balance. "Slowing Down In A Fast-Paced World" is a reminder to stop, reflect, connect and experience living more in the present moment. As you quiet your mind and open your heart, the celebration of life becomes the journey. The poem was also chosen to be part of a 3 CD collection "The Sound of Poetry" and was read as one of their favorite poems of 2003.