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*Salumet arranged a guest speaker to come through Eileen this time—a former monarch, known in the history books as **Catherine the Great: Your silence and expectation is commendable. I am so pleased to be here with you.***

Les: We're certainly very pleased to welcome you and we appreciate your coming to talk to us.

I have to admit to you that all at this particular moment in time does seem confusing. But hopefully it should clear and I will be able to give you the information that I intended to give. I was not prepared for this confusion of thought, on entering this life.

Les: No I understand that it is very confusing for the first few moments, when one returns to the physical. I'm also told that it does clear itself, as the voice continues to be used.

Yes, I am happy with the instrument, but it is like swimming through a sea of fog, at this moment.

Les: Yes, it must be very difficult for you—

But I will try to recall, if you will bare with me.

Les: Certainly. I was going to ask if there was anything in particular you would like each of us to concentrate on, to assist you, to clear the confusion?

I ask only for your love please.

Les: Right, well we can certainly give you that.

It is strange to be touching such rough material.

Les: Yes I suppose it must be rough to you now.

Yes, it is not unpleasant, but strange. I was not prepared for it, so please bear with me and we will begin our conversations shortly.

Les: Yes, we are quite happy to go along with whatever you wish.

I am also trying to adjust the voice, because I know it is not how I would wish it to be.

Les: No, it is quite clear, incidentally.

If you are happy with it, then we could continue.

Les: Yes we are quite happy, you're speaking very clearly.

Then do you know why I have been sent to you?

Les: No we don't. Salumet said that we would have somebody coming, who we would find to be very interesting. That's all he did say.

I am deeply touched that those words should have been used about me. But of course the reason behind my returning is the teaching that you have received—that I am in fact a 'cut of,' of the personality, of the whole, which is returning in different time and different body.

Les: Yes Salumet has explained something of that to us.

It is not that we wish to impress, but that we wish to give details. We do not need to give you evidence, of life after your so-called death. That is not why we return, because you have gone further than that. So the reason behind this return visit, is to show you that the personality can cut itself off from the whole, and make a return.

Les: Yes, thank you.

I will try to bring forward some facts, as you may bring to memory and help you to recognise who I am.

Les: Good. You probably are aware that we do record everything that is said?

I am not familiar with your recording machines, but I have been told of this.

Les: It means that we can listen to it as many times as we wish afterwards and this is why we so appreciate you and your colleagues, taking the trouble to talk to us, because it's of great interest to us and assists enormously in our learning.

Let me say to you all it is good to be amongst an audience once again. This happened many times, in the lifetime, which I have come to speak to you about. It was quite normal for me and I accepted it too easily, as being the norm. So once again to be amongst a group of people, does indeed seem strange, because of course, as I have gone on in this side of life, I know how unnecessary this was. But of course, it was my life's plane, at that particular time and I do accept it now.

Les: I understand.

Firstly, I would like to give you my name, although I do realise that you probably will not recognise it. I was known as Sophie Auguste Friederike.

Les: Really, thank you, I DO recognise it.

You do?

Les: Yes I've heard it.

But of course to others throughout the world, I would have been better known as Catherine. But I have to say here and now, I always objected to changing my name. And always I was known as Sophia, when I came to this side of life. I rather resented the intrusion on my birth name, but being a young woman, I had no say in these matters of state.

Les: No unfortunately in your time, that was so, wasn't it?

Indeed it was and of course I was a young snip-of-a-girl, and did not dare to speak out.

Les: No, I imagine you do very differently now, where you are now?

This is what I come to tell you. All of your life's troubles does not mean so much, when you come to the larger side of life. Everything comes into perspective; you see your life's plan, you see the pitfalls and you see the good points of it all and of course you learn from your many lives. You understand this of course.

Les: Yes we do.

I have been instructed that you have been told much. So an evening of this kind I believe, is light-hearted for you?

Les: I find it very interesting nevertheless, particularly when somebody such as yourself comes to speak to us.

I had much to regret when I left this life, or at least the life I am speaking of, because in your yearly terms, many years have gone by. But I speak only of this time, in order that you can make recognition, for yourselves and to understand that time is of the least importance, when it comes to the continuity of your lives.

Les: Yes, this we are beginning to understand. Incidentally, if I might say, your voice is now very much clearer, I hope the confusion has lessened? **It is clearing. We were hoping that the control would have been greater this time, but we must always work with what we have.**

Les: Yes I understand, thank you.

It is strange how these things become misty. You would assume that all would be natural in memory, but it is not so. I am recalling just a few times, of this lifetime, which I can tell you about. They obviously made a great impact in my life, when I lived here. So may I tell you a little?

Les: Please do!—You undoubtedly are aware of the intense silence—everybody's anxious to hear you.

My childhood was mainly uneventful. I believe I was a loved child, but my mother had great promises made for me. Her ideal was to see me married well. So this is how my name came to be changed, much to my annoyance at the time. The decision in my life, was made firstly in 1744—this is the time we go back to, because this is my first strong memory. When I was taken from my homeland, small duchy from Germany, influenced I might say, by Frederic, who was a strong powerful man at the time—I was

transported by my mother to Russia. I have to tell you, I was terrified at the prospect. I was a petite young woman, aged only 15 of her years. Can you imagine what it must have felt like, to be transported from one's homeland and bosom of your family, to be confronted by a woman so strong, so powerful, that not one word was uttered in her presence?

Les: That was Irena?

The empress. I have to tell you, she was not unkind to me, but also she did not show affection either. To one so young, it was indeed disturbing, and distressing.

Les: I can imagine. Why did they take you there? **Because I was to become betrothed to the empress's nephew.**

Les: I see, thank you. It must have been a ghastly experience for you.

I was instructed in Russian language, which I have to say at that time distressed me. I was instructed in the orthodox religion, I was instructed in the court ways—in so many things in such a short space of time. Also my name was changed to Catherine and I was betrothed to Peter. He was a thin gangly pock-marked young boy, only one year older than I, but I would happily have joined him with love, if only he could have shown me some affection, but that was never to be. The memory now distresses me, when I think back to the love I left behind, within my own family background.

Les: Were you never able to visit your family?

My mother stayed with me and frequently wrote back to my father all progress made, but I was so unhappy. But I could never show it, because of course I was constantly told how great an honour was being bestowed upon me, that one day I would become a great lady. I never wanted that, but fate and circumstances were due to bring me just that. I am speaking to you now, about the human element of this woman; I am speaking to you about the feelings within her heart that were never spoken aloud at the time, because she was a woman so young in age, she was terrified to say one word out of place. (Yes.) The next memory that comes to me, is of the marriage ceremony. I was taken to the empress's home, where she took charge to dress me, to bejewel me, to instruct me. And so both Peter and I were transported to the great cathedral, to the 'Virgin of Kassam.' I remember thinking how appropriate that name

was and how terrified I was to become the wife of this 17 year old boy.

Les: We can quite understand it must have been a terrible experience for you.

The cathedral was beautiful, and will always be imprinted on my memory. It took several hours, of course I don't know how much you know of the Russian courts in those days, but such a wedding, was indeed spectacular. We returned to banquet and feast. Can you imagine SO much food, but the worst part for me, was the obligation to dance with so many old noblemen.

Les: Really?

I was horrified. Even now I can feel myself quake from this old memory.

Les: Are you not able to clear these old memories and give yourself peace of mind?

Of course, they have been gone through, it is only the return to this physical world, which brings with it, not only the memories, but the pain of them.

Les: I see.

Of course they have gone, when I leave here they will be gone forever. (voice faint)

Les: They'll be gone forever? Good.

I only bring them to you, to bring some authenticity to my memory.

Les: Thank you.

I am not in pain now, you understand?

Les: We're pleased to hear that.

But the memory is so strong.

Les: I asked the question, because we did have a communicator, from an earlier age than yours even, who told us that her visit enabled her to clear her mind completely, of the traumas she had suffered, and we were hoping that this might be the case with you as well?

No, I have none of those problems, I fully accepted when I came to this side of life, I knew what I had done, what I had done wrong and I knew what had to be done. There are many memories within a lifetime, which have to be faced up to.

Les: I see.

And I will tell you now, because it took me many, many of your years time, to fully accept what I had done. Although I did not actually raise my own hand, I was responsible for Peter's death.

Les: Were you?

Of course, those in court circles saw me distressed when the news came, but I knew in

my heart that is what his fate would be. You see by then, I had become a worshipped lady throughout the lands. The people wanted me to rule, because Peter was a weak and infantile man and I have to say his mind was not fully there. He was subject to many stormy outbursts and he did not please the people, because he was in favour of Frederick, who was a powerful—in Peter's mind, 'ally.' And all the Russian people, they could see that he could not be a good and strong ruler. Do you see, the power came to me, without even my soul wishing or desiring it to begin with? (Yes.) But once, ONCE you have the adrenaline flowing through your veins, once you have the feel of the POWER and the adoration of your peoples, then your life can take a turn for the worse.

Les: Yes, I quite follow you.

This I had to face up to. I had MUCH to face up to.

Les: I'm sure you did.

But he was an unfeeling and unloving young man, but I was a warm-hearted, pretty young woman, who desired the love of a man. I do not deny this, neither do I feel grief about it, because circumstance you see, dictated always that I find love. I have to say and I must say to you, that it is not well known or understood, that Peter fully accepted our child as his own. In fact, my three children belonged to different men, this I am not sorry for, because I loved each and every one of them. But I have to say, if life could have been different, I would have chosen another pathway.

Les: Yes. You didn't wish for the power that was thrust on you.

I did not and when I looked back over that lifetime, I could see I had done much good. For the people close by, I had fond memories and not least my own son. And that was my parting memory and one which caused me continuous grief for a long time, because although my peoples called me, 'Catherine the Great,' to my own son I was neither a good mother, nor heroine. He despised me, because you see he always believed Peter to be his true father. So on my death, he instructed that Peter's remains be dug up and that both of us would go together. And he instructed (spoken with tears and was unclear/faint on recording) Alex's father to carry both of us also—if only he had known that Alexis was the father (of my loved one?) he would indeed have been shocked. You cannot imagine

what it was like to watch this from this side of life and to be unable to comfort him?

Les: It must have been a terrible time for you.

It was, but it opened my eyes to what I had to accept.

Les: But I believe I am right in saying that though you didn't wish to have the power that you did have, in the main you used it for the benefit of your people?

My peoples were so glad, because as I have said, Peter would have sided with Frederick of Prussia and he (Frederick) would have eventually turned against us, but he could not see this. He was a simple man, with little strength, little true knowledge, and so I had to take control, not only for the peoples, but for the future of Russia. I have since spoken with Peter, who has told me he also was afraid and we were both so young. He also was like a little boy. All he wanted to do was to play with his soldiers, in his gardens, with his toys. He was not ready for manhood, to rule a great country, or to take a wife. These things also came to him—you have to understand that in those times, you had no say in what your fate was to be.

Les: No, but it would seem it was necessary for you to take the part you did in that life, because of Peter's short-comings.

I understand that now, it is the one thing I have accepted. I reigned for 34 years, of your time and I do say to you, most of them were good. I developed from a petite soft young woman, into a woman of strength, of knowledge, capable of great love. And to say I truly loved the first man, I had my first child with—there was no one to match him, but he was sent away, for diplomatic purposes, because of the rumours it caused.

Les: I see, so that happiness was taken from you also?

I know now, it was this that made me strong. I then looked to guiding my son and to trying to influence Peter, who ignored me and had no love for me at all. And he also could see that he too was at fault, but he was simple in his mind and at times very destructive with his words, though all was forgiven at the time. And I have to say that since that lifetime, my heart has been heavy, not only for what has happened in Russia, but in my homeland of Germany. But I think I would be right in telling you that the nations of your world, are becoming much more

sensible, that they are beginning to recognise that love for all mankind.

Les: Yes they are beginning to realise that, it's a slow process, but it's beginning, and for that we must be grateful.

I do believe I must depart now. I think there will be someone else to speak to you, via another. I thank you for allowing this time, I thank you for the opportunity of memory, I thank you and I say to you all:

Love one another as you would those closest to you. Know that all in your lives can be good, if you so desire.

Les: We all hope that you can attain happiness, or retain happiness now, isn't that possible for you?

I am happy, I am happy. I do this only because it is instructive for you. All my memories have disappeared in the life that I now lead. I am only a small fragment of that life which exists now.

Les: Well we do thank you for having come here tonight and for what you've told us. We can only say that our full love goes with you.

very faint—as she withdraws, she seems to refer to her first love once more:

I did love Sergey, I did. I loved him from the very first part of my being—he was a truly great man and he deserved the title 'great,' not Peter, not Peter, not Peter.

Les: Thank you very much, God bless you.

A control came through Eileen briefly, a humorous one, probably helping Eileen to return, before another came through Sue:

Forgive the delay here, but this one was connected with the one who has spoken here and the channel is not quite clear. I come just now to close for you and to ask whether this evening was a pleasure for you all? (enthusiastic agreement)

Les: It was a wonderful experience!

I would suggest for those of an enquiring mind, that they read some of the books available to them and that they corroborate some of the information which was forthcoming this time.

Les: Yes I'm sure that will be done. I for one will do it.

Please, there may be small errors in time, but this you can imagine. The memory sometimes falters, but let me say to you, that you have been honoured to have part of the Great Spirit amongst you this evening.

Les: Thank you very much. Yes we do feel honoured every time someone like her comes to

Speak to us, because we can imagine how difficult it can be for them, which is why we appreciate it so much.

This one has been waiting for the opportunity to tell part of her life of that time.

Les: And does it hurt them, when they have told it like that?

Yes, it was said to you the memories were returned for you and not to cleanse the soul, that part had been achieved many, many of your years ago.

Les: I'm glad of that.

She came purely to speak and bring you information which you would have found of interest.

—Instructions were then given regarding another guest who wished to come next week, but who needed absolute darkness. Finally one through Eileen gave a brief message for Sarah, before the evening came to a close.