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had been sentenced to a life of paralysis and immobility after an Murli Menon was accident.

FLASHBACK: 1995 -- At 28 it Zen & the art of drug-free healing

declared a veritable vegetable.

Fast forward: 2000something -Murli Menon stands tall addressing groups of people with numerous problems, and cures them without medicines!

Does that sound too fanciful? Murti believes this and is a proof of this faith. "I had a serious head injury, and anybody with head injury has to take medicines to guard against epileptic fits. But I took medicines only for a year. After that I haven't taken a single tablet and am perfectly fine thanks to NLP (Neurolinguistic programming)," he says.

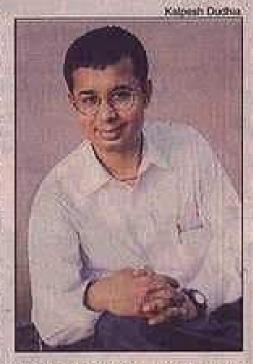
A biochemistry graduate, Murli was working with a pharmaceutical company when he attended a workshop on NLP, "Pharmaceutical companies had heard a lot about alternate healing therapies so I was sent to this workshop to find out more about it."

And he was a convert. John Kennedy, a proponent of NLP was the conductor of the three-month course that Muri attended, When Kennedy was 42 he was diagnosed as suffering from prestate cancer and was given the limited years that a cancer patient has. But using NLP, the gentleman at 87 is hale and hearty.

"His example was what gave me the faith to stop medicines and depend on NLP for my cure when I was paralysed," confides Murli,

Just what is this NLP? The practi-

tioners of NLP have designed a mental software. They give a structured questionnaire to the subject. The questions ask self descriptions and personal choices. There are 15 questions with three choices for each answer, the subject has to choose one answer for each ques-



tion selecting the one that best describes them or the way they feel. The answers are fed into the computer and the subject analysed as a visual (responding best to visuals), audaltory (responding to sound) or kinaesthetic (responding to touch).

Once this mental map is charted out, NLP guides the person towards achieving whatever they set as their goal. In Muri's case, he was found to be kinaesthetic, and his treatmen was to write. As his therapy pro gressed, he could feel sensation returning slowly from the tips of his fingers onwards, "It was miracu loss," he enthuses.

Adding a further dimension to NLP, Mulri developed ZeNLP "There are fire, earth and water per sonalities: Zen sees the elements o the universe in everyone," he says He has attributed earth to kinaes thetic, water to audaltory and fire to visual people and advises medita tion as part of the cure.

"The world is heading towards a day when medicines will be redun dant," he opines. "I hold a lot o workshop for various pharmaceuti cal companies and they are aware of it. There is a theory of collective consciousness. Almost everyone everywhere has had some bad experience with medicines. When the loss of faith in drugs reaches a certain stage, there will be a shift away from all drugs. And alternative therapies will be tried and they will work." Just like in his own caso Given up as incurable, today hi travels all around the country hold ing workshops helping people react the best that they can be, and curin; the hopeless.

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