

# ADVICE FOR VEGETABLES:

Stewing with élan

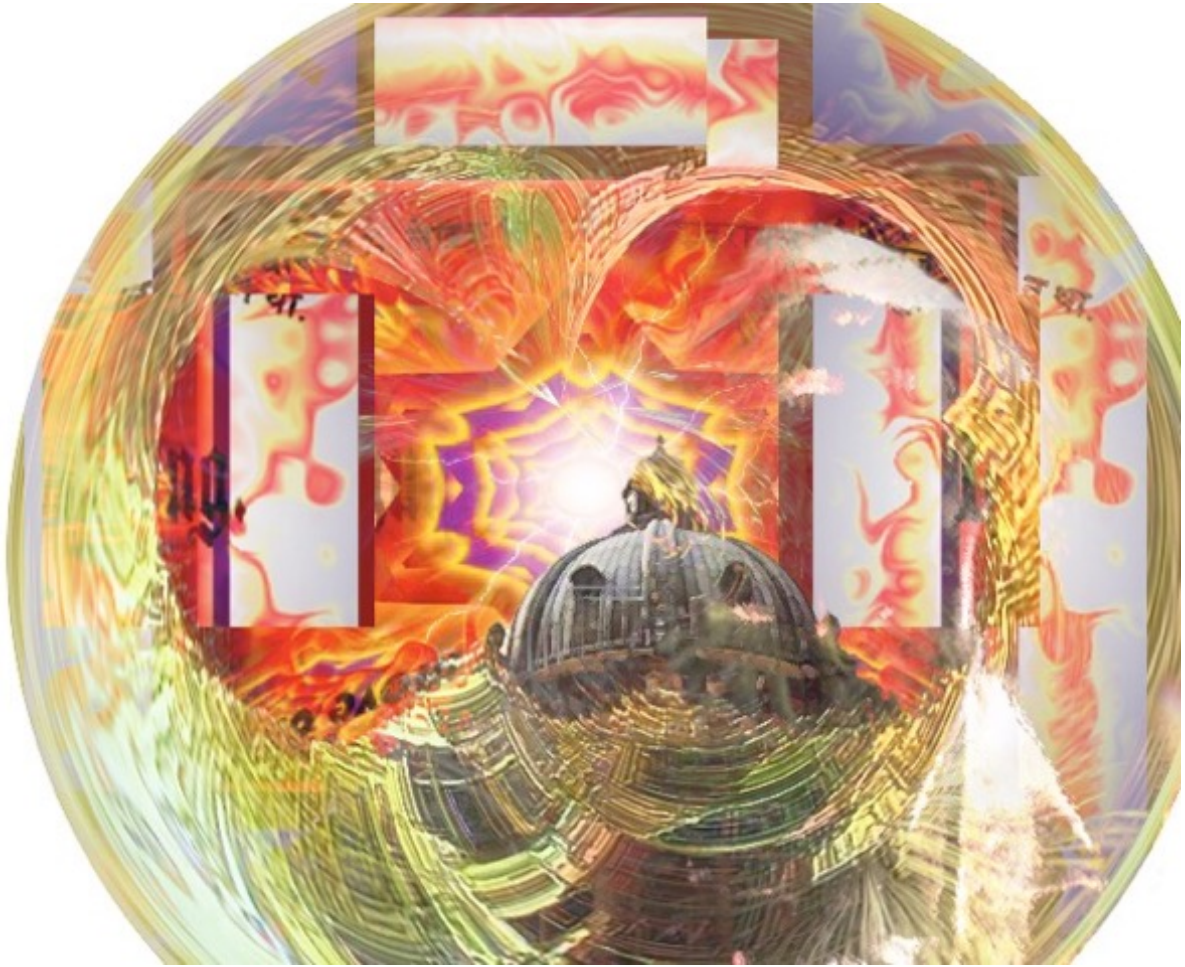
Many of us exist in giant pots  
simmering next to know-it-alls who yap away,  
or beside bland potatoes  
who care about little and have nothing to say.

Onions are different:  
they give ordinary casseroles pizzazz,  
transforming simple beans into culinary activists,  
and encouraging other vegetables to give more flavor.

Even before slicing  
zesty onions are undaunted by skilletts.

I admire succulent onions who laugh bravely  
as they sizzle under the flames.

Cooking well requires gusto,  
and each part of the casserole of life has a part to play.  
Don't worry about getting chopped up or deep fried:  
under time's relentless flames  
sizzle all lives.



**Anya:** One thing I believe in: we are all in this stew of life together.

**Carlos:** That might be so, but many people act with a self "me-only" awareness. They fail to see how their welfare is connected to the welfare of many others.

**Brice:** There is only one word for such short-sightedness: stupidity.

**Devani:** Somehow or other we've got to expand or awareness. Otherwise, we face extinction.

**- G Newfields**

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