Leek and Cauliflower Soup

- 4-6 servings
- 2 Tb olive oil
- 3 tsp garlic (2-3 cloves)
- 2 cups chopped leeks, white parts only, from 2 or 3 leeks
- ½ tsp Celtic sea salt
- 1 head cauliflower, chopped (8 cups)
- 7 cups chicken or vegetable stock or (bouillon cubes)
- 1/4 cup raw unsalted cashews soaked for 4 hours or overnight
- 3 Tb chopped chives for garnish (optional)
 - In a large soup pot, heat the oil over medium-low heat
 - Add the leeks and garlic and ¼ tsp of salt. Sauté for 3 minutes until the leeks begin to soften.
 - Add the cauliflower and broth.
 - Increase the heat to high, and bring just to a boil. Reduce the heat to medium and simmer for about 30 minutes, until the cauliflower is tender.
 - Drain and rinse the nuts, stir into the soup.
 - Remove the pan from the heat and allow the soup to cool slightly;
 - Pour the soup into a blender in batches and puree on high for 1 to 2 minutes, until smooth and creamy.
 - Return the soup to the pan and warm it over low heat. Stir in salt to taste.
 - To serve, ladle the soup into bowls and garnish with chives