

The Message

The Hopi elders have a word for how we are living today, but they are too kind in their language. Koyannisqatsi. Life out of balance.

The Vedas speak about Kali Yuga, the time of cosmic cleanup that occurs to deal with the world maya, the deception that grows like a thick fog, like cobwebs thickened with dust, in the minds of everyone. And that includes you and I, and the only way out is to cut-cut-cut swiftly with a vajra sword of awareness and clear thinking.

Yes, thinking. To think is a beautiful thing, but it is a mainly forgotten thing, in these modern and comfortable times, these times of mirage and subterfuge, of illusion and the grand deception that we really have it all. Knowledge, technology, supercomputers, the human genome deciphered, and yada yada yada.

What we really have, all that we really have, is the wool pulled over our eyes. There is no evil warlord or devil to blame, nobody out there doing it to us, only we ourselves.

Speaking of trauma and the end of worlds, or should we say, their resetting and re-adjusting, which is really what we are in the midst of presently,

We all have heard about Apocalypse and the expectations of that Messiah of one flavor or another coming to make us all feel better, especially those of us who are on the right side, of course, the winners, the good guys, the chosen ones. It's a very nice way to try to pretend and put out of mind your responsibilities and duties for today, and I mean Yours and Ours, not that other guy's. But the belief in a distant Heaven doesn't quite solve our problems nor is it a good exercise to help us to regain that lost ability called Thinking.

Nor does it let us off the hook for the one supreme command, found in the Dharma, in the Vedas, found in the Bible and in the Q'uran, to love, to love, to love.

Nor does it let us off the hook for how we will die, how we will face our own death. Like the very idea of one's personal death, so with the idea of a world out of balance, a world on the edge, teetering, bending into chaos both natural and social, too many people try to hide and imagine that the days of reckoning – for themselves, for our society - are in some distant time off in the future, and somehow they will be grandiose and amazingly different from today, perhaps with trumpets and shooting stars, but hardly just like today, Friday, May 12, 2007, just a very ordinary day, just like the morning of Sept. 11, 2001.

No one wants to think that it is all happening right here, right now, including the right-in-your-face global climate changes and the topsy-turvy chaos of a planet that truthfully is hardly disturbed at all except in such a tiny, tiny way that just happens to be so dramatic and fatal for thousands of species including the one that calls itself, "homo sapiens."

Put off today's essential work, and leave it for tomorrow, leave it to the great-grandchildren to worry about, ignore the writing on the wall, all you Nebuchadnezzar-

wanna-bes - and all those events and situations that you would rather not think about will be in your lap and in your face sooner and stronger, today in fact and not tomorrow. Somehow I think we were all told this over and over again for generations, but especially during the past fifty years. Rachel Carson, for instance, was not someone living in the Middle Ages but only two generations ago. Very few listened, and most behaved like Bush and Cheney and their kind.

And unfortunately, most still do think and act this way, and that is probably why such people prance and strut around in the White House and for that matter in other capitoline seats of both assigned and gratuitous power. We are what we eat and we are what we think – or what we fail to consciously think. We have as figureheads and decision-makers over our lives those we have allowed and even put into such roles, and in a way we cannot blame them, but only ourselves and our forgetfulness, our lack of thinking, and our lack of Love.

I have some acquaintances, even friends, who deny that there is global warming and they still ascribe it to radical liberals and fanatics. I know of some people, only in America though, who publicly say that they don't care about the cost of gasoline or a few more hurricanes. And I watched a video of some fool who sat it out through Hurricane Katrina and kept on muttering that it was not going to be too bad until finally the waves were crashing into his second-floor living room and kitchen. Then he woke up to a fresh dose of Reality.

We are waking up to more fresh doses of Reality and you can expect more of them sooner and stronger than you can imagine.

Now, we all know the phenomenon often seen in nervous young children who laugh and giggle when they are really quite afraid, even afraid to death, of something unknown, uncertain, undefined, and dangerous. We all know what it is like to get caught up in denial. But today we have it on a colossal scale within our society, and it is not just denial and refusal. On the flip side of our mental coin we find stamped the most amazing greed and selfishness, which really stems from the same source, the same imbalance, the same sickness, the sickness of self and lack of love.

Indeed, most of what motivates human behavior is Fear. Fear and insecurity. Transformed so easily into machismo and bravado, and the bloated puffed up ego with all its paraphernalia including racism, ethnic and religious hatred, and in short, the “works.” And part of those “works” is the unbelievably out of control greed and disregard for anyone else except Self, Thy God, Self Supreme. But it all stems not from any strength, for really there is nothing and no one there, and that is what makes people so afraid, so afraid that all they can do is want and desire and grab and take and push aside every other man, woman, child, animal and living thing in order to get ahead, to amass, to gain, and then... to die anyway, but without having done a single damn good thing except push, step on, grab, horde, and think about how to get more.

We grow up being taught and encouraged to only take and never to give, never to love, and the root is fear and insecurity over self.

This fundamental fear is all about ego, self, and the deep-down, buried but unable to be forgotten, gnawing realization that all this self with all its glories, all the glitz and shine and glamour, the slick SUV or Hummer, the 5,000 sq. ft. house in the suburbs, the Williams-Sonoma luxury cookware, the Sharper Image look with all the trappings to impress and compete, all this self is absolutely empty, no real thing, no substance, no object, no permanence at all.

And so, here we are. Emptiness that has a form that it imagines to be a self, a thing, and thus it fears and thus it craves, to take, to grab, to seize, to keep, and in the process to commit endless crimes of misery and suffering upon one another.

There is only one way out and that is to become selfless, to give it up, to quit the ego and to start to practice the most fear-less act of all, Love.

You can do it immediately and freely with the next person you see. With the next time you speak, with the next time you interact. Eat, drive, sleep, work, buy, sell, in anything you can do the act of love and making love can be your fulltime activity and occupation. Try it. Open your eyes, see the fear, face it, cut through it all, cut through the webs and dust and fog, and discover the you that you really are. You'll never be the same.

Now if you want a few ideas about how to really improve your life and do some good, about how you as an individual can do something real about sustainability, global climate change, global warming, reducing terrorism and conflict, and enabling real homeland security, go learn about some things like EcOasis and Nomad Eyes.

<http://ecoasisnetwork.org> and <http://nomadeyes.com> There is a start and it is an expression of love, as is this short message to you.

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APPENDIX

This has been placed onto YouTube

Title: The Message

Description:

The Message is 9.5 minutes about fear, insecurity, death, and the path out of the trap we have ourselves in collectively and which manifests as 9-11, as terrorism, as rampant selfishness, as fragmentation, as global warming and climate upheaval, and it offers concrete suggestions about what you can do to help change things, including web links at:

<http://ecoasisnetwork.org>

<http://nomadeyes.com>

<http://helpushelpyou.nomadeyes.com>

Keyword Tags:

safety security peace Iraq terror 9-11 global-warming homeland-security pandemic water
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The video link:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ViVTAcIphI>

The channel link:

<http://youtube.com/martindudziak>

An invitation message:

The URLs below are about EcOasis and Nomad Eyes, VA Tech and more. That is Implementation, Technology, Hands-On, Real. In addition, here is something that is far different from the usual stuff on YouTube. This little message is about Why it is important to not think that you as an individual can do nothing about global warming, terrorism, and peace in your neighborhood, or in the Middle East. It is about why it is important to listen to your heart and soul and not think it is all beyond your or our control.

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The goal is to raise visibility for

EcOasis and Nomad Eyes

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