

## **Emerging from the Timeless Void**

What a dark 2010 for so many! Many of us took the leap and began plowing through the weeds to make way for our new future. To do this, we began by staying focused and keeping our minds out of the past, taking calculated risks not knowing what is at the end of the tunnel, and releasing the things that we may have loved, but which held us back or no longer served the greater good.

I had to let my dying cat go in February. I held on and catered to him until the end when I dreamed of him screaming, wanting to be let go. He had had a stroke during the late summer and could not longer function well or even let me know his needs. I exhausted myself for months trying to heal him until the dream. Then he began to convulse and I knew I had to let him go. The darkness following his death was very deep. I was tortured for 10 days until I could finally hear him in the Netherland and my other cat saw him and attempted to play with him for one morning only. Then the cloud lifted and the ether cleared.

This is just one of many experiences that I and many have gone through in the last four to five months. It's very hard to let go, and sometimes we don't let go not only due to commitment, but due to habit. Are you still in a job that you hate and are being paid less than what you're worth? Are you still in a relationship because it's better than not being in one? Sometimes it takes a swift kick to move us onto a new course; losing one's job, losing one's lover, or losing one's pet. When there's nothing left but the void, that's the perfect time to reach inside and ask "what's next?" If you're an opportunist and do nothing, you might latch on to something that is being created by someone else and become part of their dream. Or you can create your own dream and opportunities.

My cat taught me a valuable lesson this month; when things are old, breaking, AND NO LONGER SUSTAINABLE, let go. We can make excuses that we are obligated to finish tasks and hold on, but sometimes the universe sees it differently and does you a favor by pushing you out of your comfort zone. A comfort zone is not a comfortable zone if it has not nurtured you. You could lose your job, your lover, or your home. That only means that there is a new landscape waiting to be created, based on your evolving vision. Instead of looking backward, start looking forward and take the leap to the other side. Chances are there will be light at the end of the tunnel and you'll end up on firm ground.

But many are caught between two worlds, in the void, for the first time in their lives. Many in the void lack the motivation and courage to move through the dark. For those who have lost everything, they have nothing left to lose and are forced to move quickly or sink. If you never confronted your shadow side, this void will be akin to meeting your greatest fears. It is much like being in quicksand. The more you kick and the more you scream, the deeper you fall into the muck. Most will not be able to turn back, let alone want to. For those who hang on to the past, the opportunity to latch on to the emerging vision will be gone and they will sink in the void. The rest will sludge through the muck killing their demons out of desperation and despair, until they finally see the light in their third eye. This is akin to the Toltec New Fire Ceremony, but more on that in my next editorial.

Others, who have been caught between two worlds for most of their life, who have already faced their demons and regularly use the void as a "timeout", are now jumping onto an emerging continent with its unrealized potentials. The old war-torn continent is shifting farther and farther away and many are jumping ship, so to speak, and swimming forward as fast as they can, with no concrete end vision but with strong intention, courage, and desire.

In summary, the veil is lifting for those caught between two worlds. For those who couldn't see the emerging continent before, many are now sensing its emergence and struggling to make sense of it. And that means it's time to focus on what's in front of us, to get the entire picture, and leave our dysfunctional and detrimental memories and relationships behind. For many, this may require a formal ceremony that burns away that which is no longer serving the higher purpose. We will only get one chance to pioneer the emerging continent because the old one is drifting into the Netherland. We must navigate through the darkness and come through the end of the tunnel to feed the emerging light with our highest intentions.