A Fresh Start,

Blank Canvas

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Today, old habitual ways of living are becoming boring and even intolerable, and it's either propelling people toward positive change or giving them an excuse for anger, cynicism, or violence. It's not the end of the world—it's actually the end of the unquestioned legitimacy of linear, causeand-effect thinking that makes us feel separate and fear-based. A bigger reality is coming! I hear these mantras repeatedly: "I feel stuck!" "I know I'm supposed to be doing something more or different, but I can't see what it is," "I feel over-stimulated, over-whelmed, and can't think clearly," and "Something must be wrong with me."

Of course, nothing is wrong with you. You've just reached an energetic turning point in which your perception is changing from an old way of seeing the world to a new, transformed way of perceiving. The change is marked by boredom, dissatisfaction, fear, and dysfunction—as is typical of the endings of most cycles. The old seems old and we can't quite understand the new yet, but we know it's there; we can feel it. We want it.

It's normal at these times to take things personally—and negatively—and think you must be doing something wrong, that what you've been materializing in your life is also somehow wrong. It's easy to become hung up on a specific irritating issue, like a dog with a bone, refusing to let go because the unknown seems too terrifying an alternative. This is especially true when you're beginning to perceive a new kind of reality, one that hasn't existed before.

On the positive side, some of us are finding unexpected gifts and growth and a new direction in life that has been waiting patiently to be discovered. Others are becoming mysteriously joyful for no apparent reason. Many are taking chances and courageously ending addictions and habitual behaviors, to see what might emerge from the simplicity and open space that remains.

DECLUTTERING THE PRESENT MOMENT

Now we're poised to continue this process of letting go of anything that deadens us or acts as interfering clutter between our soul's clear guidance and our personality's ability to translate that guidance into physical life. We want streamlined materialization and dematerialization. We want to receive the best win-win-win ideas and remain in joy through every phase of the creation process. We want more instantaneous results with minimal distortion and snags. We have entered the present moment, whether we realize it or not. And now we explore what that feels like, what it means, how it functions, and how living in the present

For some, the being-hit-overthe-head-with-a-zen-stick mode of letting go will continue, while for many others, the clearing process will be full of grace—the glass of tap water will gradually change from opaque to transparent. What we anticipate as being problematic may end up being nothing much, or even beneficial. There will be greater synchronicity and coincidence, more instances of situations that simultaneously solve problems for many people. When you need something, someone will appear to help. You may be that person for someone else—and *these things may occur just as you've settled into loving the moment as it is.*

A TIME OF EXTREME POLARIZATION AND INTEGRATION OF OPPOSITES

Partly due to cultural stuckness in either-or perception, we're seeing a great emphasis on polarization. As more people open to intuition and fluidity as a way of life, those who identify with the past and fixed beliefs are reacting fearfully, digging in their heels, and resisting change vehemently. Our newest level of high-frequency reality is pressuring the left brain to let go (its methods don't produce results anymore) and this will cause more desperate survival behaviors to emerge.

There is an increasing sense that there are actually two realities existing simultaneously on earth. The realities are separating farther and farther from each other, causing the people from the two camps to understand each other less and less. A point is being reached where revolution becomes the next logical step for some. Revolutions may break out in localized ways around the world, letting off steam.

But a larger, quieter revolution is underway globally, and it is a revolution, or evolution, of perception. Those of us who are moving in sync with

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the increasing frequency on the planet, who are opening whole-self consciousness, must stand up for who we want to be, who we ARE, and become thought leaders, way showers, and good examples. *We understand that opposites are actually part of a larger integrated reality.* By becoming more visible and real, those of us who are evolving into the fluid reality will not necessarily be involved in revolution. We are not participating in opposition and thus will not attract resistance or be attracted to it. We will instead act as a mediating force that can drain off hate and woundedness caused by those still involved in opposition.

WE'RE NOT VICTIMS

We're beginning to experience how interconnected we are with each other and our personal environment—how what surrounds us IS us. We're learning to stop blaming ourselves and others for what happens to us, because we realize we can shift our attitude and the conditions that affect us. We aren't victims anymore. Our personal field is our home, no matter where we are in the world. Part of this new experience is the phenomenon of "the Convening," where people on your true wavelength appear magically from your personal field as collaborators on projects that promote conscious evolution.

All in all, we are in a time of openness and possibility. We need to focus on presence, spaciousness, gestation, quiet integration and digestion of previous intuitions, and the cessation of projecting into the past and future. We have a fresh start, a blank canvas, and time for inspired creativity. For many, though, this may be a time of radical adjustment, resistance, and loss. The challenge is to see this as preparation for new growth and an improved reality. There are no outside forces working against you unless you perceive them into being, and there's no better reality coming in "the future." Your whole life is what you make of it now.

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