

The Burning Tree of Life

The world as we know it is on the change. People are becoming more and more aware that things are different. They are facing challenges one after another and finding things to be difficult and tough. They are witnessing atrocities that are upsetting and disturbing and it is playing havoc with their minds. For the world is waking up to a new era. One where people need to wake up to see what is happening around them.

There are many who go about their day just as if nothing were wrong at all. As if the planet that they live on should always provide them with a safe platform and environment in which to live no matter how they live their life upon it. Yet why is this so? Surely if a living thing were to require care and attention, it would be important to show it some time and respect. For instance if a person was to be crying out in the middle of the road, how many people would just walk on by and ignore them?

The planet is in crisis. It is struggling with all of the changes that have been forced upon it. Its personality has been stripped and a new one created by man. For everything that we do to the planet that takes away goodness from the earth, weakens the core of its being and creates turmoil in its patterns of behaviour. For whilst we do not see the planet as a living thing, we presume that we can do what we like to it and it will not suffer. Yet the planet is the one thing that sustains us and keeps us alive. It is the one thing that without it we would not exist at all. So surely it deserves some consideration. Surely it deserves to be treated like you would treat your best friend or any person at all.

As a world over the last few decades things have changed tremendously and the human population has made great demands to have bigger and better things that will make life easier on the earth. This in turn has been met by new factories being put into place and forests and countryside being destroyed. It has meant more and more resources being stripped from the earth and nothing being put back in its place. As a result the balance of the earth has changed and has created a nation of greed. It has created a race where people are not satisfied with the lives they are in because they always strive to have more. Despite already having comfortable homes and transport to ride in galore, somehow they just want more. The demand for more things has created a demand for money. A demand for money means creating a demand for jobs. New jobs need to be created in order to create more money and so new products and services need to be invented in order to produce the money needed to supply the demand.

So when will this stop. For the more demand there is made the further away the people get from appreciating the planet they are on and the beauty it has to offer because they are too busy trying to make money to pay for the things that they want. Money has therefore become the one thing that has created a diversion in people's minds from what is important. They neglect to look at their emotional lives or the planet and its needs in return to earn money to give them the freedom to buy the things they want. By ignoring their emotional needs has led to people feeling bad about who they are and this has led to a nation of superficiality. For instead of dealing with the inner core, they have chosen to concentrate on the outside of them. They have chosen to spend money on enhancing their looks in order to fit into a society that otherwise might not accept them. This in turn has added to the pressures of providing more money.

In countries where their way of living has been kept simpler, the people are generally happier, provided that they have food, clothing, housing and are not at war. They show more care and consideration for each other and understand the core value of loving themselves and each other and the planet around them. For those who live in a Western Society, things are not so good, for instead this need to feed the desire to have things has led to a negative way of being because people are too

bogged down in their everyday lives and the habits they have fallen into to see the changes that need to be done. Even if they see the changes, they do not want to take part in them if the cost is too high, for this would then take away from the things that want to have instead. So many stay within their box, not wanting to step out for fear of what the change might do to them and what they have.

Whilst all of this continues to go on the planet and its plight continues to weaken and the surface on which the people live will have to find its own way to survive. This will mean a shifting from within and as it does so, it will create turmoil and destruction to those living on it. So surely it would make more sense to live in harmony with it. To find ways to protect the surface we live on and be more aware of its beauty on a daily basis.

There are many ways in which this can be achieved but first people need to be aware of themselves. They need to consider the habits and way of being that they have fallen into and see whether it is having a positive or a negative effect on the planet in which they live. It takes more than recycling a few bottles and cans to make a difference.

If people were to address the negativity that they carry within them and deal with the emotional issues that hold them back, then they would lead lives that were happier and more fulfilled. This in turn would help them to be more considerate of the world because they would appreciate it more rather than seeing it as nothing but a difficult challenge. Releasing and letting go of old habits and creating new ones can mean a brighter and lighter future for all those who are living and all those yet to be born.

Imagine a tree, one that is beautiful, green and full of life. If it were to be set afire how would you feel? Would you want to save it or would you want to let it burn and fall? Now imagine a person and do the same and ask yourself, is there any difference in how you feel. If you feel less for the tree, ask yourself why? The tree has lived for hundreds of years and has families of creatures all relying on its growth. The truth is, both are just as important as each other and so is the planet that gives them life in the first place.