

## **The Emerging Paradigm**

Many people these days are focusing on the disintegration of our planet. There is a general despair that we are in the process of losing everything we've ever identified with such as our values, our economic independence, our cultural and societal mores, our religious mores, our security, and yes, at the top of the list, our freedom.

It's important to realize that when old systems start to topple, new ones emerge to take their place. This is exemplified by both the Tower card and Death card in the Tarot deck. When the tower becomes old, when its structure has not been maintained or repaired, and when the tower becomes top heavy by those who see no need to disperse their resources below, the tower begins to topple and implode. This is happening right now. The tower is crumbling, resources are depleted, and we need to design a more sustainable and balanced structure.

The unenlightened and unyielding populations attempt to hold on to the old structure as long as they can without forging a new direction or path. Those at the top of the tower, fighting to keep their wealth and power separated from the masses, continue to apply bandaid solutions to appease the masses, but only stall the inevitable. However, the inevitable is here now. There is no stopping the implosion of the old tower.

The key to understanding this transition is that the universe, the planet, and humanity go through life and death cycles on a regular basis. What we are confronting now is a major end cycle that will occur at all levels from cosmos to single-cell life: the death of the old and the birth of the new. For many people, the upcoming changes will mean death on many levels, particularly if they have not paid attention to what's happening on a global and local scale. Having not planned for a different way of life or a new direction will severely affect those who cling to the old. For others, who are at this moment planning and forging new paths, the emerging paradigm and the new structures will not only impact them far less severely but may well be built by them. Thus, the ride into the future will be a smooth one.

Times such as these present opportunities to birth new structures using new blueprints. There is a rift that is forming between the old structures and the evolving ones. While the birthing process is always difficult, this time we are also faced with creating our future. Our own emerging consciousness will define our future so that we can birth it into existence. Some are already jumping the rift as they put creative thought into action.

Those of us in the San Francisco Bay Area/Silicon Valley are changing the way we live and do business by coming up with new models for economics, development, justice and technology. The catalyst and new foundations are largely based on Green initiatives, at least for now. We are creating new sets of rules to form new foundations that will present new opportunities, healthier cities and states, and peace and justice for residents. We are building the future and the new structures that we dreamed about in the 60s and 70s. We are thinking globally and acting locally. It is long overdue but our work now is filling the void and creating the bridge that many locally will be given the chance to cross.

The most important issue for us all right now is that the time has come to take our highest visions, jump the widening rift, and implement them by action in the physical plane. The time is now to create the future you want, where you are. The time is now to steer your desires and make them manifest. You can help make the changes you wish to see by conquering your fears, envisioning the future, creating your own models, and steering them to completion. On the other hand, you can do nothing, continue to lean on the old structures that tower over you, and be guaranteed a certain death. The future is yours to create, as is your choice of whether or not to birth your highest vision.