

## **The new Tribal-family: being drawn to Oneness through the turmoil of social isolation.**

The current state of political, economic, educational, medical, social and cultural ideology is breaking down. As time goes on there is a move towards an ever more anarchic situation, as hierarchical power, individualism and freedom of the individual crumble causing a deep sense of isolation.

How many of us feel alone, whether surrounded by people or literally isolated makes no difference, the feeling of loneliness is deeper than we care to admit. We use drugs or doping agents to prevent our acute feeling of separation, increasingly trying to avoid the truth of how we really feel and putting on masks to conceal our suffering. This addiction pattern continues through successive generations, where a child will sell bodily organs for computer equipment (yes, this did happen!) and suicide rates continue to escalate.

Where there is isolation and seeming separation so also come waves of realization about the Non-dual nature of things. When tension reaches its limit and the external pressures of life explode the ego, or when through isolation and detachment from others the “Self” slowly slides away, the process of recognition of the nature of ourSelf as a Oneness starts to return.

Part of this, or perhaps imbued with this, is the letting-go of social conditioning and the return to instinctual health which cannot be personal but has to do with all humanity as one organism, or all of the universe as one expression. As the additional baggage of “self” is dropped, so too is the conditioning that makes a person act the way they think they “ought” to in society. This allows them to naturally just “be” without “trying” which is a very basic instinct and vital in the primal or tribal sense. When we speak of family and what it means to be part of one this is often in order that we may distinguish those who are within this unit from those who are external to it. However identification of family is not really the key point here, the tribal family is an energetic expression, a unity that represents fingers of the same hand, and this quality is also part of nature. The interest and compulsion to move towards this way of seeing things is steadily growing within the population, as brilliantly expressed by the “tracker” Tony Deis (<http://www.trackersearch.com>):

*“When I was looking at tracks in the sand so long ago... I was stumped, striving to match them with the measurements and toe-count of field guides. Funny thing, I wasn’t actually following the animal to find it, both in the metaphorical and physical sense. Now, all I care about is really knowing that animal, like I would a brother or a sister, my mother or my father, my grandma or grandpa. Compelling emotion, aka the feeling of Family, is what truly drives humans to learn. Not trying too hard, not a patented learning “system”, not Trackers (yup), not an even a more academic approach.*

*I can make you a great tracker. I can get you to see that bobcat print on top of a larger animals' track really quickly. But I'm not the one getting you there. It's the connection*

*between the bobcat and you. I just enjoy being along for the ride. So what is this track? Don't bother caring. Wait until it tells you."*

Tony explains well the nature of that which senses and is within, a drawing towards unity, a seeking which only ends when there is no attempt to obtain it, with the realisation that what is, is obviously simply what is, nothing more or less. Tracking is a good example, it always looks as if a person is trying to find, when really it is about just being there, following your nose, not trying to make the nose follow "you".

The seeking to find an end to isolation in society is never external to "you". It is always the "you" that seeks, until the process of that which is simply as it *is*, is compelling enough for there to be interest in it. This way of life is very boring for the cognitive process and also seen as highly "unproductive" for the "self" who is trying to "get" somewhere. But for the much larger proportion of the bodyspirit energetic expression it is like breath itself. There is very little ambition here, in many ways all ambition just dies away as that mainly relates to projection into the future and the bigger "self" or "becoming" a dream or fantasy. In many ways the re-acquaintance with the true, deep, core feeling of natural engagement and interest can be very small, so small in fact that like all the tribal peoples of the world, we cannot often name individuals as having an impact on world politics, or making "break-throughs" in medicine or technology. This is because these people are literally more interested in the feel of the sun, the smells in the air and the ground beneath the feet, there is absolutely no requirement for anything else.

When ambition declines and engagement with what is actually in front of you starts to occur, then there is very little to "make better", to strive for or discover, there is just living simply and following the nose. One can always see ambition in the eyes, as they will wander off when there is resistance to the present moment, preferring instead to escape into the world of dream or fantasy about the world to come or the next situation that may arise. There is little interest in what is actually occurring presently, no realization that there is no choice, no "self" acting, but just something occurring through the "you" that is. Ambition is always personal and therefore detached. However life is both intimate and impersonal and as such has no reason but just acts in accordance with everything.

Tony Parsons expressed at a recent meeting that Oneness is "*the loudest thing in the room, yet is the thing that can't be heard by anyone*", (please see <http://www.theopensecret.com>) of course by "anyone" here he means "self". When "self" is involved there is always a seeking and so the sound of nature cannot be heard. For the native peoples it is always the case that the modern person is clumsy and loud and heavy in footsteps. This is not because they are bad or wrong but because the dis-ease of self weighs much heavier on the shoulders of the modern person whereas the indigenous person is often free of such baggage.

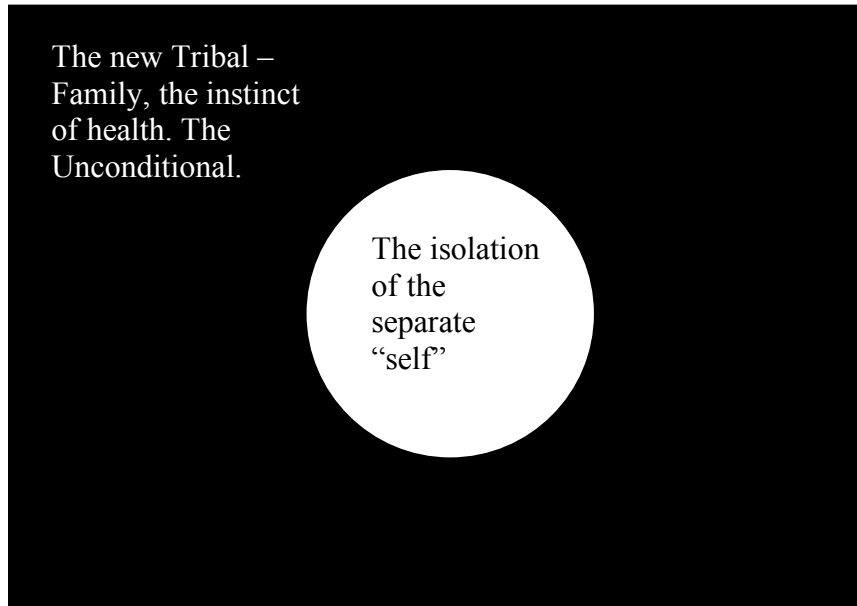
The new tribal family is now emerging. It is one without a hierarchical system to keep it in place. The most ancient primitive societies had no leader in the hierarchical sense but those possessing a particular kind of charisma took a lead, followed by others with a

different charismatic disposition. There was never a notion of higher or lower about this. There was a simplicity in life which the primitive movement echoes and looks towards, not because it's "different" but because it's sensory and feels great. It feels good to move the body and to activate the senses, it feels good to eat fresh foods and to be in connection, to be One, to be a tribe that is without absolute rules or judgments. This perhaps is idealistic but the direction of it is not connected to ideals, it is simply the way nature functions when all totalitarianism and altruism is taken away and the human animal is left to be what it is naturally.

Even today there are those tribes in Amazonia who are uncontacted and untouched by modern ideology, continuing to subsist with stone-age technologies and traditional ways of being, with no requirement for "time" and without complex notions of reality which the modern person clings to for dear life. For such peoples all that exists are the senses. For modern people there are strident voices and ideas going on in their head, such as "I should meditate", "I should go shopping", "I shouldn't call her", "I should call him"... Yet constantly in the background is the sense of the floor, the feel of the wind, the sounds, the light, the smell, even though all of these are obscured by the illusions of the world. As the new tribal family comes to the fore, as Tony Deis clearly points out, these senses become an ever more *compelling interest*, the want to move towards instinct, innate perception or even righteousness (not self-righteousness!)

There is no reason for this, no requirement and no cause for it, it's just happening, it's just humans being "real" or nature spontaneously unravelling the delusion of "self", something which Scott Kiloby calls "love's quiet revolution" which is exactly what this is. The poet Gil Scott-Heron suggests that this "revolution" will not be televised and he is surely correct. This process that's happening all over the world is not something that is a choice or a process we have to do something about, it's happening to all of humanity. The nature of the "self" is going into retirement, and as it does so the aching isolation and feeling of loneliness, no matter what the situation, whether it is experienced while being in a "couple" or being "single", of either being accepted or rejected, all of this dissolves. Nature is unconditional and in its sensitivity there is always a profound background sense that is the basis for all communication. Speaking about this may not be a cure in itself, but it is an expression of the acknowledgement of what truly is the edge of "self" beyond which this notion cannot pass.

In truth there is no person who is single or who is in a couple or who is part of a family, it is ALL family, or better still, it is all Oneness expressing in many forms. The nature of what's "mine" and "yours", "for you" or "for me" is missing the point. Every baby is born into the Family, every man is a brother and a father, every woman is a sister and a mother, every man is also female and every woman is also male. When we lose identity completely even these seeming "basic identities" are a mockery. When there is just seeing, the "I" cannot perceive male or female, inside or outside, all dualism ends in the background sense of One singularity, or "I am All and I am No-thing". The paradox is where it stops.



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