

BOOK SIX    CHAPTER 13    SYNTHESIS

The night their parents returned home safely, Shilli, Emilie, Julian and Asha had the same dream. In a clearing of giant oak trees, a dark yellow Labrador jumped onto a gnarled Prometheus stump, a whistling flock of mourning doves swooping down to listen. Marcus radiated kindness, experience, confidence, intelligence and reliability.

Marcus - “An unscrupulous man, masquerading as a teacher, has been exposed. Knowing your strength is working together as a team, he attempted to frighten and intimidate you by kidnaping your parents. He failed. Many people will attack you where they think you are strongest. Don’t let anything separate you. Anger is a sign of life. It serves a purpose, has helped us survive. There are positive qualities of anger that mobilize resources, increase our vigilance, facilitate the removal of obstacles to pursuing worthy goals. But. . . don’t be fooled by the comfort anger can offer. If not used for positive change, it can be poisonous. Cultivate the strengths of those around you. The familiar and predicable are easy. What is ahead will be uncomfortable. Solutions will not be obvious. Honor and virtue are not the same. Believe in your own abilities. I love you.”

The next morning, a message for the human race was disseminated worldwide. The video posted on social media spread at lightning speed. Ayres the orangutan, Victoria the chimpanzee, Rubicon Phi the bonobo, stood with Julian Emerson from the United States, Asha Esim of India, Shilli Louwrens from Namibia, Lapis Lishin of Russia, Emilie Larsen from Denmark, Marcus the Labrador and Samuel Karam of Lebanon. JASLEMS. The tone was contagious, a shared sense of hope, hard work ahead, accepting differences, confidence, strength, kindness and responsibility. Marcus and Samuel were no longer alive. Shilli, Emilie, Julian, Asha and Lapis would not fail them.

“I am AYRES the Orangutan.

Things that mattered before will no longer matter. Past traditions will no longer hold the same importance. The possibilities ahead are epic. Our capacity for grief in what we witness is profound, as is our optimism for the future. Everyone will be faced with allowing their thinking to be altered, to reach solutions and shared goals. Opposition, discussion, consensus. Hopefully when illness and disease are no longer a concern for your species, adversaries will come together, poverty and hunger, fresh water and clean air will become a priority over status and power.”

“I am VICTORIA the Chimpanzee.

The young and old of your species do not complicate love. Sharing is vanishingly rare. We hope what is about to happen will promote and awaken the love every human has within, stretch it to include all of us. Everyone will have equal freedom of action to make their own choices. Each act of kindness, however small, has an immediate effect.”

“I am RUBICON PHI the Bonobo.

Many of you do not see the beauty in front of you, Animals, flowers and oceans don't complain. They notice. Why hasn't your species learned from the teachers of the natural world? Because they are not like you, you believe you are superior. By knowing only your own kind, you limit yourselves. All that is loves and feels love.”

Marcus - “There is a connection between all living things. The natural world has the ability to change the Earth in ways humans don't yet understand. Accelerating humans' awareness in an unorthodox manner was the only remaining choice. We are deeply troubled but endlessly optimistic. It isn't what humans have done, it is what so many have failed to do. Unlike the previous experiences, this outage will not end until appreciable changes are made. It is time to summon will power and courage, to explore, investigate, discuss and consider new social and economic structures.”

He continued. “Social change isn't predictable, small steps in bits and pieces, then huge changes, slowing down suddenly, then speeding up. Solutions will be complex. People will change in their own way and time, their options open. The future is up to each of you to decide what is right. What you do and say now, how you interact, the respect for one another, the reverence for all living things, not just human life, will be felt and will spread, the energy of thought and action. Don't let all the good things that are about to take place allow you to forget those that have already occurred.”

Lights began flashing in the daylight sky. Solar flares and exploding stars. Outages and cascade failures: satellite relays, power grids, cell phone towers, radar stations, airport to plane and all military communication, television and radio transmissions, power grids, satellites, a catastrophic failure of all the battery powered and electricity driven devices in the world. Backup power sources did not operate. No place was immune. Bangkok to Berlin, Montreal to Moscow, Frankfurt to Quito, Geteria to Geneva, Seoul to Johannesburg, Lima to Tel Aviv, Nevis to Prague, Muscat to Helsinki, Beijing to Brazil, Antwerp to Reykjavik, Dublin to Brazil.

The call to action for JASLEMS had begun.

