

## MA-URI® NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2019

### TWO EVENTS that RAISED GLOBAL AWARENESS

Dear MA-URIs,

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.. Dear companions ... dear MA-URI pathfinders and trailblazers .. and dear World Citizens, *caretakers* and *caregivers* of our Mother Earth!!

Each of these titles sums up the reflections that have filled me these last couple of days; Thoughts about your role and the special place you hold in our lives and in MA-URI; and reflections sparked by recent personal experiences and by events that have raised *global* awareness.

TWO recent Events are having a global impact and giving us all a thorough SHAKE-UP! Timely so ..... Timely so!! They are Events that have succeeded in distracting everyone here in New Zealand from our personal realities, positive ones as well as troubling ones; distracting us from our favourite focuses and ever-ongoing projects! ...Rightly so .... Rightly so!!

It has made me curious to explore how powerful messages are revealed when we start to SEE 'connections' ... and start to 'join the dots' in order to get a glimpse of the bigger picture or to understand the message or purpose of a particular situation. 'Joining the dots' means to join together a series of **clues** given to us in seemingly random order and unrelated incidents. Part of a message may be conveyed through a line of a song, presented through a video that came to our attention or through a slogan we caught a glimpse of as a bus passed by OR through a local or global event!

Like many of you have discovered and become fascinated by: It is when we start to see *connections* as the empowering principle that runs through every aspect of Life, that we begin to realize how God/Spirit guides us, answers our prayers or nudges us in a particular direction either away from a troubling situation or towards the very opportunity that'll take us straight unto the Highway of our Destiny!

This is what has fascinated me these last days, namely observing how we are guided by God/Spirit in subtle ways; at all times, I believe, each one of us is guided not only towards a deeper understanding of the Divine, but also *towards the realities that we need to give attention*. And: it is rarely enough to just give something attention in our *minds* and *hearts*. It needs to be addressed also through a necessary *CHANGE* (in attitude or behaviour e.g.) and through *ACTION* as well. As we all know: Too quickly our minds and hearts can become our comfort zones ..... and we end up living happily and 'forever after' comfortable within our realm of limited perceptions and oh, so loving hearts, but in a state of *INACTION* .... and missing the Hawkins '547 Train' to the next level of consciousness!!

The following **2 Events** certainly brought to our attention that there is an urgent need to change some of the choices that have become comfortable everyday realities we have come to take for granted and made part of an enjoyable life-style! It was brought to our attention in 2 very different ways: The **1<sup>ST</sup> Event** touched our hearts and expanded our minds! It triggered an eagerness in us to take responsibility more fully and to make appropriate changes to our way of life ... and most importantly, it inspired us to TAKE ACTION!

The **2<sup>nd</sup> Event** punched us right in the gut and made our hearts bleed ..... making us realize the areas where greater Awareness needs to be developed and how the Training in MA-URI holds the key to important solutions!

#### JOINING THE DOTS

What guided me to the first of these Events was a link that took me to the **TEDex video site**. Looking through the many significant speeches and presentations, **this** video suddenly caught my attention: A speech made by a young girl, **Greta Thunberg**! I listened and my jaw dropped – wow, what a powerful speech!! It brought me to tears several times, i.e. when she just ‘hit the target’ and made me realize something of profound significance!! My first thought was that this video would be inspiring to listen to for those of you who wanted to learn more about speech-making. It *would* be, I’m sure, but that was not where this was heading! The TOPIC and her words kept tugging at my heart-strings and her profound statements kept resounding in my mind – for a reason and a purpose! PLEASE listen to Greta’s speech here: <https://youtu.be/H2QxFM9y0tY>

When you listen to her speech, I hope you’ll let her words and wisdom sink in ever deeper. And I hope her message will affect and inspire also *you* to raise your awareness and make changes to your everyday choices and way of life!

Her speech and the IMPACT of it reminded me of another young girl, **Severn Suzuki** from British Columbia, who at the age of 12 delivered a speech that made everyone gathered at the UN Conference in Rio de Janeiro sit up and LISTEN! That was in 1992. Because of its significance, please listen also to this speech: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XdkOuYjy85o>

.... There is something profound to realize and acknowledge here, namely the awakening of a new generation of young women who feel called to speak up and demand to be heard ...NOW! Because if not NOW, then we might not be able to reverse the development we have created. Young women like Severn, Greta and **Malala** (the young Pakistani activist who spoke up for girls right to an education), they take on a unique role and seek to fulfil a purpose of global proportions! This is something I started to write about in my manuscript for the book on MA-URI back in 2012. I was fascinated.

#### **The 1<sup>st</sup> EVENT: STUDENTS’ DEMONSTRATION CONC. CLIMATE CHANGE**

Eight days after I had listened to Greta Thunberg’s speech, the next link was added. I was listening to the news and suddenly Greta’s picture came up on the screen! The news reporter made the announcement that students from every part of NZ were planning a major demonstration – *inspired by Greta Thunberg* - against the failure of the government to take urgent and appropriate ACTION to stop the rapidly escalating effects of CLIMATE CHANGE. This demonstration was going to take place on **Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> March!!**

On the News broadcasted on **March 15<sup>th</sup>**, these amazing details were highlighted:

- Over **24 hours of climate action**, organizers of the climate strike believe more than **1 million students** skipped school on Friday to protest against government inaction to climate change.
- From **Australia and New Zealand**, to **Asia, Europe, Africa, North America and South America**, students from all over the world took to the streets to demand change.

- Organizers said there were more than **2,000 protests in 125 countries**.
- This student movement was inspired by 16-year-old **Greta Thunberg**, now nominated for a **Nobel Peace Prize**, who kicked off a global movement after she sat **outside Swedish parliament** every Friday beginning last August.
- Many students expressed **anger, fear and disappointment** that adults have not acted.
- Many also expressed **hope** for a green economy within 11 years, the timeframe experts at the United Nations believe is necessary to forestall catastrophic climate change.
- Even as students demanded change, some delegations ignored their pleas, including diplomatic delegations from the US, who watered down agreements to **eliminate single-use plastics**. Etc. etc.

Source: <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/live/2019/mar/15/climate-strikes-2019-live-latest-climate-change-global-warming>

I'll leave you to just sit for a moment to take it all in; every aspect of this important Event is worth giving attention and act upon.

What an amazing contribution and effort made by these youth groups – impressive and encouraging, indeed! *GOOD things are happening in our world, indeed!!* The best and *only* way, really, we can truly support their fine efforts and contribute to their initiatives ... hmm .. is to do some self-scrutiny: What are the attitudes and HABITS we need to change; what do we need to gather more information on, so we can ACT appropriately; there is so much information available, so remaining ignorant or indifferent is just not an option, is it??!! If we are to create and sustain HOPE for the future, then the reality is as Greta Thunberg concluded in her magnificent speech:

*'The one thing we need more than Hope, is Action! Once we start to act, then hope is everywhere! So instead of looking for HOPE – look for ACTION!'*

*Kia Ora to her, indeed!!!*

### **The 2<sup>nd</sup> Event: The Christchurch Mosque Shootings, NZ**

This event unfolded on the SAME day that students demonstrated in front of government buildings and City Halls, on **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March!** Indeed, this event punched us right in the gut and made our hearts bleed .....! And repercussions of this terror attack are being felt throughout NZ and having an impact on the rest of the World! All of you would have heard the news on TV or through other media - and we thank those of you who connected with us and shared your reflections.

Special appreciation goes to you, Tibi, for connecting with us! Tibi had his Kaitinana training back in 2014 and developed a strong connection with this land of Aotearoa. Saturday morning (16<sup>th</sup> March), Tibi shared the frightening dream he had had the night before: All the horrible details of what was happening here on the other side of the world were presented to him in this dream/nightmare! Like all of us, it had a profound effect on him when he checked the news next morning and saw what had happened in Christchurch! What an amazing example of *connectedness*, confirming again the Truth that 'Everything/everyone is connected to everything/everyone' and therefore, "There can be *no separation!*"

***The whole world was being joined together through these 2 Events!***

Many thoughts and reflections fill us and the list of questions seem endless: HOW could this happen in NZ??!! Is NZ no longer a safe country to travel in? What does this event bring to the surface about racism? ..... How much of that is hiding in the shadows and in the subconscious and *conscious* minds of New Zealanders that it attracts a guy from Australia to carry out his horrific assault here in New Zealand ... and in *CHRISTCHURCH*?

Two weeks ago a commentator summed up the problem of racism by acknowledging that 'racism IS a factor in our country; this cannot be denied. It is a reality we need to deal with'. The opportunity to do exactly that came in a way that no one could have anticipated!

50 people were killed in the shootings and as many were severely wounded. With the shooter apprehended and now in police custody, the whole of Christchurch's multi-cultural communities are gathering in the streets, in parks and community centres, sharing their grief, disbelief and unanswerable questions. Love and support, solidarity and prayers are offered everywhere. This tragic event is indeed having an amazing effect on everyone, locally, nationally and internationally!! Looking at the News, what we see is an overwhelming outpouring of Love and compassion expressed by everyone, young and old, men and women of every faith, race and walks of life! Flowers are placed where painful memories linger, young people are gathering around to sing and pray for school mates, fathers or brothers who were shot; young Maori did their Haka in defiance of the hatred that had fuelled this horrible act of violence; and elders stood around contributing with their prayers and presence; women nurtured women and children, singing their Waiata; or stood around quietly hugging those lost in grief. Police, St. John and organisations of different kinds, offered constant help and assistance! Impressive

Like NEVER seen before in any country, we saw Muslim communities in Christchurch be embraced and given support, shown compassion and Love continuously for 3 days now; everyone is trying to cope with the effects of this tragic event **together!** People in *EVERY* part of the country have shown through their actions, their songs, flowers and banners that 'This is not what defines us!' – 'Hatred is rendered powerless by Love!' - 'We are ONE family!'

*THIS* is what has characterized this country since Friday!  
Something shifted .... Something has changed profoundly!

*2 significant Events that happened on one and the same day have changed a nation forever!*

In deep respect hereof, let us join together and pray that PEACE and LOVE be all that is – in our own lives and families, in our MA-URI communities, in our Global communities and in this precious World of breath-taking majesty and beauty,

With Love and Blessings  
Katja