

## #11 A New Species

Paleoanthropologists have classified the humans of the past 40,000 years as homo sapiens. Homo sapiens, translated from Latin, means “wise man.” Wise is fine as far as it goes, but wisdom is only one of the virtues we need to make the evolutionary leap to a virtuous and sustainable society based on loving principles. A change in the name of the species can occur only when advances are profound. We live during a great transformation of the spirit.

The entire human species is evolving spiritually, a shift that is sensed by many people. As this new spirit is conceived, a new species emerges. In time, we will no longer be homo sapiens.

Groups of people are working hard on every substantive issue, in every corner of the world. Signs of change everywhere. The good news is that the new species is flourishing. And we are growing in strength.

Today, we humans must make changes equivalent to those made long ago by ancient animals that left the water and learned to live on land. We have come a long way from gills to lungs, cold blooded to warm, on all fours to upright, from animals of limited consciousness to human beings who comprehend and cherish infinity and divinity. When early primates banded together, learned to use tools and cared for their offspring, intelligence flourished and so did the species. The next major shift will be from survival of the fittest to mutual nurturing. We have to evolve into a new spiritually-oriented species to live and flourish.

Life evolves through a variety of forces: natural selection, mutations, genetic drift and chance. During human evolution, our bodies have changed; we are taller, we live longer. Compared to virtually all other animals, our brains have increased to a massive size and capacity compared to our body size. This capacity for consciousness and intention gives us some choices that will affect our future. This element of choice is as profound as the evolution of our own species, a uniquely human characteristic, and is a miracle, when you think about it.

Advancements in science and technology must be combined with greater advances in consciousness. The continuing existence of our species relies on the evolution of the spirit. Whereas it takes the human body many generations to change, the spirit evolves in the space of each breath. As the spirit evolves, the body follows.

The rate of spiritual evolution greatly increases when we collectively nurture each other. The spirituality we manifest in our lives unquestionably betters us as individuals; but perhaps more importantly it is a gift to humanity, for it raises the consciousness of the world. Kindred spirits are a forum for the evolution of consciousness, ensuring a future of our own choosing. The continuation and evolution of our species is dependent on our ability to love ourselves, each other and the Earth.

## **Kindred spirits are a vehicle for spiritual transformation.**

We have a higher destiny to seek, for ourselves and our species. The principles that guide our relationships differentiate us from the species out of which we evolved. Being virtuous raises our consciousness. Our spirits are growing bigger and brighter. Our purpose for existence is the evolution of the spirit. The spirit evolves as our virtues grow.

We are totally responsible for the future. Only a change in the collective human spirit will be enough to transform the world. It is only our power to alter consciousness that can affect the course of evolution.

Our community of integrated awareness is spiritually evolving to a more sustainable, ecological way of being. We must find our individual passions, focus our vision and then help each other on the path. Our synergistic strength is the power that can transform the species and lead to the next evolution of humanity. Each of us has a part to play as we form spiritual communities to be of service to our larger community and the world. Gather to foster spiritual evolution. As spiritual explorers, our task is to become masters at evolving a new spirit. Become the new species.

A new global spirit is emerging.

Probe these questions:

What qualities would you like them to have?

In what areas do we want the human species to evolve?

What is next after homo sapiens?

Can humans achieve a higher level of consciousness of love and kindness?