

# MILLENNIAL MESSAGES FOR HUMANKIND

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## TIGER

Deep in our forest home we see much of what goes on in the darkness and in the light of this Earth. Our home is being ravaged on the edges and even deep into the forest by the thoughtless actions of humankind. We do not mind that all of us have to live and use the natural surroundings. What we do mind is the unconsciousness; humans come in a manner that does not honor all life around us.

I do not resent humans for the actions that they do. All act in accordance to their own nature. What we ask of you, humankind, as part of the whole, is for a greater consciousness of your relationship to all of us who live here. This is a reminder.

**There is not one leaf, not one tiny animal, insect, microbe, elephant, whale, and bird that are not dependent upon the whole.**

Let your consciousness go deep, expanding downward into the Earth, into the trees, into every tiny creature that lives under our feet. Breathe as one being. Come with me into the deep sleep beauty rest of the forest and I will show you how beautiful it is to breathe the breath of one being. There all the knowledge of how we are to live on Earth will be found.

The birds, trees, waters, air -- all of us here in the jungle are kin. We all relate to one another as part of each other. We do not separate as humans do into predator and prey.

**We are all part of one another. We need to honor the circle -- never taking too much, only what is required to sustain the body. Our body is the forest's body. Our body is the same as the Earth upon which we feed. We do what is natural: we rest, sleep, eat, play, and meditate.**

So softly, quietly, like a jungle cat, hear our song. Hear our song of life and when you do then you too will sing with us. Hear our roar. Hear the bird's song. Hear the water dripping its precious droplets to the ground. Hear the wind blow.

All that we ask of you is to rest in the consciousness that all of us are a part of life here.

**We all need to be reminded to love who we are and all that we are includes every creature, every element, every being on the Earth.**

Thank you for listening to this call.

# ELEPHANT

I am called the Great Toothless One. I am the old bull elephant that holds the ancient graveyard of all elephants. I am here in form and in spirit holding the grace of elephant on the Earth.

**We are the keepers of ancient records; we are the keepers of the bones of all beings. We hold the history of all kind including humankind in our bones.**

Our feet are heavy on the Earth to feel the sound -- the imprint that goes through the whole Earth.

**We hold the vibration and rhythm of Mother Earth's breath and heartbeat in our bones.**

You ask for a message. I will speak to you, but first you must hear the beating of your own heart.

**Listen now to your own heartbeat. Synchronize with the beat of the great Mother Earth under our feet.**

Listen to it now.

This is the only message that I have for you, humankind, as one being and as individuals.

We elephants send the deep sound rumbling through the Earth to communicate and honor the great heartbeat of the mother. All information about who we are and who walks on the Earth is held in the sound and transmitted through the bone. Feel the wisdom of the sound traveling in your own bones.

**Feel the heart beating as one sound traveling through the Earth.**

We are the keepers of the ancient knowledge stored in the sounds of the heartbeat of every being that walks on the Earth. Honor us. Honor yourselves.

**Honor every being for each is needed to complete the tapestry of life on Earth. Humans, hear your own heartbeat. Feel the heart songs of the whole Earth.**

This is all we ask.

# HORSE

I am horse. I hold the beauty and the standard of freedom for all to see. I am unlimited. I am most unlimited in physical form when I am wild and free. Yet, I have chosen to be

with humankind as their companion and friend. I treasure that aspect of me that goes into the barns, shelters, paddocks and places near where humans dwell.

I, as horse, respect myself, my dignity and grace. We, as individuals, give this gift to humankind. The grace, dignity, and the beauty of being companions and at the same time holding our freedom. Understand this as the freedom of living life on earth through our feet, through our ears, through our eyes, through our noses, and through our exquisite sense of touch and feeling.

We love who we are. We love the nature of our being. We delight in our sensuousness. This is what our companions, our human friends, feel in us, and rejoice as it percolates into their own forms. Then they remember that they are also free and dignified beings. We hold that grace in great honor.

For so long we have dwelled with humans and honored their need to be free to move like us in the wind.

**We ask only that humans remember that we freely give ourselves to them. It is not bondage and we do not want to be treated as slaves. We want to be treated as whole beings, who love, breathe, think, and feel as humans do. Otherwise, why would we be with you?**

We are gentle, loving, sweet and holy companions of life. Humans who feel we are their slaves degrade our basic nature. We feel lost. We feel oppressed. This is not what we want in the relationship. We want to dwell in harmony and peace with humankind.

We gladly submit ourselves to the activities that humankind treasures. We honor the creativity of the mind of humankind in finding so many ways to relate to us and with us. All we ask is that we be honored as who we are. We ask that we be given the space to be our natural selves with you, so that we can transmit our greatest gift: the deepest love of who we are in ourselves. When we give this gift, we know that you, too, feel who you are.

We allow you to ride on our backs. We do not want this holy bond to be denied or severed. Yet, we want to be respected. So, when you see the horse, and see each horse as an individual, we ask that you look at our souls and know who we are. Then you will honor us and treat us in the way we deserve, in the way that you yourselves deserve as fellow beings, and as souls of beauty on the earth.

**Human friends, we ask for a new vision, a revision of the old pact from when the first horse came to be with you as a companion. We opened the door to a new relationship on the earth. We opened the door to a new unity. May you be reminded of your unity with us and all the elements that we so freely give to you. May you remember who we are and in remembering, come home to the holy being that you are.**

Thank you for listening. Thank you for your grace. I am Horse.

# CAT

We have come to you, humankind, to be your friends. **We have come to show you how to live lightly on the earth** – to dance, sing, play, and nap.

It is so important to rest and to feel the integrity of yourself both in your movement and in your non-movement. We are the masters of movement and non-movement.

Learn from us. Learn from our dance. We play with the butterflies, birds, mice, and all the creatures from large to tiny. We love them all.

We love and live in lightness.

We would like to open you to your own nature. Your own nature is part of our nature, and this is why we dwell with you. We have our playful side and we have our intense hunter side. We are blood creatures and we are not afraid of blood. It is part of life; it is part of death. The blood that pulses through our veins and through the veins of every creature is Life itself. We love the blood and we love to feel it in our own veins. We become one with the creatures that we eat.

We are fellow beings together playing, dancing, singing, and loving to be touched. Loving to be loved. Loving to nurture. Loving to feel the softness of the lap, the pillows, and the cozy places.

**We love the earth and the touch of our feet on the earth. Those of us that live in places where we cannot touch the earth anymore still remember and unite with the earth in our dreamtime naps. We ask you to come with us. Come with us into the beautiful dreamtime that is cat meditation.**

**Our dreamtime is a holding of the energies of earth in softness, in sweetness, in love, in sensuousness. We feel our bodies as warm loving vessels for our divinity.**

Sometimes we are demanding. We have to have our own way. We are cat. We have dignity. We demonstrate to you how to be clear. We call it exactly as it is. When we want something, we tell you. You love us because we remind you of who you are. We remind you of who you are in your love of comfort, love, nurturance, and touch. We love the touch of humankind.

What we ask of you is that you let yourselves be touched by our touch, that you let yourself be moved into sweetness and love of the comfort of closeness.

Some of us have chosen to be very close to nurture you. Others of us have kept our wild nature and we show to you our wildness.

Remember that you too have all these aspects in yourself. Anything in us that you see that you do not love reflects the aspects in yourself that you do not accept.

We are so close to you because we are your teachers – of course! We also learn from our relationship with you. We learn how we are a blend of both domestic and wild. We learn how to live with those that often do not know themselves. For we recognize that humans forget and we cats have taken this upon ourselves to remind you with love, with our purrs, and with our warmth and softness.

Treasure us for we are cat. We have the comfort of knowing who we are as sweet souls here upon the earth enjoying our lives with grace, beauty, and peace.

**All we ask is that you enjoy life with us, and that you settle into the comfort of being who you are: a composite being of body, mind, and soul.**

We all have the same elements in different combinations. We rejoice in our combination, which, of course, is so supreme. We love who we are. May we remind you to love who you are. For we are cat and have chosen to be a part of you. Thank you.

## **DOG**

I am domesticated dog, friend of humankind from the beginning of time. You may think that you have a past with us that extends only a certain amount of your history. No, it was decided when we came into form that we would be your friend.

**We would be the ones who reminded you in so many ways by our service that you too are a soul of service on the earth. No one who lives here can live without serving another. It is our fulfillment to serve you humankind. We feel so in love with ourselves when we serve.**

From the beginning of time, we decided to be with you, and to love and move with you in all shapes and forms. We are not unlike our wild cousins, the wolves, foxes, and other dogs, yet we are very different, too.

We have agreed to make ourselves small to live in your homes. We make ourselves large to live in your fields and guard your sheep and other flocks. We have made ourselves tiny to put ourselves in your hands. We are all the same whether we are the ones who serve with open hearts, whether we are hunters, workers, or the tiny dogs who lick your faces.

**We are full of the love of service, and it is our task to remind you that the greatest love comes when you give to another.** We feel this wholeheartedly in our beings. We feel it in every cell. Our hearts beat to love, to give, and to serve.

**What we ask of humankind is for you to remember that this is what life is about for you – to love, to serve, and to remember that you are souls of love and service on the earth.**

**We see so clearly our roles to serve you in your role as caretaker of the earth, of all the species. You have the hands, the feet, the eyes, and the brains. You have the heart of a caretaker of the garden of the earth and all the species.**

**We give our hearts and our loyalty to you to serve the great service that you serve.**

We feel our role in the great circle is to be with you in all our aspects, in all our forms, from tiny little dogs to great guard dogs. All of us have our function. All of us love who we are.

Can you love us as we love you? Can you love as we love?

**All we want to do is to spread the love that we give into your hearts, so deeply that you feel the strength of your own function on the earth. For you are the ones who walk over the earth giving and receiving the love of all creatures.**

**You are the ones we stand and sit next to, and love wholeheartedly for we are in love with humankind. We are in the greater love of all beings because of our service and devotion. So remember us for we are your reminders of the deepest, sweetest love that is within your hearts.**

**Take care, humankind, of all the creatures of the earth. Take care of the plants, the soil, the dogs, the cats, the birds, and all the beings on the earth that love you and love us all. Care for us; care for all beings. We care for you.**

## **WHALE**

We represent all beings on the Earth in love with all of life here. **Our job, our glory, is to hold the entire Earth in the greater love.** This greater love comes from deep within the soul, deep within the womb of birth and rebirth repeatedly borne anew into consciousness.

**We are the keepers of the consciousness of all life from the beginning, not only in this realm but also in all realms. We hold the history of Earth, and all Earths, all planets, all stars, and all suns within our waters. The greatest gift we give is the gift of greater love.** This greater love you call "God." We mean the God of great wisdom expanding infinitely through all times and spaces.

Right now as you read our words, we send the tones of love through the waters and through the Earth to keep the evolution of consciousness on the Earth and all realms moving according to the greater plan. We are not who we appear to be in form. We are great beings whom you admire and feel are full of love, charm, and grace as we move through the waters.

However, we, like you, are much greater than the form. **We dwell in all universes, in all realms simultaneously and consciously. This is the great mystery. This is the seed of the great love.**

**Right now, we are at a time on Earth where the great love is coming into a new form in the heart of all beings that care. We care and among you are many who care. By caring, we mean feeling the sharing of life in all forms, in all dimensions, and in all consciousness.**

**All life is conscious. Every form of being is conscious. We all have choice to live in the greater consciousness that is love, or to live in the smaller consciousness that divides. This is the choice. The choice now is to move into the greater love that pleases the deepest heart, or to remain in the division that creates the feelings of pain and suffering. This is our choice and we as whales hold the vision, the cradle of the greater consciousness that is divine within all beings.**

We ask of you that you remember your own grace. We hold this out to you. We cradle you in the infinite wisdom that is whale, water, air, earth, animal, plant, human, and that is soul embodied.

**We ask only that you remember that in this heart of consciousness all things are renewed. All answers are found. Nothing is denied. Nothing is unfulfilled. The deepest heart longings are found. We are satisfied in love.**

**Love the Greater Love.**