

Stars came forth, galaxies came forth, planets emerged, life burst into existence. This power of emergence could also be called ongoing creativity. In some ways, it's the greatest discovery in the history of the human sciences—that the universe as a whole, and each being within it, is permeated with the power of emergence.

~Brian Swimme

Editorial

I was already working on the final draft of *Kosmos* when a last minute book review came in, so compelling that I literally stopped production. Without hesitation or thought, I downloaded and read Joseph Jaworski's new book, *Source: The Inner Path of Knowledge Creation*, from cover to cover, and somehow managed to find space to publish an excerpt in this issue. What I did and how I did it turned out to be the subject of the book.

This perfectly timed excerpt completes our new featured article series on Transformative Leadership or Leadership IV (beyond Leadership III, Servant Leadership), which is based on developing new inner capacities and outer competencies. Systemic transformation requires the inner capacity to source our deepest wisdom to release the emerging values and forms for a new planetary culture and civilization. Monica Sharma begins a groundbreaking new series of articles in *Kosmos* that open up new paths to results-oriented leadership on a macro level, such as the banning of landmines in Israel and Muslim clerics promoting help to AIDS victims in the Middle East. For the first time, Ria Baeck and Helen Titchen Beeth share their emerging work in developing a new human capacity, Collective Presencing. They share details of a process they have been developing in sourcing collective wisdom in a small group setting, now available to our readers.

What excites me about the new leadership is that it holds the promise of changing our world through the development of new inner capacities available to all humankind. What excites me even more are the amazing results of all the years those of us spent on a meditation cushion—in the lotus posture and in practicing inner mastery of our emotions and thoughts—now finding kinship with others and directing our service for the benefit of the larger whole.

Exciting new forms of governance are emerging as well. *Kosmos* was invited to present in a 3-day Occupy Wall Street teach-in on the Commons. I was thrilled to participate in generating a new form of political space that reclaimed a place for the 99%—a new experiment in direct democracy spreading worldwide as a third force of power emerges.

“The beauty of Occupy is that it is popular, wild, free... it is unsubscribed and therefore perhaps infinite in its circumference,” says Alexa Bradley, an occupier and a commoner.

“In this landscape of popular will, these changes of hearts and minds lie hidden powers that, when they erupt, can overmatch and bring down existing structures,” says Jonathan Schell.

Both the commons and occupy movements are developing strategies to address the widespread realization that corporations have co-opted our material and cultural resources for profit, resulting in an unacceptable, widening gap in wealth distribution worldwide. Both movements are resisting the collusion of markets and state that has resulted in the lack of representation of the 99% and are creating new organizational forms that benefit the whole rather than the few.

For commoners, occupiers, environmentalists, global citizens and more to have an impact on the growing crisis, we will need to come together as one great movement of ‘The People.’ The meeting of the commoners and occupiers brought us closer together.

The Widening Circle also recently converged with a meeting in Boston. We have been passionately working online and on conference calls to catalyze a global citizens movement and this was our first opportunity to connect and learn from each other in person. We came from India, Sri Lanka, Brazil, South Africa, Pakistan, United Kingdom, France, Canada and different coasts of the US to see how we can synergize our various global projects and plan for a presence at Rio+20 and a Global Assembly to follow. But more than that, our coming together formed a certain kinship beyond blood ties that binds us together. We took a stand!

Will you take a stand? Will you be motivated to act by the injustices of the world? Compassion for the immense suffering? The need to make your life count for something? For the love of life itself? In gratitude for the gift of a beautiful, sacred planet earth?

The *Kosmos* office was blessed with the gift of a baby boy on March 14th. We call him our little global citizen. He will come to work with his Mom and serve to remind us of that joyful spirit and innocent pure life we all came into the world with.

He will inherit the world that you and I have made for him. I am moved to pick up my hands, move my feet and get going... he deserves so much more.

Nancy Roof



