

## APRIL 2012 NEWS

I have recently returned from a short holiday in the Kruger National Park. My mom, 2 sisters and I were together and this in itself made me feel happy and blessed. I entered the Park feeling excited; like a child about to receive a gift. Of course I was also about to receive a gift; a gift of being in nature, an opportunity to observe, speak with and enjoy animals, birds, insects, reptiles and trees. True bliss!

Now I have, over the years, visited the Kruger Park on numerous occasions. Each occasion leaving me far richer than I was before I arrived and this time was no different. We chose to stay in tented camps as we all enjoy the rustic living whilst in the bush. We were fortunate to see all the Big Five, some of the small five and much, much more. My sister, Marcelle, noted that the game seemed to congregate in close proximity to the Parks. When I asked them (the animals), I received a rather blank stare. Not a word spoken; just a stare. My sense was 'what's the difference?' But this was reality whether the animals were aware of it or not.

Then there were the Elephant. Such majestic beings. I noticed 2 things about the Elephants. One being that there was one around every corner (over population) and the other was that most of them displayed forms of aggression before one even came remotely close. When I asked why the fuss, more than one gave me the same answer ... "water". What about water? "It unsettled the land. The land has not yet settled therefore we feel unsettled." The water they are referring to are the floods which destroyed whole camps, roads and bridges in January. Interestingly, the older Elephants were not affected in the same way. They were clear that they had experienced this before and therefore were not as alarmed. I did try, as an energetically sensitive person, to 'feel' what they were feeling but to no avail. Maybe just as well. Imagine if I became aggressive as a result of this energy ☺.

Then there were the Rhinos. Our most hunted animal. Their quiet, almost silent presence, stirred deep sadness within me. I felt sad that greed and power can drive a person to kill these magnificent beings but immediately reminded myself that when you are without awareness, disconnected from your Soul and God, you won't even know that you are doing wrong.

When I asked one of them how they felt about man, one Rhino answered that these people will be punished, that all humans were not bad but that he felt the group fear of both animals and humans regarding their safety. I somehow feel comforted by this message. I understand Karma, Law of Cause and Effect, what you sow so shall you reap etc, etc but can only wonder how, in the vibration of 2012, people can still behave in this barbaric manner. All that is left for me to do is surround these beings in the strongest protection I can and continue working towards my own spiritual growth which will automatically (I believe) assist others to grow in awareness.

Then there were the funny things. When I teach animal communication, I remind my students that animals have fantastic sense of humours. I was not disappointed by them. We spotted a Hyena having an early morning bath in a water trough. By the time the 4<sup>th</sup> car arrived, he decided that we were disrespecting his morning ablutions and off he went. But not before turning around and giving us the dirtiest of looks. He then proceeded to finish his bath in a trough far removed from our watchful eyes. I just loved the dirty look!

We were also entertained by a pair of Bush-babies which I have never seen before. These inquisitive little beings both came up our little veranda; one peeked into the grocery basket, took a bite of avo whilst the other curiously approached Marcelle's brightly coloured toenails. Fortunately he did not try to feast on those. They soon lost interest when all edibles were removed.

We also came across an athletic and competitive Jackal who insisted on running a race with the car. He clocked 60km/h before deciding to opt out of the race. He was far too busy racing us to communicate so sadly I have no conversation to report. At more or less the same time, we had racing flies. They flew side by side on both sides of the car whilst we drove 40 - 50km/h. Speak about driving in convoy.

Then there was the Chameleon in the middle of the road, who, when a kind guy got out of his car to help him safely across the road, had the most amazed look. Speak about being shocked speechless.

Now let me not forget the birds. We observed birds bullying one another as one insisted on sitting on another whilst fluttering its wings madly ... or am I being naive? There was also the very opportunistic bird that insisted on hitching a ride on a Hippo who became most indignant and did his best to get rid of it. Once the ride became too uncomfortable, the bird just found another Hippo taxi and was escorted around the lake like a person on a chariot. We also saw black and white birds on two branches one above the other. A perfect Yin Yang Symbol as depicted by nature. I must not forget the Water Crake who hopped and ran on the Lily Pads whilst feasting on every morsel of food available. The only words I could hear were, "I am busy, busy, busy."

I tried in vain to communicate with the Hippo we saw. Not one word but later that evening, a friendly Australian lady shared her funny photos with us. There was a Hippo rolling in the mud with legs straight up in the air. I was pleased to see this as I would hate to think that they find life a drag. Clearly not.

She also had a photo of a Baboon licking her car's back windscreen. Anyone have any thoughts on this?

So, as I sit on the plane writing this newsletter, travelling back home to Cape Town, I notice R10 and R20 notes that I have taken out to pay for a drink. The Rhino and the Elephant both face me and my heart instantly longs to be close to them again.

I would like to sign off by wishing all Christians a happy Easter and Jews a blessed Pesach.

Love and light  
Debbie