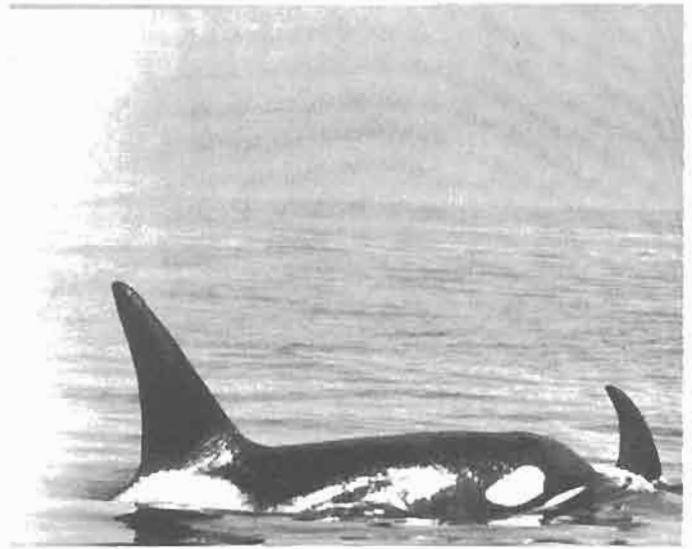




Animals of the Tsunami



Mother Earth has been trying to warn the masses for ages that she has changes in store for us. She has been causing mudslides, earthquakes, floods, droughts and strong winds for centuries, but in recent years there has been an increased number of occurrences, with each major event proving more devastating than the one prior.

The people who were on the now devastated beaches of Asia on Boxing Day, 2004, say the wave came out of nowhere. The first they knew that a tsunami was about to strike its deadly blow was a rumbling sound many likened to the roar of a jet engine. The sound built up and surrounded the people, initially disorienting them as to its source. The wave grew to a mammoth size and, as it rushed the beach, hit with such force that it crushed everything in its path, effortlessly pushing aside buildings, cars and buses in the tourist areas, while washing away entire villages in others. The casualty count climbs daily, with some estimates collectively listing the dead and missing at well over 150 000. Entire families have been decimated, thousands of children have been orphaned and entire communities have been annihilated. Apart from the mystical flood of Biblical times, it has been said that the Asian tsunami represents the most devastating natural disaster in recorded history.

Amid the heartbreak and tears, though, a surprising aspect of the

tsunami has begun to emerge; an inspirational observation that offers gentle diversion from the despair and carnage that haunts us every time we open a newspaper or turn on the television. It may surprise some and afford others a knowing comfort, that despite the ferocity of the tsunami, no dead animals have been found to date. Apart from fish and other aquatic life accidentally washed ashore by the force of the wave and the domesticated animals that could not escape due to being confined indoors or restrained by rope or enclosure, not a single wild animal carcass has been found by rescuers or aid workers. Although the tsunami struck one of Sri Lanka's largest wildlife reserves, for example, not a single animal body is yet to be discovered. Despite the park's resident populations of elephants, deer, crocodiles and leopards, officers are amazed that they have not even found a dead rabbit or hare.

I have been working with the animals on a spiritual level since I was about eight years of age. Most will understand, therefore, that it came as little surprise for me to learn of the tsunami in Asia. I had been talking about the whales and dolphins that had beached themselves in Tasmania leading up to the tragedy and had said quite publicly that it was my gut feeling that they had done so as a warning of the Earth Mother's unrest.

I was recently interviewed by Perth Radio Station 6PR in relation to why there

have been no recorded animal deaths. I answered by explaining that although many animals rely on atmospheric pressure to navigate their path and use infrasound (the ability to hear sounds and make noises of very low frequency that are inaudible to the human ear in order to communicate with members of their herd or flock), they, unlike us, have never lost their ability to communicate directly with the Earth Mother, nor have they forgotten their inherent relationship with the forces of Nature. The ancient cultures had it, but we, as 'modern civilised beings', have long forgotten ours.

The animals would have been intuitively warned of the impending danger weeks before the event, with those capable of making independent decisions seeking higher ground immediately. Able to read the ground signatures sent by the Earth Mother as vibrational warnings, the animals would have begun to move inland at the first given indicator, following signs undetectable by humans. Despite their natural instinct to flee, some animals, however, reportedly stayed behind and worked with the people, seemingly demonstrating the best way to survive the tsunami. There was a gigantic snake, for example, that 'led' a drowning mother and children to safety; she closed her eyes and knew that if she followed the massive serpent she and her twins would be saved; a dog that saved a seven year old boy from certain