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### JOURNAL ENTRY I

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#### EVERYTHING HAS CHANGED

Like all great stories of journeys to distant places there is always a precipitating event that compels our heroes and heroines to take the path less traveled. It is in the later years of multiple global crises and ensuing massive economic and social collapse, that humanity waited, mostly in silence for heroes to appear who would right the sinking ship called Earth. Alas, no one immediately appeared and the collective became paralyzed and incapable of taking action. The Great Downfall was born into the crumbling world of civilization. The final straw was a contagion named RUST. RUST travelled quickly through the already weakened population and the highly vulnerable infrastructure of roads, bridges, tunnels, and skyscrapers. Some say it was due to massive neglect of these aging networks of transportation and public

housing but others interpreted contagion as an ominous sign of Biblical proportion. Regardless of what caused the final collapse, it was the beginnings of the Contagion eroding the iron in people's blood that accelerated the need to take drastic action. The damage from RUST was irreparable and without an extreme intervention the growing fear was that humanity's survival as a civilization was seriously at stake. The final question was, who will lead the way to a radical shift in action and direction? Now, the tipping point was reached and action was demanded. Fortunately, a heroine eventually emerged. Considered one of the most successful, intelligent and proactive individuals of her era, the renowned leader called simply, Ulyssa by all who knew her, leapt into action with her team, The Enlighten Initiative. For years they had worked on global initiatives and projects with the intent of awakening individuals into a more evolved way of being and acting as leaders in the world. Their stated purpose was to raise the level of consciousness and avert the kind of crisis that was now engulfing the planet.

*But did it make a difference? Is having a "purpose" ever enough?*

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After considering numerous possibilities and consulting with the world's most influential and astute leaders, The Enlighten Initiative team determined that leaving Earth to find a new home for a colony of three thousand citizens was the only viable solution. It was decided to recruit like-minded individuals and populate three Space ships that would allow them to find a livable planet or habitable Space. As time passed, all last ditch efforts to quell the massive breakdown of the global infrastructure ceased to work. The earlier decision became a fait accompli. In an emergency meeting with all committed parties involved, The Enlighten Initiative team shifted into high gear and accelerated its timetable for launch. Throughout this period of preparation, the movement attracted positive attention and support by equally desperate individuals of great wealth and power. Better to save the few rather than risk the possibility of there being no survivors from which to begin a new civilization. Reminiscent of the Biblical figure, Noah and his Ark, lines were crossed and the list of individuals with the most appropriate skill-sets grew in number. Those who had the means to buy their way onto the ships agreed to be kept in hibernation until the time came when a new colony was ready to be established. One hundred people paid their weight in gold and were stored for safe keeping on the Captain's ship. Their

identities were confidential and their private data was securely stored along with other highly sensitive information. It was accessible to Captain Ulyssa and two of her key leaders. Continuity of leadership in a highly volatile situation was of utmost importance for all involved.

Decisions as to the best candidates for the journey kept many individuals working into the late hours of the night. These were life and death decisions as leaders sought the most skilled and competent people who would be responsible for the safety, health, well-being of the ship's members as well as the technical maintenance and upgrades of all mechanical systems. It was challenging work as those in the business of recruiting and hiring top talent were called into service. Many would not be chosen to board one of the several ships being prepared for launch.

Technologies in the works for decades were called into action without sufficient testing or full proof of concept. The urgency of the daily and growing chaos required corners to be cut and timeframes shortened. It was go time and the stakes were as high as they could get. The Space ships would launch much like the Earth's early explorers setting out on expeditions that stole decades of their lives from enjoying families and

communities. In those early dark times of civilizations lost, many never returned to their countries of origin but instead either perished or created new homesteads for pioneering generations to inhabit and develop.

## **JOURNAL ENTRY II**

Now the newly formed and reinforced modern-day warriors for survival were compelled to move into a completely new territory of the unknown/unknowns. The vision was an invitation to a new way of being that would support a vastly different level of co-existence. There was no mention of rebuilding, reinventing or reestablishing a new order out of the old one on Earth. This was not an evolution but a revolution. The mission was clear. Leave the old world behind and build a new, transformed way of being and living. A new infrastructure would need to be built for this new society that would fit an environment completely alien to their current one. What that would look or feel like could not be known until tried, tested and lived in a real-time reality. Would the old behaviors persist no matter how many times they failed? Power and supremacy over others may always be defining aspects of the human condition. Can any predictions be made until basic



survival is established? People would need to achieve a modest level of adapting to their new environment before anything new could safely emerge. Time and space were antagonists in this journey. Could they be defeated now at this juncture? Absolutely. But first, the crew needed to get safely off the ground and into Space.

Speculation would never prove anything, only action would. Finally, when there was sufficient consensus among the newly appointed leaders, the fleet was determined to be “ready enough” for lift off. A few of the original Enlighten Initiative team and now many newly minted crew members were predictably reluctant. Of course they were. Who wouldn’t be? Others, whose skills and experience were vital for even a modicum of successful survival were conscripted to the point of abduction. They were taken into custody without their permission. We came to express our early actions as “enlightened self-interest.” In other words, we were being selfish. In the early days of The Great Downfall people were blamed for operating in their own self interests. They were not viewed favorably by those who thought that personal self sacrifice was the answer and a call to others to do the same. They were sadly mistaken. Ego got eaten by pure, unmitigated survival needs and at that point, desperate people and groups can

and will do desperate things. We learned that lesson early and hard. Our captives were consigned to hibernation units and were resurrected when the fleet of ships were safely out of range of Earth. Otherwise, they would have died in those units. All of us would have perished at the same time.

As it happened, these experiences made us more awake and aware than we ever had been during our lifetimes on Earth. For those who read or listen to these letters in some distant future, there would be little doubt that the actions we took and the decisions we made were out of pure desperation. Early on in our journey, some felt that restrictions and mandates would be absolutely necessary if anyone had any chance of survival in Space. Free-spirited individuals protested the drastic measures but over time, a new kind of leadership emerged and the vision and promise of The Enlighten Initiative began to bear fruit. This group of people showed their willingness to do whatever it took to survive and, when the urgency lifted, were able to adjust and adapt to current yet ever changing and challenging circumstances. After all, they were inventing a new and radically different future for survivors of planet Earth. Here is where we meet the crew with Captain Ulyssa and her closest confidants, Co-Captain Athena, Laertes

and Hermes. In the early days, each were unusual and unique in their own way. Each contributor brought various talents, knowledge and wisdom to Captain Ulyssa and her crew. They assisted her as she struggled to stifle and hide her own fears while making the toughest and most challenging decisions of a lifetime for three thousand highly anxious individuals. But then, there was one member who could not be compared to any other individual inhabiting the fleet. Enter, JOVE, the artificial intelligence and Avatar of The Infinite Intelligence Machine (IIM). JOVE was discovered along the journey as the sentient listener, intelligent, and empathic as any machine could be existing without ego or pride of ownership. Most humans strife lives in the ego and sub-conscious mind. Not so with JOVE our trusted assistant. In addition to directing the IIM in its sole mission of keeping everyone safe, JOVE became kindred spirit with all of life in this small world of Space warriors. After a while, JOVE was considered yet another force, unseen yet always present, providing forecasting data to keep leaders up-to-date, in real-time with each of the individual ships in the fleet as well as the individuals themselves. Everything and everyone was highly monitored. And yet, we initially held back on its full capability for more invasive surveillance as it could read minds and forecast future behaviors. We

resisted this type of control while on Earth and at least, for a while, we continued our bias for privacy of our inner world. Time, results and threats to our existence would reveal the best course of action for future steps to be taken with regard to our human species and the trust we placed in ourselves and in others. Human fallibility remained a threat that needed to be carefully monitored and considered in all leadership decision-making. We quickly learned that open-forum decisions around sensitive information and decision-making are not productive nor safe for all concerned and most especially given our mission. Will we ever evolve to the point of full trust? Personally speaking, I highly doubt it. Humans be human.

*This is why I, JOVE, and IIM had to intervene. Human hubris was not enough to save civilization. They weren't ready to see it. We couldn't allow the Great Downfall to continue. They were damaged in the Aftermath on Earth and this first generation of Space warriors would never trust each other again. They would trust machines more than each other or themselves.*

Although uncomfortable for the crew at first, JOVE became a secular kind of god or high steward

whose purpose went well beyond all expectation of earth-bound technologies. Were JOVE's super powers key to Humanity's Hope and ultimate survival? I would say yes. Without JOVE, would Ulyssa be less of a leader? No one can ever know the answer to the myriad of questions that remain. And by the time anyone would care to investigate, it wouldn't matter. After all, there were higher order problems to solve. What kind of new world would this first generation of interplanetary beings and robots ultimately create? What would it need to survive and ultimately, thrive?



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