

THE 100th MONKEY

The story of the '100th Monkey' phenomenon made a wide variety of appearances in international journals across a wide spectrum. (*Psi-List*, Amsterdam; *Manas*, Los Angeles; *Pax Cultura*, Cape Town; *The New Instant*, London; and even *Omni*. The story may be found in Lyall Watson's *Lifetide*, and in Ken Keyes, *The Hundredth Monkey*. While the controversy raged on, a much more cutting example emerged as:

THE 100th TERMITE

Dr Lewis Thomas:

"...it is not the single insect that is the wonder, it is the collectivity. There is nothing at all wonderful about a single, solitary termite, indeed here is no such creature, functionally speaking, as a lone termite, any more than we can imagine a genuinely solitary human being; no such thing. Two or three termites gathered together on a dish are not much better; they may move about and touch each other nervously, but nothing happens. But keep adding more termites until they reach critical mass, and then the miracle begins.

As though they had suddenly received a piece of extraordinary news, they organise in platoons, and begin stacking up pellets to precisely the right height, then turning the arches to connect the columns, constructing the cathedrals and its chambers in which the colony will live out its life for the decades ahead, air-conditioned and humidity controlled, following the chemical blueprint coded in their genes, flawlessly, stoneblind. They are not the dense mass of individual insects they appear to be; they are an organism, a thoughtful, meditative brain on a million legs. All we really know about this new thing is that it does its architecture and engineering by a complex system of chemical signals." ¹

Also by Lewis Thomas: *Lives of a Cell; The Medusa and the Snail*, and '*The Youngest Science: Notes of a Medicine Watcher*."

Thus for all its popularity The 100th Monkey Law is not enough. Washing our potatoes is not enough. Emulation of the termites is indicated in the following two quotes from Sean McBride and H.H. the Dalai Lama.

A NEW CENTRE OF POWER.

Sean McBride

"The centre of gravity of power has shifted from the governments to the people. The immense reach of the mass media, combined with the improving standards of education, has turned public opinion into a new focus of power. Once informed and organised, public opinion can assert itself and influence policy to an extent hitherto unknown. This is a new development, the full significance of which has not yet been grasped." ²

¹ Dr Lewis Thomas, *Late Night Thoughts*, Oxford University Press.

²² Sean McBride, *SOUTH* Interview, March 1982.

From: <http://www.quantummonkey.com/whatis.html>

What is Quantum Monkey?

Quantum Monkey is based on the "Hundredth Monkey Theory," which has demonstrated that once critical mass is achieved, profound changes can take place. This theory developed from actual observations of monkeys on islands in the South Pacific. After World War II, the Japanese took possession of several unoccupied islands in this region. The soil proved to be ideal for growing vegetables, which they cultivated throughout the land.

Despite their success with farming, the Japanese encountered a problem they hadn't anticipated. The monkeys living on the islands were delighted with the new foods and began to raid the fields. To deter them, the farmers began giving the monkeys sweet potatoes. They would take the sweet potatoes down to the beach -- as far away from the fields as possible -- and dump them there for the monkeys. To the monkeys' dismay, the sweet potatoes were covered with sand, which they had to spit out with every mouthful. This unpleasant practice continued for some until one day, on the island of Koshima, eighteen-month-old female monkey was observed washing her sweet potato in the ocean. Her mother noticed, and soon she too began washing her sweet potato in the ocean. Gradually, more and more monkeys on the island began to imitate this ritual, particularly the youngest ones.

Researchers named and tagged the monkeys and continued to monitor their behaviour. Within about five years, approximately fifty-eight monkeys on Koshimo were regularly washing the sand off their sweet potatoes. As it happened, an identified monkey took one of the sweet potatoes and began washing the sand off it in the ocean. This newcomer was dubbed "the hundredth monkey." By that evening, almost all the remaining monkeys in the tribe were washing their sweet potatoes before eating them. The added energy of "the hundredth monkey" had created an ideological breakthrough! But this was not all. The researchers observed that other colonies of monkeys on nearby islands -- monkeys that had never seen another monkey wash sweet potatoes in the ocean -- mysteriously began washing their sweet potatoes as well. Thus the theory evolved that when a critical number of individuals achieves an awareness, this new awareness may be communicated from mind to mind.

Although the exact sum may vary, the "Hundredth Monkey Phenomenon" means that when a limited number of people know of a new way, it may remain the conscious property of these people. However, there is a point at which if only one more person becomes attuned to this new perspective, an energy field is strengthened that allows this knowledge to be available to almost everyone. Your awareness and actions are needed now in order to restore the planet to health and wholeness. If "Hundredth Monkey Phenomenon" was created unintentionally, imagine what could be accomplished by a group of committed people consciously and deliberately working to avert environmental disaster.

We are currently at a very critical stage. Humans have defiled our Living Mother, the Earth, and propelled her to the near breaking point. But it is not too late to reverse the damage done. There are millions of individuals doing all they can each day to create a fresh awareness and new ways of living in harmony with our Mother, the Earth. But more people are needed. We still have not reached "critical mass" -- the point where new awareness reaches everyone.

In order to achieve "the hundredth monkey," we must all learn to respect and act on what we already know. We must acknowledge that:

Our actions have power and can reverberate far beyond ourselves.

Recycling and buying recycled products preserves precious natural resources.

Kindness is a powerful motivator for not only ourselves but for others.

By eating lower on the food chain we free up enormous amounts of grain, water, and resources, and sanctify all life forms.

Supporting organic agriculture demonstrates our deepest respect for all living systems on Earth.

Peace, love, harmony, respect and tolerance for all life and the natural world can build upon the positive actions of others. When our energy is combined, it swirls together in a powerful life-affirming vortex that draws others into the circle of Life.

Come join our circle

You are needed

You are The Quantum Monkey

You are the power of one