



Monthly Musing—November, 2008

There is Nothing False about Hope

This Musing is particularly for my U.S. friends, colleagues and family, and is written for them.

Last Tuesday night a small group of us sat in our friends' living room watching CNN and praying that the Costa Rica fall rains wouldn't upset the satellite signal. As we watched the returns come in slowly but surely for Obama, I had lots of time to muse about this election, its significance, and the energetic state of everyone involved. For me, more so than even the huge political and cultural significance, is the affirmation that ultimately, the answer is always Above the Line.

I don't make the assumption that everyone who reads this is of a certain political persuasion and/or agrees with everything Obama says and stands for. You may not, and have very good reasons for feeling that way. But I want to look at what happened from the perspective of Above the Line, because no matter how you may feel about the ultimate results, it is hard to deny that this time, love prevailed over fear.

Much about who Obama is as an Above the Line president-elect was visible in his acceptance speech. What I was most struck by was his lack of jubilation. Don't get me wrong—I am sure he was very happy and proud. But the words from his mouth and heart were not about winning (which of course implies a loser and reinforces the below the line idea that there is an "us" and a "them"), but were about what there is to do. Where we—*all of us*—need to go as a country. The work there is to accomplish. This was extraordinary. Surely most candidates would allow themselves a bit of gloating—it's human nature, after all. Who is this man who keeps his vision

focused no matter what? Who sends out love to everyone, whether they supported him or not? Who promises that he will be your president no matter who you are?

As I see it, he is an extraordinary human being, one that we are finally ready for. Obama's candidacy and victory are only possible because of who we have become as a nation and a world. Over half of us chose light over darkness, chose hope over fear, chose positive over negative. And a huge number of new voters chose involvement over apathy, and were one of the keys to Obama's victory.

As I have been talking to friends this past week, the power of Above the Line becomes more and more apparent. Remember, one of the key distinctions is that you get who you are being. Unlike other elections, so many I talk to are not just happy or relieved, they are feeling motivated to get involved. To help in some way. This is the highest energetic state created by a President (elect) that I have seen in my lifetime. And as the leader of one of the most powerful countries in the world, the energetic field he creates is of huge importance.

It's our job now to help him co-create this powerful energetic field of inclusiveness, willingness, and cooperation by getting involved somehow in building a more positive country and world.

As the Hopi elders say, "We are the ones we have been waiting for." And because of who we have become, we finally have a leader who can take us to the next place as a country—and even a world.