

## **Animals**

My cat Ishtar knows kung-fu. I have watched her perform spinning back flip kicks against me in the middle of the night to initiate play. We then get into these sumo wrestling matches. This interaction with Ishtar makes me think about how we connect with animals. Humans have a special talent for empathy, to feel and touch the experience of other life. How would it change society if humanity embraced the value of empathy as much as cash?

### **Note**

I removed roughly one page of material here... Ishtar couldn't make out a single word I was writing...

It's all too easy for us to get lost within our words. Ishtar reminds me living is never a matter of words.

Ishtar is a cat  
A very rare cat  
Who knows physics.

To the world  
The ever crazy world  
Ishtar is merely a blur.

However,  
Ishtar never moves  
Ishtar never flinches  
Ishtar knows relativity  
It's all a matter of sitting  
The world dancing in a blur.

It is easy  
to play all day  
It is easy  
to be as velcro  
to a curtain  
or even  
the occasional human.

All it takes is the simple use  
of claws and physics

A wise cat  
only needs to sit  
letting the world  
spin around the paws.

Yes  
Ishtar is a cat  
A very rare cat  
who knows physics  
in space & time  
is merely a matter of  
paws and claws

===== Paths =====

When possible, Ishtar and I siesta under the sun. When required, we hunt for our needs. When bored, we kick out to stir up the wonder of the world.

Life is not about complexities or simplicity.  
Living instead flows to the beat of needs and feelings.

And empathy?  
Living to feelings includes  
Coming to harmony within a surrounding emotional ocean.