

## Mining

Mining is the process by which minerals and crystals are extracted from the Earth.

Mining can be done in a very small scale way, one person digging away with a shovel and pick axe, or panning for gold in a stream. Then there are the huge global corporations who use machinery to drill deep into the Earth using explosives to blast minerals up to the surface. There are two types of mines. One is called an 'open cast' mine in which miners drill and dig for minerals fairly near to the surface and then there is deep mining which involves digging deep tunnels right into the Earth. However, even deep mining really scratches the surface of the Earth in comparison to its immense depth. Of course mining is primarily done as a commercial venture. There are many varied uses of minerals for industry. Often crystals come to the surface and are harvested as a result of mining for other minerals.

Ethically, mining is questionable. Indeed, the mining and use of crystals can also be questioned. This is something that you may need to consider for yourself.

The points some people make against mining are ecological and ethical:

- ▲ Mining may cause damage to the Earth by stripping local forest, vegetation and wildlife
- ▲ Mining ventures may interfere with tribal peoples, causing them to leave their homes and disrupting their tribal life.
- ▲ Removing minerals and crystals from the earth may actually alter the energetic quality and patterning of that place.
- ▲ Some people do not agree with commercial venture and the financial gain involved in the mining and selling of minerals and crystals.

My own personal opinion is that mother Earth, has held her beautiful crystals within her belly for many millenia. Crystals contain energetic information about Her and our energetic evolution. As we move towards ascension, our consciousness is changing together with the consciousness of our living Gaia. I believe, that She has made Her crystals available to us at this time, sharing Her knowledge with us to help us through our energy shift and to heal the timeline. Therefore the positive objectives of mineral and crystal mining are far greater than the negative ones. I believe that if we treat crystals with the greatest of respect and try to purchase from ethical sources – we are doing our bit. Remember, a crystal is a physical manifestation of light that holds shape and form, it is a vessel for crystalline energy. Since all manifestations on Earth are originally energetic thought forms, it is possible to simply imagine the energetic quality of a particular crystal and focus on it for healing and meditation. We should remember this, if we find ourselves in a situation where we do not have a particular crystal available to us that we need. So in other words we are channelling the energy of the absent crystal. In simplicity, if you cannot sleep you could try visualising the beautiful violet essence of amethyst or blue calcite to soothe you to sleep. Gaia's crystals may not always be available to us in solid manifest form.!

It is up to you to form your own opinions and conclusions about mining. Perhaps it is something you can look at and read up about in your own time.