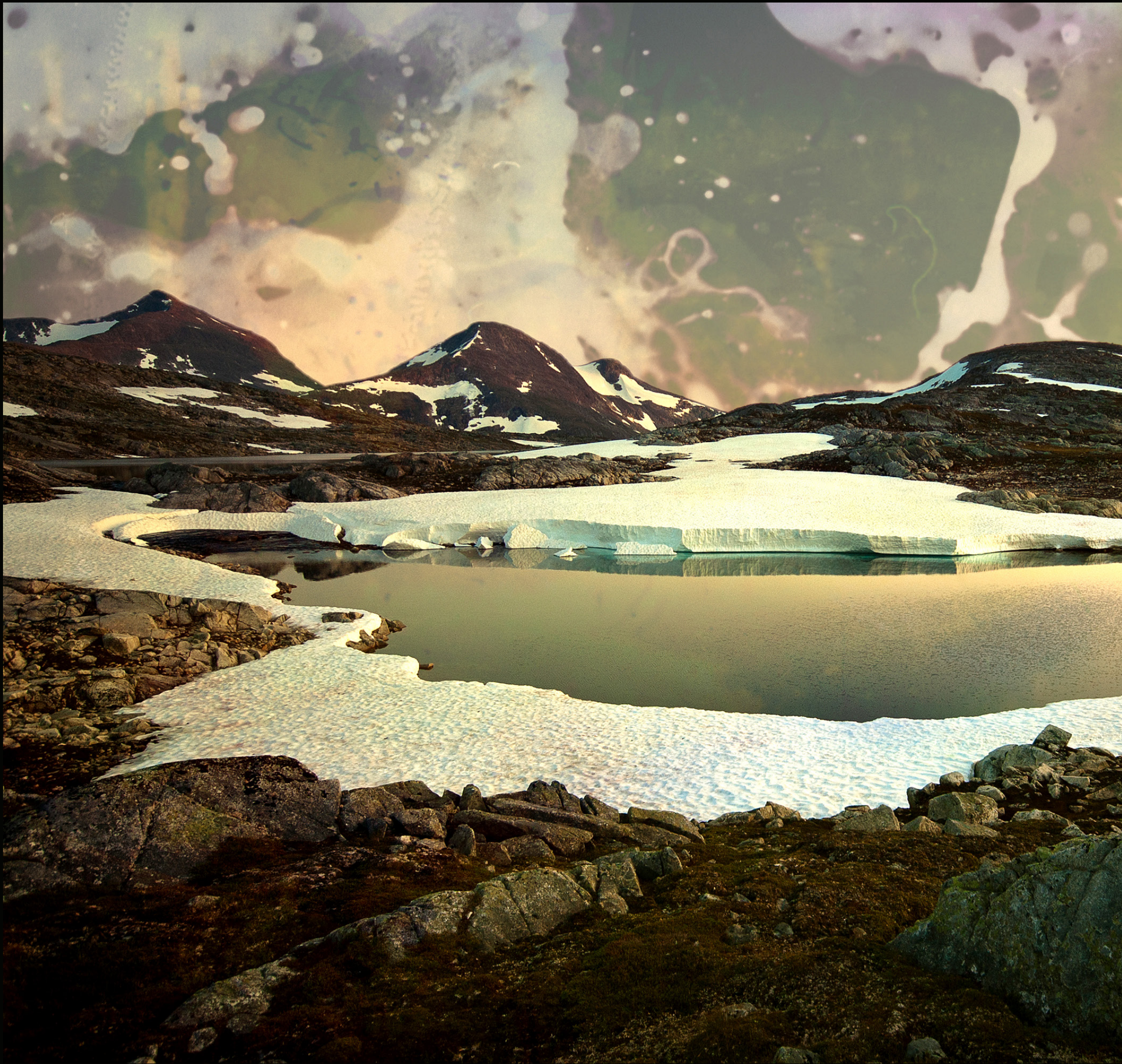




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13. The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change. The Creator does not abandon us; he never forsakes his loving plan or repents of having created us. Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home. Here I want to recognize, encourage and thank all those striving in countless ways to guarantee the protection of the home which we share. Particular appreciation is owed to those who tirelessly seek to resolve the tragic effects of environmental degradation on the lives of the world's poorest. Young people demand change. They wonder how anyone can claim to be building a better future without thinking of the environmental crisis and the sufferings of the excluded.

32. The earth's resources are also being plundered because of short-sighted approaches to the economy, commerce and production. The loss of forests and woodlands entails the loss of species which may constitute extremely important resources in the future, not only for food but also for curing disease and other uses. Different species contain genes which could be key resources in years ahead for meeting human needs and regulating environmental problems.

33. It is not enough, however, to think of different species merely as potential "resources" to be exploited, while overlooking the fact that they have value in themselves. Each year sees the disappearance of thousands of plant and animal species which we will never know, which our children will never see, because they have been lost for ever. The great majority become extinct for reasons related to human activity. Because of us, thousands of species will no longer give glory to God by their very existence, nor convey their message to us. We have no such right.

34. It may well disturb us to learn of the extinction of mammals or birds, since they are more visible. But the good functioning of ecosystems also requires fungi, algae, worms, insects, reptiles and an innumerable variety of microorganisms. Some less numerous species, although generally unseen, nonetheless play a critical role in maintaining the equilibrium of a particular place. Human beings must intervene when a geosystem reaches a critical state. But nowadays, such intervention in nature has become more and more frequent. As a consequence, serious problems arise, leading to further interventions; human activity becomes ubiquitous, with all the risks which this entails. Often a vicious circle results, as human intervention to resolve a problem further aggravates the situation. For example, many birds and insects which disappear due to synthetic agrottoxins are helpful for agriculture: their disappearance will have to be compensated for by yet other techniques which may well prove harmful. We must be grateful for the praiseworthy efforts being made by scientists and engineers dedicated to finding solutions to man-made problems. But a sober look at our world shows that the degree of human intervention, often in the service of business interests and consumerism, is actually making our earth less rich and beautiful, ever more limited and grey, even as technological advances and consumer goods continue to abound limitlessly. We seem to think that we can substitute an irreplaceable and irretrievable beauty with something which we have created ourselves.

36. Caring for ecosystems demands far-sightedness, since no one looking for quick and easy profit is truly interested in their preservation. But the cost of the damage caused by such selfish lack of concern is much greater than the economic benefits to be obtained. Where certain species are destroyed or seriously harmed, the values involved are incalculable. We can be silent witnesses to terrible injustices if we think that we can obtain significant benefits by making the rest of humanity, present and future, pay the extremely high costs of environmental deterioration.

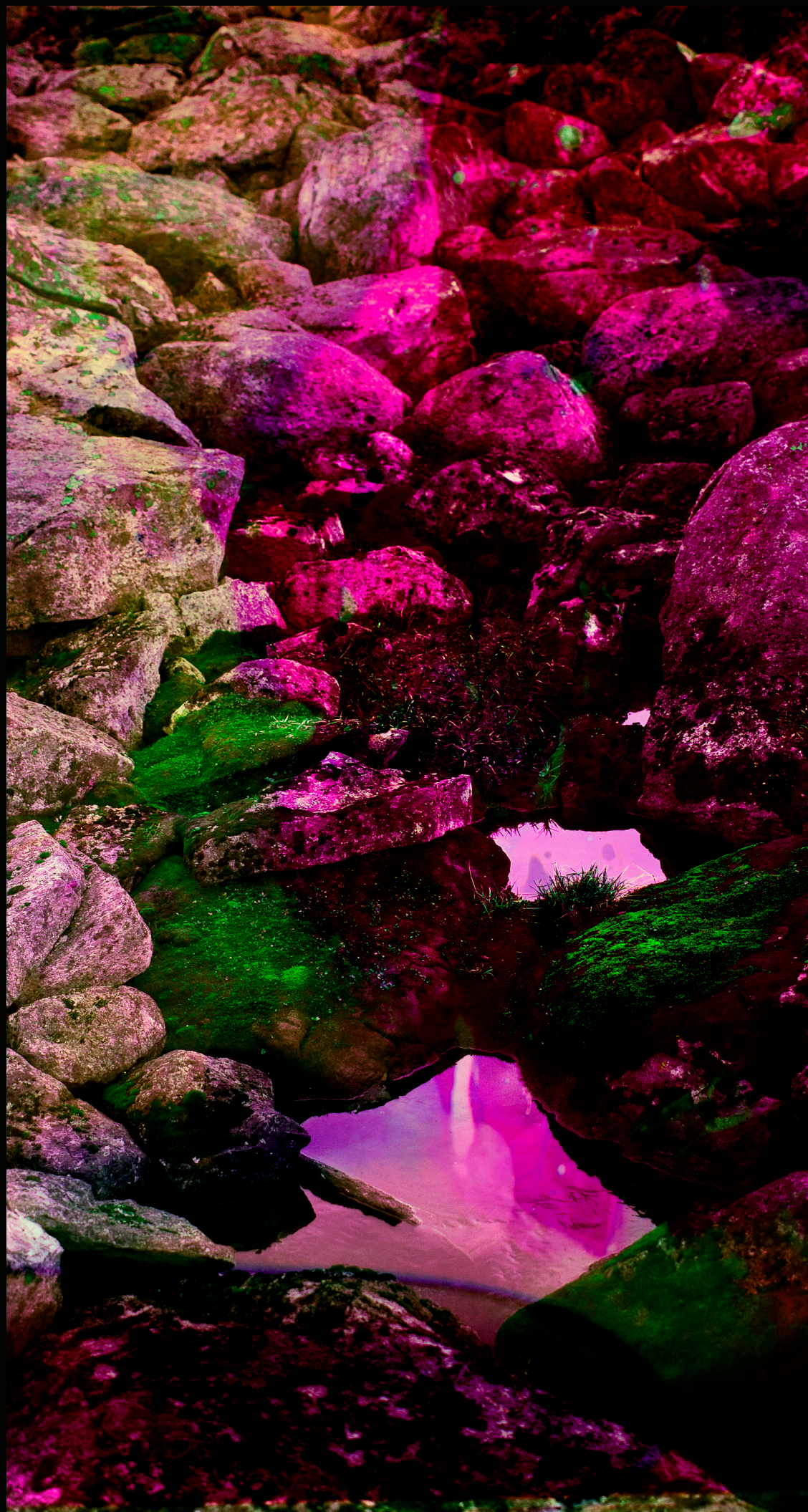










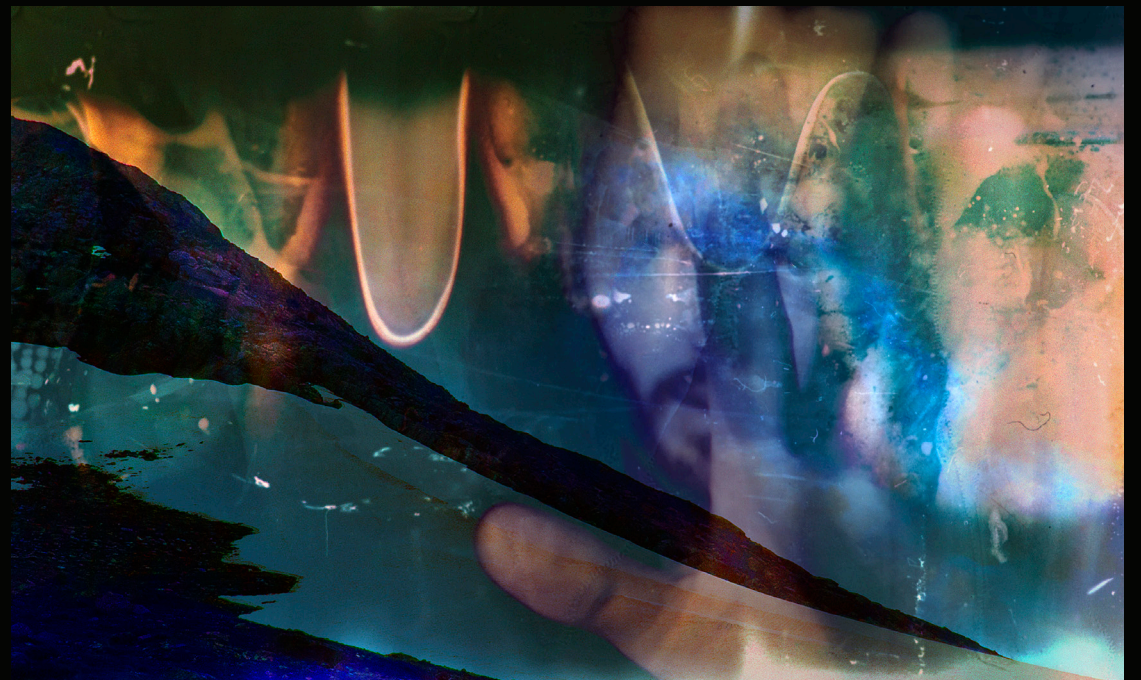




54. It is remarkable how weak international political responses have been. The failure of global summits on the environment make it plain that our politics are subject to technology and finance. There are too many special interests, and economic interests easily end up trumping the common good and manipulating information so that their own plans will not be affected. The Aparecida Document urges that "the interests of economic groups which irrationally demolish sources of life should not prevail in dealing with natural resources". The alliance between the economy and technology ends up sidelining anything unrelated to its immediate interests. Consequently the most one can expect is superficial rhetoric, sporadic acts of philanthropy and perfunctory expressions of concern for the environment, whereas any genuine attempt by groups within society to introduce change is viewed as a nuisance based on romantic illusions or an obstacle to be circumvented.

111. Ecological culture cannot be reduced to a series of urgent and partial responses to the immediate problems of pollution, environmental decay and the depletion of natural resources. There needs to be a distinctive way of looking at things, a way of thinking, policies, an educational programme, a lifestyle and a spirituality which together generate resistance to the assault of the technocratic paradigm. Otherwise, even the best ecological initiatives can find themselves caught up in the same globalized logic. To seek only a technical remedy to each environmental problem which comes up is to separate what is in reality interconnected and to mask the true and deepest problems of the global system.

138. Ecology studies the relationship between living organisms and the environment in which they develop. This necessarily entails reflection and debate about the conditions required for the life and survival of society, and the honesty needed to question certain models of development, production and consumption. It cannot be emphasized enough how everything is interconnected. Time and space are not independent of one another, and not even atoms or subatomic particles can be considered in isolation. Just as the different aspects of the planet – physical, chemical and biological – are interrelated, so too living species are part of a network which we will never fully explore and understand. A good part of our genetic code is shared by many living beings. It follows that the fragmentation of knowledge and the isolation of bits of information can actually become a form of ignorance, unless they are integrated into a broader vision of reality.



THE FURTHER WE GO THE DEEPER IT GETS PT. 1-6

Would you like to believe in what I have seen?
Through the window i look to the waters beneath
Every step they take
every move we make, it's surreal
Falling down there are too many morons to heal
In the silence lies the secret
and I would like to see what it means.
And holler, 'cause where are we now?
When even the beauty retreats

Getting closer I see that you want to believe
In the struggle the body inhibits the dream
We are blinded in the city
and I would like to see what you mean
of silver, in the face of your god;
is this the way you believe? Do you see?

A way to get out; I was the blinded one
And the way it spoke to me, and within me
Stay for a while
I was the blinded one
But the way it spoke to me
it's a treason

And the way you talk to me under water
Take what you want, just bring it back home again
And the way you talk to me in the water
Take it all
reasons why we tag along
Maybe I'll be moving on
and you'll pretend to taste it all and...
fading

Stay for a while
I was the blinded one
But the way it spoke to me;
it's a treason



GIANTSKY IS ENDORSING THE FOLLOWING POLITICAL AND ECO-SOCIAL CAUSES:

NO TO DISCRIMINATION AND RACISM.

ECOLOGY BEFORE ECONOMY; SAY NO TO BRAIN DEAD CONSUMERISM AND EVERYTHING IT ENTAILS.

NO TO OPEN NET PEN SALMON- AND FISH FARMING.

YES TO RESPECT, CARE AND «EVERYONE DOING THEIR BEST».

YES TO RE-USE & REPAIR.

NO TO HATE.

YES TO PAPER AND CRAYONS, STICKS AND ANALOG CREATIVITY.

NO TO IGNORANCE.

YES TO LOVE.

BROKEN STONE

Don't look back, it was golden
and you talk just like a friend
Don't look back and say it's over
'cause the truth was in your eyes
And nothing soothes me
It's all just mellow and grey
But the truth was in your eyes
I think it's over
But the truth was in your eyes

In the dark you'll remember
what brought it to an end
But in between I know it's hard to pretend
that we tried to do our best
'Cause I remember
how the truth was in your eyes
and are you traveling now, and did you find yourself and
what you need?
Hard to keep just like a sparrow
through the falling leaves you flew
can't believe that it's all over
when the feelings grow and the
night crawls into the day
and the truth was in your eyes
and still I love you
And the truth was in your eyes

True love
Take cover
It's now
It's never
Do you see it?
Can you feel it now?

NO CANCELLING THIS

We've traveled as far as we'll go
The stand-off, the secrets
The mines were so greedily dug under the city
And still you kept wanting more
but I could not save you
guess we're better off moving along
I wish it could make us feel better

you crawl into your sheets like a mess
Now look at the ceiling
But the ceiling stares back at you
Trying to breathe now
Keep coming back for more
we cling to the sanity
All the travels you tried to avoid;
there's many we'd turn from
But this time you can't

What do you see?
Where do you go?
Where do you take cover?
Under the sun
Gathered as one
Everyone is a lover
Where do you walk?
How do you talk?
Searching for another
Taking it back
knowing that you'll love her.

OUT OF SWORDS

you wanted to move to the city
but the feeling wasn't right
he left you, and surely you left him too
takes two to make it right.
shadows were cast on the ocean
we're feeding the night
there's nothing to prove
but we're losing again
these silly fights, oh no.
No wonder you rushed out the doorway
So fake and so blind –he was a shark
cowards will lie 'till it's over
Dodging the truth, then start something new

He left you but none of it was better
just feeding the lie
they've taken the castle and captured the king
and none was left alive
he came and he saw but he owed her
the truth in her eyes
the shallow water can drown you still,
wearing the crown, oh no.
Keep coming back for the flowers
in a field made of stone,
it was a crime
The sorrow will speak like no other
and nothing is blind as a lie

Our love was a lousy magician
He made us disappear, then showed them the truth
crawling out back through the window
into the night, and it wasn't bright.

The feeling wasn't right
He left you to find his conscience again
The feeling wasn't right
He tried to avoid it, he tried to get out

BREAKING PATTERNS

Hey there you
Find your altitude?
I've seen you here before
I remember now
Through the parody into the maze, oh no!
I can not breathe, please take away this misery

And the truth was never told
it was compromised
by the self-destructive fool
who didn't see you
but now I know you're everything

I can see
I can feel

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