

SEA THE CHANGE

COLTON HIGH SCHOOL
ECO FRIENDLY FRIENDS

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## WHAT WE ARE FACING

THERE ARE OVER 1 MILLION SPECIES LIVING IN THE OCEAN, AND SCIENTISTS BELIEVE THERE ARE OVER 9 MILLION WE HAVEN'T DISCOVERED YET. UNFORTUNATELY, 2,270 SPECIES ARE ENDANGERED OR THREATENED BY THE ESA. IT'S IMPORTANT TO HELP PROTECT THESE SPECIES BECAUSE THEY PLAY A BIG PART IN THE COMPLEX SYSTEM OF LIFE. THE OCEAN IS VITAL IN ITS BEAUTIFULLY INTRICATE AND FIGHT TO PROTECT AND CONSERVE IT FOR THE FUTURE GENERATIONS. WITHOUT A STABLE OCEAN OTHER SPECIES, INCLUDING OUR OWN, CANNOT THRIVE.

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THE DISCONNECT

BY VANESSA VILLANUEVA

THE DISTANCING

IT'S BLATANT YET SUBTLE

WE BLINDLY EMBRACE THE NEW CONSTRUCTION

THEY CALL IT IMPROVEMENTS TO SOCIETY

WHILE THEY CUT DOWN THE BEAUTIFUL TREES

SUPPLIERS OF OXYGEN

PROVIDERS OF LIFE

THEY SEE IT AS JUST ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY COST

BUT WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE OPPORTUNITY BEING MISSED?

WE ADVANCE TECHNOLOGICALLY
BUT DIGRESS EMOTIONALLY AND PHYSICALLY
OUR CITIES ARE MOSTLY BARREN OF LIFE
WE WANDER ABOUT OUR DOMESTIC ROUTINES
FOLLOWING CEMENT TRAILS THAT DO NOTHING TO INSPIRE
WE HAVE NO CONNECTION TO THESE BUILDINGS
AND ONLY MEMORIES OF RELAXING IN THE OLD PARK
UNDER THE TREES THAT SEEMED SO GIANT
THE ONES WITH WHICH WE FOUND PEACE AND SHELTER
WE CONSTANTLY CRAVE A CHANGE OF SCENERY
DREAM OF VACATIONING FAR AWAY WHERE IT'S BEAUTIFUL
THE BEACH, THE MOUNTAINS, THE FIELDS
SO WHY HAVE WE RID OUR HOMES OF THESE FEATURES?
WHEN WILL WE LEARN THAT
WE CANNOT GET RID OF NATURE
SUCH AN INGRAINED PART OF OUR BEINGS
AND EXPECT TO BE FINE



WHAT WE HAVE DONE

HUMANS HAVE AFFECTED THE ECOSYSTEMS IN THE OCEAN NEGATIVELY DUE TO OUR ACTIVITIES, LIKE FISHING AND POLLUTION. BY OVERFISHING WE GREATLY DISRUPT THE FOOD CHAIN, SOMETIMES EVEN INHIBITING THE SURVIVAL OF SPECIES IN AN AREA. THE INTERCONNECTIVITY OF THE ECOSYSTEMS REQUIRE A BALANCE OF PREDATORS, PREY, AND RESOURCES MEANING THAT BY CAUSING INSTABILITY IN ONE ASPECT WE SEE REPERCUSSIONS IN OTHER AREAS. HUMANS ALSO DUMP TRASH, CHEMICALS, OIL AND OTHER NASTY THINGS INTO

THE OCEAN THAT HARMS HABITATS WHICH MAKE THEM HAZARDOUS FOR WILDLIFE TOO. THESE POLLUTANTS FIND THEIR WAYS INTO THE OCEAN NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF CARELESS BEACH DWELLERS, AS A BYPRODUCT OF BOATS, OR SUBSTANCE SPILLS ON BEHALF OF COMPANIES BUT ALSO VIA OUR DRAINAGE SYSTEM, ESPECIALLY OCCURRING WHEN IT RAINS.

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### DEEPER THAN THE OCEAN

BY ROXANA LOPEZ

I AM VAST AND DEEP

I WONDER HOW MUCH MORE I CAN TAKE

I HEAR OIL SPILLS

SEE THE OIL SPILLS SUFFOCATING MARINE LIFE TO DEATH

I WISH WATER AND AIR WEREN'T GLOBAL GARBAGE CANS

I AM THE OCEAN

I AM ROBUST YET AM FRAGILELY BALANCED

I FEEL THE INNER SPACES OF FORCE

POLLUTED BY MICROPLASTICS AS THEY HEAD TOWARD AREAS LIKE THE PACIFIC GARBAGE

PATCH

I WORRY A SOLUTION WILL BE HARD TO FIND

HURTING WHEN PEOPLE DON'T REALIZE THE IMMENSE DAMAGE BEING DONE TO ME

THE IMPACT OCEAN POLLUTION HAS ON THE ENVIRONMENT AS A WHOLE

I AM THE OCEAN

I UNDERSTAND THAT THERE MAY BE A SOLUTION

I SAY "SAVE ME, THE MARINE LIFE, AND THE POPULATION"

DREAMING THAT THIS WILL NO LONGER HARM US ON A GLOBAL SCALE

I TRY TO REMAIN PATIENT

I HOPE TO BE THE OCEAN I ONCE WAS AGAIN

I AM THE VAST AND DEEP OCEAN



## OCEAN POLLUTION

BY ISAAC ARIAS

LET'S VISUALIZE SOMETHING HERE. YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS ARE TAKING A TRIP TO THE BEACH. YOU WERE LOOKING FORWARD TO THIS DAY FOR A LONG TIME. THE BEACH IS SHUT DOWN, DUE TO UNSANITARY CONTAMINATIONS FILLING THE SHORE. WHAT CAUSED THIS GARBAGE TO GET WASHED UP ON SHORE? WHAT CAUSED THIS BEACH CLOSURE? WHAT CAUSED THIS EUTROPHICATION? TWO WORDS- OCEAN POLLUTION. SO WHAT'S THE SOLUTION TO THIS POLLUTION, WHICH CAUSES AN INTRUSION TO OUR COASTAL HABITATS AND BEACHES? IT'S SIMPLE. STRICTER GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS ON INDUSTRY AND MANUFACTURING, IMPLEMENTING RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES, ORGANIC FARMING AND ECO-FRIENDLY PESTICIDE USE, RECYCLING ETC. IT'S ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO STOP MASS POLLUTION LIKE OCEAN POLLUTION, BUT SIMPLY PUTTING IN EFFORT TO STOP IT WILL SAVE LIVES. ROBERT WYLAND EXPRESSES A QUOTE - "THE OCEAN STIRS THE HEART, INSPIRES IMAGINATION AND BRINGS ETERNAL JOY TO THE SOUL." FAMILIES, CHILDREN, ETC. LOVE THE OCEAN. IN GENERAL, HUMANS LOVE THE OCEAN, YET WE ARE THE ONES CONTAMINATING IT? THE OCEAN IS A MIGHTY HARMONIST. THE OCEAN IS A REFLECTION OF OUR MORTALITY. IT'S BEAUTIFUL, WILD, FREE AND MYSTERIOUS.

WHAT CAUSES OCEAN POLLUTION YOU ASK? IT'S MAINLY CAUSED BY INDUSTRIAL AND DOMESTIC ACTIVITIES, WHICH CONSISTS OF SUBSTANCES SUCH AS OIL SPILLS, SEWAGE, FACTORY-WASTE DISPOSALS, CIGARETTES, ETC. DIRECT DUMPING, RIVERS, AND DRAINS ARE WHERE ALL THE POLLUTION COMES FROM. POLLUTION AFFECTS THE OCEAN, BY SPREADING

HARMFUL SUBSTANCES IN THE OCEAN, SUCH AS OIL, PLASTIC, WASTE, AND CHEMICALS. THIS IS KNOWN AS MARINE POLLUTION. THIS POLLUTION INFLECTS POISON ONTO OUR OCEANS, WHICH LEADS TO DISEASE. CONSERVE-ENERGY-FUTURE.COM PROVIDES INSIGHT ABOUT OCEAN POLLUTION. POLLUTION (NOT ONLY IN THE OCEAN) AFFECTS MORE THAN 100 MILLION PEOPLE WORLDWIDE. 14 BILLION POUNDS OF GARBAGE IS DUMPED INTO THE OCEAN EVERY YEAR; PLASTIC BEING THE MAJOR SOURCE. THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER DUMPS 1.5 MILLION METRIC TONNES OF NITROGEN POLLUTION IN THE GULF OF MEXICO EVERY YEAR. EVERY YEAR AROUND ONE TRILLION GALLONS OF UNTREATED SEWAGE AND INDUSTRIAL WASTE IS DUMPED IN THE U.S WATER. MAJOR OIL SPILLS (GULF OF MEXICO), ARE THE WORST TYPE OF POLLUTION, BECAUSE THESE OIL SPILLS SPREAD EVERYWHERE ELSE. I CAN GO ON AND ON, BUT THE LIST IS EXCEEDINGLY LONG.

OCEAN POLLUTION IS NOT FAIR TO ALL WHO ARE CONCERNED. IT IS NOT FAIR TO THE PEOPLE WHO WANT TO ENJOY THE BEACH, BUT CAN'T DUE TO THE UNSANITARY WATER. IT'S NOT FAIR TO THE PEOPLE WHO DO GO TO THE BEACH, NOT REALIZING THE DANGER OF THE OCEAN; HENCE GETTING DISEASES LIKE HEPATITIS (CAUSED BY RED WASTE), PINK-EYE, MRSA, ETC. ACCORDING TO DESERTNEWS.COM, OVER 2,400 SWIMMING ADVISORIES, AND BEACHES WERE CLOSED DUE TO POLLUTION. HEAVY RAIN CAUSES A SEWAGE OVERFLOW, WHICH CAUSES BEACH CLOSURES. OVER 1,300 OF THESE CLOSURES WERE IN CALIFORNIA. THIS ISN'T FAIR TO THE RESTAURANT OR STORE OWNERS NEAR THE BEACH. THESE RESTAURANT/STORE OWNERS DEPEND ON PEOPLE AT THE BEACH TO BUY THEIR MERCHANDISE, FOOD ETC. THESE BEACH CLOSURES MAKE THEM LOSE BUSINESS, AND LOSE EVERYTHING THEY HAVE. OBVIOUSLY, THIS IS UNFORTUNATE AND UNFAIR. OVER 1 MILLION SEABIRDS AND 100,000 SEA MAMMALS ARE KILLED BY POLLUTION EVERY YEAR. TAKEPART.COM PROVIDES THE INSIGHT ON HOW OVER 44,000 SEA ANIMALS WERE HARMED DUE TO OCEAN POLLUTION. THIS IS UNFAIR TO THESE ANIMALS, WHO CAN'T EVEN LIVE IN THEIR NATURAL HABITAT IN PEACE. OVER 90% OF SEA ANIMALS ARE EXPOSED TO UNSANITARY DEBRIS, PLASTIC, WASTE, ETC. OVER 44,000 SEA ANIMALS (395 DIFFERENT SPECIES), BIT OR ATE PLASTIC WASTE, OR HAD BEEN EXPOSED TO UNSANITARY CHEMICAL

SUBSTANCES. 80% OF THE TIME, THESE ANIMALS DIED. WHAT A SHAME, THAT THESE ANIMALS CAN'T EVEN LIVE IN THEIR HOMES.

PUTTING A STOP OR AT LEAST A LIMIT TO OCEAN POLLUTION WILL BUILD GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIPS. OBVIOUSLY, GOING TO THE BEACH WITH YOUR FRIENDS OR FAMILY WILL CAUSE A BOND, AND HAPPY TIME. THIS CANNOT HAPPEN WITHOUT A HEALTHY BEACH. BEACH SHOP OWNERS WILL BE SATISFIED WITH THEIR BUSINESS PROFITS, IF THE BEACH LOCATED BY THEIR SHOP IS CLEAN. ANIMALS LOVERS, AND PHOTOGRAPHERS WILL BE JOYOUS, KNOWING THAT OUR BELOVED SEA CREATURES ARE SAFE. REDUCING OCEAN POLLUTION WILL SAVE LIVES OF ANIMALS AND HUMANS. IF THERE IS A SOLUTION TO OCEAN POLLUTION (WHICH THERE IS), WHY NOT REDUCE IT? ONE BIG QUESTION IS IF REDUCING OCEAN POLLUTION WILL BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL WHO ARE CONCERNED. YES, IT WILL BE BENEFICIAL TO THE ANIMALS, WHOM WON'T BE AFFECTED AS MUCH IF OCEAN POLLUTION IS REDUCED. SHOP OWNERS NEAR THE BEACH WILL BE BENEFITTED BY MAKING MORE MONEY FOR THEIR BUSINESS. HUMANS WILL SIMPLY BE BENEFITTED BY BEING HEALTHY AND NOT CATCHING A DISEASE. REDUCING OCEAN POLLUTION WILL BENEFIT ALL WHO ARE CONCERNED, AND THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT. THIS BENEFITS OUR NATION'S ENVIRONMENTALISTS, AND REDUCING OCEAN POLLUTION ALSO MEANS REDUCING WASTE. REDUCING OCEAN POLLUTION BENEFITS OUR BEACHES BY CONCENTRATING OUR WATER. STOPPING THIS MASS POLLUTION WON'T BE EASY, SO YOU MUST PLAY A ROLE IN PROTECTING OUR BEACHES. RECYCLE PLASTIC BAGS TO PREVENT ANIMALS BEING TANGLED UP ON THEM, AVOID EATING TOO MUCH UNSUSTAINABLE SEAFOOD, DON'T BUY JEWELRY MADE FROM MARINE LIFE (SHELLS, COALS), DONATE TO ORGANIZATIONS (BLUE OCEAN SOCIETY, GREEN PEACE ARE SOME EXAMPLES), THAT PROTECT OCEAN LIFE. THESE ARE SOME WAYS WE CAN ALL PREVENT OR REDUCE OCEAN POLLUTION. OCEAN POLLUTION AFFECTS OUR BEAUTIFUL BEACHES, SO PUTTING A LIMIT TO OCEAN POLLUTION WILL BENEFIT THE WORLD IN A POSITIVE ASPECT.



**THE OCEAN IS IRREPLACEABLY VITAL**

THE OCEAN HOLDS THE LARGEST ECOSYSTEMS ON EARTH AND THEY HOLD MANY SPECIES TOO. THEY ARE NOT ONLY IMPORTANT TO THE WILDLIFE THAT LIVE IN THEM BUT THEY ARE VITAL TO HUMAN SURVIVAL AS WELL. THEY PRODUCE MORE THAN HALF OF OXYGEN IN THE ATMOSPHERE AND THEY ABSORB MUCH OF THE CARBON DIOXIDE FROM IT. WITH THESE KIND OF STATISTICS, IT IS HARD TO CREATE A SCENARIO WHERE OUR WORLD COULD THRIVE WITHOUT THE EXISTENCE OF A VIABLE OCEAN.



### IT ALL MATTERS

BY RICHARD OLUYOLE

YOUNG MAN – SIR I APOLOGIZE FOR SPYING BUT IT'S JUST THAT , THIS MACHINE .....

TRAIN GUY – YES YOUR INTEREST IS WARRANTED YOUNG MAN , THIS TRAIN IS A MASTERPIECE . A MARVELING WORK OF HUMAN INGENUITY AND DETERMINATION , AT TIMES EVEN I AM MESMERIZED BY IT AS WELL

YOUNG MAN – HOW CAN SOMETHING SO POWERFUL SO ..... BE BORN FROM THE VERY EARTH I STAND ON ?

OIL GUY – MADE NOT ONLY OF STEEL BUT POWERED BY ONE VERY POWERFUL COMPONENT ,BLACK GOLD

YOUNG MAN – HOW MUCH OF IT IS THERE ? WHERE IS IT FOUND ? IS THERE A PRICE TO PAY FOR THE POWER IT HAS GRANTED HUMANITY ?

OIL GUY – YOU'RE OLD ENOUGH TO KNOW , DON'T BE SILLY . NATURE WAS GIVEN TO US BY GOD FOR US TO HAVE DOMINION OVER IT AND TO USE IT AS WE SEE FIT .THE ONLY PRICE TO PAY IS IN THE MARKET . INNOVATION AND PROGRESS NEVER HURT ANYONE AND WILL PROPEL HUMANITY TO SUCH GREAT HEIGHTS I'M GIDDY WITH EXCITEMENT AT SUCH A FASCINATING PROSPECT

MAYBE NOW AND THEN SACRIFICES WILL BE MADE BUT PEOPLE LIKE MY (POINTS TO THE TRAIN GUY) FRIEND WILL KEEP MAKING MONEY , HUMANITY WILL GET STRONGER AND EVEN ORDINARY PEOPLE LIKE YOU WILL HAVE A BRIGHT FUTURE . EVERYONE WINS , RIGHT ?

YOUNG MAN - SOUNDS TOO EASY BUT .....

YOUNG MAN - I SUPPOSE YOU'RE RIGHT ?

OIL GUY - BESIDES OIL AND OTHER THINGS HAVE HELPED US TOO MUCH TO TURN BACK NOW AND THE EARTH CAN HANDLE IT , MILLIONS OF YEARS AND IT HAS WITHSTOOD DISASTERS OF ALL PROPORTIONS - A LITTLE BURNING OF OIL AND MANUFACTURING OF PLASTICS WOULDN'T SO MUCH AS LEAVE A SCRATCH ON IT , INCLUDING ALL THE OTHER FORMS OF PROGRESS WE'RE MAKING

TRAIN GUY - WE'RE JUST A SMALL PART OF THE EARTH , WHAT EFFECT COULD WE EVER REALLY HAVE ?

(OIL AND TRAIN GUY BURST INTO A CHUCKLE OF BLISSFUL IGNORANCE AND TOTAL DISREGARD )

YOUNG MAN - I GUESS SO , HAHA - TAKE CARE SIR

«70 YEARS LATER -WHEN THE YOUNG MAN ISN'T QUITE YOUNG ANYMORE»

GRANDSON - GRANDFATHER BUT WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE STORY ? IT SEEMED SORT OF BORING AND BESIDES YOU HAVE SINCE LEARNED ABOUT PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT .....

OLD MAN - THE PURPOSE WAS THAT I REALIZED IT LATE INTO MY LIFE , LIKE MOST PEOPLE I GREW UP WITH . THERE IS SUCH A THING AS TOO LATE AND NOW THE WORLD IS ON THE PATH TO SELF DESTRUCTION GUIDED BY LIES , GREED , POLITICS AND PLAIN BAD DECISION MAKING

WITH MY CAREER AS A MARINE BIOLOGIST I HELPED SO MANY IN THE WORLD ONLY TO REALIZE IT DOESN'T MATTER IF THERE ISN'T A HOME FOR HUMANITY OR ANY LIVING THING FOR THAT MATTER.

EVEN IF YOUR GENERATION PROVES TO BE WISE WHAT IS DONE IS DONE AND REVERSING IT WON'T BE EASY , THE PRECEDENTS OF HURTING THE ENVIRONMENT IS SET AND NEVER BEFORE HAS ALL OF HUMANITY COMMONLY CONTRIBUTED FOR A COLLECTIVE FUTURE IN SUCH A LARGE WAY

MY CREED WAS TO LEAVE THE WORLD BETTER THAN I FOUND IT AND NOW WHEN I AM HERE OLD AND SPENT I WONDER IF I DID , I WAS TAUGHT I KNEW BUT I IGNORED THE TRUTH AND WON'T EVEN BE HERE TO BEAR THE BRUNT OF MY MISTAKES .

LEARN FROM MY .....

GRANDSON – YEAH I GET IT GRANDPA, NO ACTION IS SINGULAR IN EFFECT AND THERE WILL ALWAYS BE A FUTURE WHICH WE MUST PROTECT. WE WOULD BE NOWHERE IF OUR ANCESTORS DID NOT WORK HARD TO MAKE A WORLD FOR US AND NOW EVEN WHEN IT IS HARD WE MUST DO THE SAME FOR THE FUTURE. I'VE HEARD IT SO MANY TIMES NOW . DON'T BEAT YOURSELF UP THOUGH, WE AREN'T PERFECT BUT THERE IS A FUTURE AHEAD AND MAYBE THIS GENERATION OR THE NEXT WILL GET IT RIGHT BEFORE. WE LOOK TO THE PAST FOR EXPERIENCE BUT TO THE FUTURE TO SEE WHAT WHAT WE WILL MAKE OF IT . I BELIEVE PLASTICS IN THE OCEAN, DEAD ANIMALS, AND OIL SPILLS WILL HAPPEN BUT I ALSO BELIEVE A STAND WILL BE TAKEN AND I WANT TO BE PART OF IT. CONSIDER THE LINE SET HERE, AND NO MORE ANNOYING LONG STORIES .



## **WHAT WE CAN DO TO IMPROVE THE SITUATION**

THINGS WE CAN DO TO HELP PROTECT THE OCEANS ARE SIMPLE THINGS SUCH AS USING LESS PLASTIC, ALWAYS PICKING UP AFTER YOURSELF, AND USING LESS ENERGY. TAKE REUSABLE BAGS WHEREVER YOU GO, MAINTAIN A REUSABLE WATER BOTTLE AND UTENSILS, CUT BACK ON YOUR USE OF PLASTIC IN YOUR DAILY ROUTINE, AND CONSERVE WATER WHEREVER POSSIBLE. EDUCATE YOURSELF ABOUT THE PRODUCTS YOU USE AND WHAT THE PROPER WAY OF

DISPOSING YOURSELF OF THEM IS. YOU CAN ALSO SUPPORT LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS THAT HELP OUR WILDLIFE. SPREADING THE WORD COMES AT HARDLY A COST, SO AS YOU STRIVE TO BECOME EDUCATED ON THESE ISSUES MAKE SURE TO SHARE THE KNOWLEDGE WITH THOSE AROUND YOU BY ENCOURAGING OTHERS TO BE MORE ENVIRONMENTALLY CONSCIOUS AS WELL. EVERY LITTLE THINGS COUNTS.



## **AN UNDENIABLE RESPONSIBILITY**

**BY VANESSA VILLANUEVA**

CLIMATE CHANGE IS A MATTER OF NOW  
THE EFFECTS ARE HERE  
IT IS UNDENIABLE  
YET WE CAN WORK TO MINIMIZE THE CHAOS  
WORK TO PROTECT THOSE AFFECTED BY THE CHANGES  
WE NEED TO PUT THE NEEDS OF OUR PEOPLE  
OUR MORALS  
AND OUR BELIEFS FIRST  
CORPORATIONS HAVE RAN AMOK FOR TOO LONG  
THE CONSEQUENCES ARE HERE  
THE OIL SPILL DIDN'T LAST A COUPLE OF DAYS  
THE FRACKING HASN'T STOPPED  
THE FACTORIES CONTINUE TO POLLUTE THE AIR WE BREATH  
ALL OF THESE THINGS HAVE LINGERED  
SIMILARLY TO SCARS OR BRUISES ON OUR OWN SKIN  
WE ARE DAMAGING OUR HOME  
THIS PLANET IS OUR ONLY HOME

WITHOUT IT WE HAVE NO SUSTENANCE  
YET WHY HAVEN'T WE REFLECTED UPON THIS?  
AND FOR THOSE WHO DO REFLECT  
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE FOR PROGRESS?  
EVERYTHING SEEMS TO GO ON  
WITHOUT MORE THAN A SLAP ON THE WRIST  
A PROMISE FROM BIG MONEY THAT THEY WILL DO BETTER NEXT TIME  
WE CANNOT AFFORD ANY MORE NEXT TIMES  
OUR SEASONS HAVE GROWN ERRATIC  
TYPHOONS, HURRICANES, FLOODS, DROUGHTS  
ALL HAVE INTENSIFIED  
YET THE MAJORITY OF US REMAIN SILENT  
CLIMATE CHANGE HAS BECOME A CENSORED SUBJECT  
SO IT'S UP TO US TO BE LOUD  
SPEAK THE TRUTH WITHOUT FLINCHING  
WORK TO SPREAD KNOWLEDGE OF OUR CURRENT REALITY  
WE MAY HAVE INHERITED A DYING PLANET  
A SOCIETY FILLED WITH OBSTACLES IN OUR PATH TO A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT  
COMPLETE WITH LEADERS WHO ARE BIASED AGAINST OUR NEEDS  
HOWEVER WE CANNOT BE LIKE OTHER GENERATIONS  
WE MUST FIGHT FOR OUR ACCESS TO A THRIVING ENVIRONMENT  
YELL OUR DISCONTENT FROM THE ROOFTOPS  
ADVOCATE FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE WE DESERVE  
AFTER ALL  
IT SEEMS IT'S BEEN LEFT UP TO US



THE PRODUCTS OF OUR LIVES  
BY: VICTOR MANUEL BANUET III

THE WORLD WE LIVE IN IS VERY REAL  
THE LIFE WE LIVE IS ABSOLUTE  
EVERYTHING AROUND US IS GENUINE  
OUR SKY OUR OCEAN ALL OF THE ENVIRONMENT  
ALL OF ITS TRUE  
ALL OF IT IS REAL

OUR ACTIONS AUTHENTIC  
AND REACTIONS BONA FIDE  
BUT WHAT IS IT THAT WE DO TO PASS THE TIME  
DO WE BIDE  
OR DO WE STRIDE FOR THE BETTER  
NEITHER

WHAT WE DO  
WHAT WE DECIDE TO OCCUPY THIS TIME WITH  
WHAT WE CONSCIOUSLY SET OFF TO DO  
IS MAKE THE MOST OUT OF OUR LIFE  
WE TRY TO HAVE FUN

BUT IN THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS SURELY NOTHING BAD OCCURS  
THERE CERTAINLY ISN'T ANY CONFLICTS WITH OTHERS  
THERE CAN'T BE ANY NEGATIVE CONSEQUENCE TO JUST HAVING A PARTY  
SURELY SIMPLY LIVING OUR LIVES CAN'T CHANGE WHAT'S AROUND US  
BUT IT CAN

EVERY ACTION HAS SOMETHING THAT MUST FOLLOW  
IT'S IN THESE REACTIONS WHERE WE CAN SEE  
IT'S WHERE WE LOOK AT WHAT WE HUMANS CAN BE  
A FORCE FOR GOOD SEEMS OBVIOUS AND CONCRETE  
BUT THE MORE WE LOOK THE MORE WE NOTICE  
WE ARE ANYTHING BUT THAT FORCE FOR GOOD

THERE ARE CLEAR BY PRODUCTS TO WHAT WE DO  
FROM A SMALL PARTY WE AMASS AN EVEREST OF MESS  
FROM THE CONCRETE ON OUR STREET A FOREST BE REPLACED  
FROM THE OCEAN IN WHICH WE SAIL  
LIES A MESS WHICH WE ADORE  
DRIVING ANIMALS TO EXTINCTION  
JUST SO WE CAN INDULGE IN OUR FICTION

WE IGNORE THE REAL PROBLEMS THAT ERUPT FROM WHAT WE DO  
WE BECOME DISCRETE IN WHAT WE DO  
WE PRETEND IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT WE DO  
WE PUT ON A SHOW  
WE CREATE SPECTACLES OF ILLUSION  
JUST TO LIVE IN OUR DELUSIONS

POLLUTION LIES IN OUR CONFUSION  
POLLUTION COMES UP FROM OUR LIVES  
GOING DAY BY DAY

DON'T DARE TELL ME THAT WHAT I SAY

BE A TRUTH WITHOUT ITS MEANING  
BECAUSE THE TRUTH OF IT ALL  
THE TRUTH OF WHAT WE HUMANS DO  
IS POLLUTE AND DESTROY  
JUST TO ENJOY SOME LITTLE TOY  
OR THIS OR THAT  
GAZING AT THOSE USELESS SOON TO BE ARTIFACTS  
WHEN THE FACT IS THAT  
EACH OF YOUR ACTION HAS A REACTION

A SIMPLE SMOKE ENDING IN PLASTIC IN OUR BEACH  
THE TRASH THROWN IN OUR STREETS ONLY TO REACH THE OCEAN'S DEEP  
DRAINING THE LAKES TO WASH YOUR CAR  
BUT DON'T YOU SEE HOW FAR ONE SMALL ACT GOES TO CREATE ALL OF THESE FACTS  
OUR SKY STARTS TO LOSE ITS COLOR AS WE PREPARE FOR OUR SUMMER  
ROAD TRIPS COOKOUTS BARBECUES

WHY IS OUR VISION SO ASKEW  
WE FAIL TO REALIZE  
THE REAL LIES WE TELL OURSELVES

"IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT WE DO  
FOR WHAT WE ARE IS ALREADY DOOMED"

BUT BEHIND THE PERSON AND PAST THE LIES  
LAYS A PERSON WHO HAS YET TO RISE  
IT JUST TAKES ONE TO START THE TREND  
ONE TO ESCAPE THAT BLEND  
FOR THE FIGHT OF OUR ENVIRONMENT

TO END THE TORMENT AND LESSEN OUR DENTS

IT ONLY TAKES ONE PERSON TO STAND UP  
ONE PERSON TO GO OFF AND BUILD UP AN ARMY OF MISTAKES  
INTO AN ARMY WHICH SEES THE STAKES  
IT TAKES ONE TO MAKE A GROUP  
IT TAKES ONE GROUP TO HEAL THE WOUNDS WE HAVE INFLECTED  
IT TAKES ONE COLLECTIVE TO GET US THERE  
TO WORK TOGETHER TO END ALL DESPAIR

SO WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO BE THIS CHANGE  
JUST GO OUT  
DO WHAT WE MUST DO  
FOR THIS DREAM TO SHINE THROUGH PAST THE RAIN  
YOU MUST GO OUT AND SEE THE CHANGE.