

Agua Profunda - Artist's Statement

Snow
Frost
Ice
Steam
Rain
Hail
Sleet
Fog
Mist
Cloud

Water is the blood of the earth.

Water performs the same function in the earth as does blood in animal life and sap in plants. Sap, blood and water are synonymous.

Water is the most thermally stable substance on earth, it takes more heat or cold to change its temperature than any other substance, and it is at its most stable at 37° Celsius. That is why mammalian blood, which is 80% water, is also 37° Celsius.

Water is the only substance that is more dense as a liquid than as a solid: ice floats. This is very important for life on earth, as the ice on the surface insulates the water below, allowing the fish to survive.

Water is the only substance that exists on earth in all three forms, gas liquid and solid.

The water molecule can combine with more elements than any other molecule. It is the essence of all life on earth.

"Water is a living substance" – Victor Schaubberger

ART WILL SAVE THE WORLD

Until now artists have only interpreted the world, the point however, is to change it.

- apologies to Karl Marx

So, what do we have to change, why do we have to change it, and how do we change it?

The problem of course is materialism- the pursuit of happiness through the accumulation and ostentatious display of wealth and the consumption of a mind-boggling array of luxury products.

We have to change because it is obviously unsustainable. A philosophy based on meeting the ever increasing desires of an ever growing population via the extraction of more and more resources will inevitably run slap bang into the finite nature of the planet itself. Crunch! This, of course is patently obvious to anyone who gives it more than a passing thought. So what can we do about it? Who will volunteer to give up their creature comforts? How will we keep our enormous brains amused if they are not filled with the dreams and the schemes for amassing our personal fortunes?

This is where the artists have a vitally important role to play. Ultimately it is only the monks, the poets and the artists who are happy to feed their soul and leave their pockets empty. It is the artists who are enthralled and fascinated by the world around us, in all its detail and its immensity. It is the artists; the writers, the dancers, the thespians, the musicians, the filmmakers, the sculptors, the potters and the painters who are pushing the boundaries of our consciousness. If we are to succeed in dismantling materialism as our *raison d'être*, art is what we must replace it with, art that celebrates every aspect of existence. Surely then we will be so rich we wont need money. The artists we see around us in the community are the (barely) living proof of this hypothesis.

Economic Growth, Development and Progress are the mantra of the modern world, but the more successful we are at achieving those goals; the faster we approach our ultimate failure.

On the other hand, *creative* growth, development and progress are limitless!

Ben Laycock

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