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Hope and imagination are inextricably bound, one cannot exist without the other.

*It is imagination, the belief in other possibilities,
and not brain size, that separates us from other species.*

*Hope dares to imagine that some epiphany is at hand,
But epiphany rarely appears as luminous discovery,
It usually appears as a disruption to the status quo.*

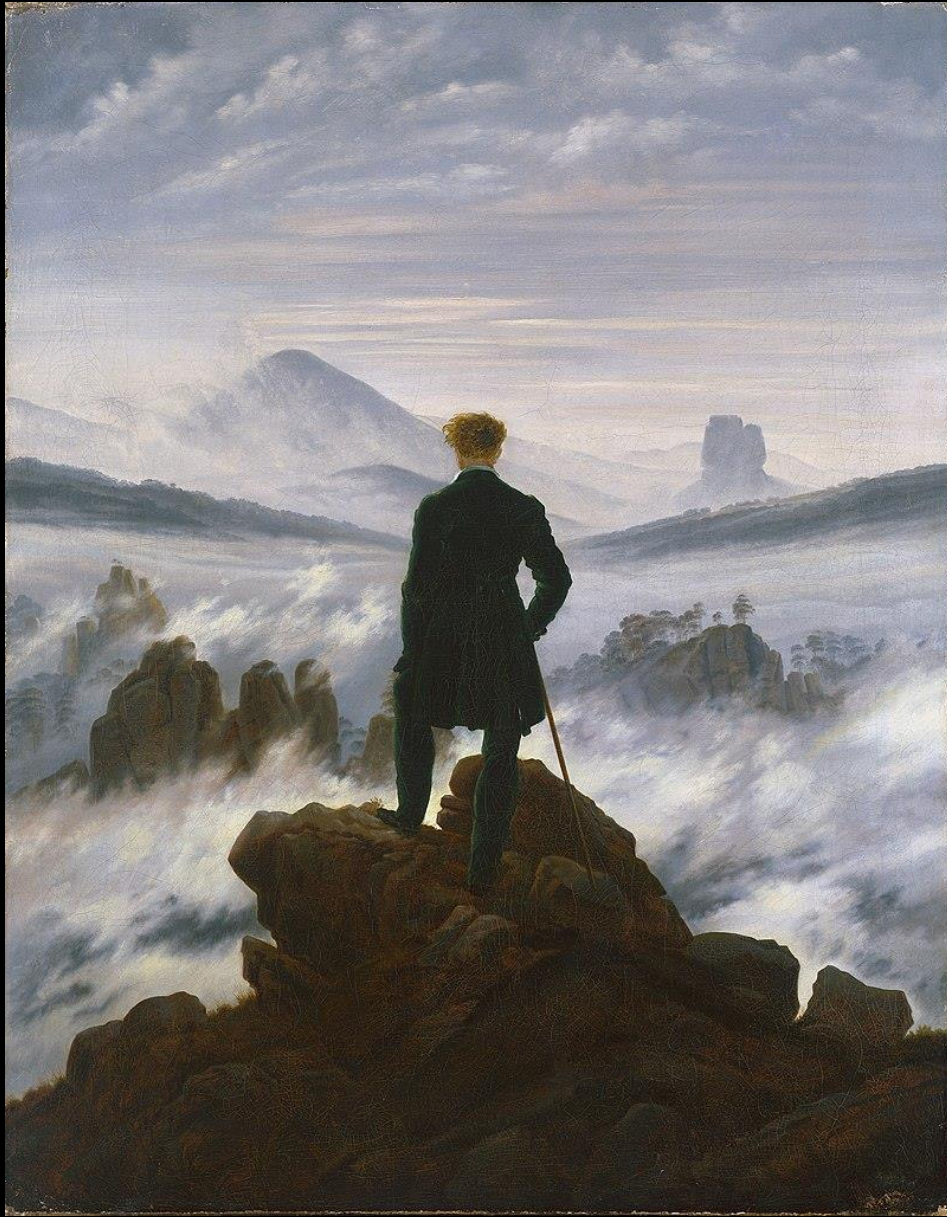


Peter Dombrovskis, Morning mist, Rock Island Bend, Franklin River, Tasmania c. 1980

*“If we can revise some of our attitudes
towards the land under our feet, if we can accept the role of a steward,
And depart from the role of conqueror;
if we can accept the view that man and nature are inseparable parts
of the whole, then Tasmania, which is truly beautiful can be a shining
beacon in the dull, uniform and largely artificial world.”*

Olegas Truchanas 1923 - 1972

Photographer and conservationist, mentor to Peter Dombrovskis



'Wanderer above the Sea of Fog'

Casper David Friedrich, 1818



We are capable of harnessing more resources than ever before.

Hiroshima 1945



We have become a geological force, where human activity is the dominant influence on climate and environment, and have now entered the era of the Anthropocene.

Hurricane Irma, NASA 2017

2°C scenario

CO₂ emissions (tonnes/sec)

1'337

time left until CO₂ budget depleted

year month day hour min sec

5 5 21 20 1 1 64

CO₂ budget left (tonnes)

230'944'709'851

1.5°C scenario



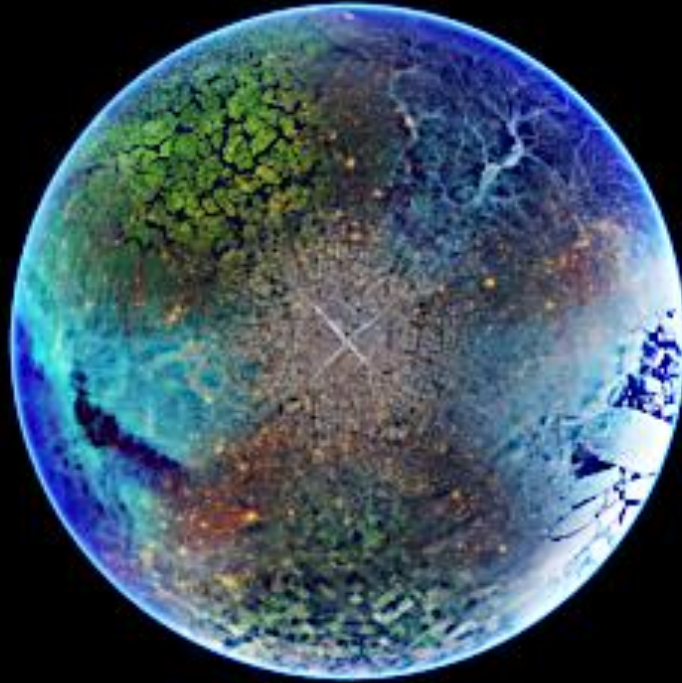
Science allows us to count the time we have left, before we cross irreversible tipping points.

Mercator Research Institute Carbon Clock - screenshot @ 4 pm 31/01/2024



Yet, we are capable of acts of great courage and moments of immense sadness and beauty.

Vedran Smailovic , 'Cellist of Sarajevo', Sarajevo National Library, 1992



Imagine, if we could work together, to protect precious Earth systems, to maintain the biospheres upon which we collectively depend.

Image: earthcommission.org



Imagine, if we could work with nature to find new sources of fertilisers, foods, bioplastics, textiles, and fuels and replace those that are toxic to the natural world.

<https://theconversation.com/can-seaweed-save-the-world-well-it-can-certainly-help-in-many-ways-201459>



Imagine, if we could find more sustainable and equitable systems of international travel and drastically reduce our travel emissions.

<https://images.theconversation.com/files/288023/original/file-20190814-136199-ymprvf.jpg>



Imagine, if wildlife and living entities had the same rights as people, a right to flourish.

In 2017, the NZ parliament granted Whanganui River rights as an independent entity, an indivisible whole from source to sea.

https://www.tripadvisor.in/Attraction_Review-g255370-d256989-



Imagine, if we stopped burning fossil fuels and were able to return to a climate equilibrium, protecting this precious planet in all its diversity for our children.

<https://theconversation.com/au/search?q=Antarctica+images>

Our children ask for three things.....

- 1. Net zero by 2030 which means no new coal, oil or gas projects including the Adani mine*
- 2. 100% renewable energy generation and exports by 2030*
- 3. Fund a just transition and job creation for all fossil-fuel workers and their communities*



*Imagine, what we can achieve
working together,
valuing the beauty that surrounds us,
protecting the legacy entrusted to us,
for generations to follow.*

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