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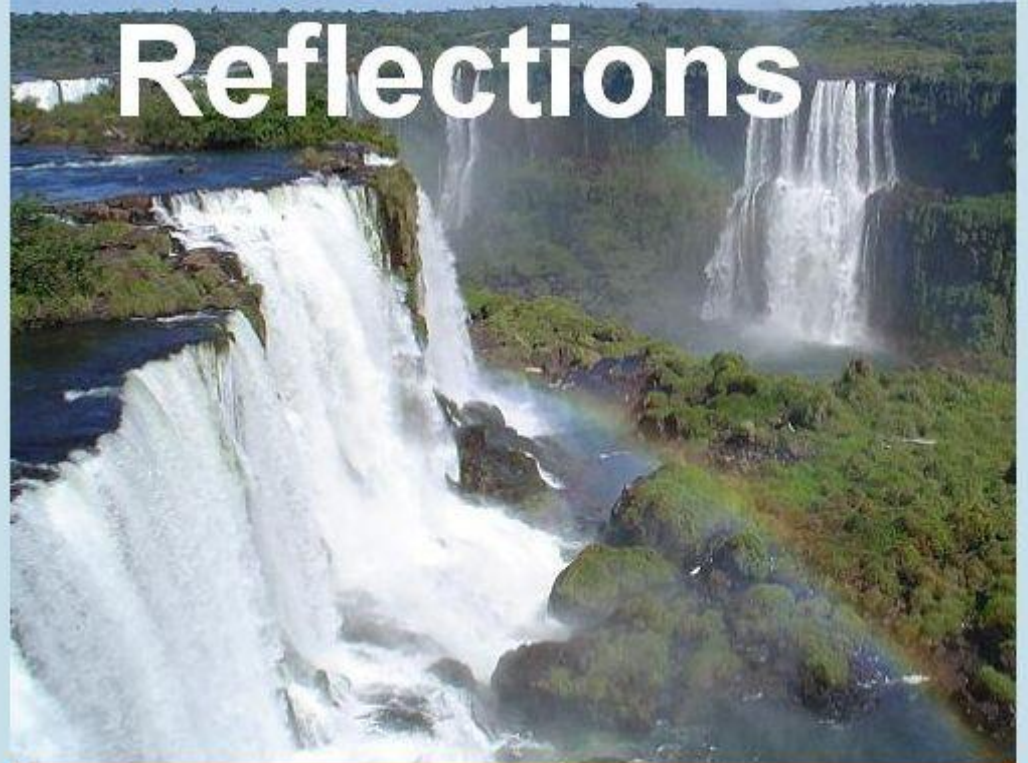
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
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with quotes about water

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# **Water Reflections**



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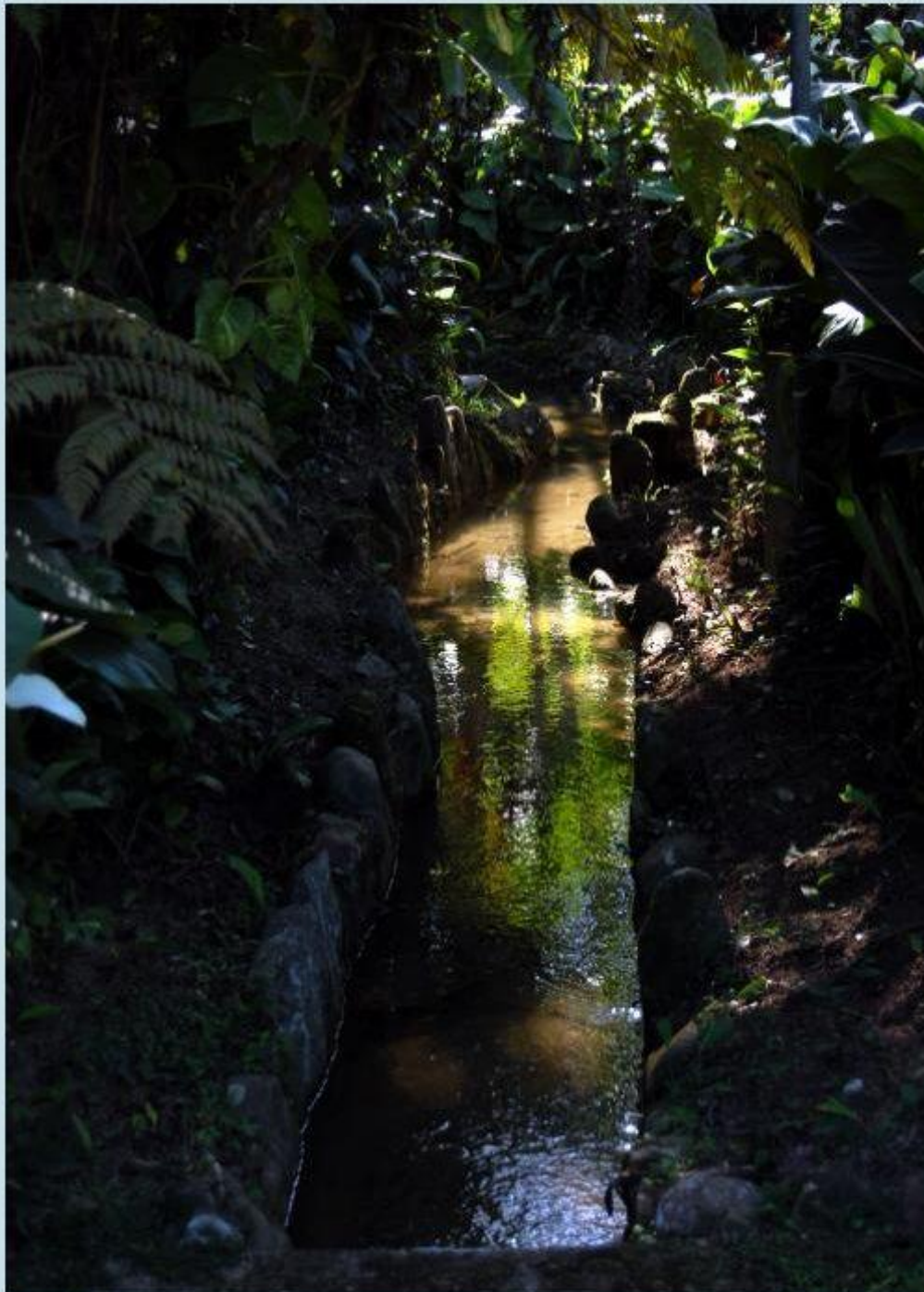
*Study how water flows in a valley stream,  
smoothly and freely between the rocks. Also  
learn from holy books and wise people.  
Everything - even mountains, rivers, plants  
and trees - should be your teacher.*

*Morihei Ueshiba*



*Water has no taste, no color, no odor; it cannot be defined, art relished while ever mysterious. Not necessary to life, but rather life itself. It fills us with a gratification that exceeds the delight of the senses.*

*Antoine de Saint-Exupery*



*A river seems a magic thing. A magic,  
moving, living part of the very earth itself.*

*Laura Gilpin*



*Nothing is softer or more flexible than water,  
yet nothing can resist it.*

*Lao Tzu*



*Water, the Hub of Life.*

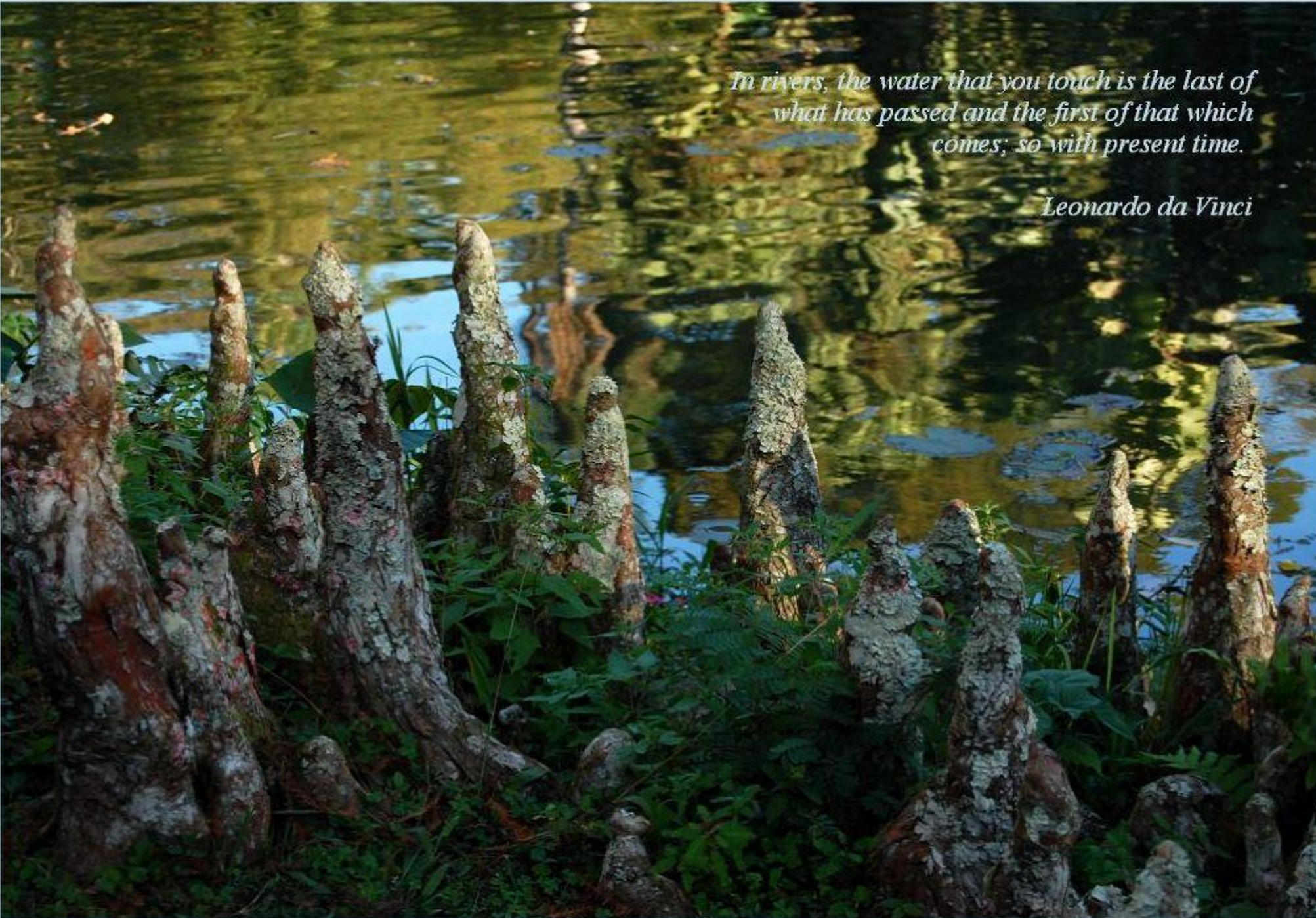
*Water is its mater and matrix, mother and medium.*

*Water is the most extraordinary substance!  
Practically all its properties are anomolous,  
which enabled life to use it as building  
material for its machinery.*

*Life is water dancing to the tune of solids.*

*Albert Szent-Gyorgyi*



A photograph of a river with wooden posts in the foreground and a person swimming in the background. The water is clear and reflects the surrounding greenery. The posts are weathered and have some moss or lichen on them. The person is in the middle ground, swimming in the water.

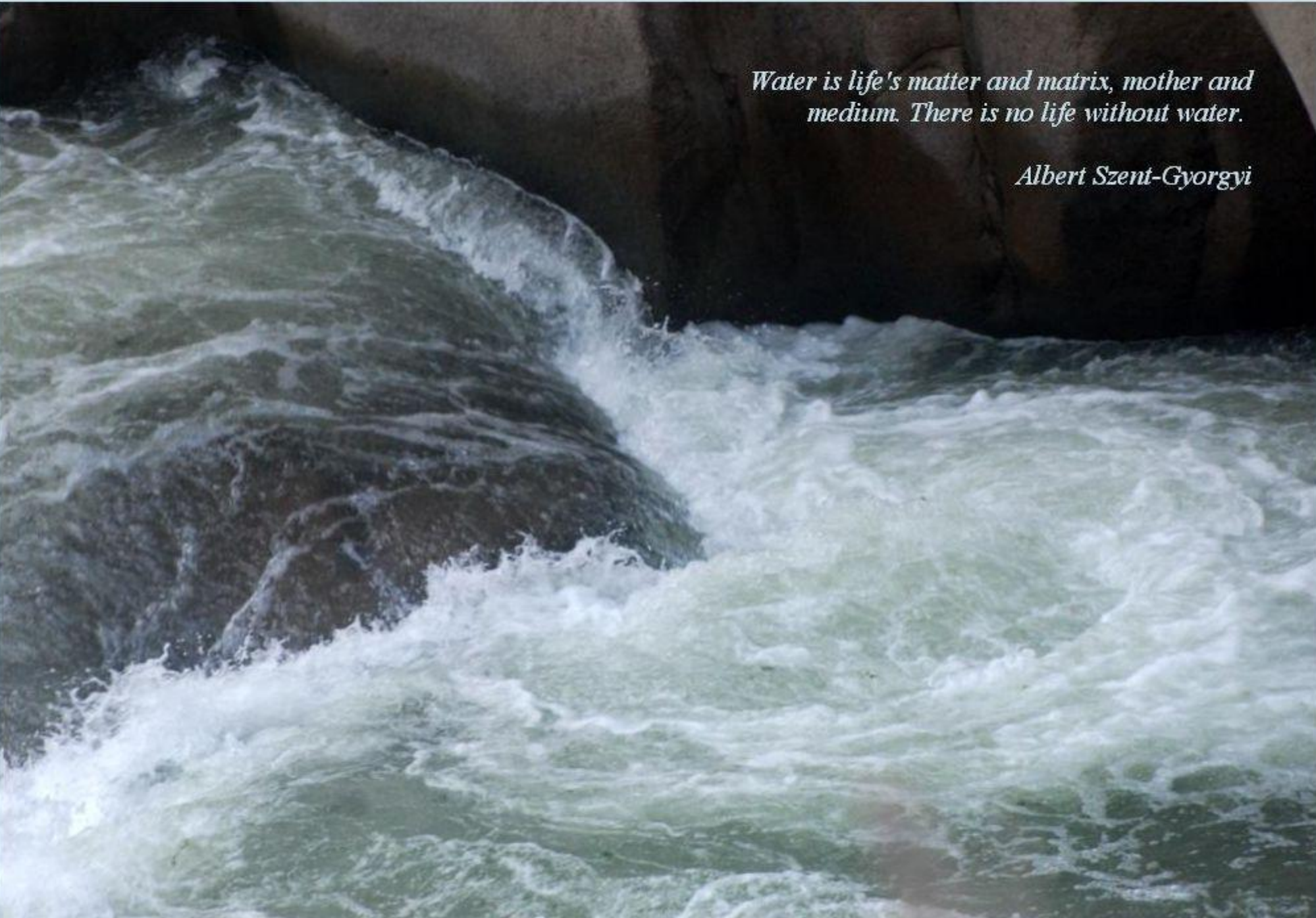
*In rivers, the water that you touch is the last of  
what has passed and the first of that which  
comes; so with present time.*

*Leonardo da Vinci*



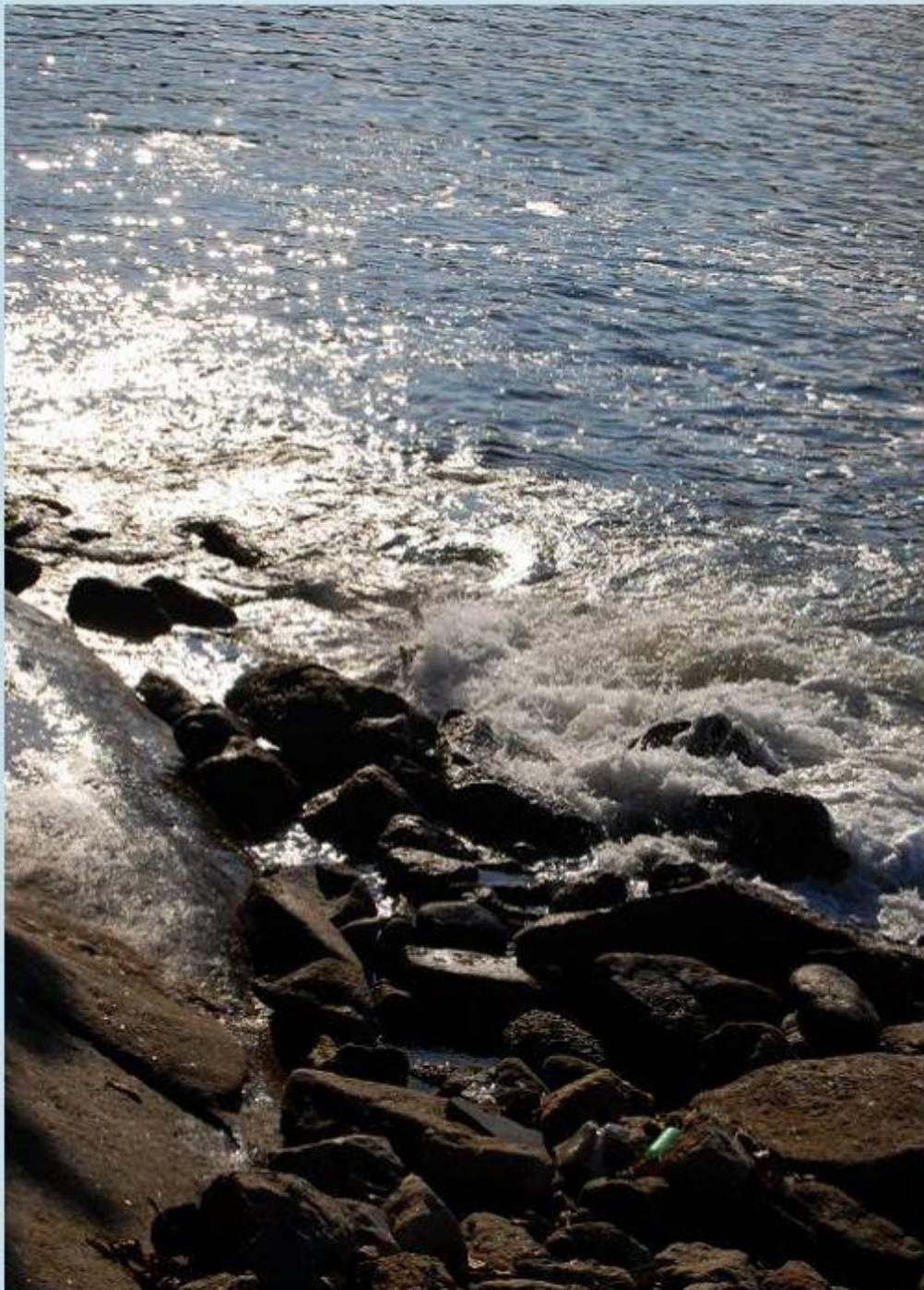
*Would that I were a dry well, and that the people tossed stones into me, for that would be easier than to be a spring of flowing water that the thirsty pass by, and from which they avoid drinking.*

*Khalil Gibran*



*Water is life's matter and matrix, mother and medium. There is no life without water.*

*Albert Szent-Gyorgyi*




*To have faith is to trust yourself to the water. When you swim you don't grab hold of the water, because if you do you will sink and drown. Instead you relax, and float.*

*Alan Watts*




*If there is magic on this planet, it is contained  
in water.*

*Loren Eiseley*



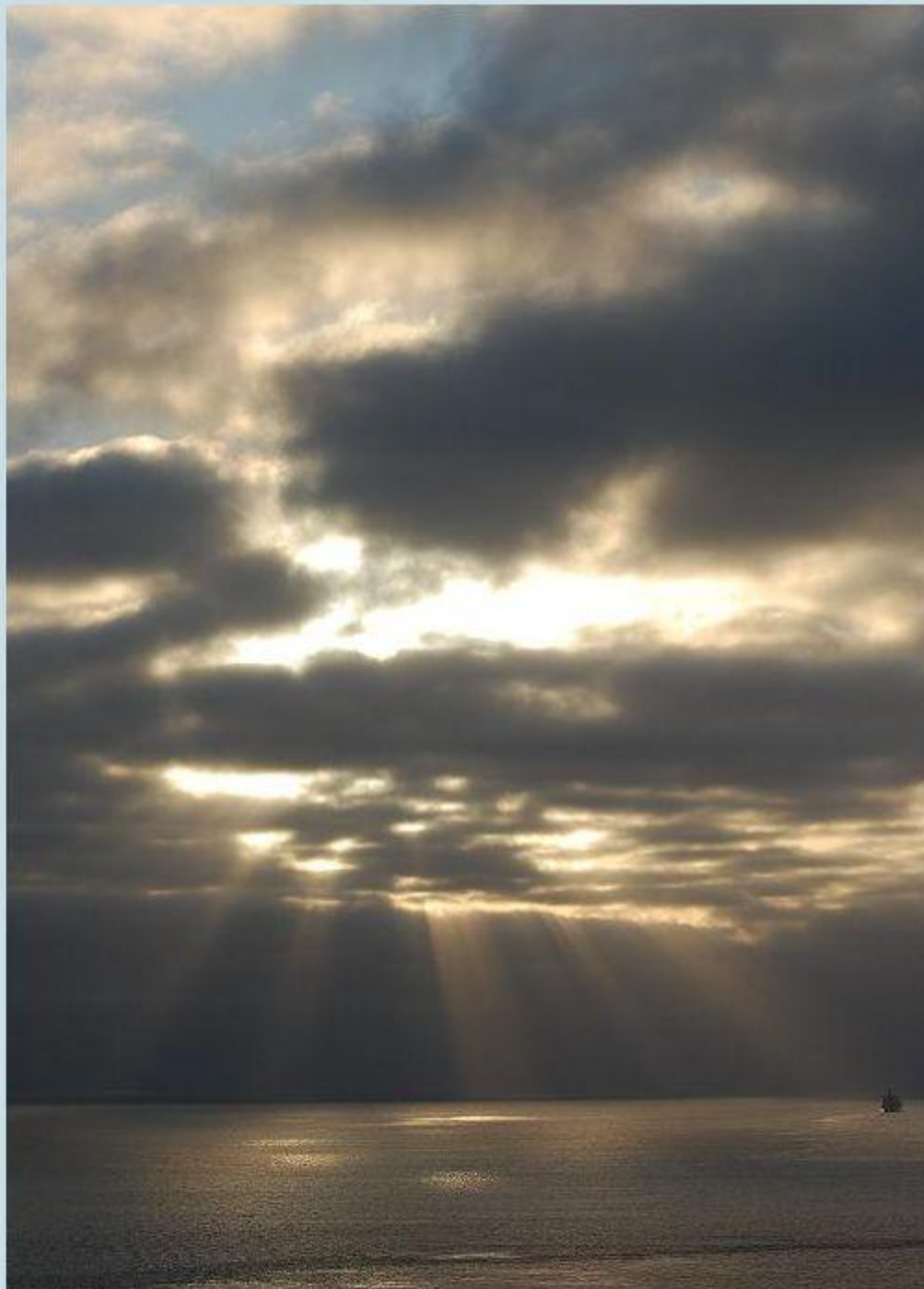
*We forget that the water cycle and the life  
cycle are one.*

*Jacques Cousteau*



*All water has a perfect memory and is forever  
trying to get back to where it was.*

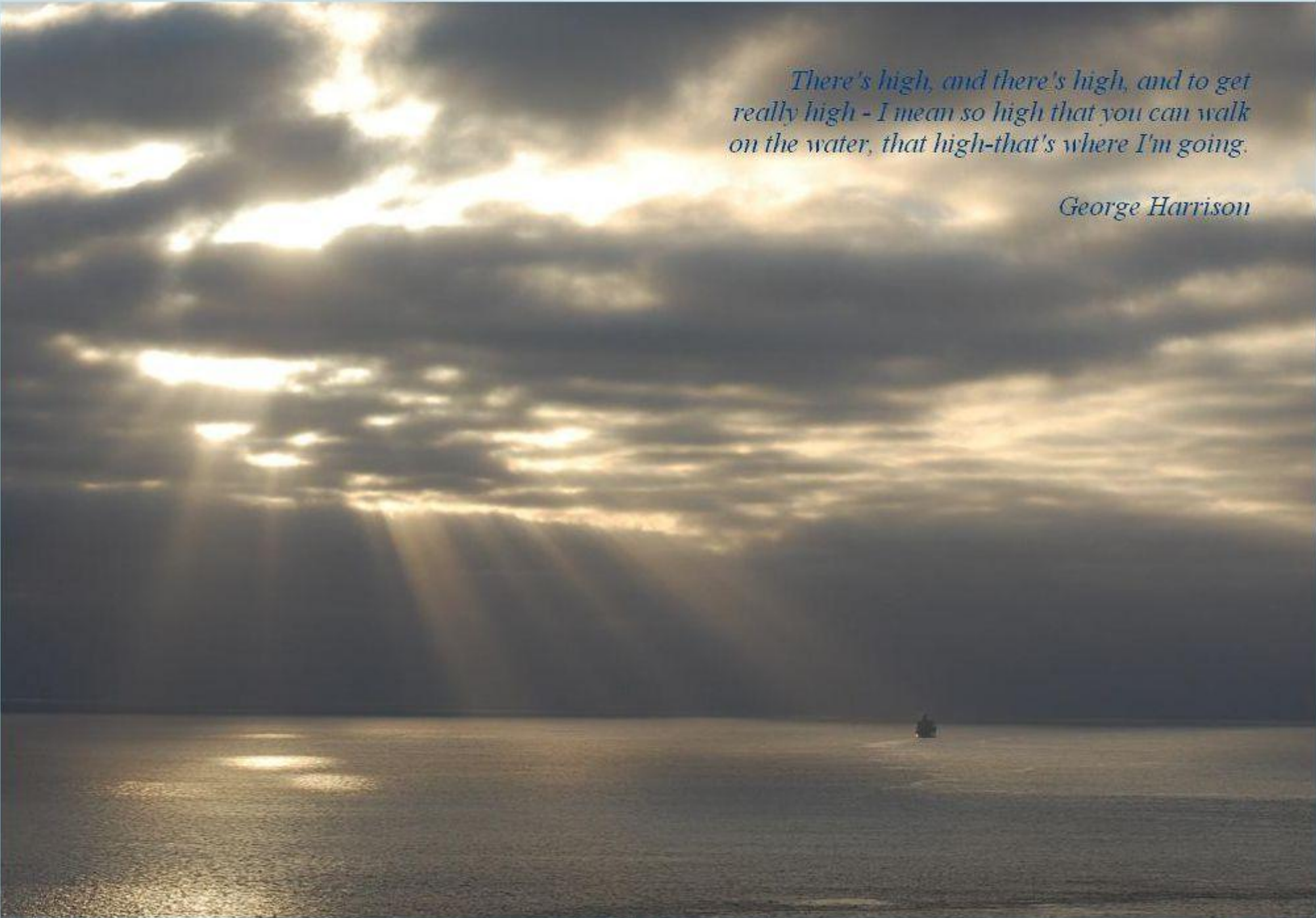
*Toni Morrison*



*The water in a vessel is sparkling; the water  
in the sea is dark. The small truth has words  
which are clear; the great truth has great  
silence.*

*Rabindranath Tagore*



A wide-angle photograph of a vast ocean under a heavy, dramatic sky. The sun is low on the horizon, partially obscured by dark, layered clouds. Bright rays of light, known as crepuscular rays, fan out from the sun's position, illuminating the water and the lower parts of the clouds. The water's surface is dark but reflects the golden light from the sun, creating a shimmering path. In the distance, a small, dark silhouette of a boat is visible on the horizon line.

*There's high, and there's high, and to get  
really high - I mean so high that you can walk  
on the water, that high-that's where I'm going.*

*George Harrison*



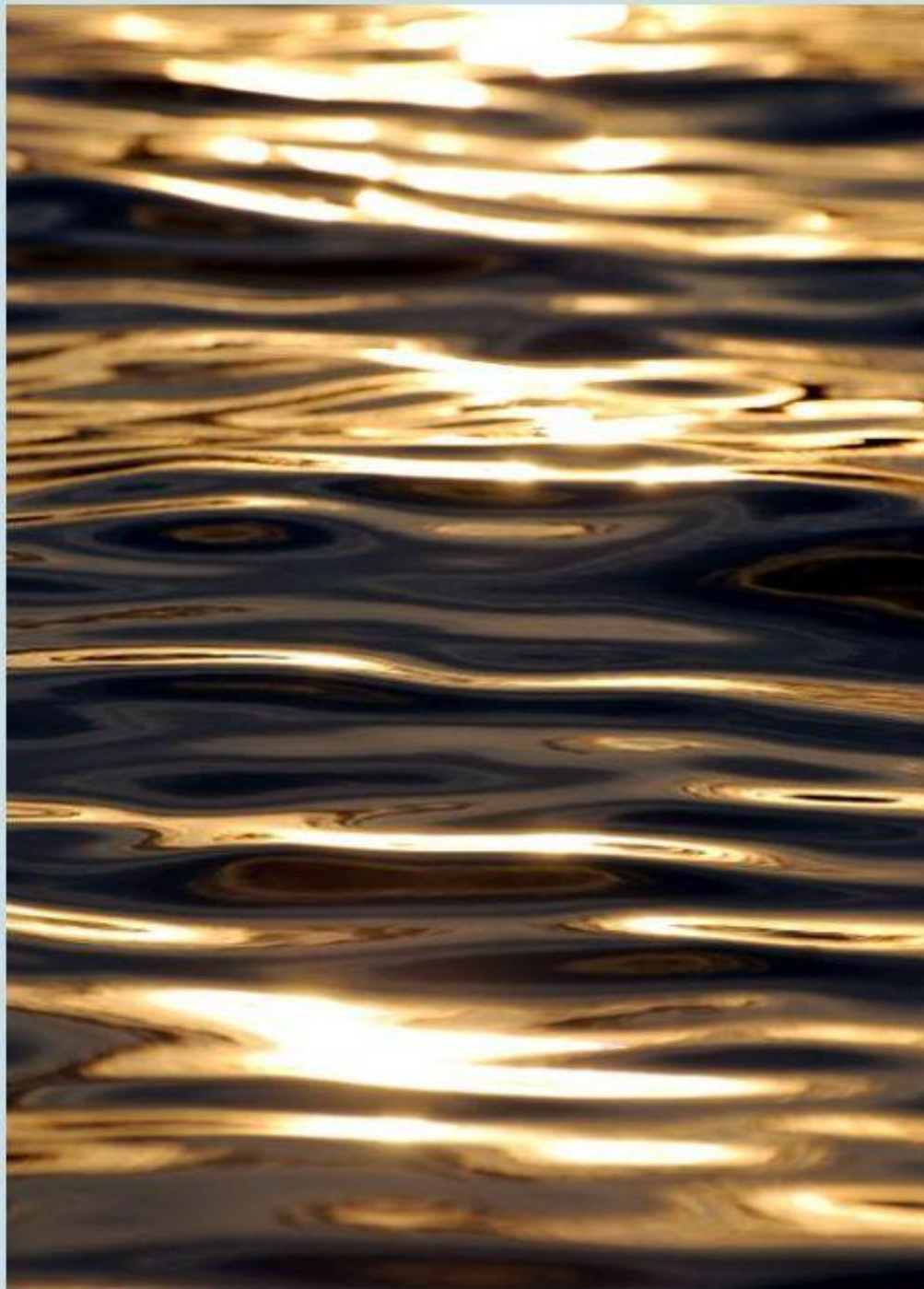
*The oceans are the planet's last great living wilderness, man's only remaining frontier on earth, and perhaps his last chance to produce himself a rational species.*

*John L. Cullney*



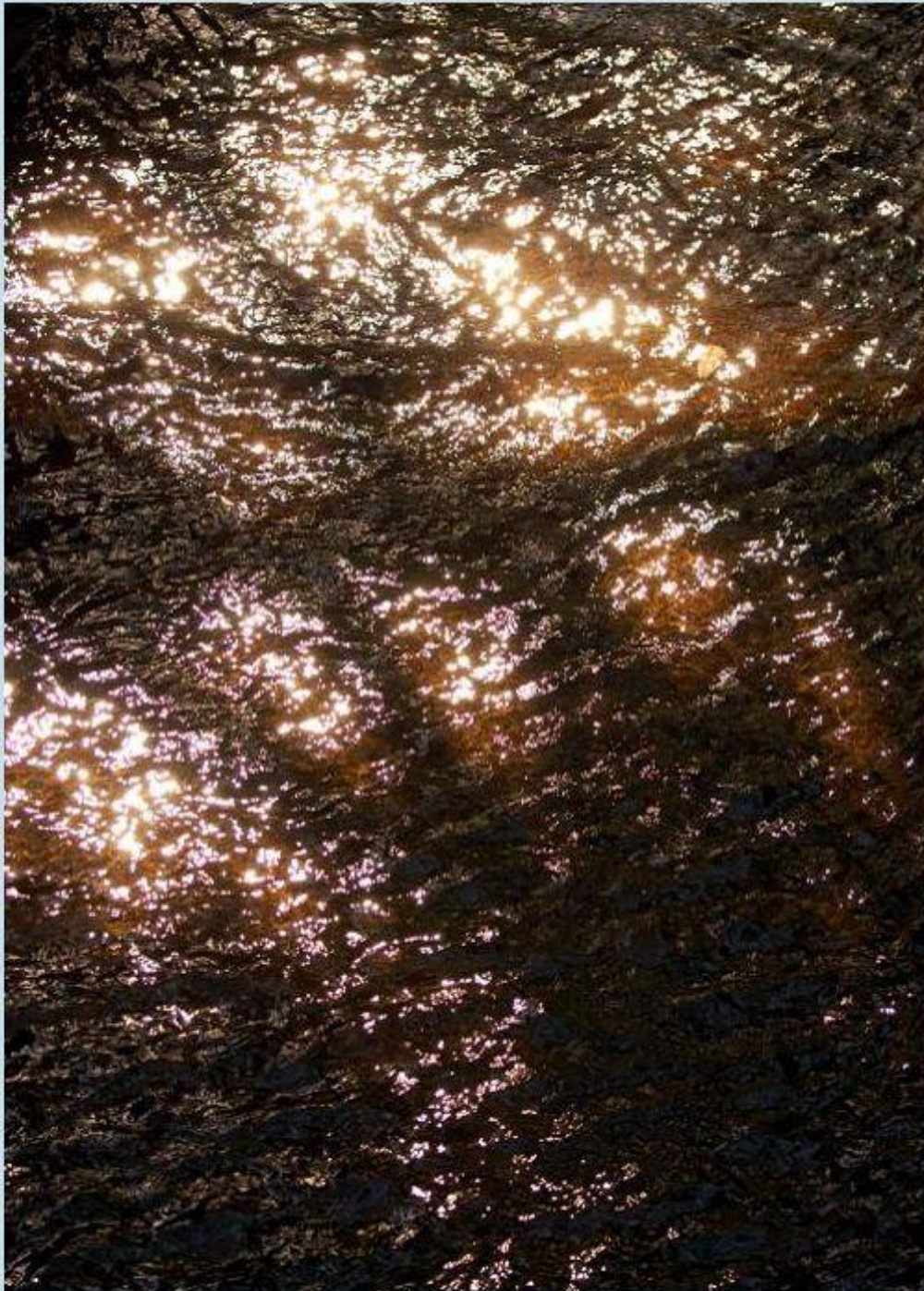
*Water is the driver of Nature.*

*Leonardo da Vinci*



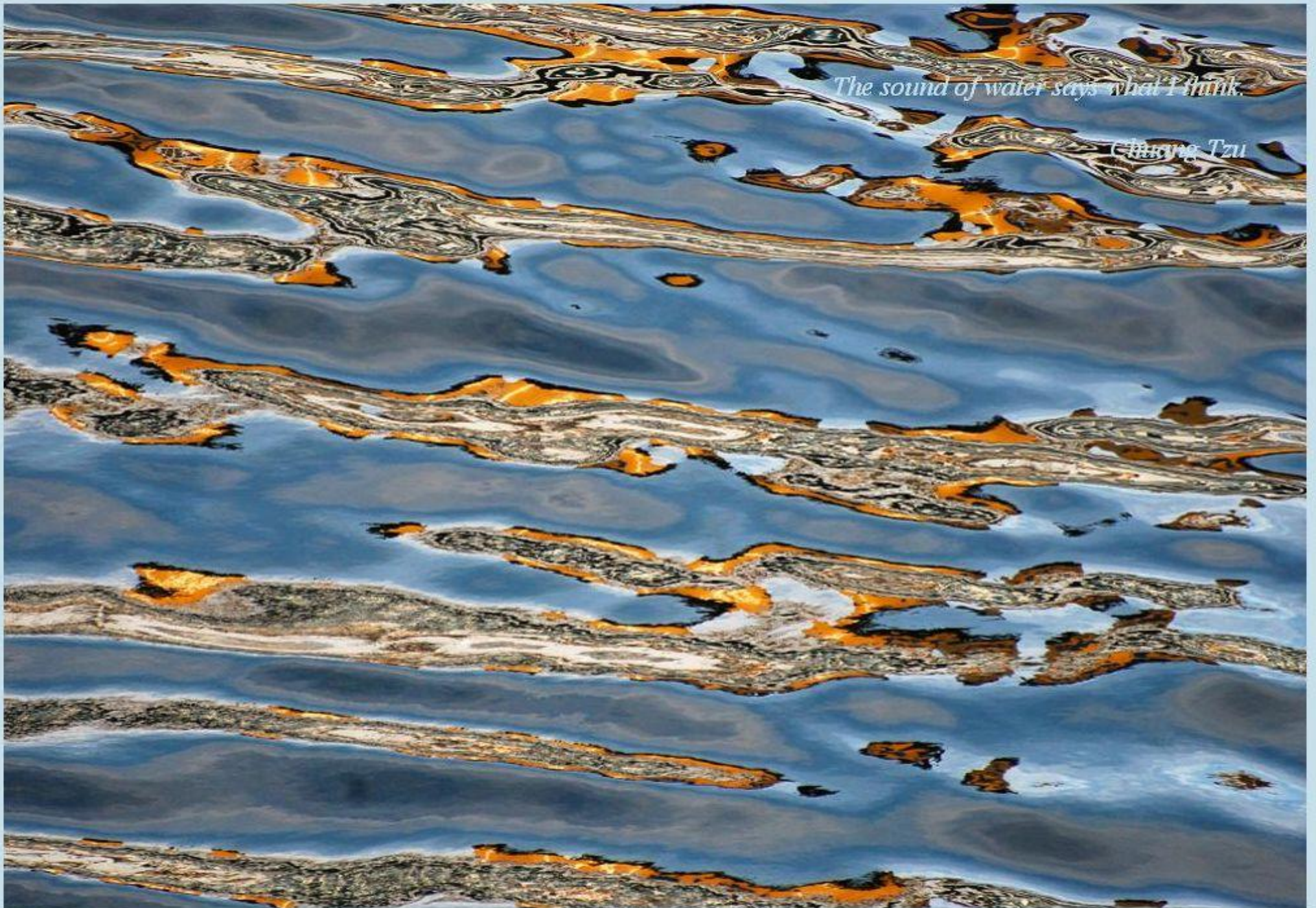
*The many-voiced song of the river echoed softly. Siddhartha looked into the river and saw many pictures in the flowing water. The river's voice was sorrowful. It sang with yearning and sadness, flowing towards its goal ... Siddhartha ... was now listening intently ... to this song of a thousand voices ... then the great song of a thousand voices consisted of one word: Om -- perfection ... From that hour Siddhartha ceased to fight against his destiny.*

*Hermann Hesse, Siddhartha*



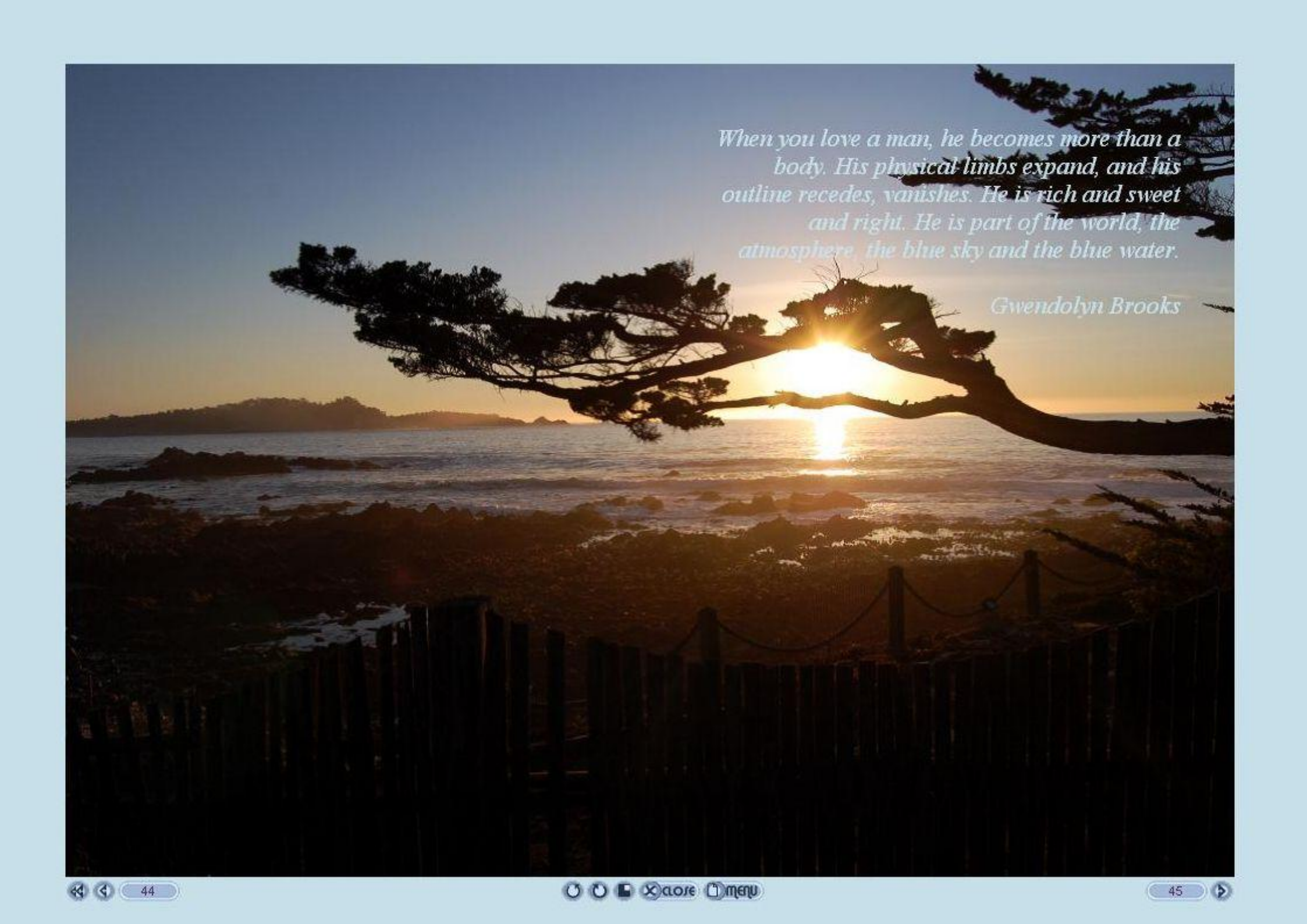
*I understood when I was just a child that  
without water, everything dies.  
I didn't understand until much later that no  
one "owns" water.  
It might rise on your property, but it just  
passes through.  
You can use it, and abuse it, but it is not  
yours to own.  
It is part of the global commons, not  
"property" but part of our life support system.*

*Marq de Villiers, Water*



*The sound of water says what I think.*

*Chiung Tzu*



*When you love a man, he becomes more than a  
body. His physical limbs expand, and his  
outline recedes, vanishes. He is rich and sweet  
and right. He is part of the world, the  
atmosphere, the blue sky and the blue water.*

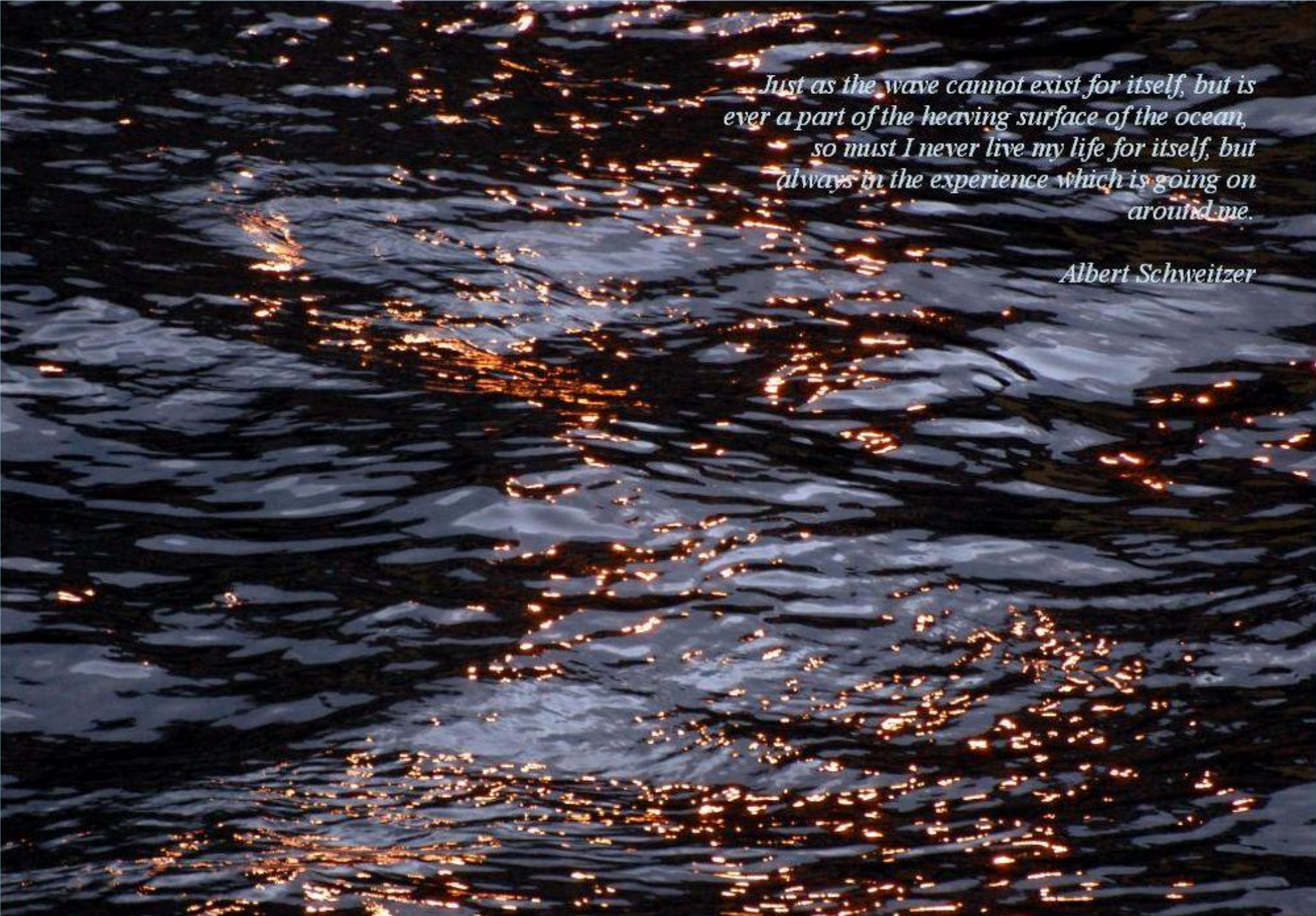
*Gwendolyn Brooks*



*And Allah has created from water every living creature: so of them is that which walks upon its belly, and of them is that which walks upon two feet, and of them is that which walks upon four; Allah creates what He pleases; surely Allah has power over all things.*

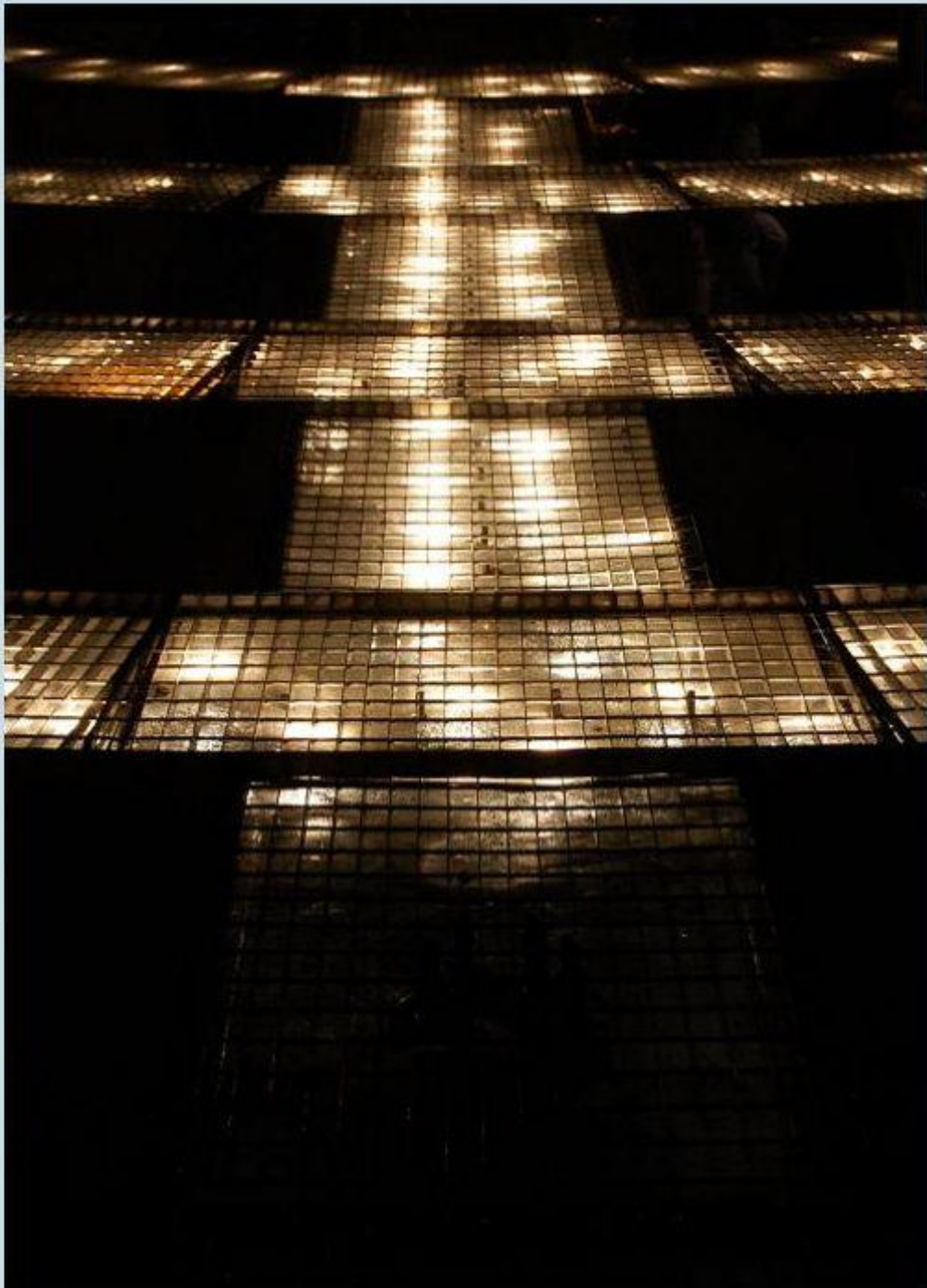
*Qur'an 24.45*





*Just as the wave cannot exist for itself, but is  
ever a part of the heaving surface of the ocean,  
so must I never live my life for itself, but  
always in the experience which is going on  
around me.*

*Albert Schweitzer*



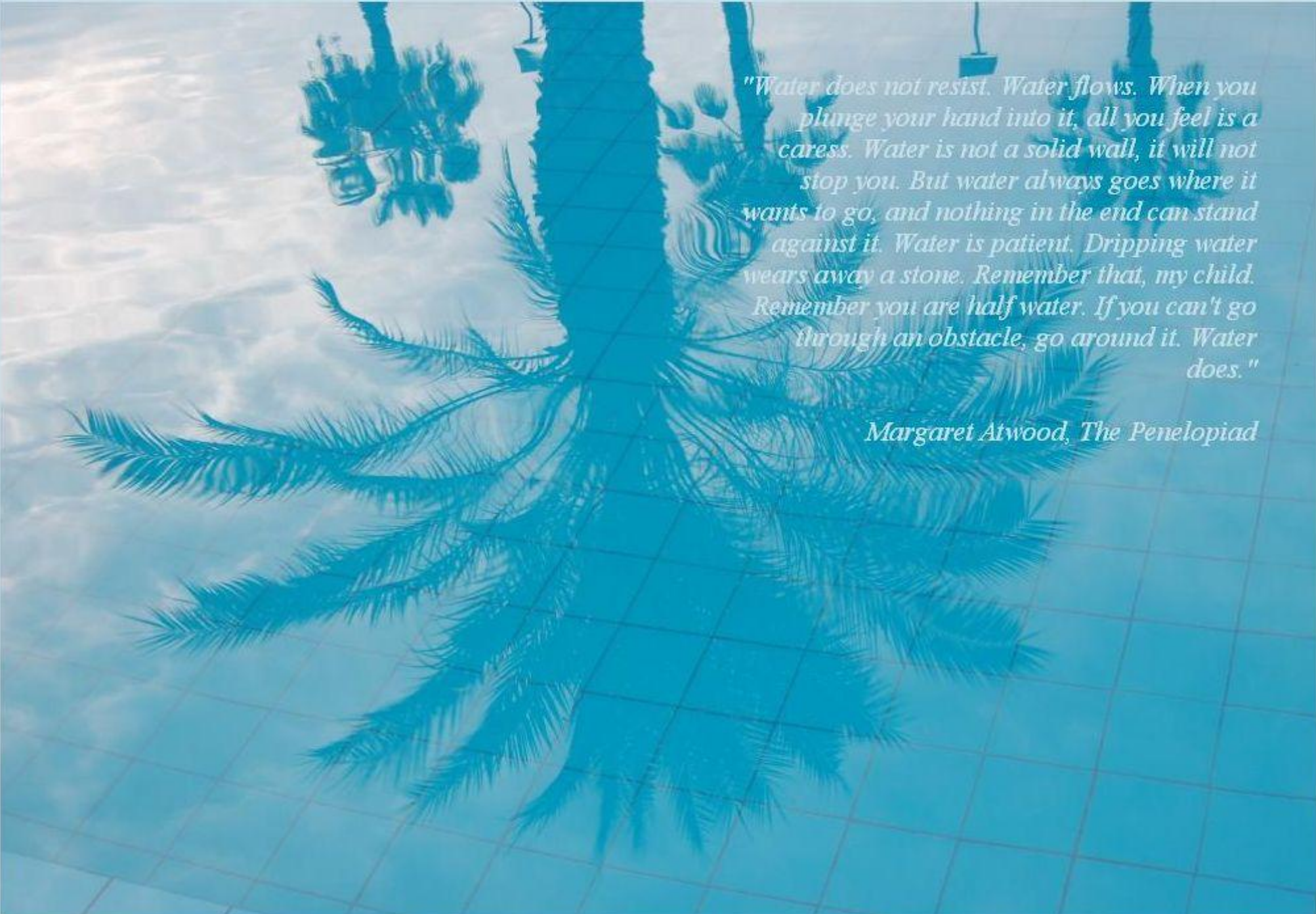
*Water is fluid, soft, and yielding. But water will wear away rock, which is rigid and cannot yield. As a rule, whatever is fluid, soft, and yielding will overcome whatever is rigid and hard. This is another paradox: what is soft is strong.*

*Lao-Tzu*



*Like water which can clearly mirror the sky  
and the trees only so long as its surface is  
undisturbed, the mind can only reflect the true  
image of the Self when it is tranquil and  
wholly relaxed.*

*Indra Devi*



*"Water does not resist. Water flows. When you plunge your hand into it, all you feel is a caress. Water is not a solid wall, it will not stop you. But water always goes where it wants to go, and nothing in the end can stand against it. Water is patient. Dripping water wears away a stone. Remember that, my child. Remember you are half water. If you can't go through an obstacle, go around it. Water does."*

*Margaret Atwood, The Penelopiad*

*It doesn't matter if the water is cold or warm if  
you're going to have to wade through it  
anyway.*

*Pierre Teilhard de Chardin*

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