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Closing the Circle in Unfolding the Future of Life

"Tell us how our end will be." Jesus said, "Have you discovered, then, the beginning, that you look for the end? For where the beginning is, there will the end be." (Thomas 18)

The connecting vision inspiring of this entire work is the restoration of living diversity in the epoch of the tree of life in reflowering the earth for the unfolding generations to come. Its intention is to liberate not just the feminine principle of earthly sustainability in paradise but all people from bondage in ecosystemic democracy, so that life can be lived to the fullest in abundance, in true love and in peace.

The Black Book of Many Colours is not just intended to be the logos of reality but an inspiration to all people to infectious enthusiasm and re-revolutionary activism to cherish the Earth and replenish her so that she shall unfold her untold secrets of new life resplendently. To affirm and echo one particular and far from extremist position, "Earth first".

In this re-evolution we come of age in the universe in finally taking cosmic responsibility for our unique existential condition as guardians and co-creators of the ever-surprising fabric of living evolution. This is both a biological and a sacred task. Although evolution itself cannot be stopped even under circumstances which will doom us to extinction, the advent of genetic technology and its use on a vast scale gives us unparalleled powers over the future forms that life takes and with it tremendous risks requiring future vision.

Our future to be is unwritten. It is artistically creative, ethically intuitive and mystically visionary, for the Earth and its diversity is capable of becoming the progenitor of a vast spectrum of possible living futures, from verdant abundance to bleak poverty, from teeming paradise to brittle or even terminal mechanistic nightmares. The creative choice is ours and can only become a fulfillment if we

have the capacity to evoke in our guardianship the unseen potential of that which has yet to become, the most deeply prophetic and insightful challenge of all, and one for which loving care, extreme ethical caution, sensitive astuteness, soul searching and a deep sense of the unexpected potential in all things is required.

When I began this work I conceived of it standing in evolutionary time, perhaps 300 million years, because it pronounces the awakening in which the evolutionary paradigm is again healed in the unfolding of life. To the extent that this awakening succeeds, life will prosper and people for generations to come will appreciate that these things were said and done in the defence of life and the living future at a crucial time, when human sentiments veered so far into to selfish exploitation and close to frank annihilation that the living future and the passage of the generations became literally seen through a glass darkly under the dark storm cloud of an accelerating and imminent mass extinction of life.

If we do succeed and a majority of life's diversity does survive the flood of the Fall and our cultural awakening, all the generations to come shall call us blessed.

