

Soulportrait™

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soul journey



"Don't Gain The World & Lose Your Soul, Wisdom Is
Better Than Silver Or Gold."

Bob Marley

A person with dark skin, wearing a white halter-neck top and a gold-colored skirt, is holding a golden chalice. The chalice has a wide rim with a decorative band of small circles and a body with vertical ridges. The person's hands are visible, holding the chalice. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light blue and white. The text "Ace of Cups" is written in a cursive font on the right side of the image.

Ace of Cups

"Your Wound is a Chalice
Overflowing with
The Elixir of Life
You cannot heal it
It heals you"
-Maya Luna



Tarot

"Hope turns the wheels of tomorrow's good fortune."

Kooch and Victor Daniels (From the Ace of Cups in Tarot D'Amour)



Awakening of the Human Spirit

Ace of Cups

When you draw the Ace Of Cups

The cup represents the *vessel of the subconscious mind*; the five streams are the *five senses* and the *abundant emotion and intuition* flowing from within a person. The hand holding the cup is sliding out of the clouds, *a symbol of the awareness of spiritual energy and influence*. Below the hand is a vast sea covered with lotus blossoms, *signifying the awakening of the human spirit*. A dove descends towards the cup – a symbol of Divine love flowing through the subconscious mind to conscious awareness.

Rider Waite Cards



Wordsmith

"The true alchemists do not change lead into gold; they change the world into words."

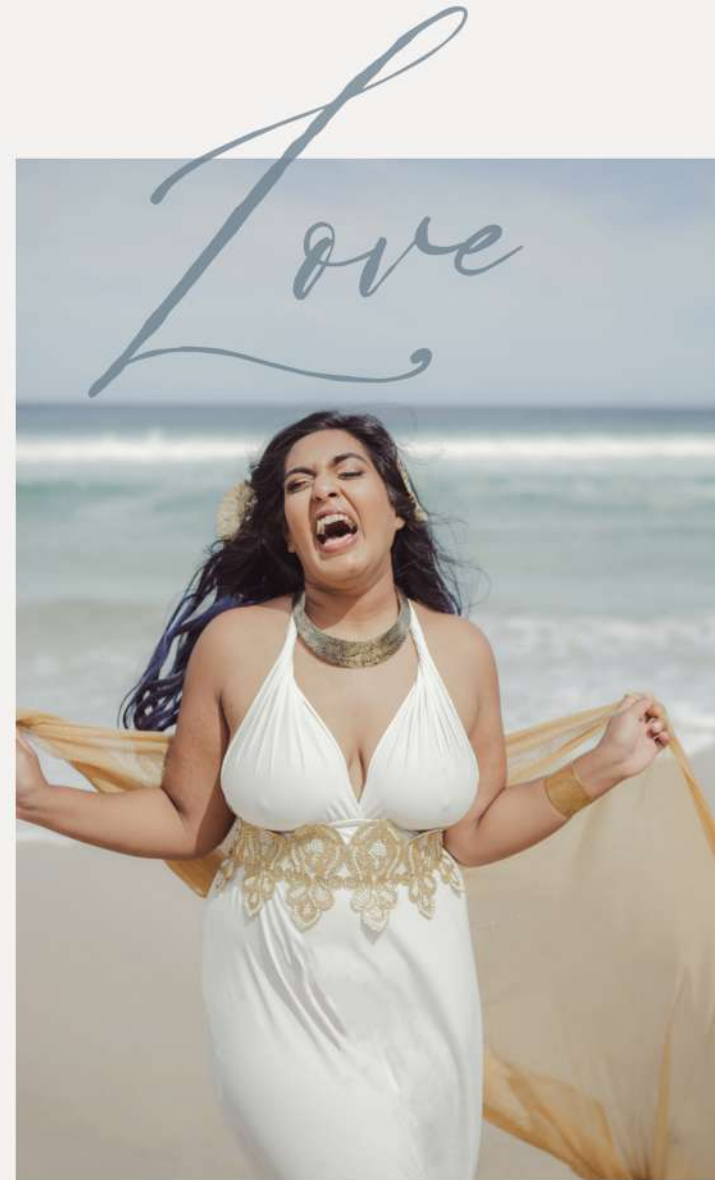
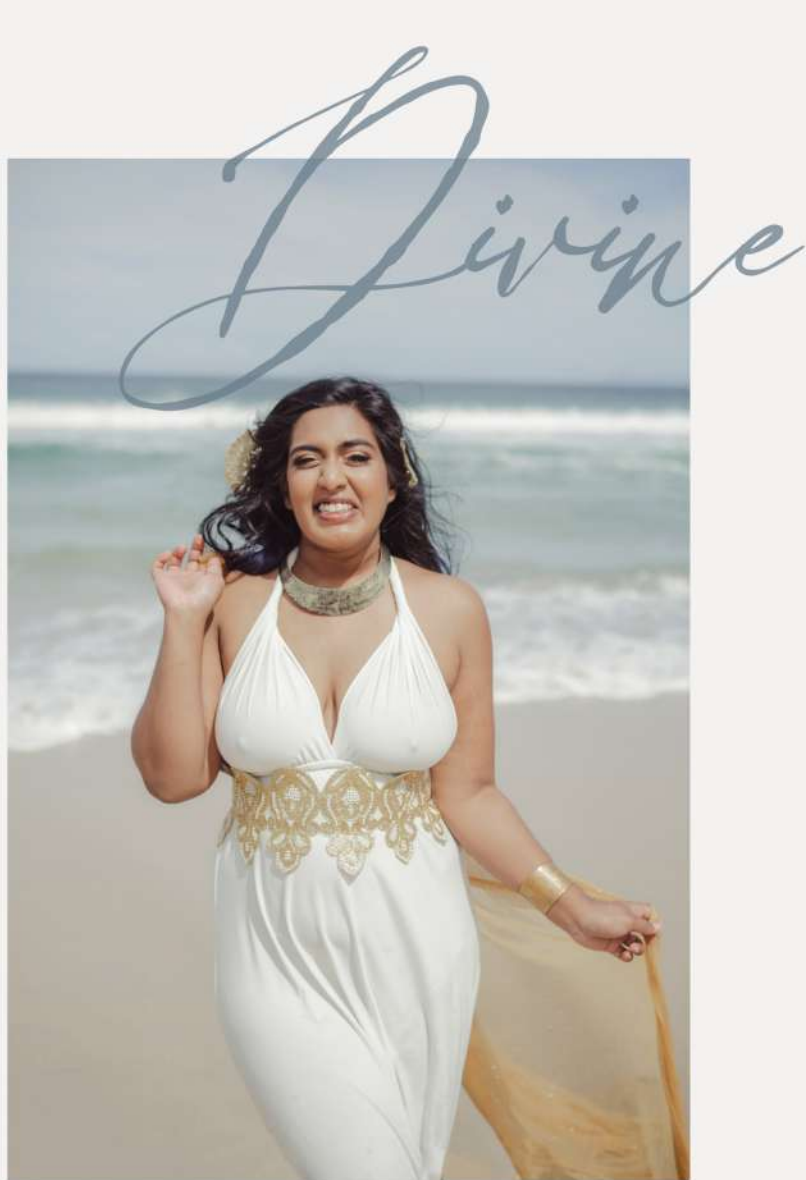
*William H. Gass
from A Temple of Texts*



Water

"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 world is changed because you are made of ivory and gold. The curves of your lips rewrite history."
Oscar Wilde (The Picture of Dorian Gray)



*Listen to the Song
of the Ocean . . .
hear her plea*

Layers

“We live beneath many layers. Some are for our protection, and some are for our control.”

Russell Eric Dobda



Gold

"Nature's first green is gold,
Her hardest hue to hold.
Her early leaf's a flower;
But only so an hour.
Then leaf subsides to leaf.
So Eden sank to grief,
So dawn goes down to day.
Nothing gold can stay."

Robert Frost





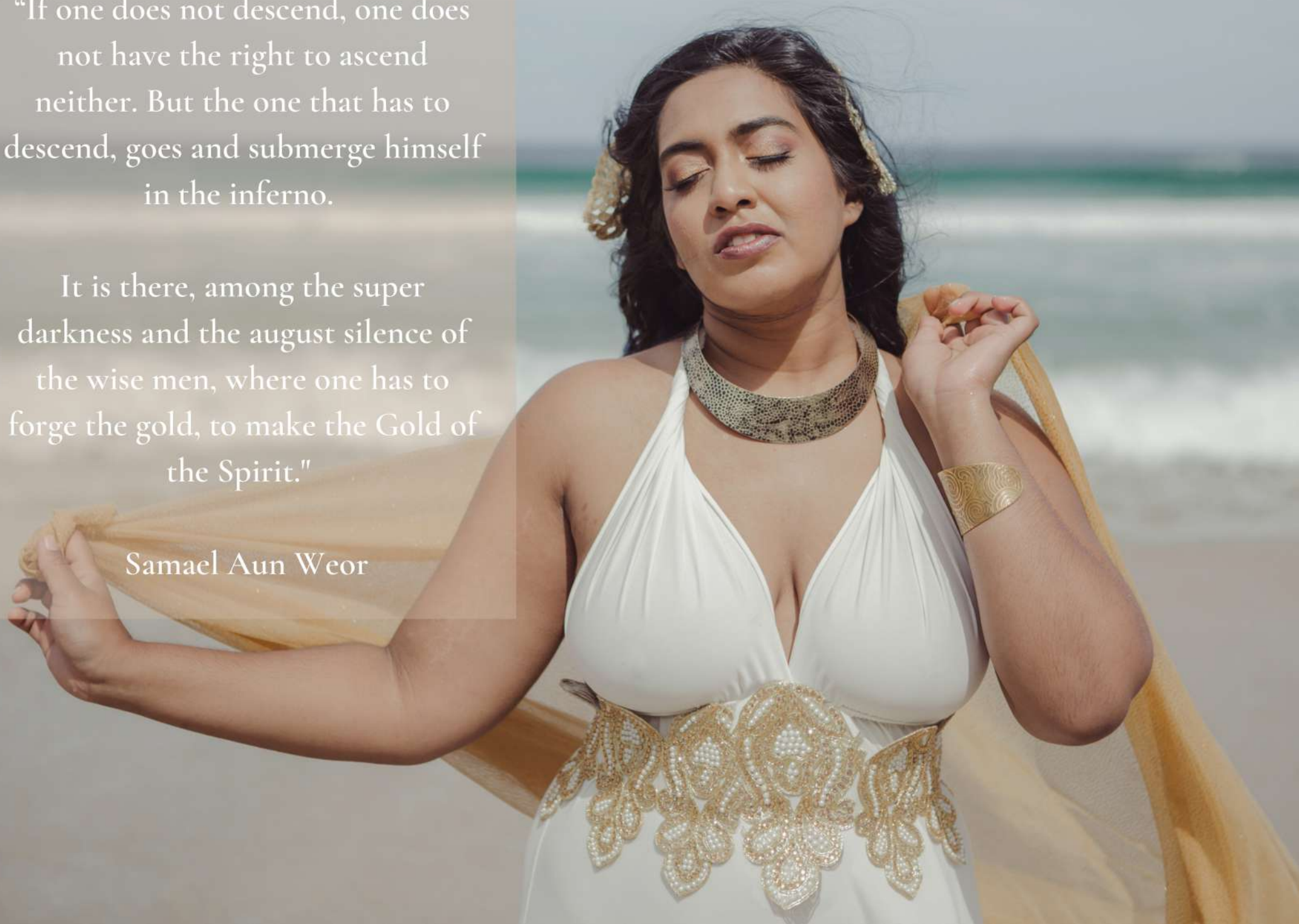
Nikkita

Take me there
Take me with you
To the magical realms
Of your heart and your mind
Where your pain turns to light
And your tears turn to wine

“If one does not descend, one does not have the right to ascend neither. But the one that has to descend, goes and submerge himself in the inferno.

It is there, among the super darkness and the august silence of the wise men, where one has to forge the gold, to make the Gold of the Spirit.”

Samael Aun Weor



A woman with long, dark, wavy hair is standing on a sandy beach. She is wearing a white, backless dress with gold jewelry, including a headband, a necklace, and a wide cuff bracelet. She is looking back over her shoulder at the camera. The background features a vast, flat landscape with low-lying vegetation and a range of rugged, rocky mountains under a clear sky.

Authenticity

*No one is you -
and that is your
REAL power.*



*You can't help but let that love flow through you and into the world.
You receive love, you give love, you ARE love.*

Freedom

*You hold the keys to your freedom,
From perceptions, falsehoods and lies,
Your higher self is the wisdom keeper,
Which sees through the masks and the
guise.*

*Restore yourself to power,
A magnificent creative force,
Rise like a Phoenix from the ashes,
Fling open so many new doors.*

JP Silver Moon 2016







Growing into Me



Some days I am goddess, Some days I am wild child.
And some days I am a fragile mess.
Most days I am a bit of all three, but everyday,
I am here, trying.
s.c. lourie



*“Nothing in Nature is
random. A thing appears
random only through the
incompleteness of our
knowledge.”*

Baruch Spinoza



The background is a complex, layered texture. It features a central rectangular area with a mottled, olive-green and brown pattern. This central area is surrounded by a larger, more chaotic texture of dark, swirling, and layered colors, including deep blues, greys, and earthy browns, giving it a sense of depth and movement, like a close-up of a rock face or a microscopic view of a mineral. The edges of the entire composition are irregular and torn, as if the image is a piece of paper or a fragment of a larger work.

*You are a vessel for
deep, spiritual love
from the Universe.*



"True love is a full-time job. It requires using good judgment."

Moshi Kubrick

"New beginning are
often disguised as
painful endings."

Lao Tzu



"And it's inside myself that I must create someone
who will understand."

Clarice Lispector



You have to grow from the inside out.
None can teach you, none can make you spiritual.
There is no other teacher but your own soul.
Swami Vivekananda





*But do not ask me where I am going, as I travel in this limitless world,
where every step I take is my home.*

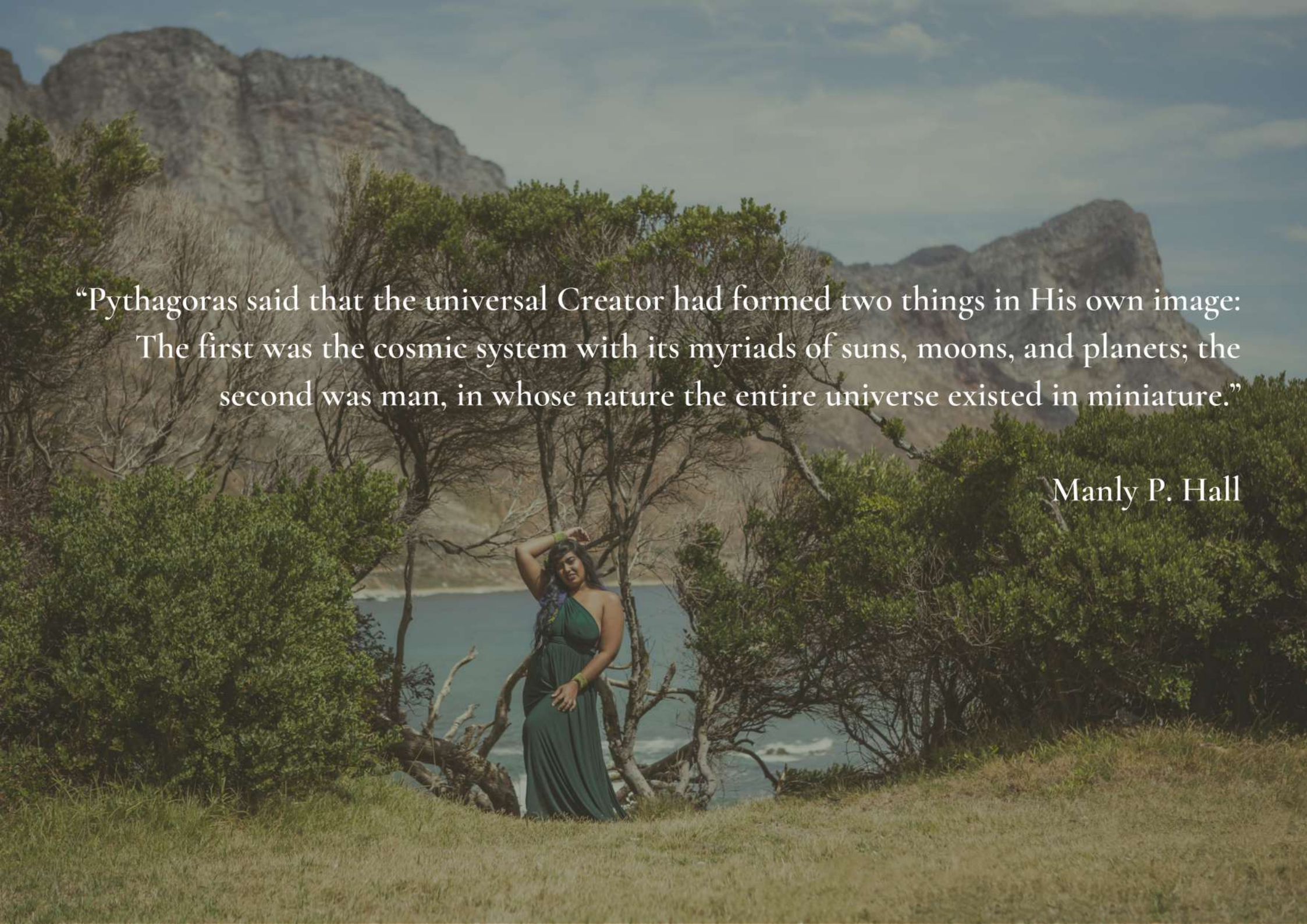
Dogon

I am Me

“Not until we are lost do we
begin to understand ourselves.”

Henry David Thoreau



A woman with long dark hair, wearing a long green dress and a purple flower lei, stands in a grassy field. She is surrounded by green bushes and trees. In the background, there is a body of water and large, rocky mountains under a cloudy sky.

“Pythagoras said that the universal Creator had formed two things in His own image:
The first was the cosmic system with its myriads of suns, moons, and planets; the
second was man, in whose nature the entire universe existed in miniature.”

Manly P. Hall

A woman with long, dark, wavy hair is standing in a forest. She is wearing a green, one-shoulder, floor-length dress with a fitted bodice and a flowing skirt. She is also wearing a green beaded bracelet on her right wrist and a green beaded bracelet on her left wrist. She is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile. The background is a dense forest with large, gnarled trees and sunlight filtering through the leaves.

There is my heart,
And then there is you,
and I'm not sure there is a difference."
- A. R. Asher

A woman with long dark hair and a green dress stands in a field of dry grass and brush. She is holding two clear plastic bottles, one in each hand. The background is a dense thicket of dry, tangled branches and some green foliage. The lighting is bright, suggesting a sunny day.

Mother Gaia

Mother may watch over our sins
and deeds
But only that as she never
intervenes
Mother may at times seep into our
nights and dreams
Mother may at times seep into our
nights and dreams
when we least expect her, in she
bleeds
Mother is the answer to all
questions
She is bliss, vibrance, cosmic,
timeless, galactic, lunar, balance,
she is you.

“The final mystery is oneself.
When one has weighed the sun
in the balance, and measured
the steps of the moon, and
mapped out the seven heavens
star by star, there still remains
oneself.”

Oscar Wilde

Mystery of Self

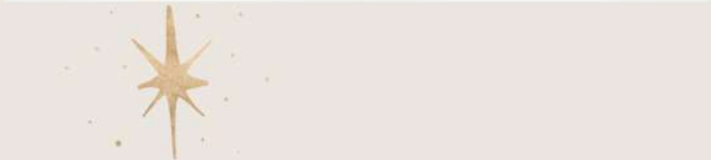
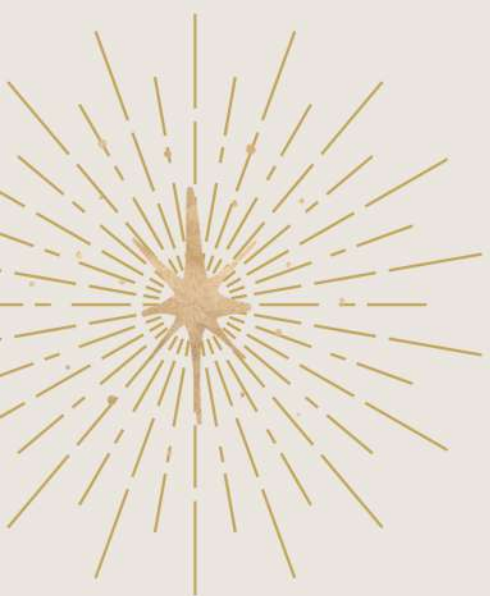




Open Up

“I sit before flowers
hoping they will train me
in the art of opening up.”

Shane L. Koyczan



“To be free is to be capable of thinking one’s own thoughts, not the thoughts merely of the body, or of society, but thoughts generated by one’s deepest most original, most essential and spiritual self, one’s individuality.”

Rudolf Steiner

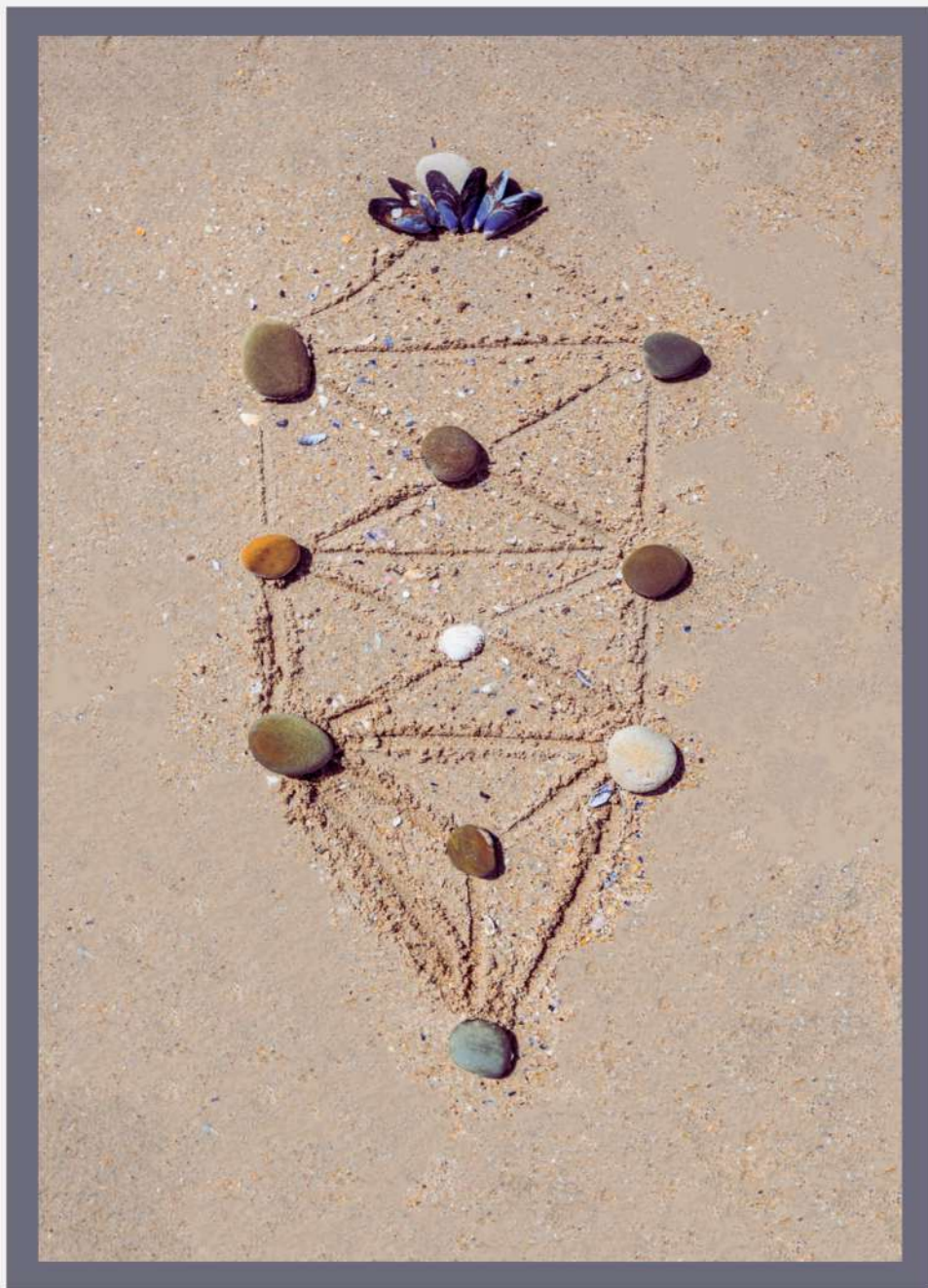


‘Silly girl, your
different was
your beautiful
all along.’
Atticus



"What can we expect from an empty shell
Where many hearts of pearl once beat to dwell
Waves fail to break hard layer's bond of love
Wailing shore sends memoir to the sky above"

Munia Khan



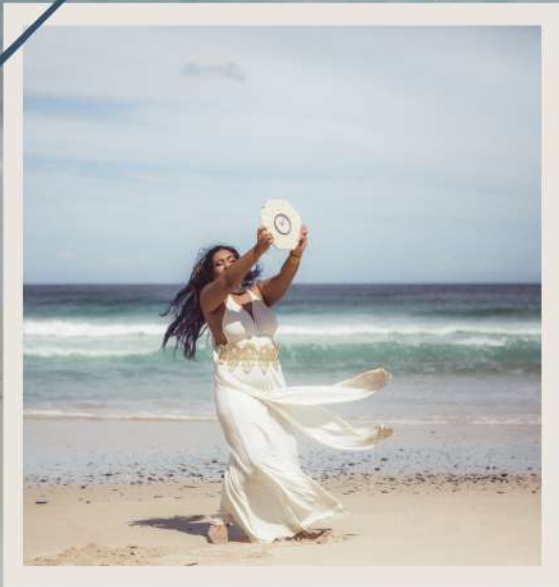
The Crown of Kether

"The alchemist saw the union of opposites under the symbol of the tree, and it is therefore not surprising that the unconscious of present-day man, who no longer feels at home in his world and can base his existence neither on the past that is no more nor on the future that is yet to be, should hark back to the symbol of the cosmic tree rooted in this world and growing up to heaven - the tree that is also man. In the history of symbols this tree is described as the way of life itself, a growing into that which eternally is and does not change; which springs from the union of opposites and, by its eternal presence, also makes that union possible. It seems as if it were only through an experience of symbolic reality that man, vainly seeking his own "existence" and making a philosophy out of it, can find his way back to a world in which he is no longer a stranger."

Carl Jung

“Time has no independent existence apart
from the order of events by which we measure
it.”

— Albert Einstein



Chronos

Time



“The two most powerful warriors are patience and time.”
Leo Tolstoy

“We do not grow absolutely,
chronologically. We grow
sometimes in one
dimension, and not in
another; unevenly. We grow
partially. We are relative.

We are mature in one
realm, childish in another.

The past, present, and
future mingle and pull us
backward, forward, or fix us
in the present. We are made
up of layers, cells,
constellations.”

— Anaïs Nin

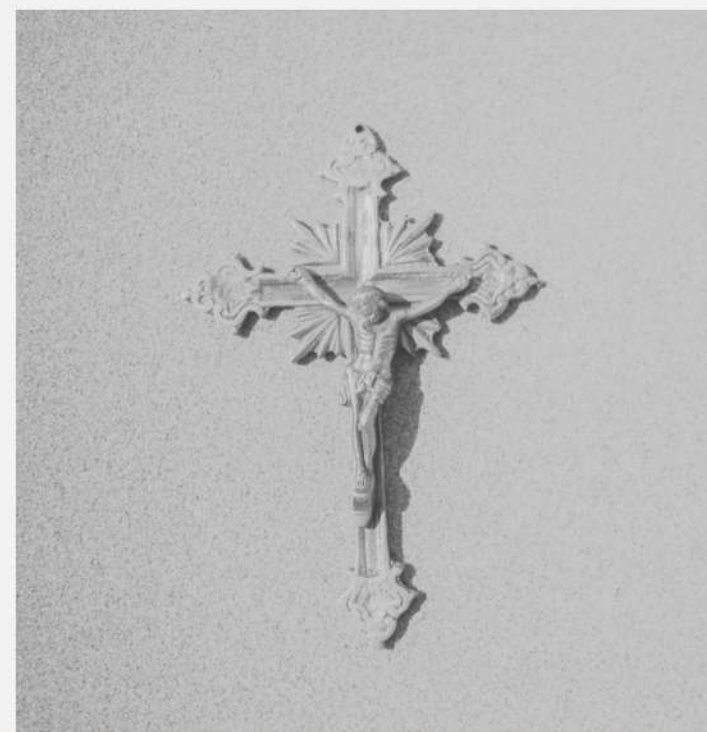




Cup
Chronos
Cross

"The only reason for time
is so that everything
doesn't happen at once."

Albert Einstein





Empty Your Cup
Life of a Kabbalist

We are mosaics - pieces of light,
love, history, stars..... glued together
with magic and music and words.

Anita Krizzan



Sea Tulips



A photograph of a person's hands holding a dark, spiky sea urchin in shallow water. The person is wearing two yellow and black checkered wristbands. The water is dark and rippled, with some white foam visible. The background is a solid olive green color.

Gift of Water

"I am a canvas of my
experiences, my
story is etched in
lines and shading,
and you can read it
on my arms, my
legs, my shoulders,
and my stomach."

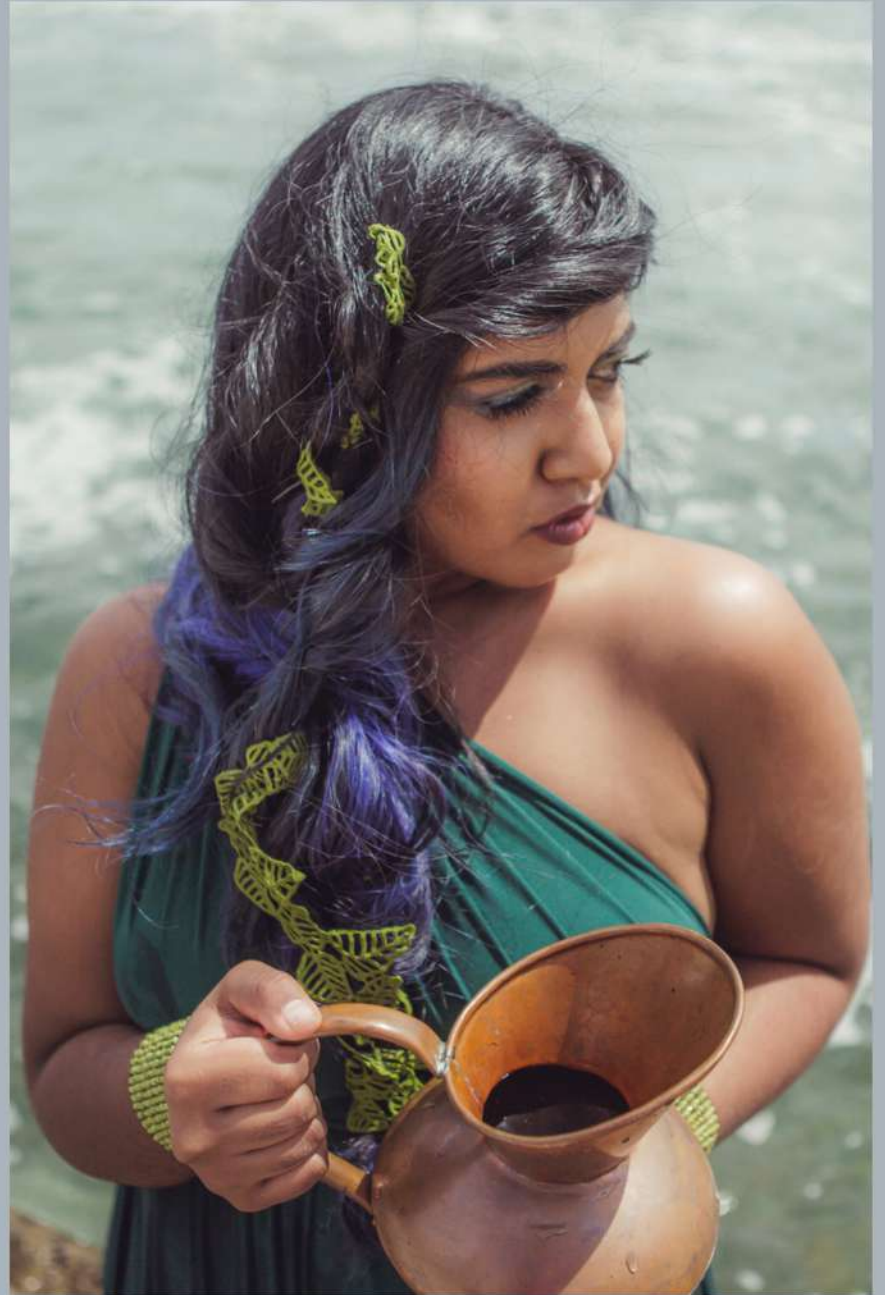
Kat Von D



"We meet ourselves time and
again in a thousand disguises on
the path of life."

Carl Jung

The way of the Mermaid





Evilment of Water

“There is an ocean of
silence between us... and I
am drowning in it.”

Ranata Suzuki

Open-up

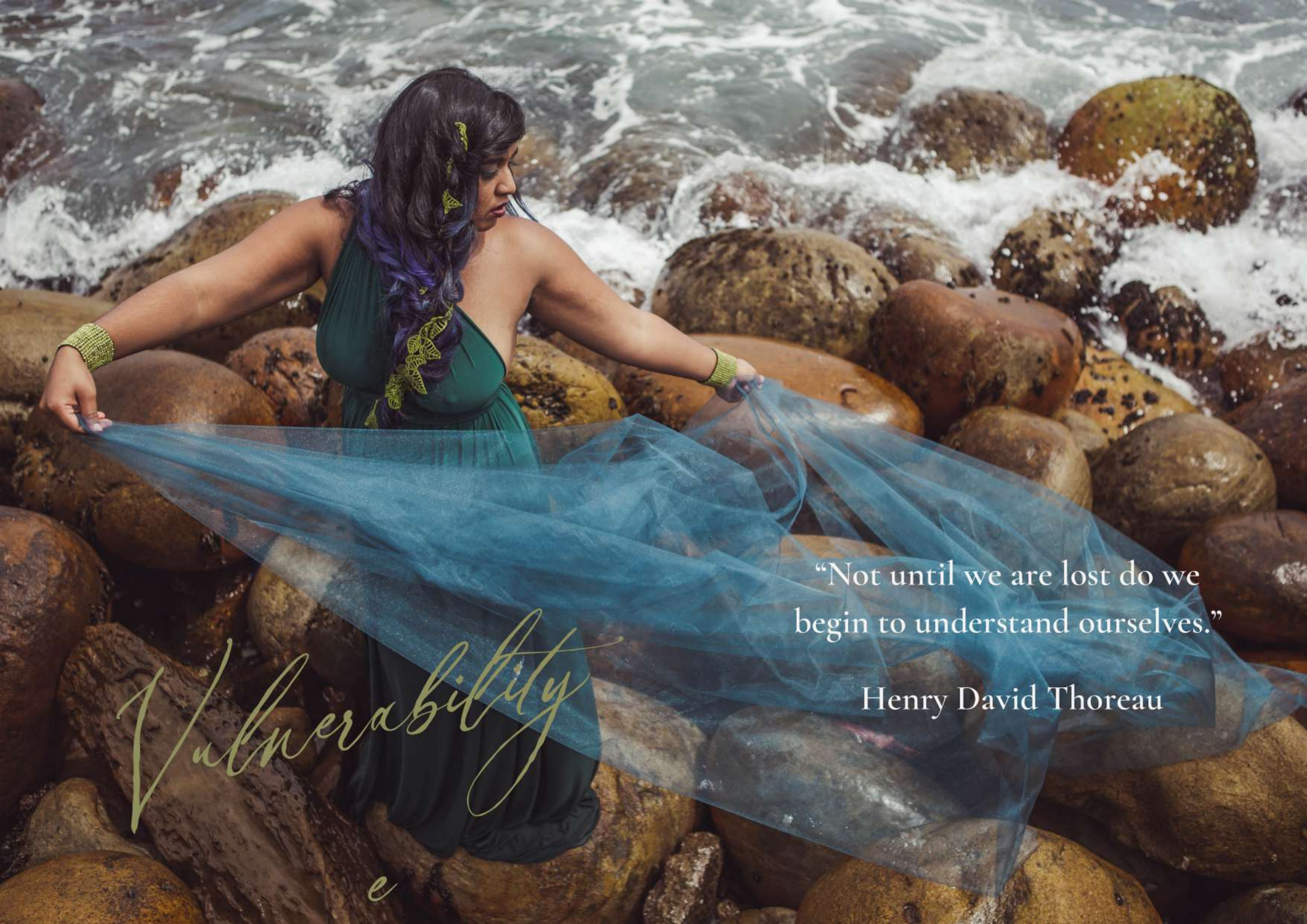
You are open to creative
expression, especially when
you can allow your emotions
to shine through your
endeavours.



Angel of Light

Angel of light . . .
Guide me through the
dark night
Make my spirit bright
Fill me with delight





“Not until we are lost do we
begin to understand ourselves.”

Henry David Thoreau

Vulnerability

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Empty your Cup



"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





Choices

Earth & Water

“With each experience we grow and become more aware of the inner beauty that lies within us. Ultimately we are truly our own leader. We lead the connection and flow of life that is our inheritance.”

Rabbi Yossi



“All that we see or seem
Is but a dream within a dream.”

Edgar Allan Poe



“When you find beautiful depth with someone, nothing else will ever do. Nothing else will ever be good enough. Because you have been awakened to the fact that mere moments in the abyss holds more intimacy than years on the surface, and once you become conscious to that there is no going back to sleep.”

JM Storm





Divinity

“Blessed are all of God's self-portraits.”

Richard Zimler, The Last
Kabbalist of Lisbon



*"I fall in love with people's passion, the way their eyes
light up when they talk about the thing they love and
the way they fill with Light." Anon*

THE NAKUTH OF MY LIFE





My Body, My Temple



Give & Receive

Share your inner
radiance and positive
energy to bringing great
happiness to those
around you. And you will
find that the more you
give, the more you
receive on all levels of
life.



THE ALCHEMIST

"This is why alchemy exists," the boy said. "So that everyone will search for his treasure, find it, and then want to be better than he was in his former life. Lead will play its role until the world has no further need for lead; and then lead will have to turn itself into gold. That's what alchemists do. They show that, when we strive to become better than we are, everything around us becomes better, too."

Paulo Coelho, The Alchemist

I now stop
and greet
my reflection
instead of looking
past the girl
in the mirror.
All she ever wanted
was her own love.

Jennae Ceceilia



EVOKE

When she transmits her darkness,
And turns it to light,
Her wings might just glow,
Like the moon or sunlight.
When she opens her heart,
To tell you a story,
She lets you into her depths,
And all of its glory.
Some people can handle it,
Others cannot,
It's either cold as an iceberg,
Or so flaming hot.
She's like a warrior and saint,
A knight Templar with wings,
She prays to the rain,
And the thunder which sings.
She's the queen of her world,
She wears compassion's bright cloak,
But she can be hell on wheels,
Whatever energies evoke.

Janine Palmer (Silver Moon)

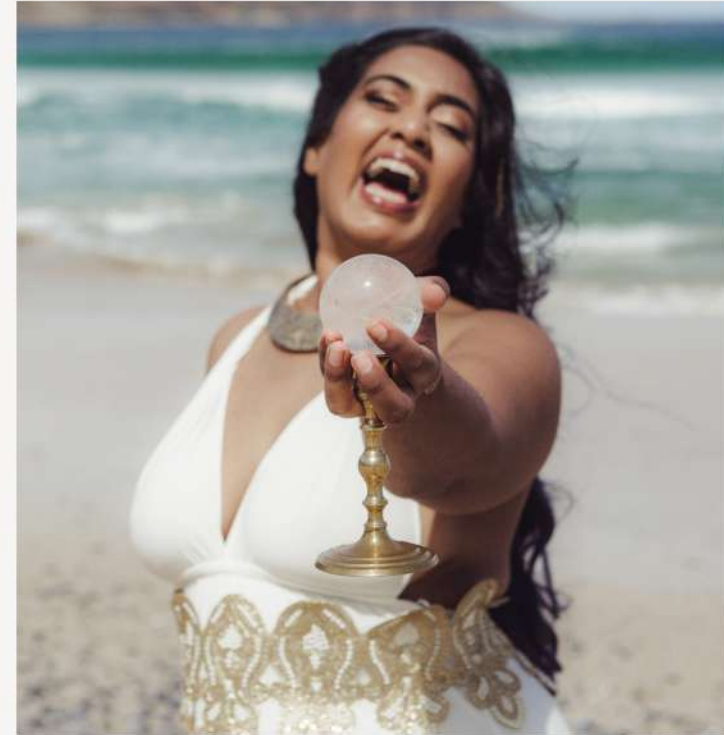


Heart



“When bad things happen or you don't get your own way, if you can open your heart to compassion instead of shunting it down in anger, you're going to create more light.”

Barrie Dolnick



*All is intertwined and interconnected.
Separation is an illusion.*



"Magic is the science of love." Papus

"I heard what you said.

I'm not the silly
romantic you think. I
don't want the heavens
or the shooting stars. I
don't want gemstones
or gold. I have those
things already. I want...
a steady hand. A kind
soul. I want to fall
asleep, and wake,
knowing my heart is
safe. I want to love, and
be loved."

Shana Abe



Love



Wonder

*The sea,
once it casts
its spell,
holds one in its
net of wonder
forever.*

*Jacques Yves
Cousteau*

Christ the Redeemer

"My deepest awareness of myself is that I am deeply loved by Jesus Christ and I have done nothing to earn it or deserve it."

Brennan Manning
(The Ragamuffin Gospel)





joy in service

*let life itself become
your teacher*

“In every walk with
nature, one receives far
more than he seeks.”

John Muir

Receive





Protection
I protect my energy field.

Embracing the Light

Collected bits of truth

Shimmering sparks

Shards of light

Merge

Healing

Restoring

Bursting Bright

Rising in divine ecstatic flame.

Leonard Nimoy, Shekhina





Pebbles

"I love you in my very own way.
Like a stone loves the mosses around it
Like a sea loves the pebbles in it
Like a coincidence...

Taking you as the way you are,
With all the bruises, scars and broken
parts all around you and your heart.

I love you in my very own way
By throwing the stone, the mosses, the
sea and the pebbles to your head
Like I want to kill you.
Just because of envying the love
That my heart spend on you."

Arzum Uzun

*When sleeping women wake . . .
mountains move*

Chinese proverb



I CAME BACK TO ME
AND THE MAGIC HAPPENED

I stopped insisting where there wasn't what I was
looking for.

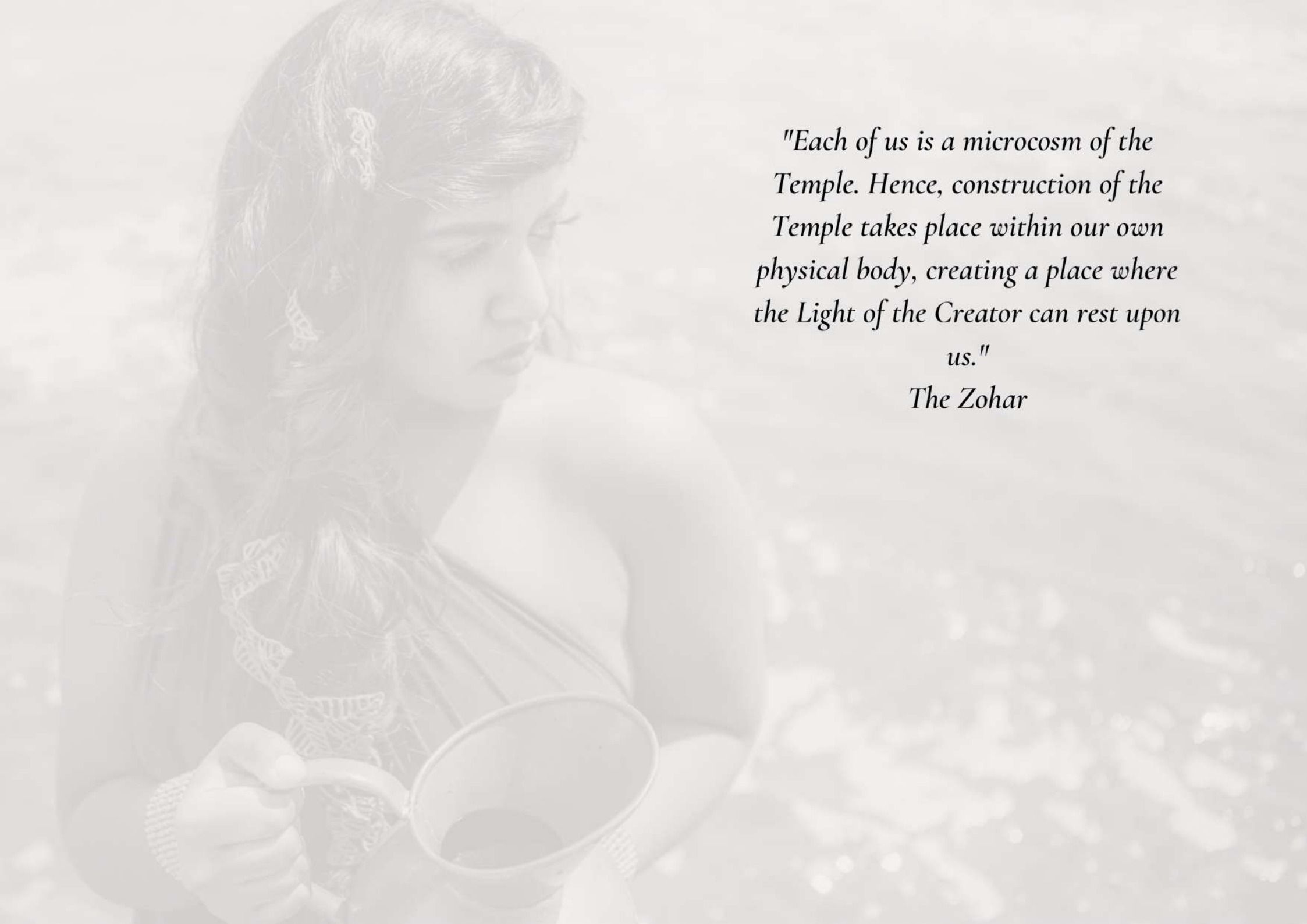
I stopped ordering with my hands closed.

I stopped waiting in busy chairs.

I stopped trying on a body of others. I stopped
pretending the other one understood. I stopped
putting my eyes and hope in hearts that didn't
want to beat next to me. And then,

I felt the magic.



A woman with long, dark, wavy hair is shown in profile, looking down. She is wearing a sari with a patterned border. She is holding a small, light-colored bowl in her right hand. The background is a soft, out-of-focus landscape with hills and trees.

*"Each of us is a microcosm of the
Temple. Hence, construction of the
Temple takes place within our own
physical body, creating a place where
the Light of the Creator can rest upon
us."*

The Zohar

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*“And now here is my secret,
a very simple secret:
It is only with the heart that one can see rightly;
what is essential is invisible to the eye.”*

Antoine de Saint-Exupéry