



The Road Less Travelled By

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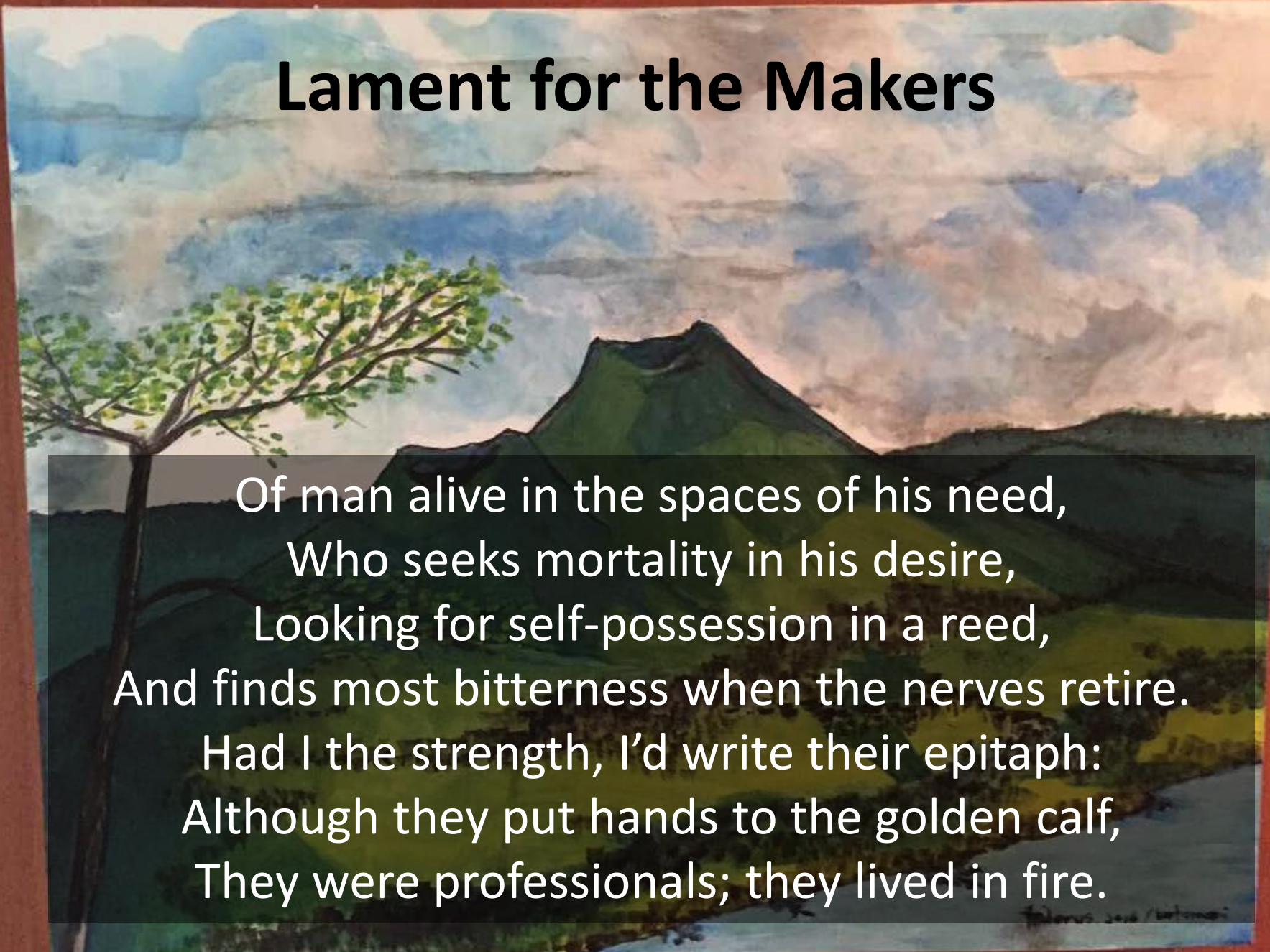
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I shall be telling this with
a sigh
Somewhere ages and
ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a
wood, and I –
I took the one less
travelled by,
And that has made all the
difference.

- *Robert Frost*



Lament for the Makers

A painting of a landscape. In the foreground, a dark, slender tree with green leaves stands on the left. The middle ground features rolling green hills and a prominent, dark, jagged mountain peak. The background is a vast sky filled with soft, white and blue clouds. The overall mood is contemplative and somewhat somber.

Of man alive in the spaces of his need,
Who seeks mortality in his desire,
Looking for self-possession in a reed,
And finds most bitterness when the nerves retire.
Had I the strength, I'd write their epitaph:
Although they put hands to the golden calf,
They were professionals; they lived in fire.

Fruit

Why not go out on a limb?

That's where the fruit is.

— *Will Rogers*



The Second Coming

Turning and turning in the widening gyre
The falcon cannot hear the falconer;
Things fall apart; the centre cannot hold;
Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world,
The blood-dimmed tide is loosed, and everywhere
The ceremony of innocence is drowned;
The best lack all conviction, while the worst
Are full of passionate intensity.

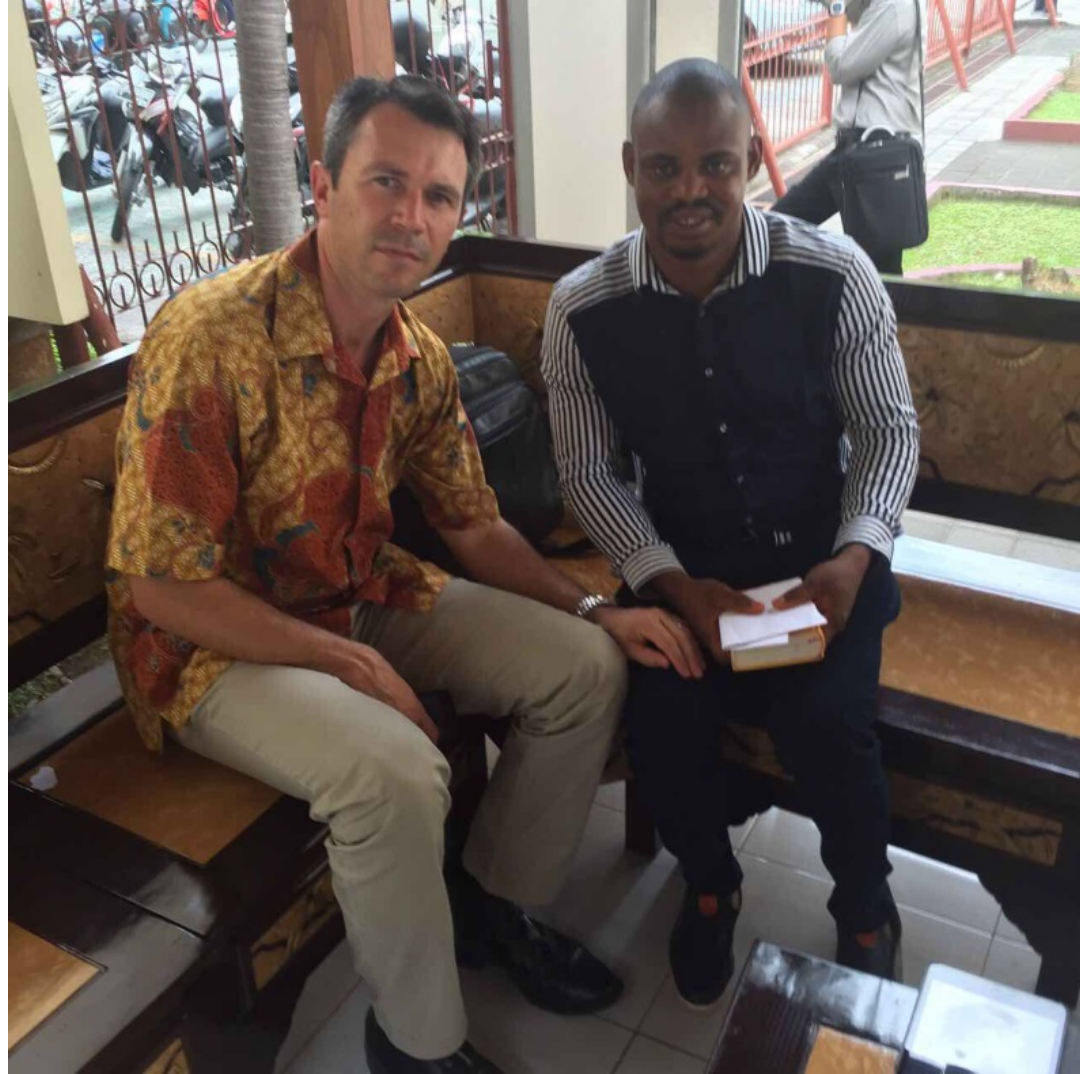
The old men admiring themselves in the water

I heard the old, old men say,
'Everything alters,
And one by one we drop away.'
They had hands like claws, and their knees
Were twisted like the old thorn-trees
By the waters.
I heard the old, old men say,
'All that's beautiful drifts away
Like the waters.'



Dreams

I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the colour of their skin but by the content of their character.



Love

Hatred paralyzes life,
love releases it.

-Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.



Wealth

If a free society cannot help the many who are poor, it cannot save the few who are rich.



Education

Our progress as a nation can be no swifter than our progress in education ... The human mind is our fundamental resource.



Live

We must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words but to live by them.



Franklin Delano Roosevelt

30 January 1882 – 12 April 1945



**‘Freedom means the supremacy of
human rights everywhere’**

— 6 January 1941

Happiness

**We cannot do great
things in this world.
We can only do
small things.
With great love.**

— *Saint Mother Teresa*



Community

**If we have no peace,
it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each
other.**

— *Saint Mother Teresa*



Wisdom

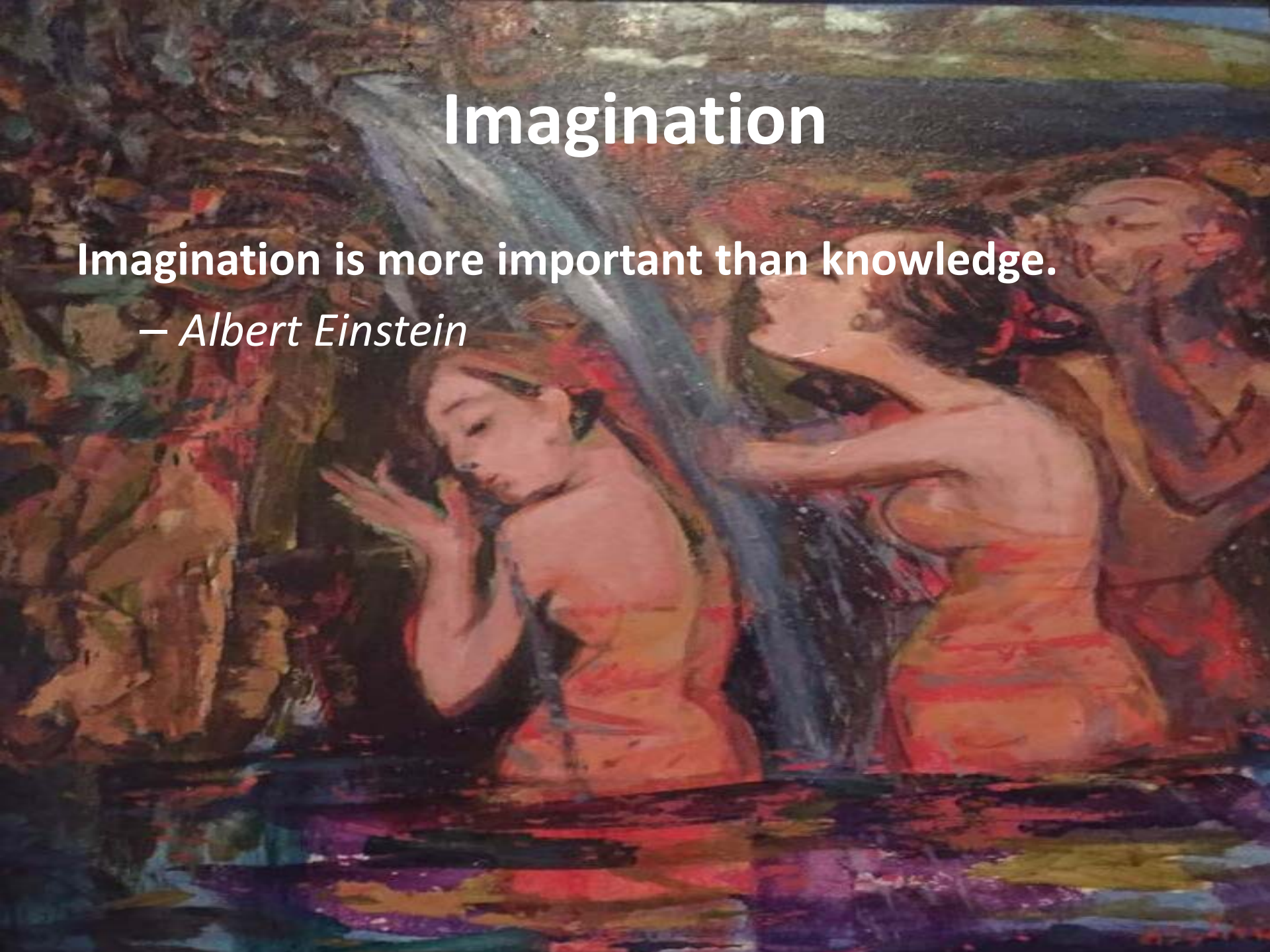
**There is after all,
something eternal that
lies beyond reach of
the hand of fate and all
human delusions.
And such eternals lie
closer to an older
person than to a
younger one oscillating
between fear and
hope.**



Imagination

Imagination is more important than knowledge.

— *Albert Einstein*



Mystery

The most beautiful experience we can have is the mysterious.

It is the fundamental emotion which stands at the cradle of true art and true science ...

I am satisfied with the mystery of the eternity of life.



Poverty

A photograph of a small, dilapidated wooden shack with a corrugated metal roof, situated in a rural, hilly area with lush green vegetation and trees. The shack appears to be made of scavenged materials, with some of the roof missing and the structure leaning. The background shows a dense forest and distant hills under a cloudy sky.

In the rich countries there is similar difficulty in confronting the problem of poverty.

No solution is so effective as providing income to the poor. Whether in the form of food, housing, health services, education or money, income is an excellent antidote for deprivation.

No truth has spawned so much ingenious evasion.

Leadership

And we want also to train leaders – men and women who are equipped with the knowledge, self-confidence and self-esteem to decide for others and win acceptance for their will. That is the meaning of leadership.



Morality

The most important human endeavour is the striving for morality in our actions. Our inner balance and even our very existence depend on it. Only morality in our actions can give beauty and dignity to life.



George F Wills

**It is extraordinary
how extraordinary
the ordinary person is.**



Change

**If you do what you've always done,
you'll get what you've always gotten.**

— Anon.



Vision

Vision is the art of seeing things invisible.

— *Jonathan Swift*



Friendship

In my friend, I find a second self.

— *Isabel Norton*



Corinthians 1-13

Charity suffers long and is kind; charity envies not; charity vaunts not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeks not her own, is not easily provoked, thinks no evil; rejoices not in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Charity never fails;

Beatitudes

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.



Beatitudes

Blessed are they who mourn, for they shall be comforted.



Beatitudes

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.



Beatitudes

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.



Beatitudes

**Blessed are the merciful,
for they shall obtain mercy.**



Beatitudes

Blessed are the pure of heart, for they shall see God.



Beatitudes

**Blessed are the
peacemakers, for they
shall be called children
of God.**



Beatitudes



Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Dreaming

White man got no
dreaming,
Him go 'nother way.
White man, him go
different.
Him got road belong
himself.

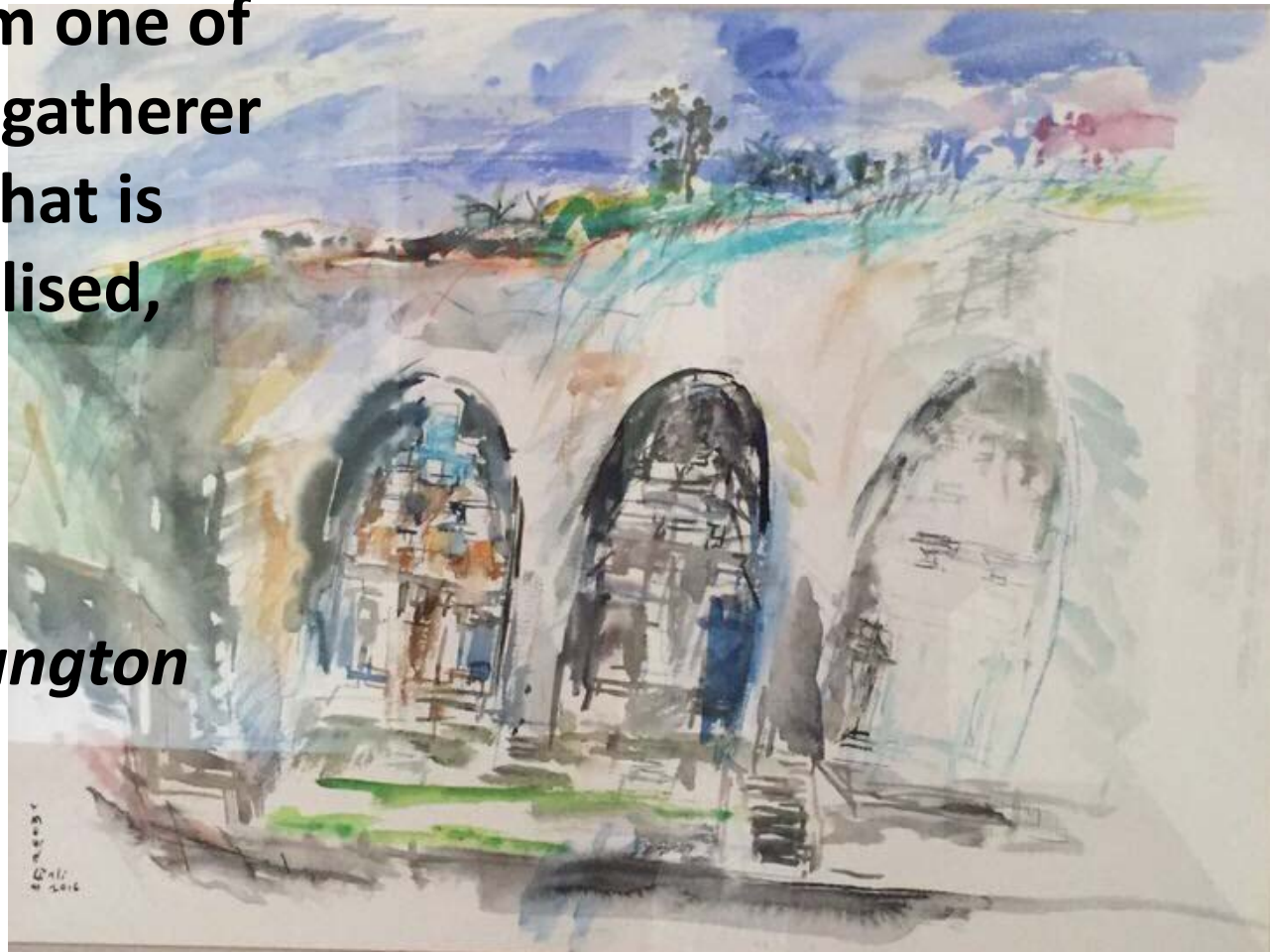
- *Muta, a
Murinbata*



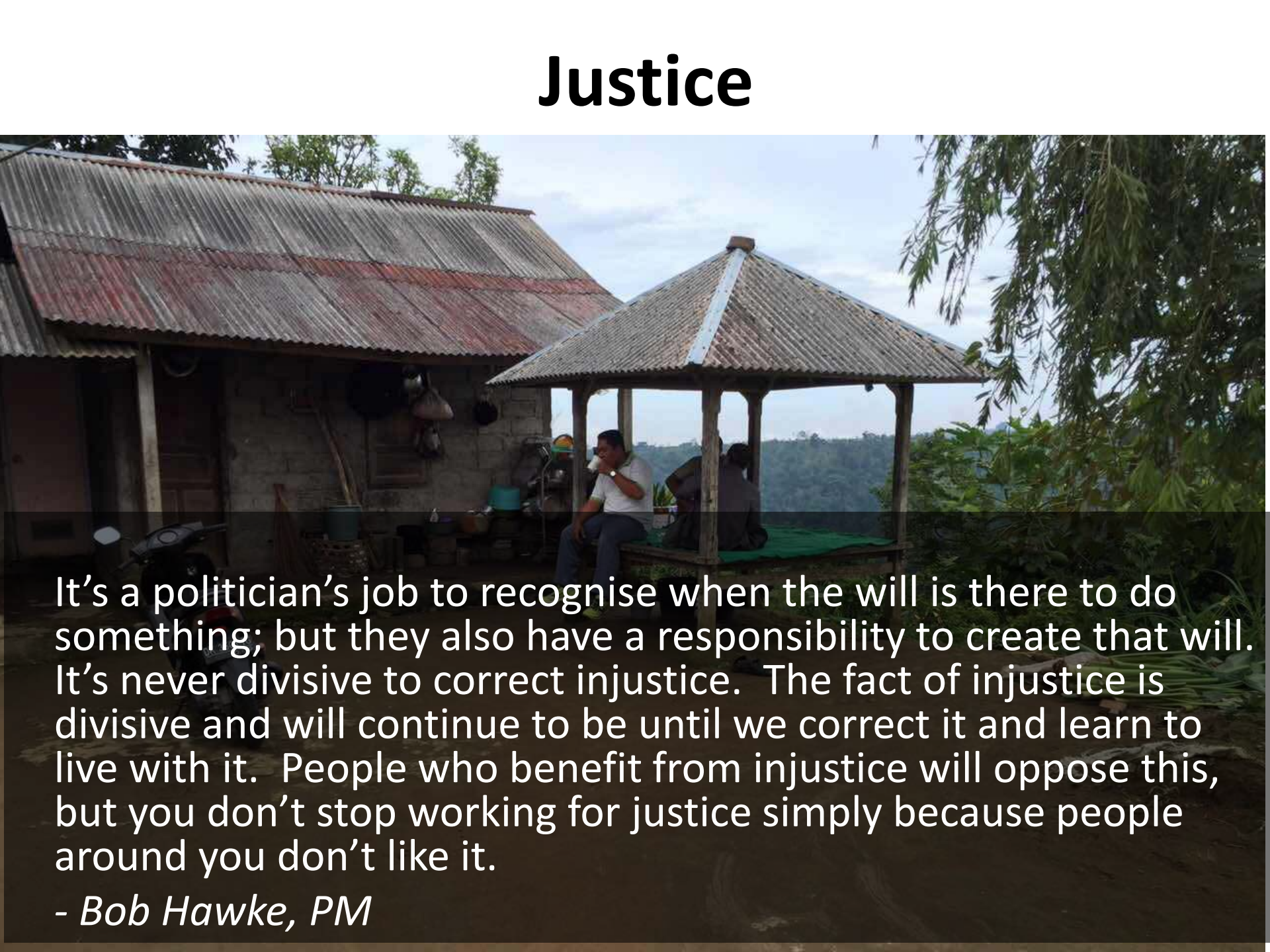
Reality

The Indigenous Australian population has altered fundamentally from one of the former hunter-gatherer way of life to one that is very poor, marginalised, powerless and sedentarised.

- *Marcia Langton*



Justice

A photograph of a rural scene. On the left is a stone house with a corrugated metal roof. To its right is a small, open-sided pavilion with a thatched roof. Two people are sitting on the pavilion's platform. The background shows a lush, green landscape with trees and hills under a cloudy sky. The text is overlaid on the bottom half of the image.

It's a politician's job to recognise when the will is there to do something; but they also have a responsibility to create that will. It's never divisive to correct injustice. The fact of injustice is divisive and will continue to be until we correct it and learn to live with it. People who benefit from injustice will oppose this, but you don't stop working for justice simply because people around you don't like it.

- *Bob Hawke, PM*

Recognition

It's time to amend the Constitution modestly but with the expectation that due acknowledgment of Indigenous Australians will effect the big changes needed so that they might enjoy their realistic choices of belonging to the Dreaming and the Market that constitute modern Australia.

- Fr Frank Brennan SJ