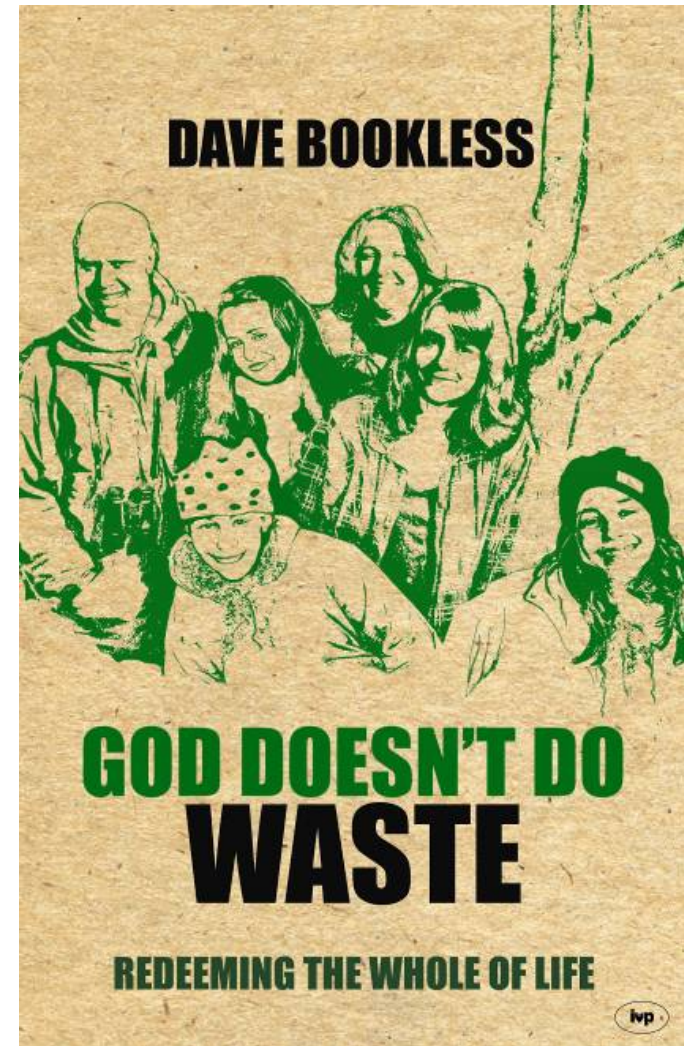


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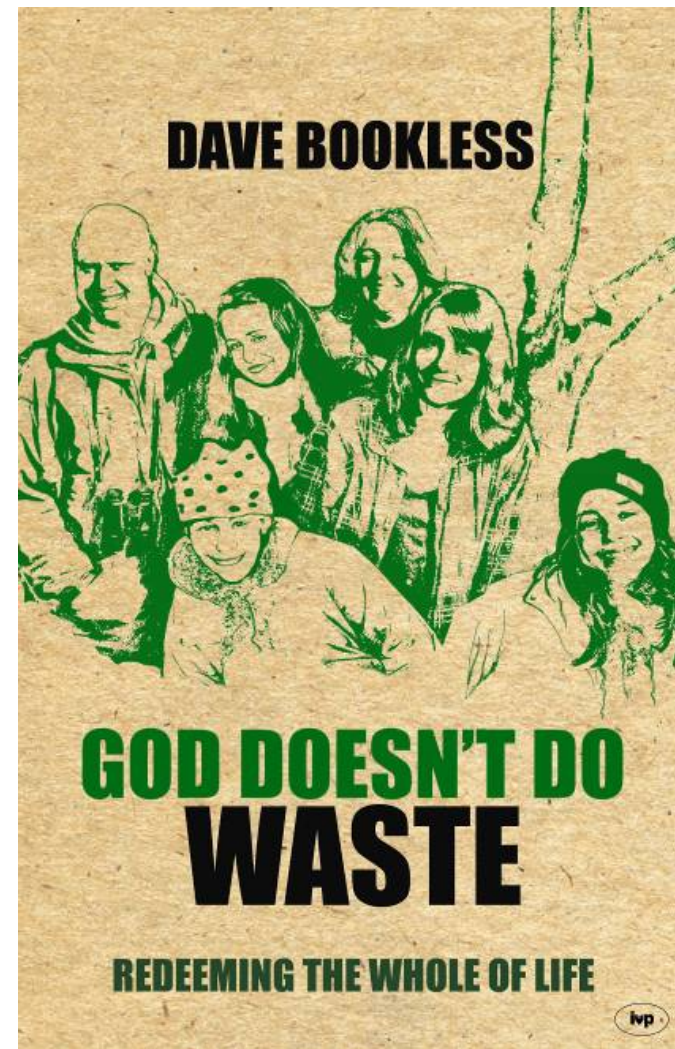
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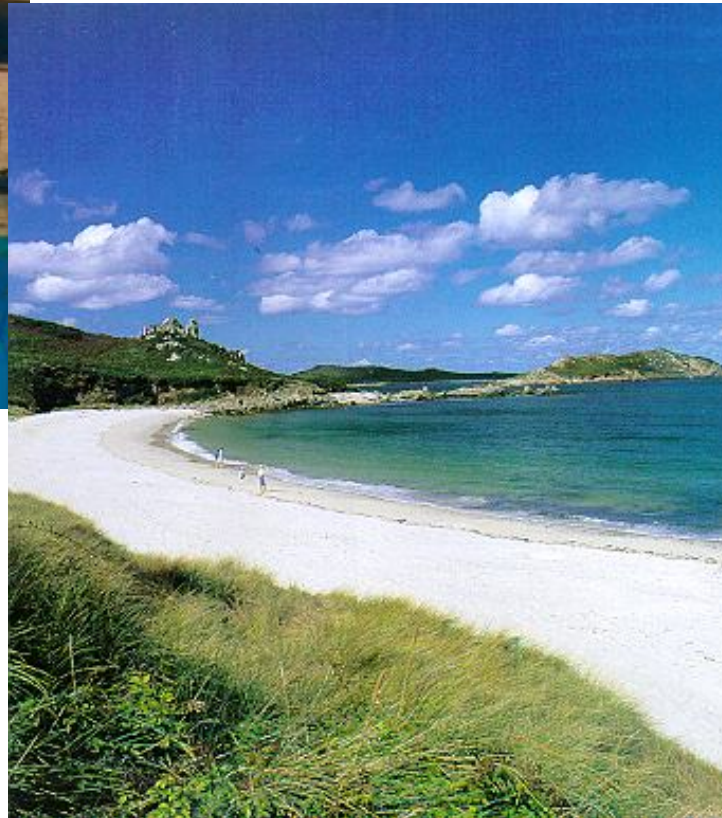


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Dave & Anne
Bookless in
1989



Great Bay
St. Martin's
Isles of Scilly



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Waste disposal
in London



Waste disposal
on the Scillies

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“Our enormously productive economy demands that we make consumption our way of life, that we convert the buying and use of goods into rituals, that we seek our spiritual satisfaction, our ego satisfaction, in consumption – we need things consumed, burned up and discarded at an ever increasing rate.”

Victor Lebow (Retailing Analyst 1955)

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If everyone lived like us,
we'd need 3+ planets



world's richest 20% consume 16x poorest 20%



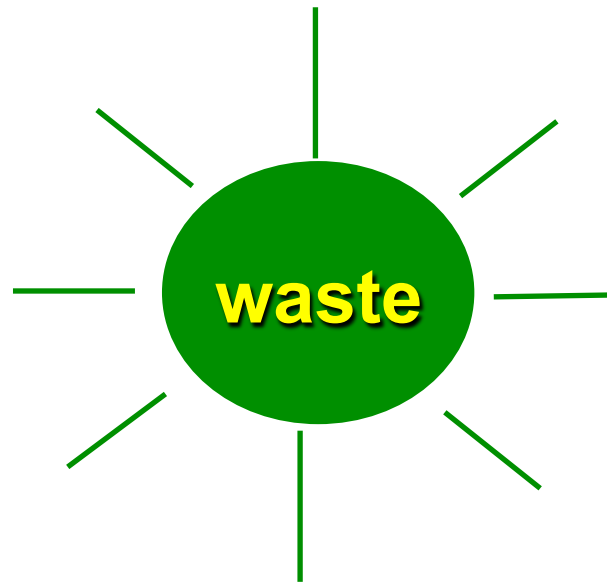
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- Swiss recycle 217kg per person per year.
(250% higher than European average; figures from Eurostat)
- Swiss produce 706kg of waste per person per year.
(up from 100kg 20 years ago; 3rd highest in Europe)
- Swiss generate 100kg of plastic waste per person per year, of which 75% is packaging *(www.swissinfo.ch)*
- Swiss produce 2,800,000 tonnes of avoidable food waste per year. *(www.bafu.admin.ch)*
- Growing wasted food uses an area 50% the size of Switzerland's agricultural land *(including imported food)*.
- Food waste's environmental impact = 50% of impact of all private motor vehicles in Switzerland

“We're still a society that produces fantastic quantities of waste ... Look at the number of plastic bags flapping around by the roadside, in town and country alike - and you see what I mean. What I wonder is – how much this influences attitudes in other parts of our lives? In a society where we think of so many things as disposable; where we expect to be constantly discarding last year's gadget and replacing it with this year's model - do we end up tempted to think of people and relationships as disposable? Are we so fixated on keeping up with change that we lose any sense of our need for stability?”

Rowan Williams





Wasted years?



Wasted lives?



Rubbish church?



St. George's Southall

Rubbish place?



Rail Crash



“Ethnic Problems”



Little India



Garbage

“There is a lack of greenery, open space, clean air and environmental awareness - all of which contribute to a lack of confidence and pride in the area.”

Southall Regeneration Partnership





- making the urban desert bloom
- environmental renewal & community transformation





Minet before ...





Minet during ...





Minet after ...





Wolf Fields

Norwood Green, Southall

- community orchard
- wildflower meadow
- pond
- wildlife trail
- sensory garden
- food-growing



Wasted years?



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Three killed in Swartkops River accident on way to airport

British charity workers die in PE crash

Gareth Wilson
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Tributes have been pouring in from across the globe for three UK citizens who perished in a car crash in Port Elizabeth on Monday afternoon.

Messages from Lebanon, Singapore, Nigeria, SA and the UK, among others, showed the effect British charity workers Susanna Naylor, 54, her husband, Christopher, 58, and charity founder Miranda Harris, 66, had on those who knew them.

They died when the bakkie they were travelling in plunged off a bridge on the N2 and into the Swartkops River.

Harris's husband, Peter, 67, and driver Thando Kalipa, whose age could not be estab-



CRITICALLY INJURED: Peter Harris, 67, is in a critical condition in hospital. Picture: AROCHA

Rocha — a Christian conservation charity that operated in more than 20 countries.

Both Christopher and Peter were authors and senior managers at A Rocha International.

A Rocha International director of theology, the Rev Dave Bookless, said the group had been in SA in connection with A Rocha work and looking at "future possibilities".

"Susanna is not only the wife of Chris Naylor, but was visiting as an A Rocha volunteer, with many years' experience of working for A Rocha in Lebanon, including setting up an Eco Lodge there," he said.

Bookless said he and some of his colleagues had been trying to contact as many people as possible in several countries to inform them of the accident.

lives and our organisation.

"Nevertheless, we are resilient and have been overwhelmed with prayers and offers of support from every corner of the world," he said.

Police are investigating a case of culpable homicide.

According to police, the double-cab Toyota bakkie was registered to the lodge and was pulling a trailer loaded with the couples' luggage at the time of the crash.

Authorities on the scene said they suspected that the bakkie's trailer slammed into a Chrysler Neon travelling in the same direction, with both drivers losing control of their vehicles.

The bakkie rolled and plunged into the Swartkops River mouth while the Chrysler



TRAGIC LOSS: British citizens Susanna and Chris Naylor were among those killed in an accident in Port Elizabeth. Picture: FACEBOOK

cident emerged described the four Britons as humanitarians.

Grace Pam wrote: "We at mentioned, prayers for their three children."

Kuzuko Lodge — managed



CHARITY CO-FOUNDER: Miranda Harris. Picture: A ROCHA

globe, including the Captive Elephant Welfare Programme in India, the Aneva Forest Pro-

tive director at A Rocha and an author who has worked in branches in Lebanon and the

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“If God made the worm, he is a tyrant – guilty of a heinous crime against humanity.”

Sir David Attenborough

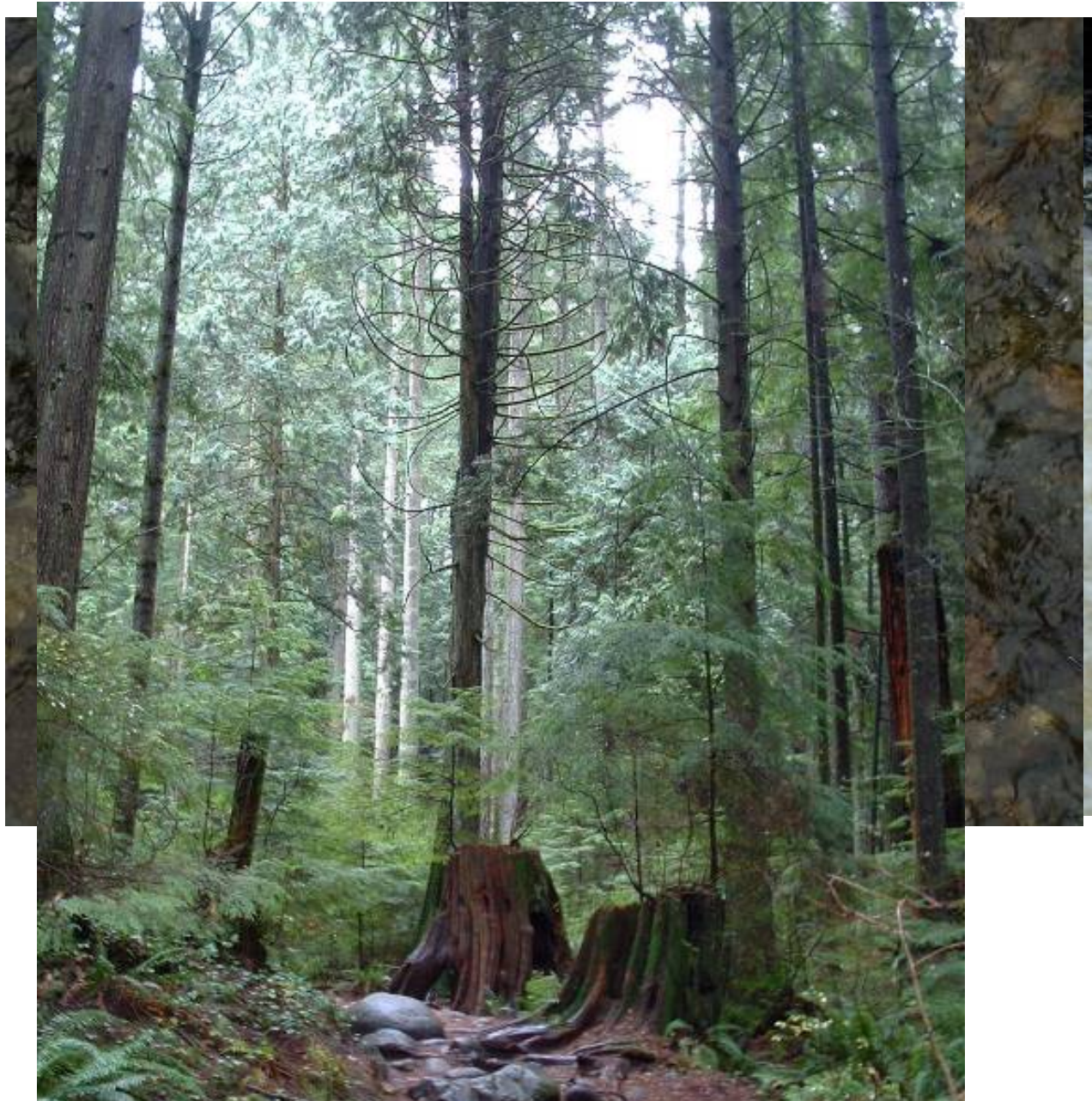


WILD



WILD god

Wild Paradise ... ?



The
Pacific
Salmon

“The Tsunami” by Naomi-Ruth, 3



CRACKS

There are cracks in my world
I noticed them one day and now they're everywhere
Sinister hairline cracks that start and finish out of
sight

Cracks that grow and gape and laugh at my
certainties

My world has been declared unsafe

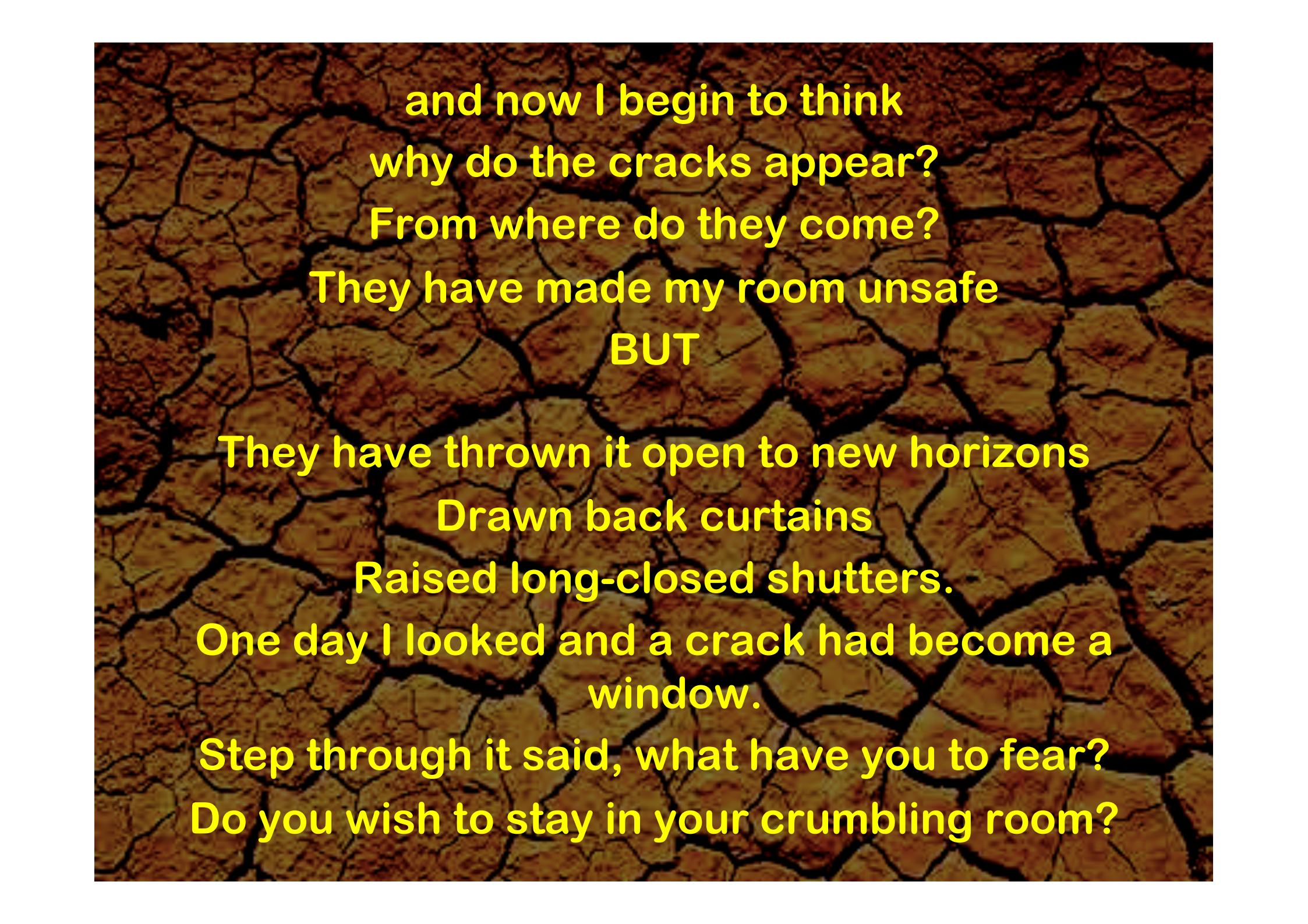
I have tried to paper them over

Paint them out

Move the furniture to hide them

but they always return –

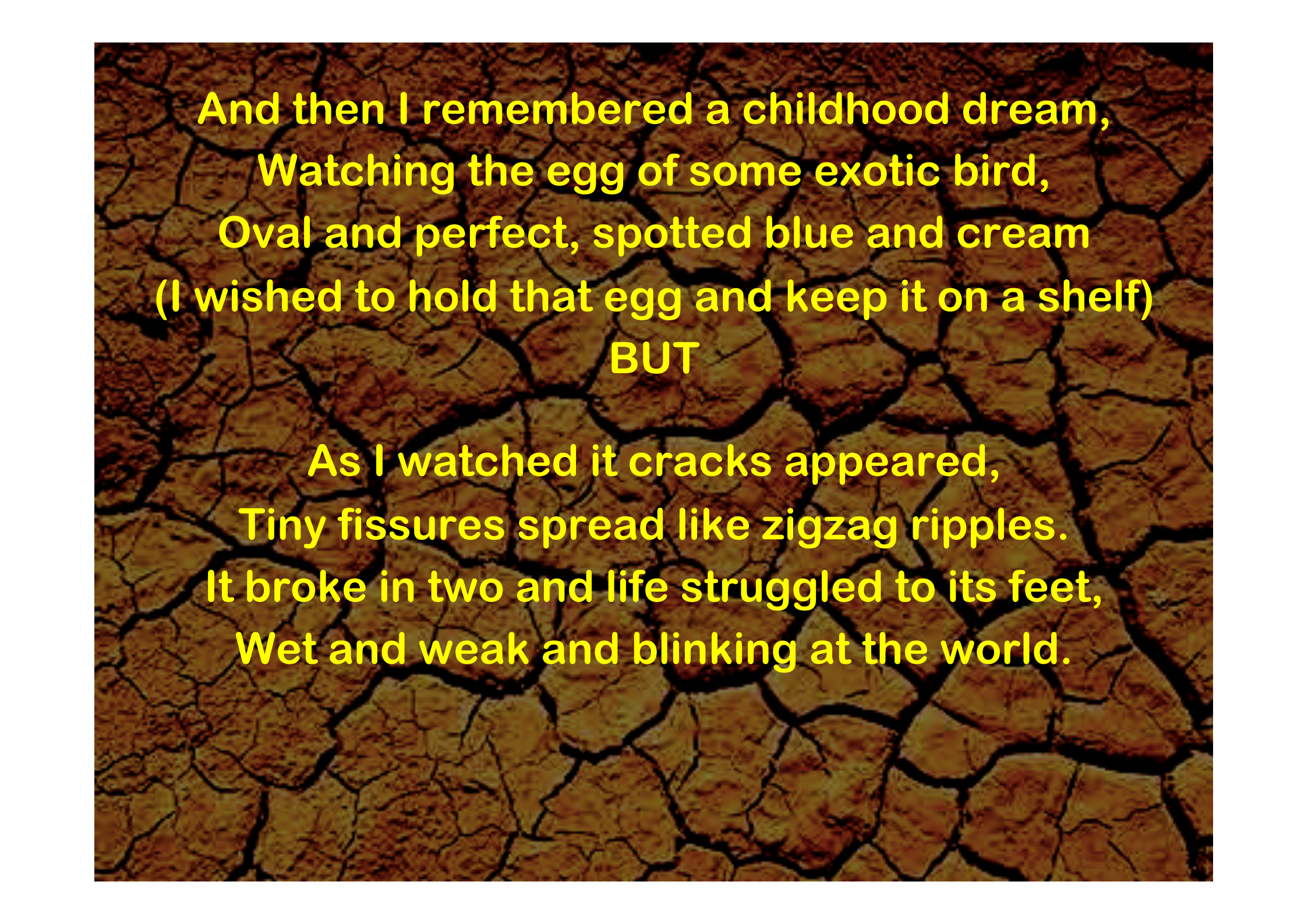
cracks that hang like question-marks in my mind



and now I begin to think
why do the cracks appear?
From where do they come?
They have made my room unsafe
BUT

They have thrown it open to new horizons
Drawn back curtains
Raised long-closed shutters.
One day I looked and a crack had become a
window.

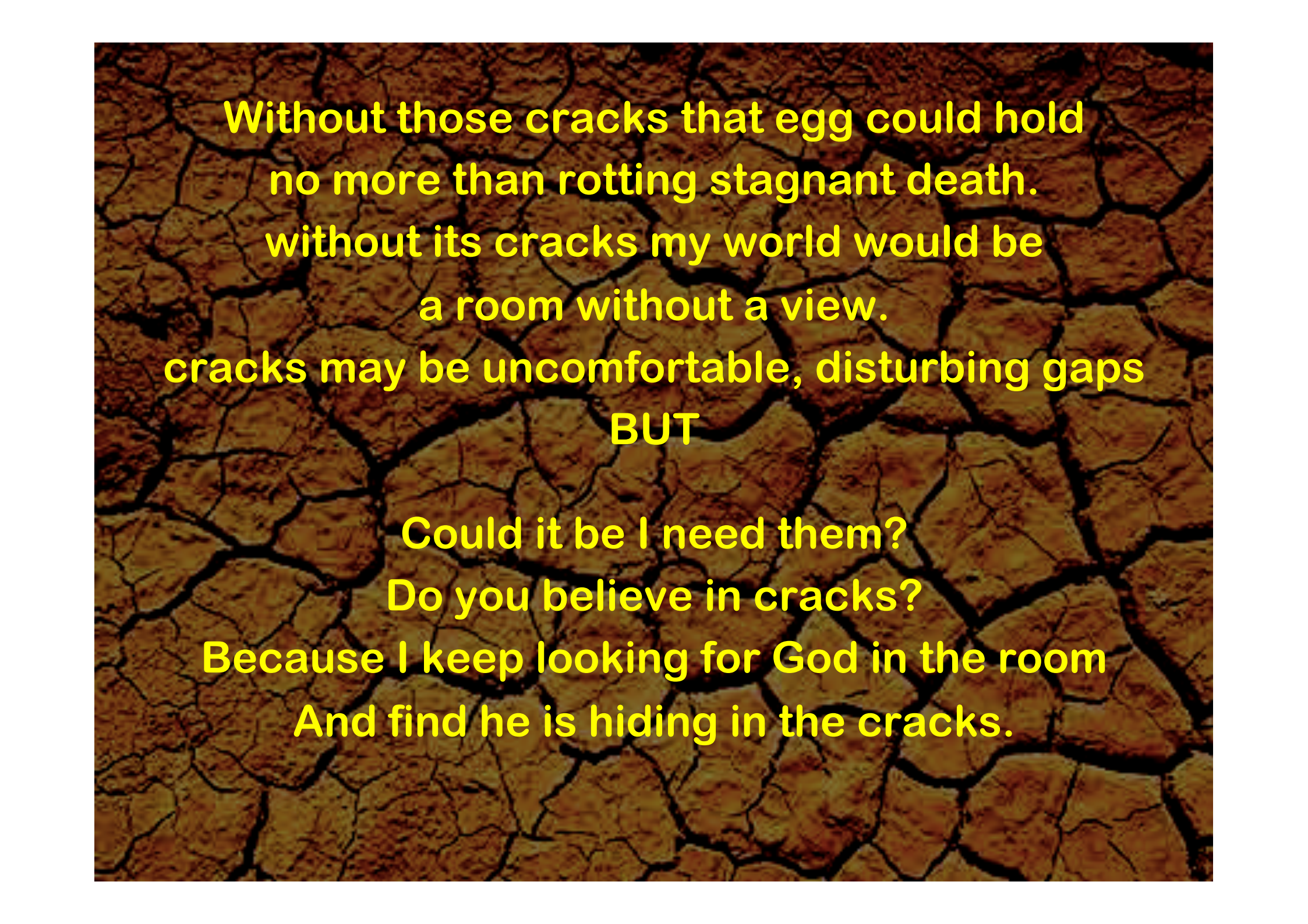
Step through it said, what have you to fear?
Do you wish to stay in your crumbling room?



And then I remembered a childhood dream,
Watching the egg of some exotic bird,
Oval and perfect, spotted blue and cream
(I wished to hold that egg and keep it on a shelf)

BUT

As I watched it cracks appeared,
Tiny fissures spread like zigzag ripples.
It broke in two and life struggled to its feet,
Wet and weak and blinking at the world.

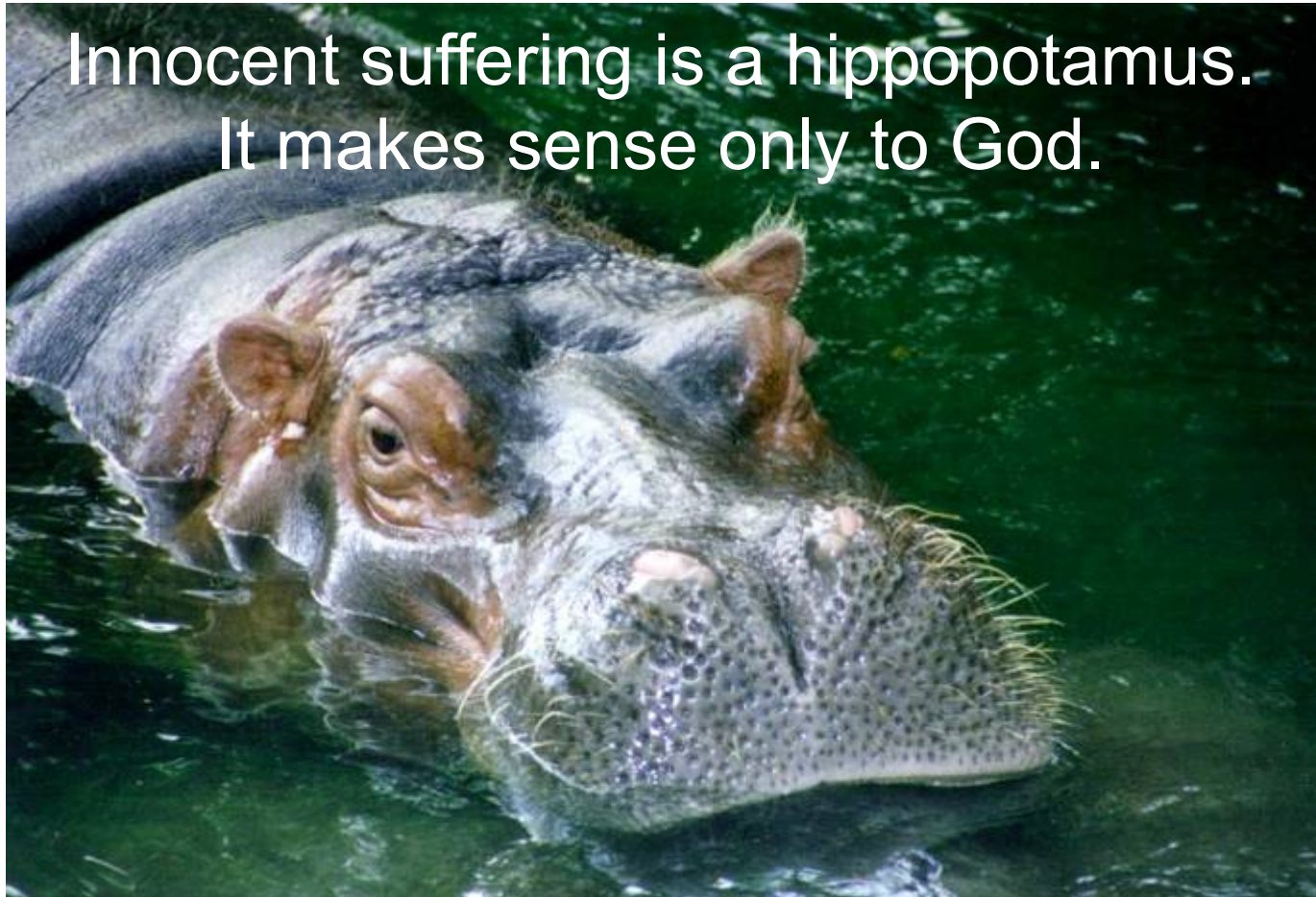


Without those cracks that egg could hold
no more than rotting stagnant death.
without its cracks my world would be
a room without a view.
cracks may be uncomfortable, disturbing gaps
BUT

Could it be I need them?
Do you believe in cracks?
Because I keep looking for God in the room
And find he is hiding in the cracks.

Job 38-42: suffering resolved?

Innocent suffering is a hippopotamus.
It makes sense only to God.



God doesn't do waste:

Valuing everything & everyone God's way

God enters into suffering & transforms it
(the cross; John 9:1-5; Acts 2:23)

"Is that what gives meaning to suffering? It is because God is in it, in it with us, that the obscene becomes transformed into the holy? I don't know but I believe it is. God is hanged in Auschwitz, he is raped and shot in El Salvador, he dies of AIDS in a London flat, and we, we pass him by like the Levite hurrying past on our way to church. Again and again we are caught up in the paradox, the mystery of the indwelling of God in our lives."

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... He is the stranger dying in the gutter,
the deranged Romanian toddler bashing its head
against the bars of its cot: but he is also the Samaritan
lifting up our broken bodies and the gentle paediatrician
clasping us weeping and soiled in his arms.

What more need we know?

He is there, in it, with us, in us, over and under, inside
and out, a cloud of unknowing, a shield to defend us."

Sheila Cassidy, "Good Friday People", p.116

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God can bring good out of pain
(vaccinations)

“What do people mean when they say
'I am not afraid of God because I know He is good.'
Have they never even been to the dentist?”
C.S.Lewis "A Grief Observed" p.36

“That's why we can be so sure that every detail in our
lives of love for God is worked into something good.”
Romans 8.28 (The Message)

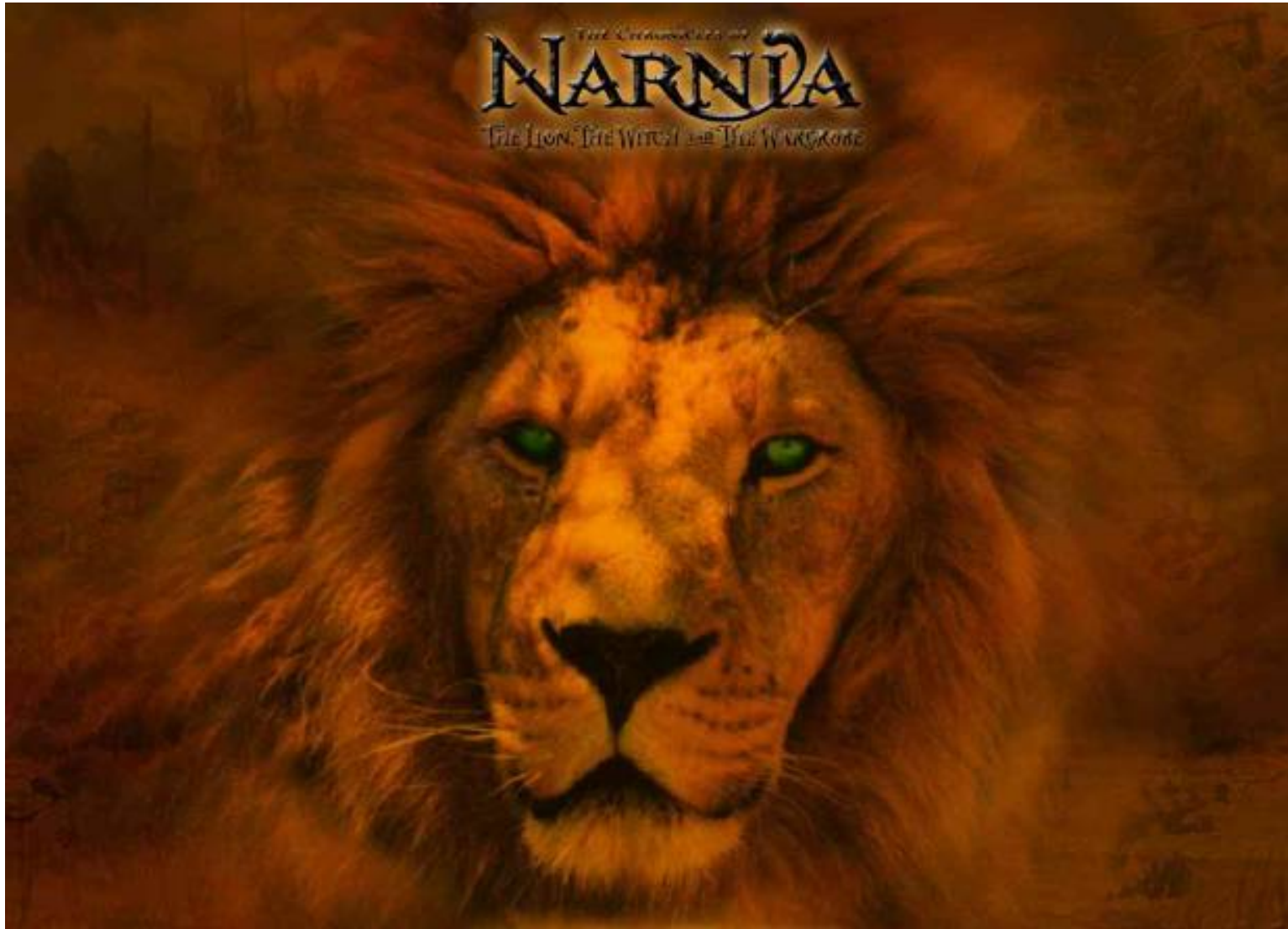


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- Suffering is a mystery we can't fathom 2 Thess. 2:7
- God's actions are beyond understanding Ps. 115:3; Job
- God is never the actual author of evil 1 Timothy 4:4
- We should be moved & angered by innocent suffering
- God suffers too, alongside us, and on our behalf.
- The key to transforming suffering is Christ's cross.
- Suffering & evil will finally be completely overcome:
Romans 8:18; Revelation 20:14; 21:3-4

“He’s not a tame lion, you know”



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The bible's big picture

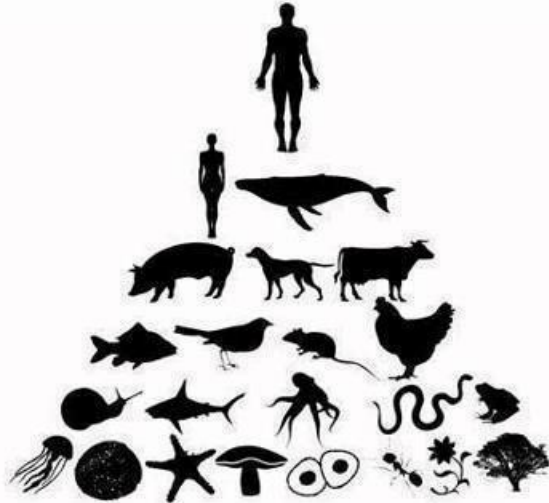
“God will redeem the whole universe; Jesus’ resurrection is the beginning of that new life, the fresh grass growing through the concrete of corruption and decay in the old world. That final redemption will be the moment when heaven and earth are joined together at last, in a burst of God’s creative energy for which Easter is the prototype and source.”

Bishop Tom Wright, “Surprised by Hope” p.134

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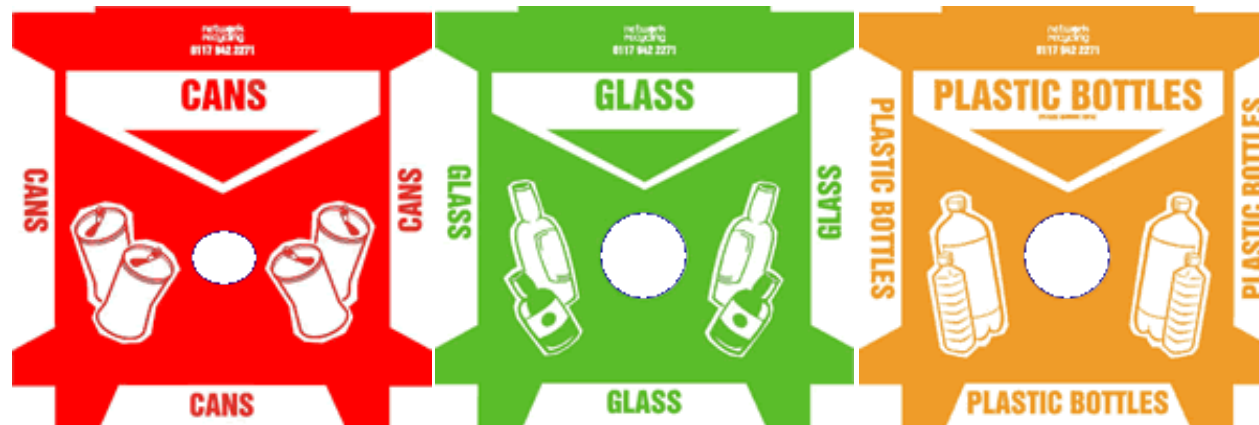
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rethinking relationships:

- with possessions
- with waste
- with nature & the earth
- with other people
- with God



God doesn't do waste

Finding hope in a world of wounds

- H**earing creation's groaning
- O**penness to creation & Bible
- P**ractising simpler carefree living
- E**njoying creation ... and the Creator

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Hearing creation's groaning



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Atewa Forest



God doesn't do waste:

Openness to learn from creation & bible

Job 12:7-10 “But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds in the sky, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish in the sea inform you. Which of all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind.”



Divine wisdom from studying nature attentively

God doesn't do waste:

Openness to learn from creation & bible



1 Kings 4:29-34 ²⁹ God gave Solomon wisdom and very great insight, and a breadth of understanding as measureless as the sand on the seashore ... ³³ He spoke about plant life, from the cedar of Lebanon to the hyssop that grows out of walls. He also spoke about animals and birds, reptiles and fish. ³⁴ From all nations people came to listen to Solomon's wisdom.

God doesn't do waste:

Openness to learn from creation & bible

- food-growing
- food-sharing
- faith-sharing



God doesn't do waste:

Openness to learn from creation & bible

Do you know when to
plant and reap
carrots, broccoli and
potatoes?



Can you name 10
local species of tree,
bird and flower?



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Practical response in creation care

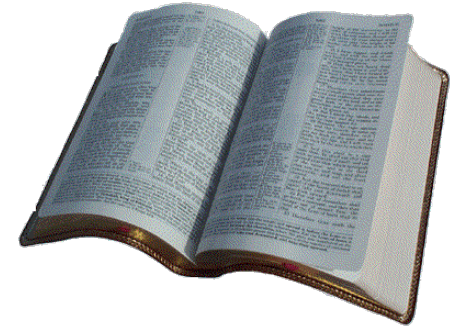
“Until you dig a hole, you plant a tree, you water it and make it survive, you haven't done a thing. You are just talking.” Wangari Maathai



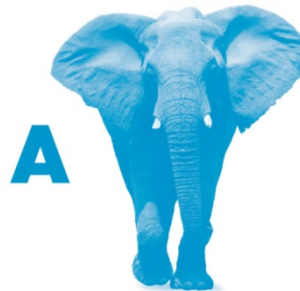
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Practical response in creation care

- on our knees
- with open Bibles
- in our lifestyles
- in our churches
- at work
- in our local community
- nationally & internationally



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Practical response in creation care



- find others to keep you accountable
- take one step at a time, and don't punish yourself!
- food ... energy ... transport ... waste ... simplify!
- keep informed

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Practical response in creation care
Writing the Gospel in the landscape



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God doesn't do waste:

Enjoying God's good creation



God doesn't do waste:
Enjoying God's good creation

“Receive the world
that God has given.

Go for a walk.

Get wet.

Dig the earth.”

Archbishop Rowan Williams



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“It’s a fact of future truth”

Hope: New Creation



Living Hope for God's Creation

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