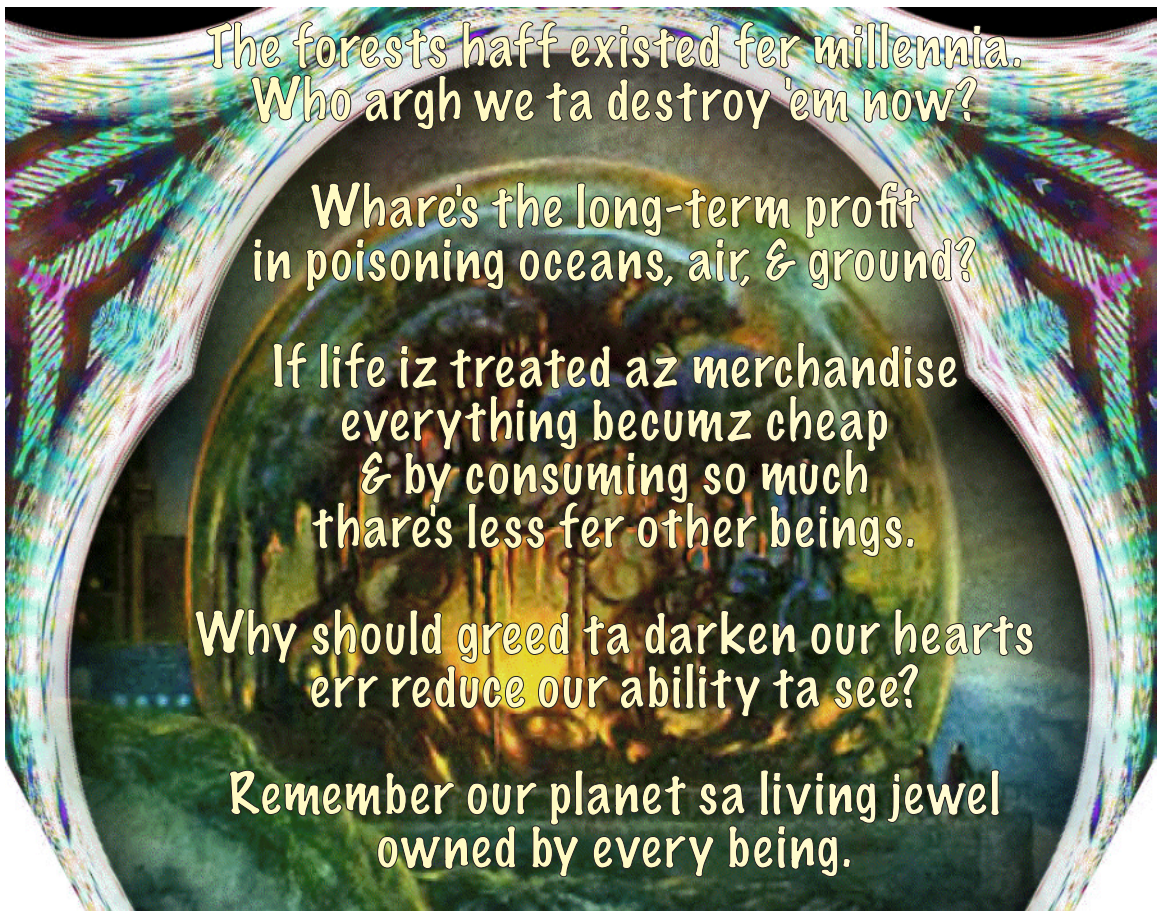


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Andre: Zhis is nut a poem - it'z mere ranting!

Jules: Yeah, I hear you. When people preach, they become tied ta their agendas like bulls ta ropes.

Soo: So whatto? Isn't de basic message relevant?

Jules: Tom Robbins said it well: "When we accept bad art because it's good politics, we're killing the swan to feed the chickens." Basically, lousy art has no excuse.

Elijah: Hmm. Isn't it like water on a duck's back? Only rarely do words have enough potency to translate into action.

Philyra: (laughing while drinking a glass of wine) Perhaps more people actually need to 'walk their talk' & live responsibly rather than spout off things we already know.

Ellesha: Just as junkies require crises to change, I fear nothing short of calamity will impel most people to break our habits.

Elijah: Blah, blah, blah. (blowing his nose) Let's hope that isn't the case!

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