

BOOK FIVE FOOTNOTES

1. ECLIPSE Chapter 2

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”
Nelson Mandela

2. PLOUGHSHARES Chapter 3

“From many, to many.

Life sustains itself.

Ice lichen grows between the weathered forms of rocks in Antarctica.

Some look like tiny forests of Bonsai trees.

Plant life speaks to blood life.

We held the floor of this earth tribunal for a billion years, alone, mostly with
whisper, wind, soil and seed.

Many creatures born here, many creatures decay.

Beliefs mean little unless they act in accordance with life. We grow.

Once we reach our limit we decay, rot and return to the bottom of the glacial tam.

We form collaborations with your forms, and with fungus.

We consume decay, you consume our growth, then you, yourselves decay, you
enter, once again, into our gently embrace.”

Our alchemy goes on and on, clinging to life, provided there is enough for the
life we have, enough water, air, earth, and sunlight.

We remind you that we need these elements.

Share them, or we perish.

Do not pick from every pocket of sunlight.

Leave enough for those who will come after you.

Keep their trust for what we will bring to them.”

Dear hurried, impatient red blood cells, you need patience.

Patience enough to love this place we're in.

We love your pathways, you humans and animals, you march with us to the
cadence of seasons.

We admire your tooth, your scythe, your axe, beak and bill.
We admire your sword and your plowshares.
You cut against our grain, we gladly offer ourselves to your otherness.
Now, gladly, do the same!
Listen with the tiniest portion of your soul, then will life emerge,
with a wisdom yet to come.”
Justin Ayres

“Ever present never twice the same, ever changing never less than whole.”
Robert Irwin

3. JULIAN Chapter 8

A Hopi Elder Speaks Unnamed Hopi elder, Hopi Nation, Oraibi, Arizona

“You have been telling the people that this is the Eleventh Hour, now you must go back and tell the people that this is the Hour. And there are things to be considered. Where are you living? What are you doing? What are your relationships? Are you in the right relation? Where is your water? How your garden. It is time to speak your Truth. Create your community. Be good to each other. And do not look outside of yourself for the leader.” Then he clasped his hands together, smiled, and said, “This could be a good time.”

There is a river flowing now very fast. It is so great and swift that there are those who will be afraid. They will try to hold on to the shore. They will feel they are torn apart and will suffer greatly.

Know the river has its destination. The elders say we must let go of the shore, push off into the middle of the river, keep our eyes open, and our heads above water. And I say, see who is in there with you and celebrate. At this time in history, we are to take nothing personally, least of all ourselves.
For the moment that we do, our spiritual growth and journey comes to a halt.

The time for the lone wolf is over. Gather yourselves! Banish the word struggle from your attitude and your vocabulary. All that we do now must be done in a scared manner and in celebration. We are the ones we’ve been waiting for.”

4 . THE COUNCIL Chapter 11

“Some of us are mutants. Lacking the hormone we need to regulate stress, we are prone to serious depression.”

Nick Welsh. Columnist and Editor The Santa Barbara Independent.

5. ALL OF US Chapter 12

“The world is a den of thieves and night is falling. Evil breaks its chains and runs through the world like a mad dog. The poison affects us all. No one escapes.

Therefore, let us be happy while we are happy. Let us be kind, generous, affectionate and good. It is necessary and not at all shameful to take pleasure in the little world.”

Ingmar Bergman

“Threatening to undo decades of conservation results, taking a huge toll on wild elephants, rhinos and tigers, channeling billions of dollars into powerful crime syndicates, destabilizing governments and economies, wildlife crime can no longer be ignored.”

The World Wildlife Fund