

In re Donald, “An Unmistakable Beginning” (16 December 2025)

Anger and despair, stages in processing grief. After years of baby steps toward stopping the killing (a slogan in the Vietnam Police Action days), saving this and that part of the environment (the whales, the redwoods, the grasslands, the water, the air), banning this and that toxic or smothering pollutant, toppling or at least countering this or that tyrant or magnate or maniac-in-charge or oppressive system of political economy; after, in short, beating our heads against the wall, realizing that every civilization in and before history has literally eaten itself out of existence, destroyed its ecological base; then what?

Siempre la lucha. There is always the struggle, the same struggle. The revolution is an ongoing, never-ending revolution. We speak truth to power. We try to brighten the corner where we are. We do what we can. We recognize that we are a we, a community beyond the merely human.

Hope is fleeting, joy a blessing. Fellowship, togetherness and love sources of sustenance and endurance, our way of sharing strength and fortitude in the face of our awful realities. Gratitude our offering to each other of our wondrous world, our unimaginable lives.

Onward!

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