STORIES

- PAINTINGS ON CAVE WALLS

- WAR STORIES

- WHAT CAN WE DO?

Once upon a time....
Paintings
What was,
What is
and
What
Will be
Sunrise
Progress? Pursuit of Happiness?
Future?
1. It won’t be pretty
2. We cannot paint the future with dried paint and worn-out brushes,
Thoughts - paint
Words - brushes
Environment
Development
Life- and Sources of Life
Land, Air and Water
LAW of Life
Vital Organs of Life on Earth
Trees and Forests
Land and Soil
Sea and Rivers
Development
Pave living soil with dead/hot concrete
Poison the Land, Air and Waters GDP?
EX-CON ECONOMICS
Mindless extraction and reckless consumption:  9 Earths

WASHINGTON—HUMANITY WOULD need five Earths to produce the resources needed if everyone lived as profligately as Americans, according to a report issued on Tuesday.

As it is, humanity each year uses resources equivalent to nearly one-and-a-half Earths to meet its needs, said the report by Global Footprint Network, an international think tank.

“We are demanding nature’s services—using resources and creating CO2 emissions—at a rate 44 percent faster than what nature can regenerate and reabsorb,” the document said.

“That means it takes the Earth just un-
CPR ECONOMICS: Conservation, Protection and Restoration

CPR of the Vital Organs of Life on Earth

Restore:
• LAW of Life
• Connection with Nature
• Connection with each other
• Experience of Happiness
• The LAW of Life
War Stories
Philippine Tarsier, endemic.

It is reasonable to think of the Philippines as the Galapagos Islands multiplied tenfold.
Paradigm of extraction and consumption (Ex Convict)

One generation ago (27 years), a crazy young lawyer, alone and armed only with pure will power and no funding, sued the govt on behalf of the children and of generations yet unborn, to stop all the logging in the country.

Using an early Constitutional provision on the right of the people to a healthy environment.

Not so much to win but to tell a story.

Dismissed outright. Went to the Supreme Court to clarify the question whether the children had the right to tell a story.
• If they are now specially mentioned in the fundamental law of the land, it is because ... unless it is written in the constitution itself,
... the day would not be too far when all else would be lost, not only for this generation but also for succeeding generations, generations which stand to inherit nothing but a parched earth incapable of sustaining life.”

It took one generation after – 2012 for the story to be heard.
The Philippines is the Center of the Center of Marine Biodiversity on Earth

The Philippine Islands, located in the Southeast Asian marine biodiversity golden triangle, has the richest concentration of marine life on the entire planet, according to a study conducted by Kent Carpenter, associate professor of biological sciences at Old Dominion University, Virginia, USA. The results of these findings will be published in the journal Environmental Biology of Fishes under the title, “The Center of the Center of Marine Shorefish Biodiversity: The Philippine Islands.”

The article is co-authored by Victor Springer of the National Museum of Natural History in Washington, D.C. The computer analysis was done with the support of Conservation International.

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16 million liters of raw sewage everyday into Manila Bay, plus the solid waste

Tell another story: Mandamus against 11 government departments
Dec. 18, 2008: Continuing Mandamus:
11 Government agencies
Ordered to report every 3 months!
LEGAL ACTION (not litigation)
Lights a STAR
- S - tory
- T - able
- A - ction
- R - esolution
The time for talk is over
Global Movement spontaneous combustion
Rule of Law to care for LAW of Life
Climate crisis.

US-Juliana vs US, Colombia, Holland – Urgenda, Canada, Pakistan, Inter-American Court of Human Rights Human Right to Life, Germany, etc.
Climate Justice for Future Generations

• Justice?
• Everyone their due
• Do future generations deserve this Earth we are leaving behind?
Ask a Question – in the ICJ and in the National Courts

“What are the duties of States to protect LIFE, including human Life, of the present and future generations from the climate crisis.”
Diplomatic -- agenda item in UNGA
Political -- youth mobilization to support the resolution
Legal -- ICJ and other legal avenues to tell a story

HAWAII, MARCH 2015
April 20-22, ‘18
SEA CAMP (Ph)
with handful of thoughtful men and women
Draft outline Advisory Opinion

Sept – ICJ- The Hague Moot Court
You can do this in your own countries.
All Constitutions have a provision on the right to life.
In summary

- Environment is about Life and the Life-Sources -- LAW of Life

- Anything that is worth doing cannot be done in one lifetime. In this lifetime, we can only plant seeds ... of hope.
THANK YOU

• PUNJAB HIGH COURT -- FOR THE EXCELLENT ARRANGEMENTS
• PARVEZ HASSAN
• BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN ASIA AND PACIFIC FOR THE DEDICATED WORK THAT YOU DO.
In closing,
If you want to be heard
tell a story.
If you want to touch the heart, sing a song
if you want to start a revolution,
ask a question.

Do our children deserve the Earth we are leaving behind?
• Humans are most active with standing up
• Most creative when lying down
• The compromise is sitting down
Ten, fifty, a hundred years from now, and many generations hereafter,
Let it be said that during our watch
While gifted
With intelligence and insight,
With privilege and position,
With the wealth of wisdom,
And with the freedom and power of the human Will,
Let it be said that in our time,
And during our watch,
We did our share,
And maybe, just maybe ... we will make a little difference.

Easy to make money
But it is more meaningful to make a little difference

Thank you for making that difference!
We have told stories,
We have asked questions,
Now it is time to touch the human heart.
SHOOTING STARS
Concert Chorale

Irum Ahsan
Denise Antolini
Ben Boer
Grip Bueta
Lord Carnwath
Parvez Hassan
Gabby Ingles
John Knox
Liz Mrema
Brian Preston
Andy Raine
Mansoor Ali Shah
Tshering