

# *Does Anything Last Forever?*

Does anything last forever? Mountains rise and fall. Continents break up or merge with other landmasses, to eventually sink into the seas to be replaced by other new landmasses. The dinosaurs lived for millions of years and were replaced by other living creatures. The seasons change. Everything changes over time.

Although humans have walked the Earth for only about 10,000 years, we somehow believe in *divine destiny*. We believe that we were meant to rule the Earth and will be doing it forever. Even empires rise and fall, and countries come and go, yet we fight tooth and nail to maintain the status quo. We fight to keep from changing. We like things the way they are and we are content to live out our lives in ignorance of the *Universal Truth that Everything is in Constant Change*. Whether we see it or not, and whether we want to believe it or not, the world is changing around us. The question is whether we are going to acknowledge the obvious truth and change, or pretend that it's not true and resist change..

If you are living on a floating ice berg, it doesn't matter whether or not you believe that the ice will eventually melt and you will be swimming in the ocean. The truth is that the ice will eventually melt and everything on the iceberg will sink into the sea. If you understand this truth, then you can learn how your actions helped to accelerate the melting of the iceberg, and can choose to take steps to change your actions so as to slow down the rate of the melting ice. But if you refuse to see the truth that the ice is melting and your activities contribute to the ice melting faster, then the day of reckoning will arrive much sooner and the consequences will be that much greater.

Our planet is constantly changing. The changes have become more rapid and more noticeable in the past 200 years due to human economic development activities. If we do not recognize that humans are an integral part of nature and our activities are the primary reasons for these changes,

such as global warming, then we may wake up one day very soon in the not too distinct future to a very different and hostile world. Our iceberg may have melted while we were pretending not to see and then humans will follow the flight of the dodo bird into extinction.

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