



narratives

narratives shape how we understand ourselves
where we are / what we're doing here
they set the rules for recognizing and connecting the dots
codify belief / entwine the imaginary / chart seas
master narratives define what's real / they motivate or not
justify everything we do
entail survival / or failure
we can choose our narratives

a master narrative legitimizes narratives that branch from it
dismisses explanations that contradict
it would be wise for us to deconstruct our present master narrative
after millennia of alienation and war
giving permission to treat others as unequal
exploit the Planet
it now has us fantasizing apocalyptic scenarios
dystopian futures / nuclear obliteration
leaving Earth for having made it undesirable / uninhabitable

we would do well as a species to create a new story
about a world we know can exist
one with a sustainable relationship with Nature
where everyone has truly equal opportunity
to make what they will of their lives
where we learn about making a place for One Another in the in-between ourselves
while respecting each Others' and our own boundaries
where no one would want to take more when others are in need
every advantage weighed with its responsibility
human community / purpose — above all, freely chosen

what would that look like
what calculus of change
if we can conceive it
we can achieve it