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a state of -

constant amazement

perpetual gratitude

Give attention to  
The Living Presence  
While you are alive  
So that when you die and have  
The desire to do so,  
You may have the power to  
attend.



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TRAVELING TOWARD  
TRANSFORMATION IN  
AN ATTENTION  
GRABBING CULTURE

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I'm grateful I live in a culture  
that offers me so many  
opportunities to practice  
being non-judgmental.

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# Guns in Tiny Hands: In a Week, Four Toddlers Shoot Themselves

This article is by **Jack Healy, Julie Bosman, Alan Blinder and Julie Turkewitz.**

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Sha'Quille Kornegay, 2 years old, was buried in a pink coffin, her favorite doll by her side and a tiara strategically placed to hide the self-inflicted gunshot wound to her forehead.

She had been napping in bed with her father, Courtenay Block, late last month when she discovered the 9-millimeter handgun he often kept under his pillow in his Kansas City, Mo., home. It was equipped with a laser sight that lit up like the red lights on her cousins' sneakers. Mr. Block told the police he woke to see Sha'Quille by his bed, bleeding and crying, the gun at her feet. A bullet had pierced her skull.

In a country with more than 30,000 annual gun deaths, the smallest fingers on the trigger belong to children like Sha'Quille.

During a single week in April, four toddlers — Holston, Kiyan, Za'veon and Sha'Quille — shot and killed themselves, and a mother driving through Milwaukee was killed after her 2-year-old apparently picked up a gun that had slid out from under the driver's seat. It was a brutal stretch, even by the standards of researchers who



HAVEN PARRISH JR.



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Sha'Quille Kornegay, left, 2, and Holston Cole, 3, died after finding and handling pistols.

track these shootings.

These are shooters who need help tying their shoelaces, too young sometimes to even say the word "gun," killed by their own curiosity.

They accidentally fire a parent's pistol while playing cops and robbers, while riding in a shopping cart, after finding it in the pocket of the coat their father for-

got to wear to work. The gun that killed Sha'Quille last Thursday was pointing up, as if being inspected, when it fired.

They are the most maddening gun deaths in America. Last year, at least 30 people were killed in accidental shootings in which the shooter was 5 or younger, according to Everytown For Gun Safety, a gun control advocacy group that

tracks these shootings, largely through news reports.

With shootings by preschoolers happening at a pace of about two per week, some of the victims were the youngsters' parents or siblings, but in many cases the children ended up taking their own lives.

"You can't call this a tragic acci-

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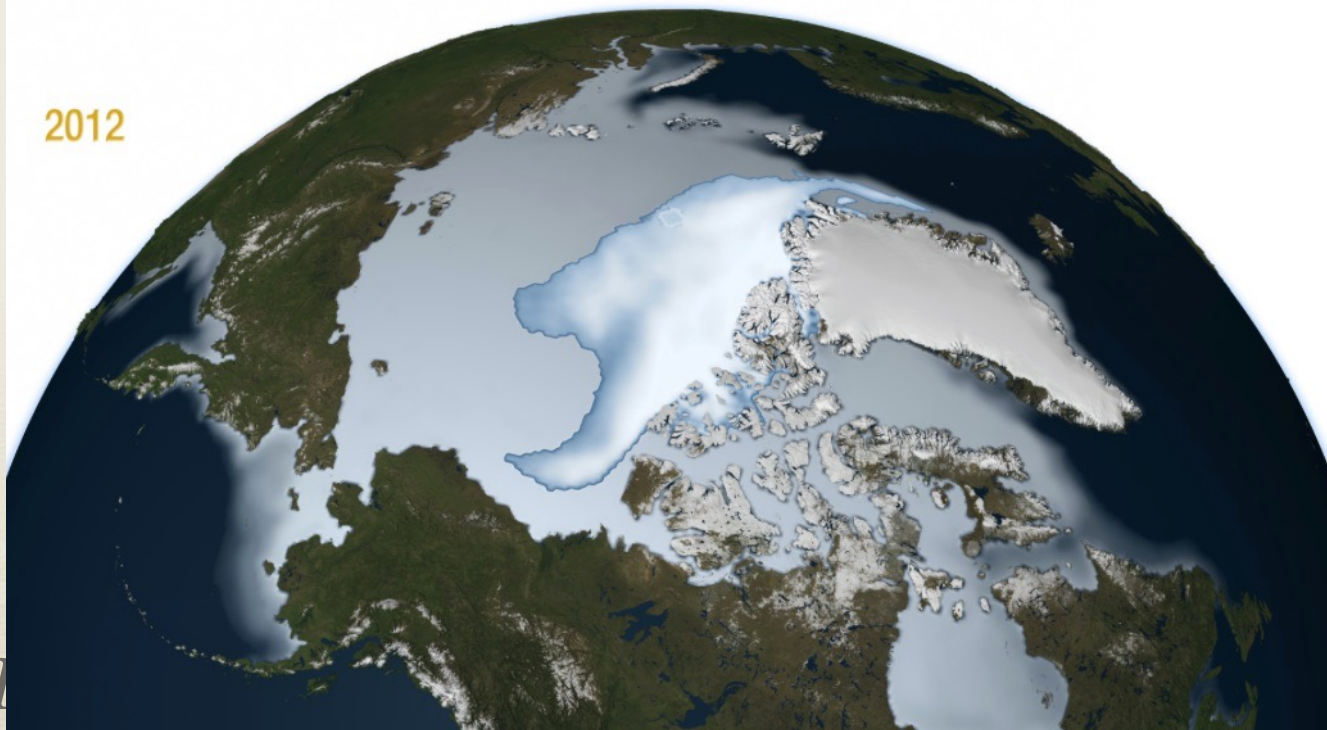
We live in a time of  
darkness, ignorance and  
illusion.

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We are living in the midst  
of a global shift in  
consciousness.



A growing number of people are finding that they are being forced to either abandon, entrench or reassess their formerly held religious and cultural convictions.

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“Do not do unto others as  
you would not have them  
do unto you.”

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*“I don’t feel very omnipotent today.”*





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Some discoveries that have shocked human understanding

Copernican

Darwinian

Freudian



expanding, evolving, creative and entangled

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“Have I lived among the lame  
so long that I’ve begun to  
limp myself?”

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“authentic existence”

“being a real person”



This is a great time to be  
alive -

We cannot seek ease but must strain  
for the best.

We cannot remain the same.

Our false reliances are being revealed.

We are driven back to the basics.

We walk a spiritual path -

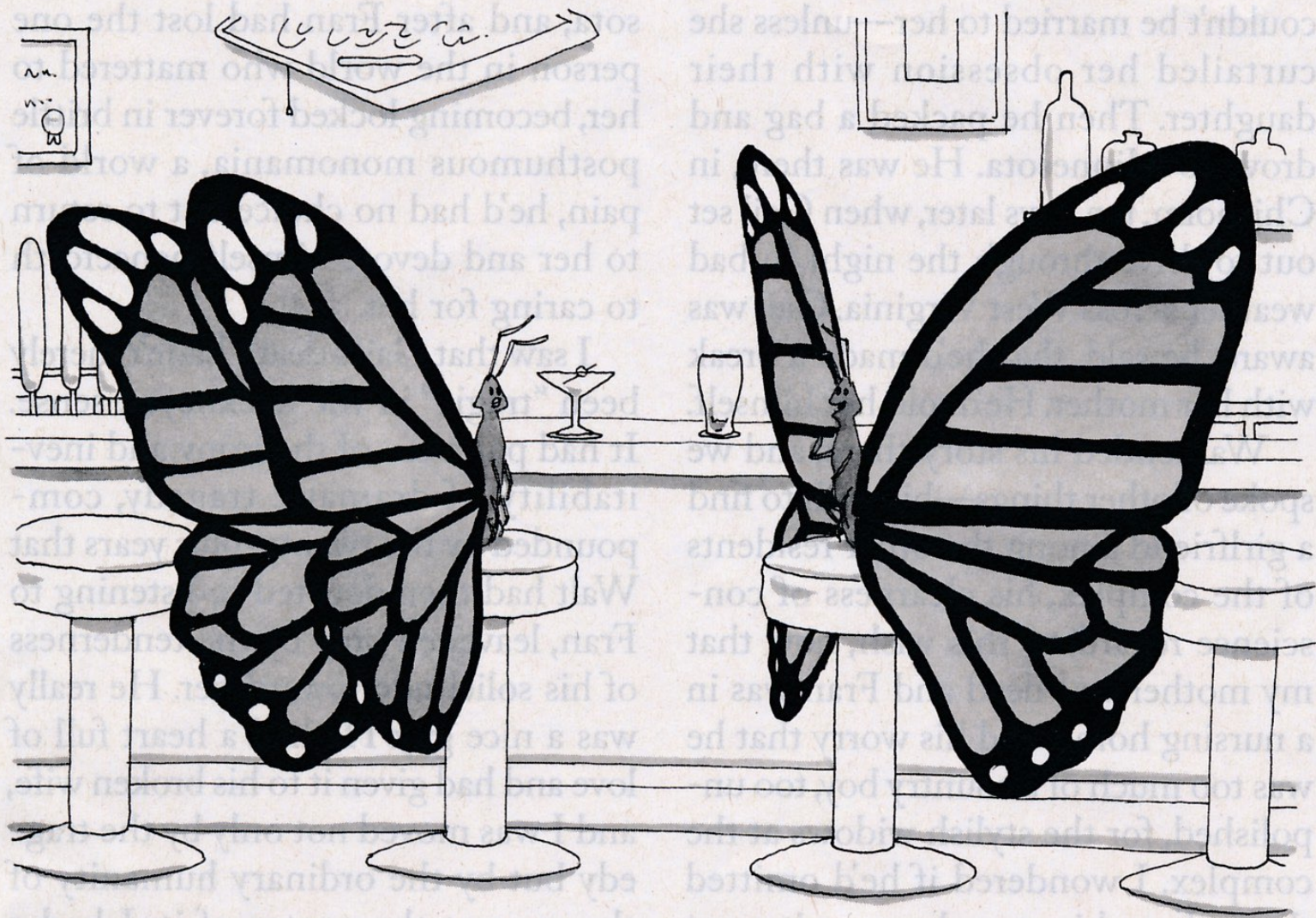
*Toward* Sacred Mystery

*With* Sacred Mystery

*In* Sacred Mystery

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*"Remember that hurricane a thousand miles away? That was me!"*

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The future depends on  
what each of us does every  
day.

A “movement” is only  
people moving.