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Take a moment to reflect on the photo.

One way to open your eyes is to ask yourself:

What if I had never seen this before?

What if I knew I would never see it again?

— **Rachel Carson** (1907-1964), American conservationist and author

Our goal is not to amass information or to satisfy curiosity, but rather to become painfully aware, to dare to turn what is happening to the world into our own personal suffering and thus to discover what each of us can do about it.

— **Laudato Si'**

"Grampa? Mom? Auntie? Back in 2019 you knew about this; what did you do?"

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