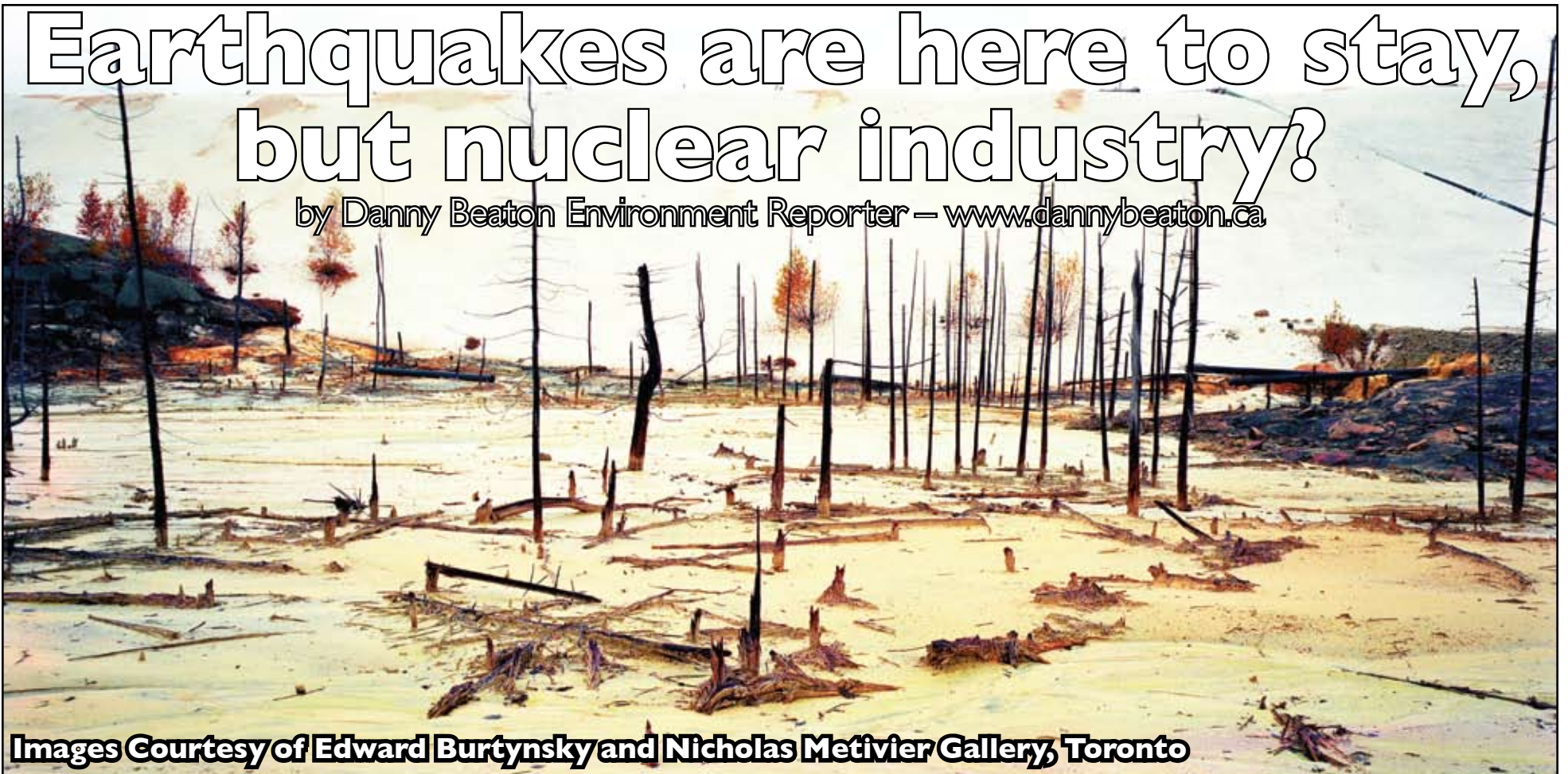


Earthquakes are here to stay, but nuclear industry?

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What a relief to know we have our own newspaper and that they will print our concerns, insights, opinions and truths. We are living the truths of our elders and the truths of our ancestors. These truths are prophecies and almost every culture has prophecies. We are living our own truths, what we see, hear, feel, understand, and think with the guidance of our ancestors... The abundance of opportunities is overwhelming here in Indian Country/Canada for every one in most cities, thanks to the generosity of natives sharing stolen land. This society and country are blessed by great resources including the resources of our elders and clarity of our spiritual leaders who are focused on peace, unity, harmony and justice. In many ways we are living in times of great opportunity with a network of communication facilities. The original/indigenous peoples in Canada and the USA all the way down to Argentina are a resource of information and knowledge with a deep understanding of how to survive in the natural world.

Profit is in the minds of negative business people and the indigenous spiritual leaders of North and South America have always maintained that we must respect and protect the natural world including the Earth, Air, Fire, and Water as these forces give us human's life. The messages of

our elders have always been spoken with sincerity, compassion, unity, and respect for life and the future generations to come as our ancestors believed we were caretakers/ guardians of Mother Earth which we are still! Today society has continued to rape and exploit Mother Earth beyond any reasonable amount and the super powers of the world are focused on profit and resource extraction. The scientists of the world are telling us that the economic agenda is a fantasy now because the earth cannot continue to supply economic growth in the way the economic market is set up! With the creation of nuclear technology scientists still have not found any where or place to store the nuclear contaminated waste and can only guess at the monetary cost of production.

Our old elders have shared their concern about the disrespect to Mother Earth over and over and many scientists agree turbulent weather is real and Mother Earth is shaking. The world is witnessing more floods, tornadoes, storms and earthquakes. We are now living the history of a wounded Mother Earth and we should be doing every thing possible to stop deep sea drilling for oil, the clear cutting of the forests in the Amazon, mega projects like the Tar Sands in Alberta and mega dams like the Three Gorges in China etc... These mega projects are profoundly negative from heavy machinery, concrete and changing the environment to an unnatural state is dangerous! Excess waste should be stopped before we have nothing but a wasteland and one big garbage dump to live in. Many scientists agree Climate Change is real and that Global Warming is real, documented by scientists and academics at our Earth Summits over the last 20 years. Many citizens in Canada do not know where the uranium came from to build the nuclear reactors in Japan which is now consider one of the greatest

environmental catastrophes' since Chernobyl, Saskatchewan, Elliot Lake Ontario, New Mexico and Nevada USA are the places uranium is extracted for Japans reactors. Many people do not know who built the nuclear reactors in Japan as it was General Electric all part of the profit seeking nuclear industry.

Many native communities have suffered from nuclear mining, testing and contamination and it is well documented and our people have fought the industry where ever our Mother Earth is raped. Japans nuclear waste goes back across the Pacific Ocean to Nevada USA for storage! Making another catastrophe

possible from human error or if turbulent weather were to happen. We should be concerned with Pickering and Darlington nuclear plants now and consider human safety first! And alternative energy now! Uranium and plutonium are the deadliest waste on the planet! Are we going to let this industry destroy the future for our unborn?

Earthquakes and tsunamis will not stop now as we have disrespected the forces that give us life. Our ceremonial life is the most important thing we have to change ourselves and to honor creation/life. We need to follow our way of life/culture and support those who are positive and protecting life!



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