



“The question of how to care for a humanity, beyond our humility, asks of us different questions differently.” - willvarey

The question of humanity care invites us into a different horizon of inquiry. This different category of questioning is grounded in a practice of humanity caring. This idea itself may seem too big for our small selves to hold, yet as feeling humans we are precisely the people qualified to consider it. In a location beyond our smallness in humility, is the invitation to be different in our humanity. This form of asking is itself a rare practice.

To appreciate this difference, imagine looking out at the vast and endless sea. From above the waters we see all of the ocean's expanse, and none of its life. We fish for interesting items and pull them out for inspection (and consumption), remaining safe and dry. In doing so we will not know this other living world and its ecology of contributions. To dive beneath the blue horizon reveals immediately the unconsciousness of our breathing and the ubiquity of gravity. To swim and explore easily, to appreciate the depths intimately, requires of us to be different in our totality. To embody conservation of breath and joyfulness in weightlessness, feels initially unnatural. The reward for learning how to be different, in this different realm, is the vastness of our small blue planet previously hidden, now becomes newly apparent.

Similarly, our first thought is often to solve a pressing question with the skills readily to hand. Our reflex is to make our toughest questions easier to understand. In asking different questions from a different premise, our demanding questions do not need to remain unanswered. We can look instead to a poignant right query, on which to hold and place our attentiveness. It might be inconceivable to us that questions of humanity-scale concerns are even askable, let alone answerable. This is simply because we have not yet had the opportunity to engage with the learning required in safety, confidence and guidance.

There will be a time in the future when our children will be more receptive and respectful to this notion of caring for humanity, by asking their questions differently. This will be beyond what we consider for ourselves in this lifetime imaginable. Our primary concerns for now extend appropriately to the provision of safe locations, respectful treatment, and forms of sustainable action. If successful in our true ambitions, what will be enabled is a different form of question, asked differently, because it asks us to be different. Some will practice this future skill within their present capacities. The one thing that is made clear by this practice is being different in our humility, is what will make humanly possible, the presence of our future humanity.