

Two Birds

What lead me to painting this Mother Nature was another series I had been working on and had come to a crossroad with. The original series was my “Critically Endangered Cats“. I had I depicted people as beautiful exotic cats that are nearing extinction. The concept behind these body paintings is for the viewer to see these breathtaking creatures in human form. My hope is that they will touch people on a personal level and spark sympathy for the species. What brought me to feel compelled to do A New Mother Nature was the fact all the animals I had portrayed to date faced ONE major problem. They were running out of habitat. Humans had invaded their home lands so devastatingly that they are disappearing. Development has evicted them from their territories and left them with no where to thrive.

It seemed necessary at this point in my work to conceive a “**New Mother Nature**” by regenerating new habitat in my art form. The result was this piece. With in Mother Nature’s Regeneses there are many meanings and metaphysical symbols but the most chilling image to come out of this piece is “**Two Birds**”. The quintessential message of Mother Nature uniting these two birds is that they must reside in **PEACE**. She has made the changes to the habitat and provided an abundant home for them to live, it is a very peaceful place but the real peace is up to these two birds. The birds are of different color but must accept their diversities in order to survive and make the new habitat successful. It is not about conversion but rather acceptance. **Tolerance makes it possible for the birds to live in the abundance offered them.**

The Moral of the story:

Historically we are in a time of great change. No matter how much we rebuild the only way peace will be successful is to mimic these two bird’s. We need to accept the world will never be one religion, one race, one country and there will always be two sides of a story. We must tolerate our differences to make peace possible. The two birds are small but are far from insignificant in the final result. Such as you are only one but you are at the very heart of creating a world that can thrive in peace. It is not about changing another to be like you, peace begins with accepting others as they are.

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