"Prodigy is, in its essence, adaptability and persistent, positive obsession."

Octavia Butler
All these images of the future are ammunition for fighting in the present.

Bernardo Gutiérrez, Images for Landing in the Future
How many verbs associated with the voice do we humans have? Why does a cicada just chirp and a donkey only bray?

Maria Arnal, María Sánchez and Irene Sola, *Lichen*
We have to accept our incomprehension at the moment, rather than our making sense of it.

William Kentridge
Memes are not only a form of entertainment and relief, but one of the most direct narratives of tragedy.

Ainhoa Marzol, The Golden Age of Memes
The city is worried about getting people to work early, but not about when they get home.

Nkosikhona Swartbooi
How can we understand the idea of intelligence in a plant or an octopus by means of our human consciousness?

Jose Valenzuela Ruiz, Tentacular Brains

Archaeologists at work in Sigtuna town. Carl Gustaf Rosenberg, 1941 | Swedish National Heritage Board | Public domain
"The artist has been the intermediary who translates distant mirages that fix the collective imagination."

Deborah Camañes, *Art on Mars*
Narratives bring order to the world.

Elisabet Roselló, Frictions in Reality

As a result of the intense heat, a merchant and his secretary take refuge in the water to write their letters. Georg Pahl, 1926 | Bundesarchiv | CC BY-SA
To consider humans as potentially redemptive is to run the risk of reproducing the supremacist tics of modernity.

Ignasi Torrent, *The Limits of a World in Relation*
The design of any object embodies the social values and interests that respond to a specific ideology.

Joana Moll, Against Complexity
Individual actions always add up, but the degree of transformation needed can only be achieved through collective changes.

Andreu Escrivà, Glasgow – The Last Posthumous Summit?
All visible matter in our immense universe scarcely represents four percent of what’s out there.

César Reyes Nájera and Ethel Baraona Pohl, *The Cosmos on a Dust Particle*
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