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Once We Revered the Earth, encaustic, shellac, India ink, alcohol ink, collage, on wood panel, 24 x 30 inches

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The inspiration that motivated my painting came from a prayer I saved from years ago. I recall it was written in Sanskrit with the English translation next to it. The first line, “Once we revered the earth” really stirred something in the depths of my being and etched itself in my mind. Over time, these words became more and more important to me as the devastating effects of global warming became increasing apparent and real.

I found myself embedding words and phrases from this prayer into the encaustic layers of my painting. I was thinking of our ancestors, families and farmers who found harmony in working the soil. I was thinking of our now dying land and the destruction we have caused Mother Earth, due to greed, politics and profit. If this path continues there will be no harvest to reap.

Along with our ancestors, we will someday return to the earth and, hopefully, it will be to the earth we once revered.

Artist Statement
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