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Can we overcome apathy? Yes, but only if we have hope. One reason for hope is the amazing ability of invention. A hundred years ago, the idea of airplanes, of a man on the moon, of the Internet, were fantasy. Yet we have seen those things and so much more. So, now that we have finally seen terrible damage to our environment, our minds must work to find technological solutions. But technology alone is not enough. We must use our hearts also. We must each work to save what is left.

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