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(Text relating to the series: "*They carry the World*").

The pregnant women that I have had the privilege of photographing since 1997, and to bring very frequently for this in Nature, in all these deep forests, on these deserted beaches, in these wild mountains, at the edge of these lost ponds..., which are, in a way, my natural studios for a very long time; all these women in maternity ward have always integrated very well into these privileged natural environments... At the beginning, I was very often surprised. But looking back on it later, I thought to myself that most certainly it was because we had always known that we were an integral part of our Mother Nature. And undoubtedly more still I think, because the Woman enters very easily, very subtly, and I would even say, very spontaneously in osmosis - by her own nature - with this sacred side which emanates from the preserved natural environments!... Because there again, there is a form of resonance between the woman in maternity and Nature. Because motherhood is a real initiatory experience (it must be said!). An experience which leads precisely to this awareness of the sacred; an experience that we too must absolutely consider a holy place (just like Nature), and that must therefore be approached with the greatest respect!

In the West, for centuries, we have unfortunately forsaken and even most often flouted this marvelous and almost miraculous aspect, not to say "magic" of LIFE. But now, we have the duty to relearn everything on this subject, out of all prohibitions, taboos, dogmas, etc!... This is of the utmost importance for our future!

In my opinion, there is something beautiful, majestic and strong in motherhood! These women carry this pride in them, and represent for me, the power in the feminine. It is also extremely generous to want to take part in, and "undertake" the formation of a new unborn being on Earth!... Whether we are male or female, we always owe a debt to all our heroic mothers, who bear in them our future world! We who have incarnated, who are reborn in this carnal envelope, we owe them this recognition, even if they have sometimes become unhappy or unlucky heroines! We will always be indebted to them for that, throughout our lives.

I am finally quite happy to have succeeded - it seems to me - during all these years of work, to show this grandiose beauty which blossoms so naturally before our eyes, like a particular form of sublime blossoming, and to have thus participated, very humbly, in this awareness which is essential for our evolution and our future.

And beyond all this, I thank all those who kindly participated in this project, in this so personal experience, and who thus taught me, through these so intimate sharing, so many things that I did not even foresee. before, and that I would certainly never have discovered without them!...

See on the *Ph.L. Site*, the gallery, in *UNIVERSE I: "They carry the World"*.

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