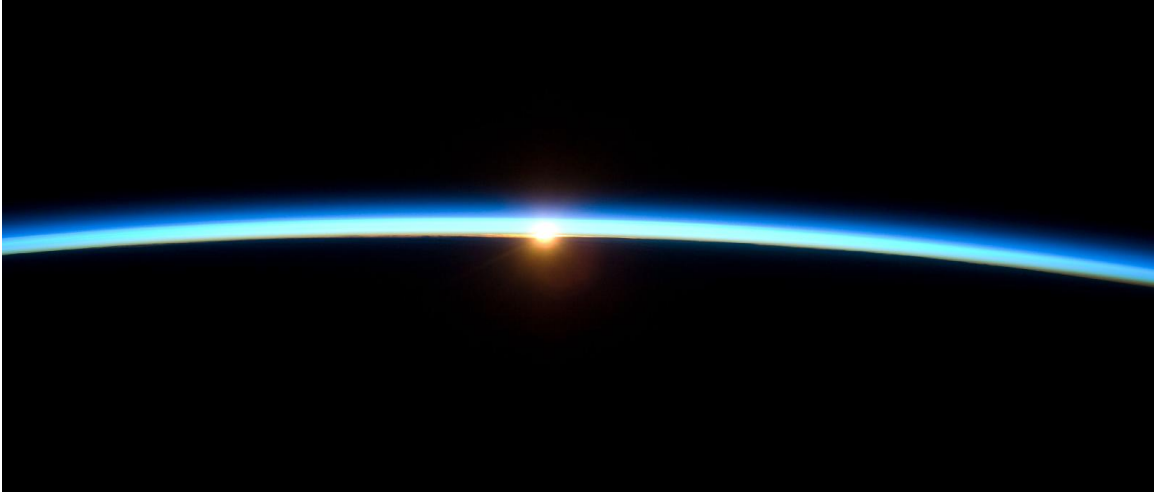


*“The Edge” and “Beyond the Edge” - Susan A. Point*

*The Edge* and *Beyond the Edge*, both evolved from the same thumbnail sketch. Dr David Suzuki, a Canadian Scientist and Activist, often makes reference to human actions affecting the *thin blue line*, which inspired me to create these images.



Beyond the edge of the earth's rocky crust, there is a *thin blue line* separating life on earth from the infinite blackness of space. This is our atmosphere ... just a few kilometres of water vapour and other gaseous molecules. Within the zone of our thin biosphere, life thrives and evolves. We humans are part of a web of interconnections closely linked to one another. All of our behaviours, whether biological, cultural or economic in nature, are activities within a larger ecosystem; we humans are not independent. Inside a very short time, we have transformed from small societies living within nature, to handling small pockets of wilderness within our expanding human landscape.

Every aspect, particularly living beings on Earth are being impacted by our actions ... we each hold the world in our hands.



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