

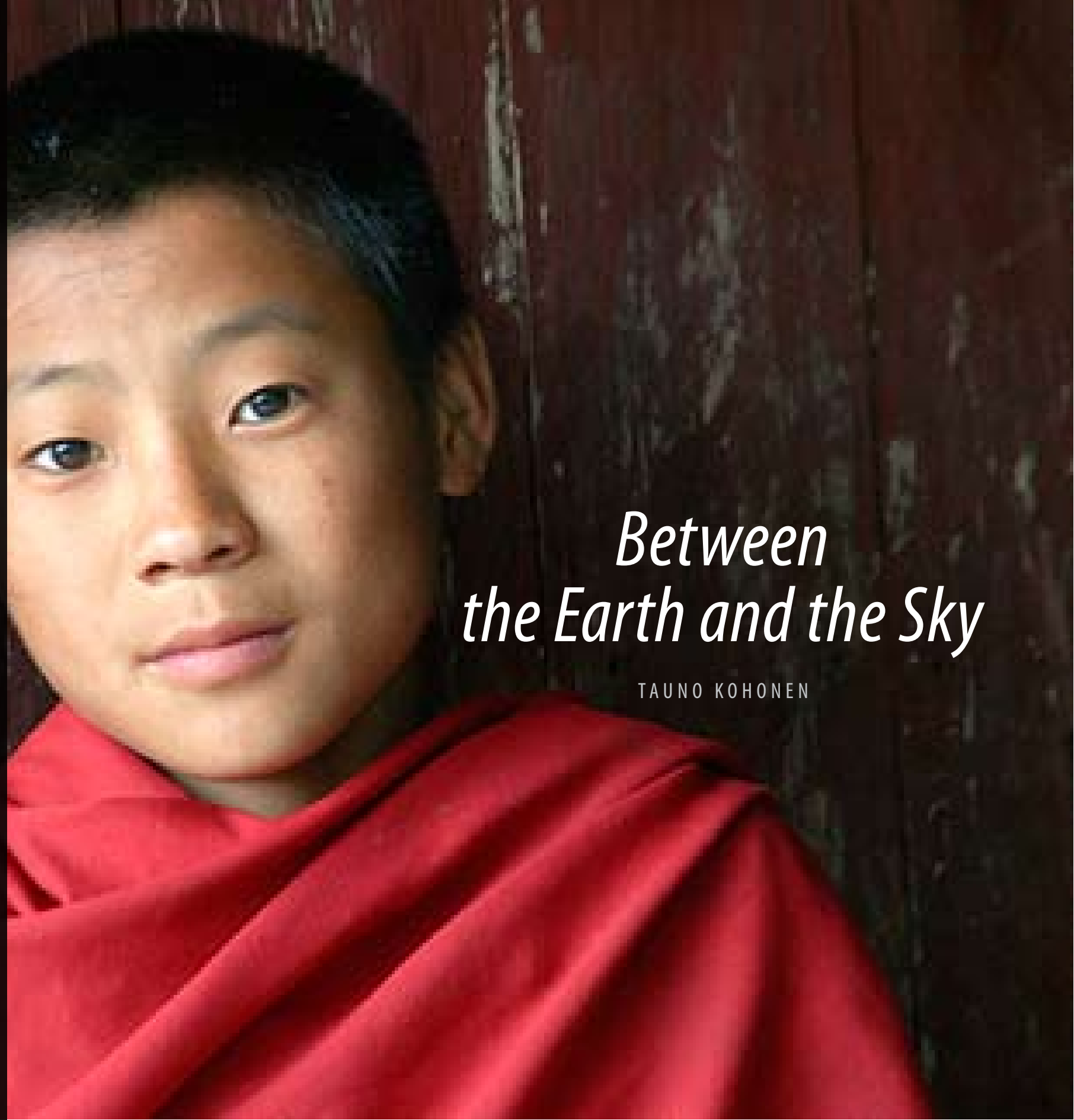
This beautifully illustrated book unfolds the incredible diversity of facing the nature and the people. Kohonen has photographed intense relations with the nature and the people in different countries and cultures.

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*...As earth under our feet,
as heaven and in the moments of light...*

To me, nature has always been something incomprehensible and great. It is a part of life which I breathe constantly.

Nature is always surrounding us in different shapes; as earth under our feet, as heaven, in the moments of light, as the sun. Nature is inside me - and outside. Nature nourishes humankind and is the foundation of it.

Philosophies and beliefs, not to mention ancient beliefs, are based on the nature. The humankind has created its own doctrine, a science, a ground, to research the nature - the natural science.

Earth, fire, water and air are the base of the Greek and Western philosophies. Nature is in everything that we are, what we do and believe, but nevertheless we have become a stranger with it. We use it ruthlessly, exploit and destroy it. But something is still left for us.

As I have passed different countries and places, I've searched for genuine people. Genuine people who would tell me something about their relation with nature through their eyes, essence, clothing, houses and villages. Once the majority of humankind got their living straight from the nature, but nowadays ever fewer do.

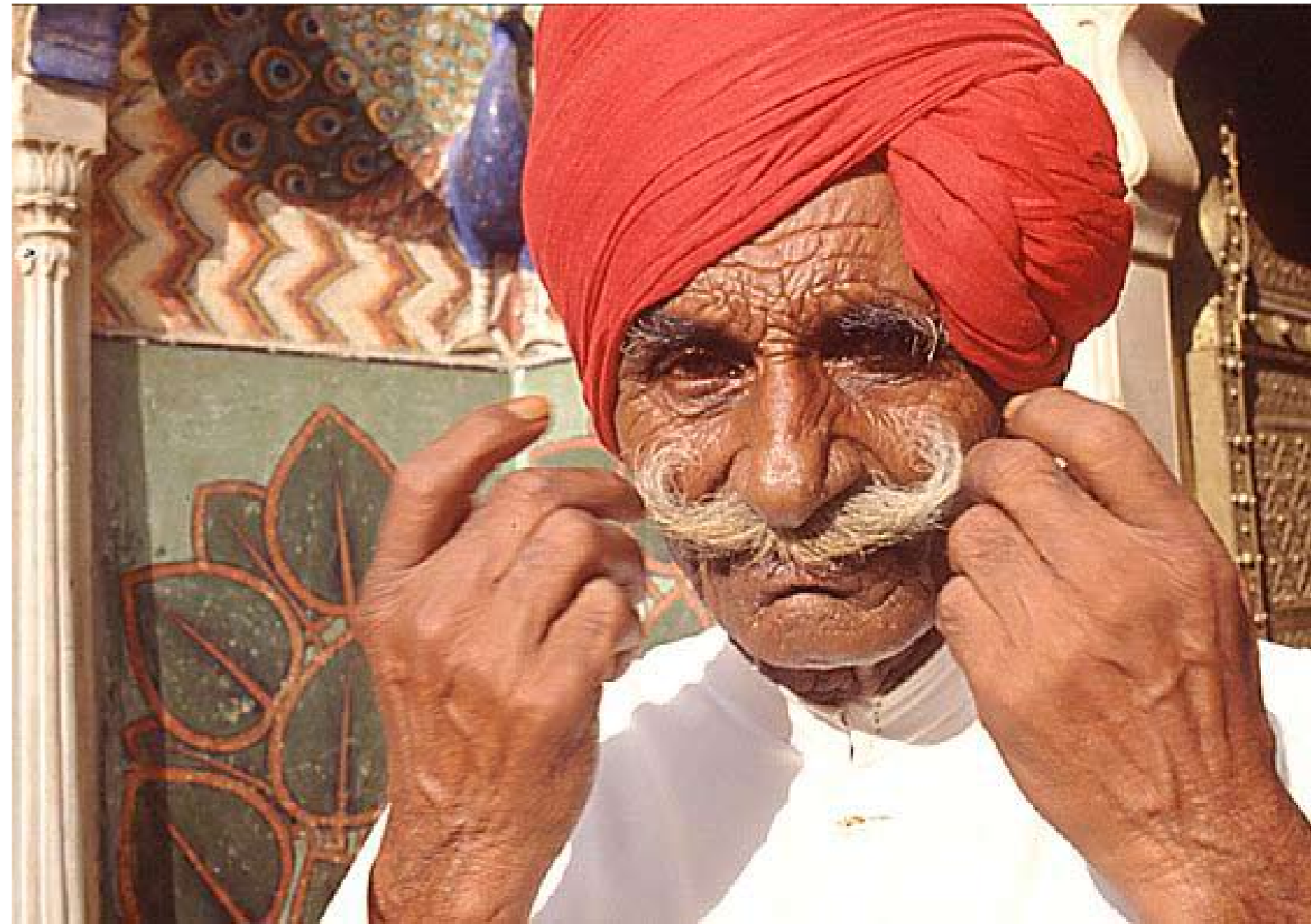
A Siberian shepherd's relation with his horse is respectable and dear. They are one. A Himalayan monk can bring out the meaning of inner peace in his being. Everywhere around them are the mountains, the waters, the forests.

People are searching for a way to embrace nature in these hectic times. We need the peace, the harmony and silence - especially the silence.



















The beauty

To come across with genuine beauty , it is an impressive experience. You understand that the scenery before your eyes, a human or an animal, is in balance with its self. Inner beauty can also be external beauty.











The genuineness

The people who live in the nature feel their genuiness, unlike so many of us who have lost something inside us. A human is a part of nature as well as the plants and the animals.





















The Wisdom

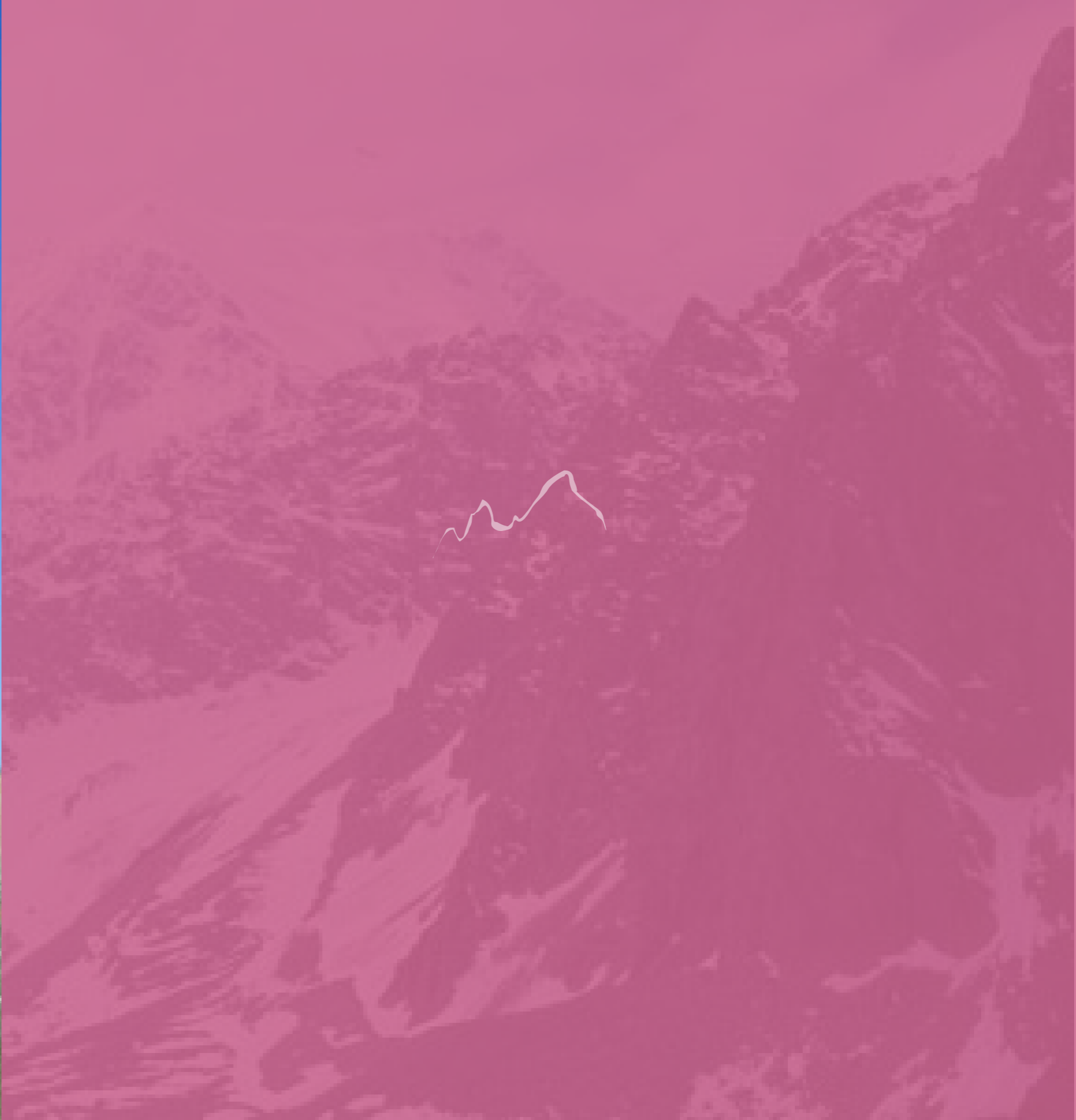
*The wisdom of the monks begins with understanding the entity.
Everything there is, is one with the universe. The earth and the sky meet in our minds.
The old wisdoms are simple to understand and are a part of all of us.*





























The strength

It takes strength and thickness to live near nature. Usually there are no choices.

Many have become estranged with the nature and try to seek a better life in the city.

Nature doesn't need a human but the human needs the nature.







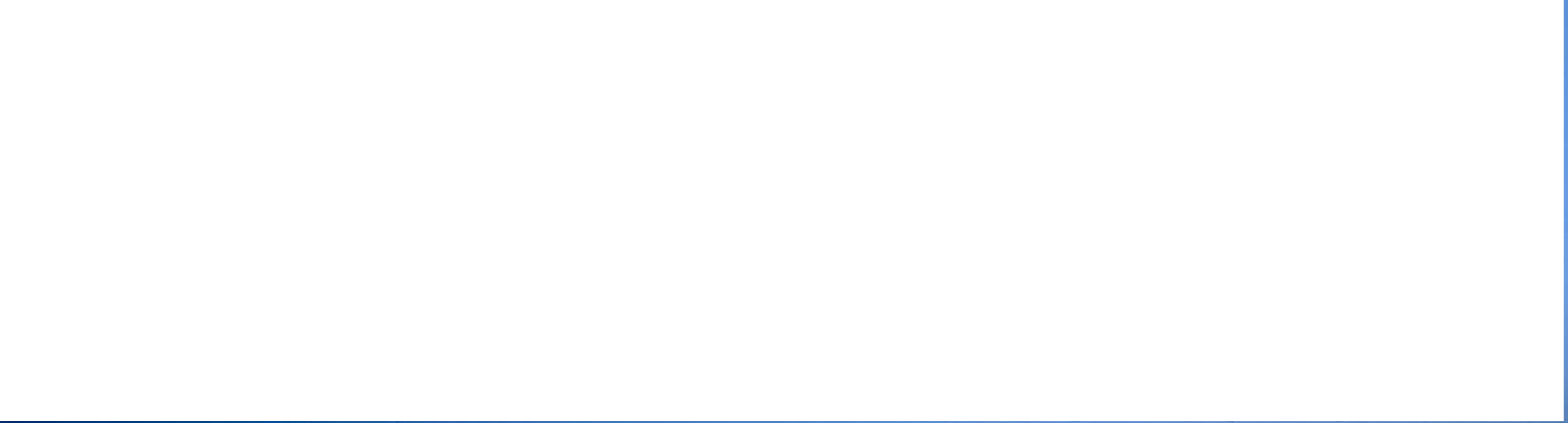






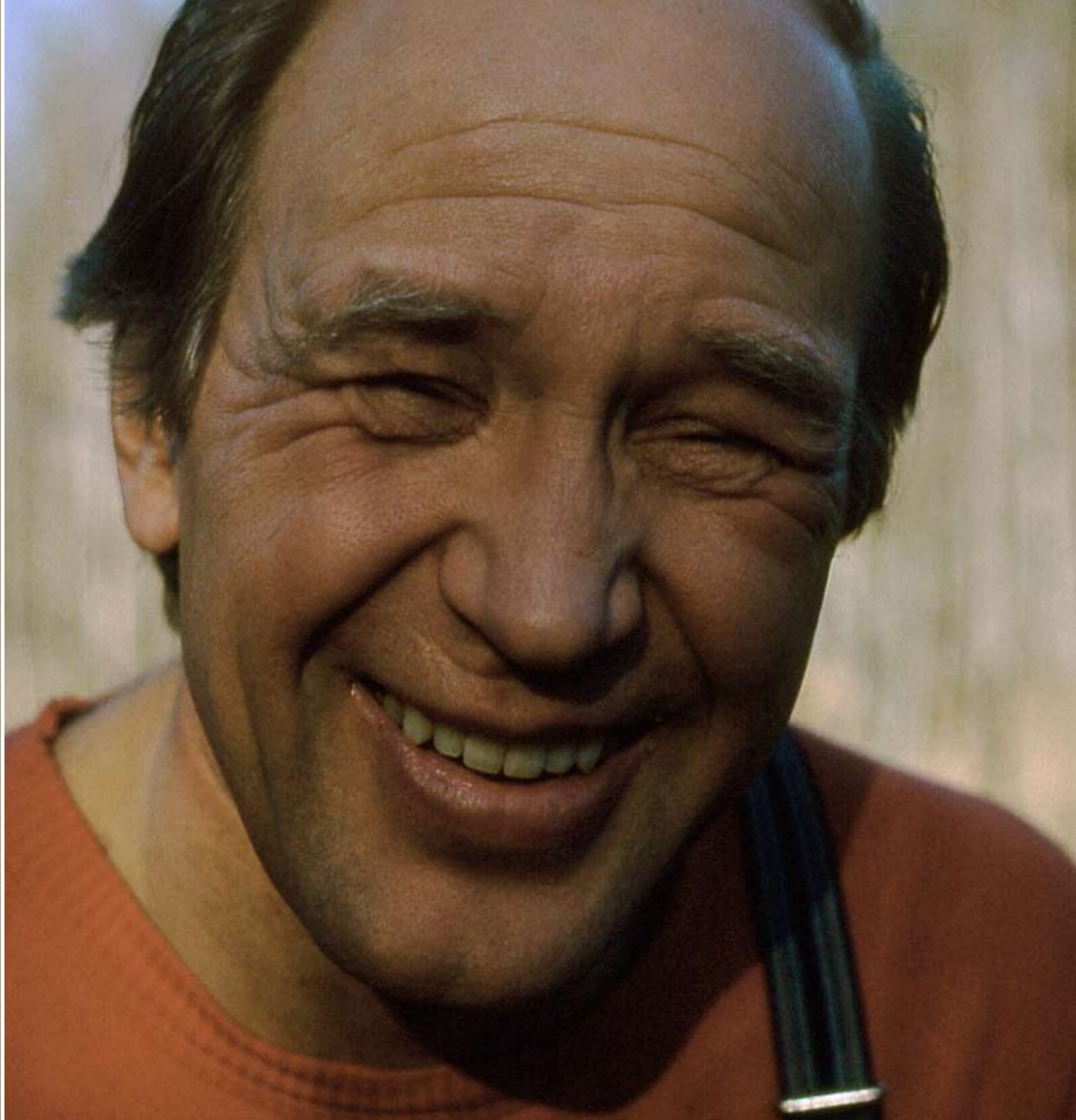






























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Tauno Kohonen (born 1946) lives in the city of Oulu, in Northern Finland. Photographic books were close to him already in childhood. He started photographing as he wanted to preserve his various hitch-hike trips in the late 1960 around Europe, North Africa and Asia. Different countries and cultures were interesting to him and a longer period in India in 1970-71 lay a ground to what he had wanted to see and do also after that.

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