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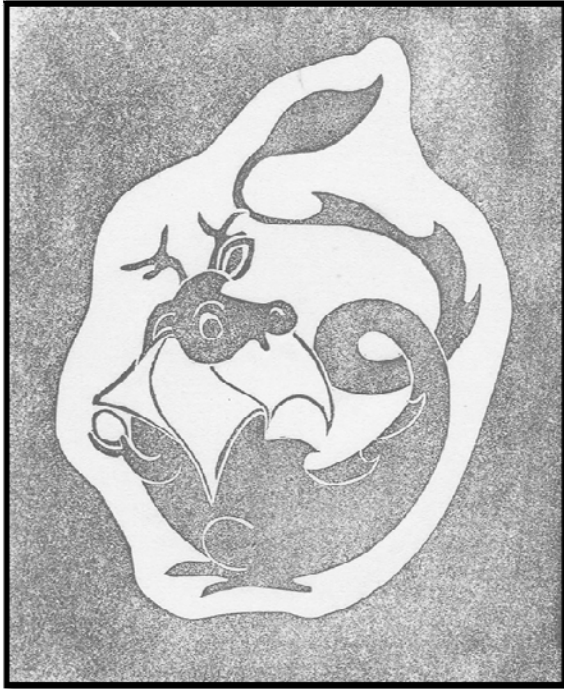
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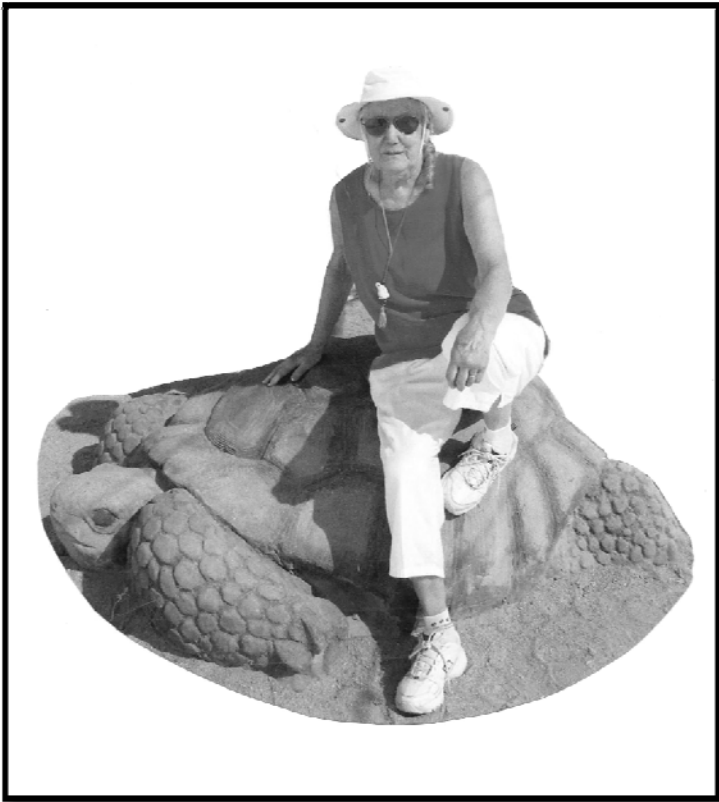
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Commitment to one,
clearly seen goal
is what each
of us needs
to become real,
to become whole –
to clean up the mess
we've left everywhere
from trash in our oceans
to garbage in space.
Earth is our mother,
our child and our heir,
unique and precious
and fragilely fair
surrounded by a wondrous,
thin shimmer of air.
Commitment to life
is what each
of us needs
if plans
to save her
are going to succeed.
All life, not my life,
not me, but we;
that's what it's
all about, what can
set all of us free -
from plants and mammals
to fish in the sea.
The future rests
in our hands;
what will your
choice be?



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