PROMPT// ON DREAMWORLDS

You fall asleep in the shade of an old tree and you travel inwards to a utopic dreamworld, where your wildest imagination brings a world into being. Picture how this place looks and feels like.

What is the atmosphere in your dreamworld? What values does this world hold dear? Who inhabits this world? How does kinship look like with humans and non-humans?

Unfold the flap to your left← to narrate your speculative future world, and learn more about Technology of Imagination.

PROMPT// ON MEMORY

Technology records our histories, from cave drawings to hard drives. Today's machines want to remember everything possible about the world for better prediction and generation. Yet some things are better left forgotten: memories and old feelings weigh us down, wound requires closure, and generational trauma is in want of healing.

In the ripcurl of time, these are the things I hope to forget and let go.....

Unfold the flap to your left← to write down your list, and learn more about Technology of Forgetting.

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- Ailton Krenak

All time-spaces co-exist. Access 'pasts' and 'futures' in the now.

Grab a pen. Flip open the "Future" flap for writing prompts that will take you down memory lane.

ANCESTRAL TECHNOLOGY:
A NON-LINEAR TIME CAPSULE

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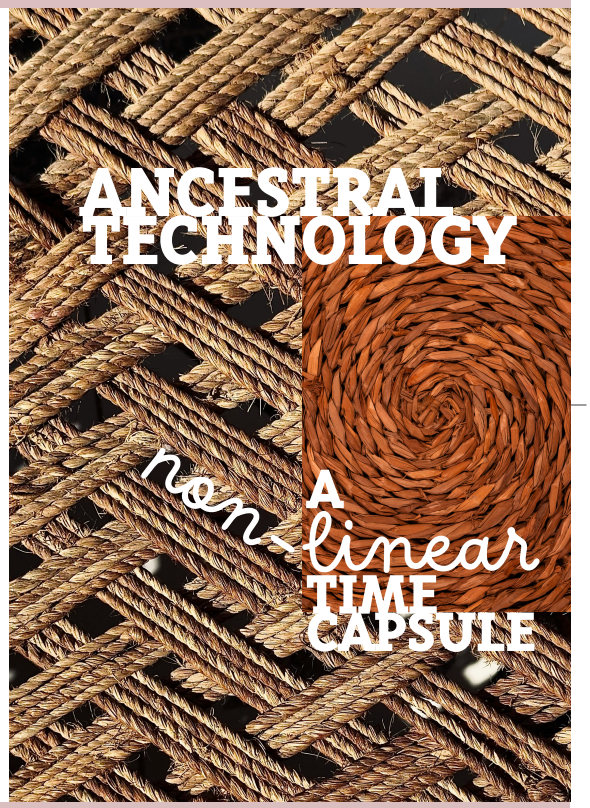

the future

To seed inclusive futures, we revisit the ancestral pasts.

Grab a pen. Flip open the "Ancestral" flap for writing prompts that will take you into the future.

PROMPT// ON ELDERHOOD

You are sitting under an old tree contemplating your life journey and the legacy you wish to leave behind. The sweet perfume of fresh leaves blends with the earthy musk of roots reaching deep into soil. A gentle breeze whistles through the branches and whispers,

You are an elder to future inhabitants of earth. What knowledge would you like to impart to the next seven generations?

Unfold the flap to your right→ to note down what you think is important for future generations, and learn more about Technology of Deep Time.

PROMPT// ON SURVIVAL

We have continuously exploited nature and other cultures to survive. To keep surviving, we must right our wrongs, re-establish harmony with nature, and move away from extractive technologies.

What is your lineage's relationship to land? How do you connect to nature and what breaks that connection? Have you personally benefitted from environmental destruction in the world? What values and actions will you commit to, to move towards reciprocity, and care for earth?

Unfold the flap to your right→ to reflect on ecology and learn more about Technology of Survival.

This is a speculative future world where...

Unfold the zine upon completion of all 4 prompts
to read your own imagination of ancestral futures.

I am an elder in my world. I wish for future generations to know...

// ON DREAMWORLDS



A Technology of Imagination

Aboriginal dreaming narrates the world into being through storytelling. Dreamtime anchors reality in spiritual lifeworlds where there is no distinction between past, present, and future, and includes landscapes, non-human-beings, and spirits as kins.

Reactivate storytelling to weave and transmit a new world.

// ON ELDERHOOD



A Technology of Deep Time

Common to various indigenous cultures, Lakota decision-making processes embed ethics that look 7 generations ahead. According to Prof. Victor Douvalle, Sicangu elder and historian, each generation translates to 72 years. 7 generations project 504 years into the future.

Encode deep time into design ethics for responsible technologies.

When the old world is washed away in the ripcurl of time, I hope to forget...

// ON MEMORY



A Technology of Forgetting

Buddhist teachings remind us of impermanence and the need to let go. Clinging onto past ideas, things, and memories creates suffering – for change, loss, or decay is inevitable. Yet our digital systems attempt to capture all.

Encode forgetting as a key mode of operation in our contemporary technologies.

// ON SURVIVAL



A Technology of Survival

Various indigenous cultures hold traditional ecological knowledge (TEK) in high regard. Astronomy, plant medicine, attunement to seasons, balancing the elements... TEK has survived colonial violence, and is crucial for future survival.

Repair knowledge gaps between science, technology, and traditional knowledge for collective survival.

To move towards reciprocity, and care for the earth, I commit to...

This zine was completed on (date) by (name).

Future survival depends on worlds where we all flourish.