



100 WAYS  
OF WATER

PONTUS  
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100 ways of water is a selected list of water aphorisms from artist and choreographer Pontus Pettersson's work "Hydrologics: Or, the water practice."

The water aphorisms can be seen as such; aphorisms as well as a possible dance, a question to ponder, a choreographic instruction or premonition. They are conceived from different texts by authors like Astrida Neimanis, Rosi Braidotti and Fred Moten to Heraclitus'

ever-changing river to the African concept of Ubuntu. The aphorisms are sometimes direct quotation, sometimes bastardisation or mutated versions as well as Pontus' own writing. For exact origin, please get in contact.

How to use: choose an aphorism of your liking, or whichever speaks to you in this moment. Cut the aphorism from the paper, wrap around your wrist and secure with a piece of tape. Wear until it falls off.

*It is only a question of time*



*Creating new patterning of thoughts*



*Unfolding both backwards and forwards*



*Changing the possibilities of change*



*Thinking with matter*



*We are never thinking alone*



*Remain open, attentive, and curious*



*Find another relationship to nature*



*What are you giving back?*



*The body as multiple*

*A body becomes a prison when it contracts into a whole*



*Where have you drawn what flows out of you?*



*Contingently & Changeably*



*Solid enough to differentiate, but permeable enough to facilitate exchange*



*Watery being is never directly or symmetrically returned*



*Always carry traces*



*Water cannot be disentangled from what we imagine it to be*



*Embodied & Embedded*



*Always becoming in webs of mutual implication*



*Provide the conditions for an unpredictable plurality to flourish*

*Melancholia expresses a form of loyalty*



*Ethics has to do with creative becomings*



*Affirmative and geared to creating empowering alternatives*



*A nature-culture continuum*



*We are in this together*



*To be handled with care*



*Daily activism*



*Critique & Creativity*



*Shedding an old skin*



*Multi-locality is the affirmative translation of the negative sense of loss*

*A pursuit of affirmative values as an relational project*



*A qualitative leap through and across*



*Amor fati*



*The affective state underlying all religious experience.*



*Joyful, connective, and integrative*



*New socialities*



*Everything lives, moves, everything corresponds*



*Illuminate the transparent network that covers the world*



*An ego disturbance that unsettles the boundaries of the self*



*Faith holds the key to the act of speech itself*

*Because I believe, I speak*



*Loss is the precondition for all symbolic processes*



*Radically alter your orientation to the world*



*It's a feeling, if you ride with it, it produces a certain distance from the settled*



*At rest with the ones who consent not to be one*



*The sea is that which unsettles being*



*MORE and LESS than ONE*



*A citizen of the sea is to be stateless*



*Remain in the break*



*Deconstruct notions of the subject as bounded*

*Fluidity is an abstracted quality*



*Shift & Shape*



*Processes of porosity, fluidity, and absorption*



*Water as the medium of material sociality par excellence*



*Viscous, as a mode of resistance*



*We manifest in forms that are provisionally sedimented*



*Giving voice to a vitality intrinsic to materiality*



*Slip & Slide*



*To be surprised by what one see*



*A collapse of linear time*

*That which must be given to God*



*Take a step toward a more ecological sensibility*



*Water is gestational*



*Draw upon our own bodies as a well*



*From potentiality to actuality*



*Webs of physical intimacy and fluid exchange*



*We are all bodies of water*



*Be water, my friend*



*Water as facilitating bodies into being*



*All departures are waves*

*A new hydro-logic*



*Challenge the phallogocentric enlightenment vision of discrete, atomized, and self-sufficient self*



*As watery, we experience ourselves less as isolated entities, and more as oceanic eddies*



*Water flows through and across difference*



*Water is a conduit and mode of connection*



*Shift & Shape*



*Yield into a fluid experience*



*Eye I, see sea*



*I am a singular dynamic whorl dissolving in a complex fluid circulation*



*Join forces*

*Flow indiscriminately*



*Like water you have no center*



*We live in a watery common*



*Hydro-logics suggest a new ontological understanding of body and community*



*Ride the wave*



*Being the material and the mediator*



*Make a connection*



*Water have strong cohesive qualities, they tend to stick to each other*



*Follow sorrow*



*What if the water in me is the same water in you?*

*Let it disco*



*You cannot step into the same river twice*



*Our bodies take the shape of the contact they have with others*



*Go water go*



*Watering this experience*



*You are because of others*



*Time and space passing*



*Radical love making*



*A constant flow*



*Everything has been touched by water*