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of this awareness can be taken beyond paper folding and into everyday life.

Then of course, each fold for each shape is equally important for the result. So even the slightest mistake is compounded over time and will affect the final product. This is exactly what's going on in our "civilized" nations. Our mistakes of the past are being compounded, sundering the equilibrium of our planet, perhaps permanently. It will be hard to unfold the mistakes and turn them into different shapes. Also, fold enough shapes and you will eventually memorize many of the forms. However, it

doesn't feel like a mental memorization, but rather one that comes from the body, almost stored directly in the hands.

Yes, this is probably a reach for some. Perhaps I've waxed too metaphorical. So, for the cats who want it put more literally: The idea is that it's time to stop separating ourselves from the trash heap that civilization has created and start identifying with it — the treasure, and the trash — and combine and refashion what already exists to stop producing so much crap.

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BOOKSTORE

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Kim Kephart has been working at

the Smith Family Bookstore information desk since mid-August.

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