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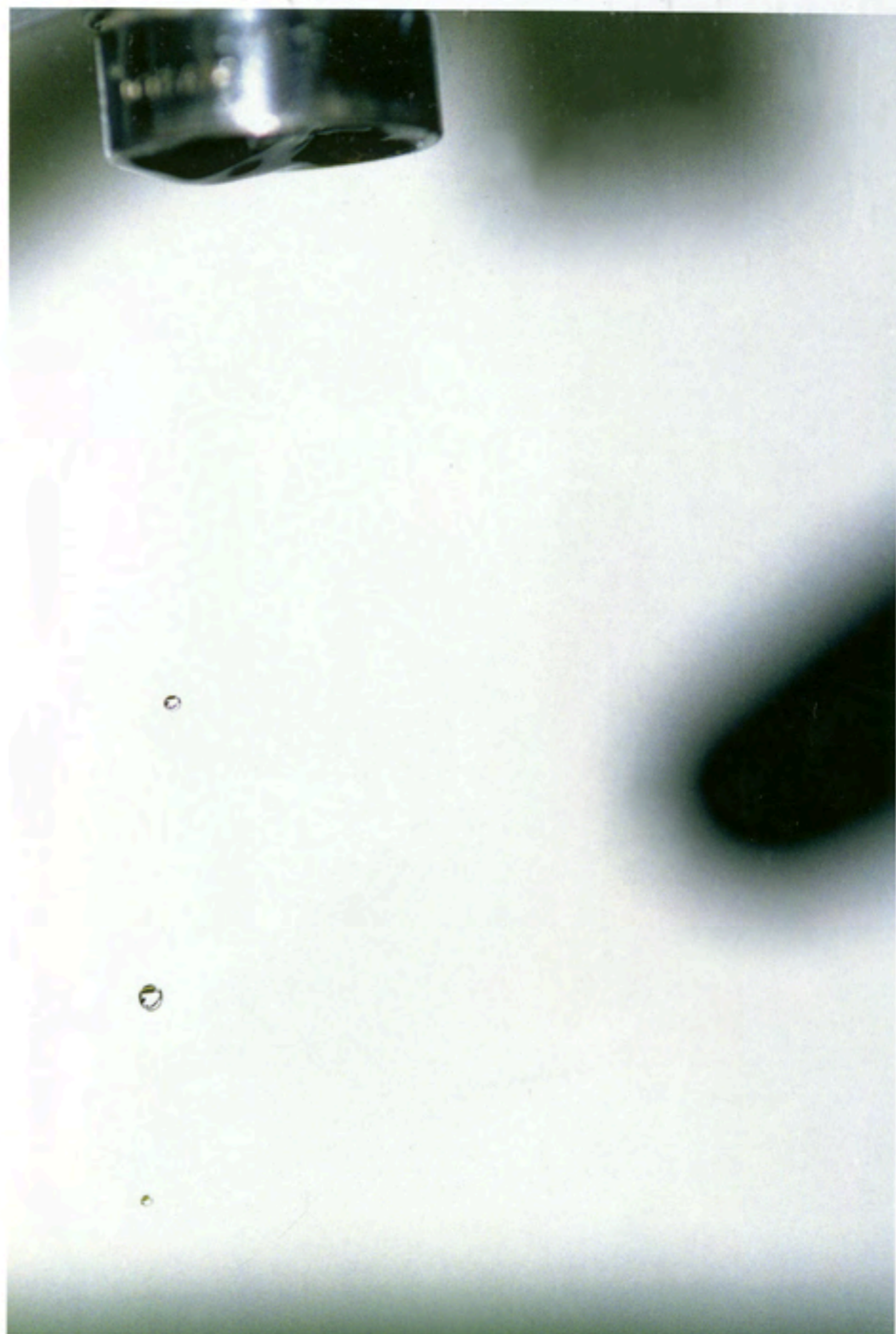
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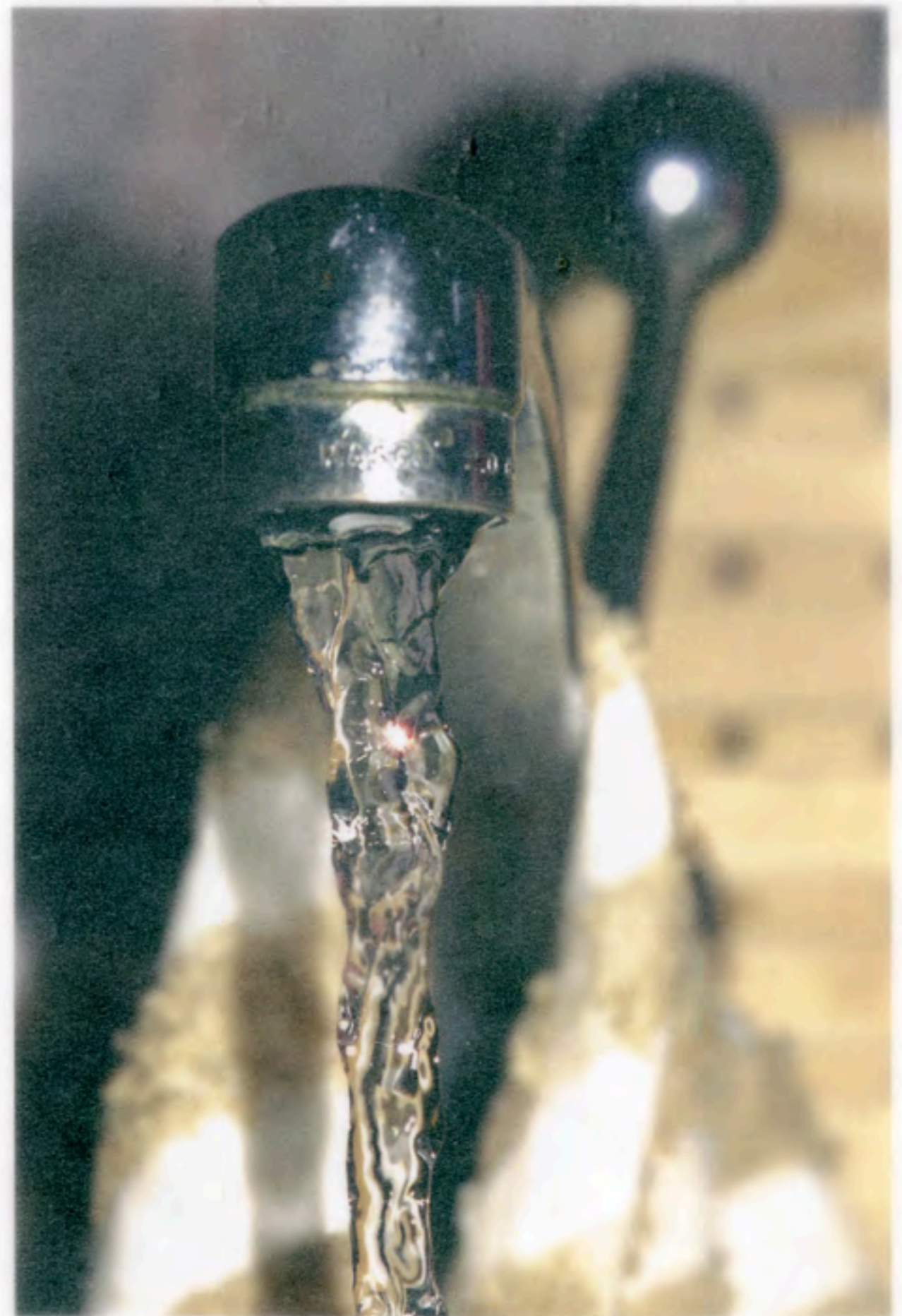
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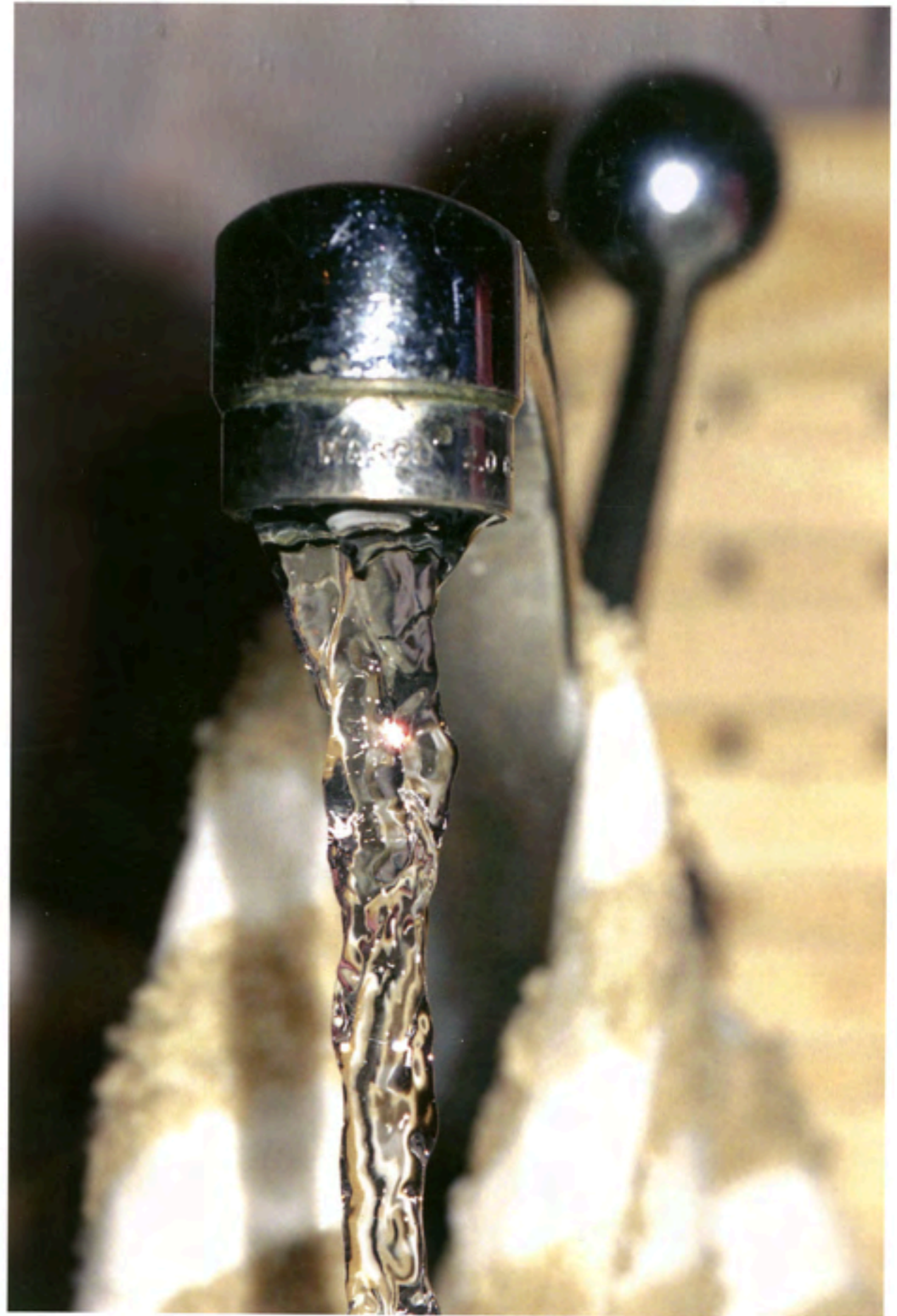
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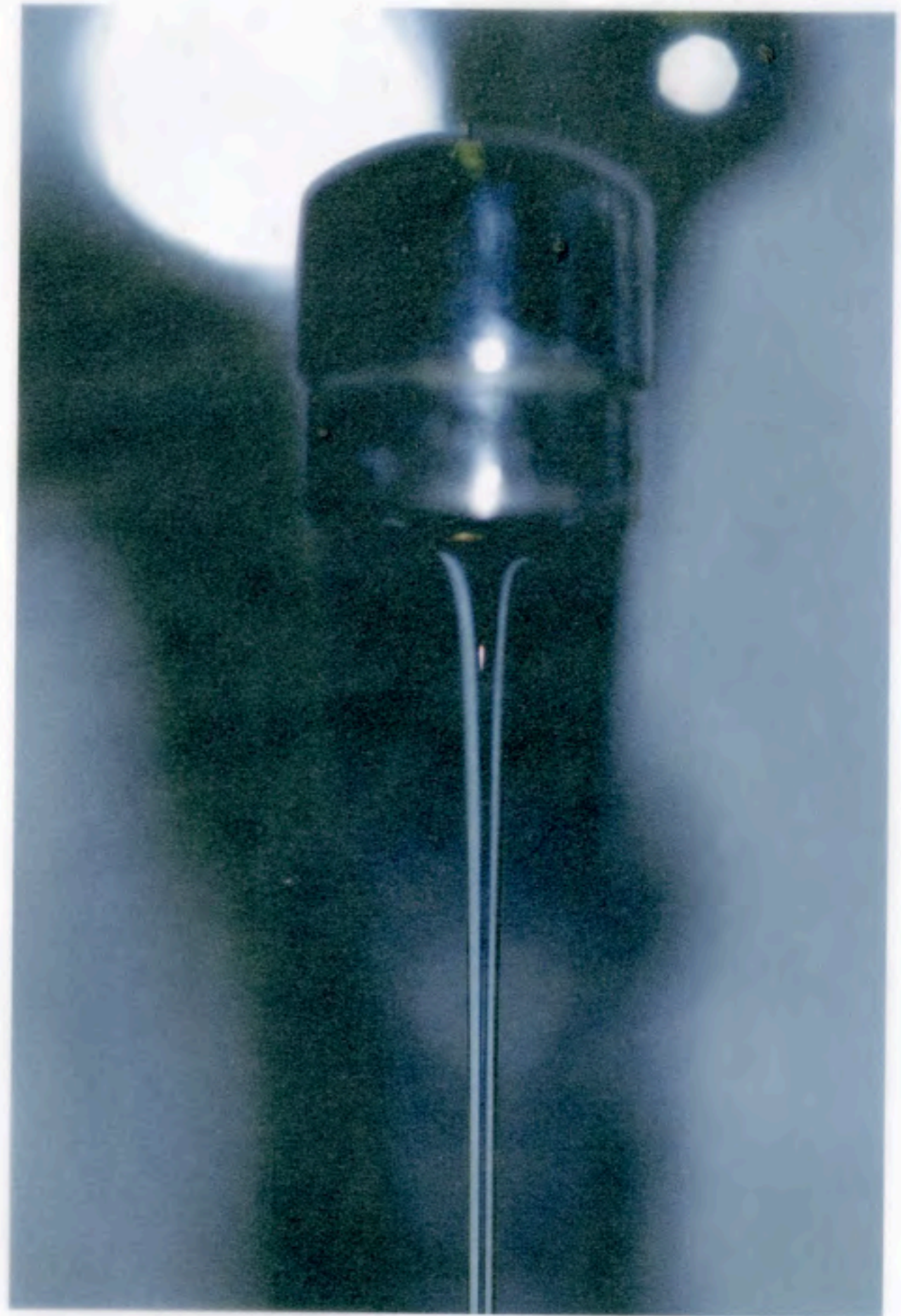
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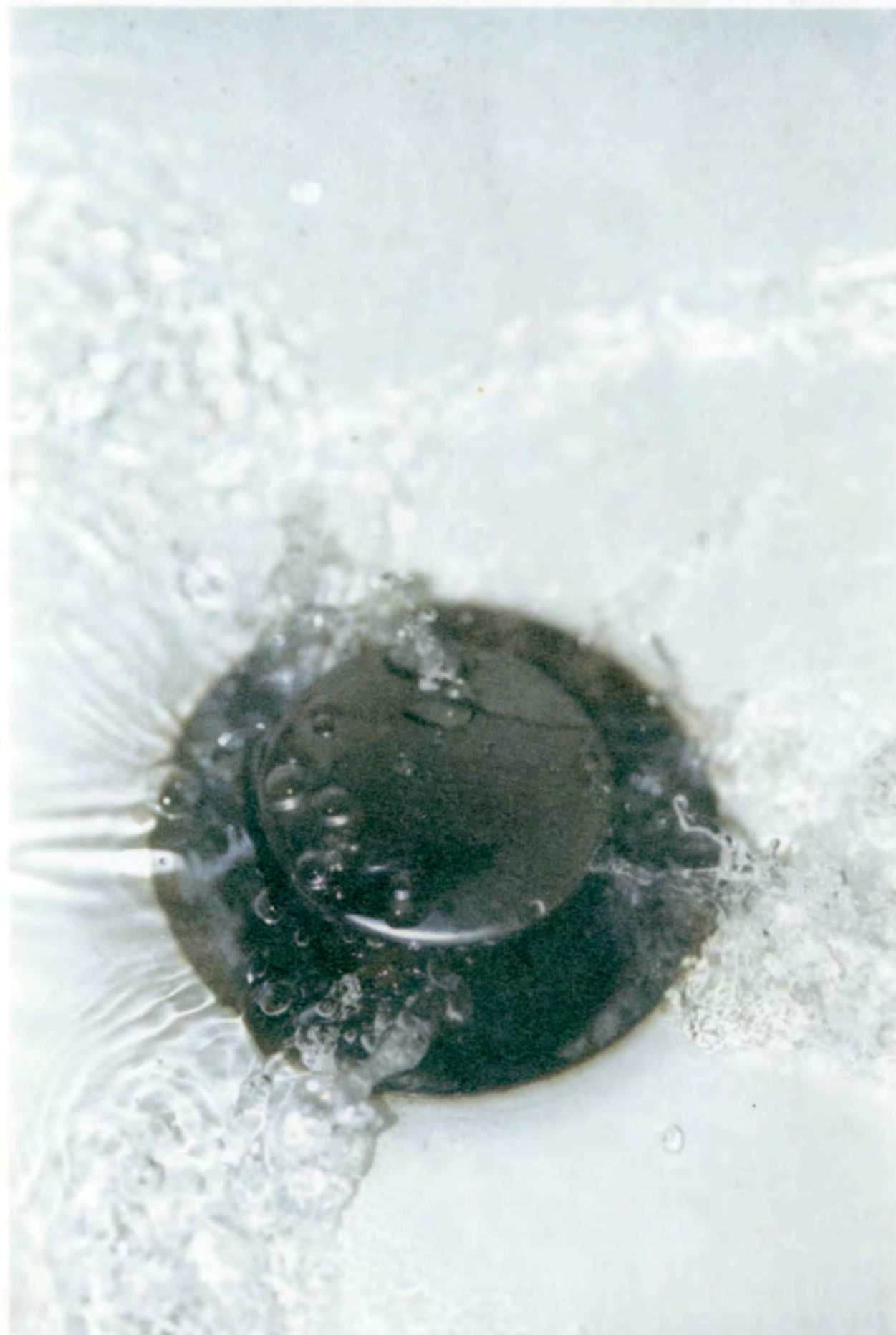
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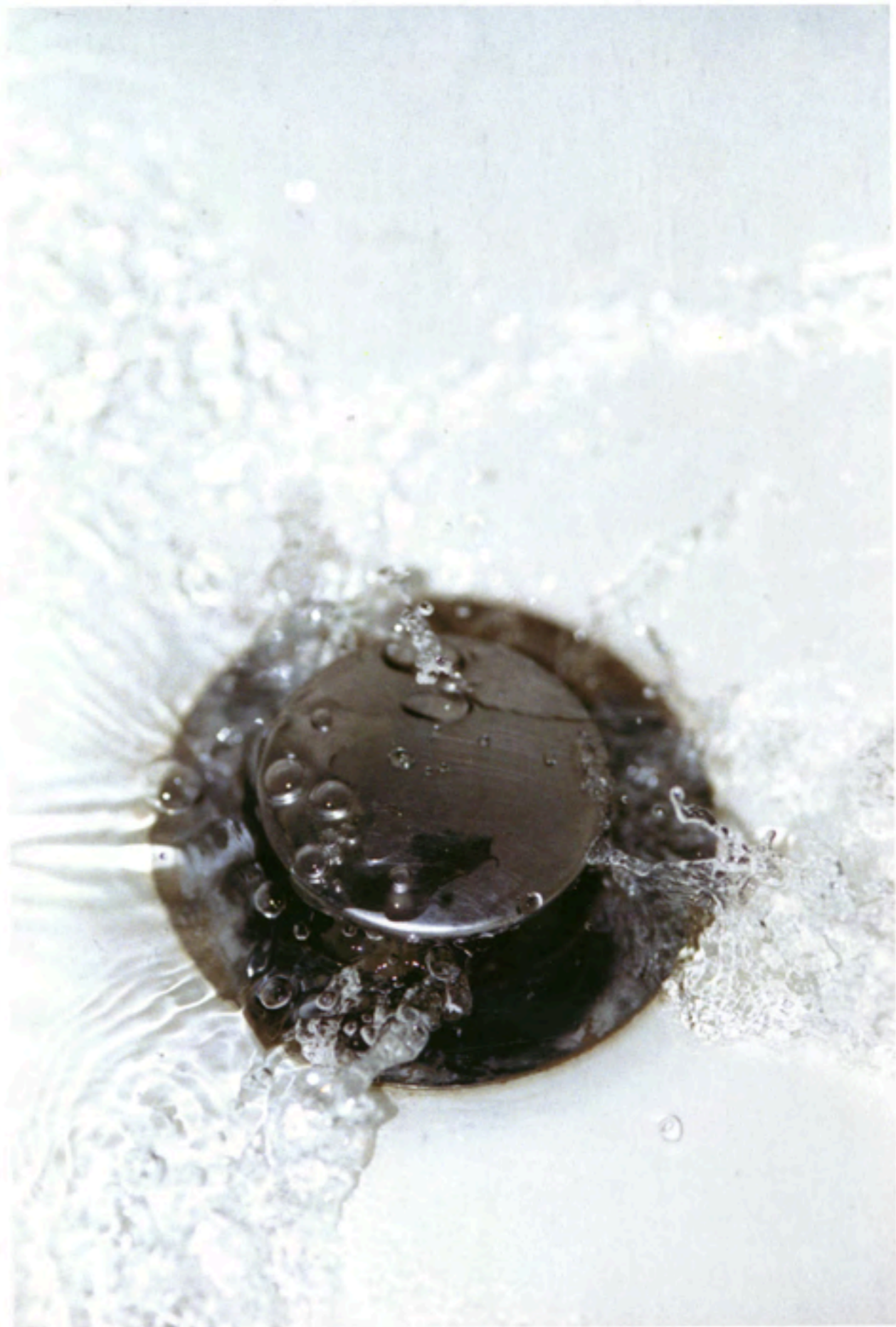
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LIMITED RESERVOIR

FROM YOUR FAUCET FLOWS A CLEAN STREAM OF WATER. IF YOU PLACE A GLASS BENEATH IT YOU CAN READILY QUENCH YOUR THIRST.

ONLY 1% OF THE EARTH'S WATER IS DRINKABLE. ON THIS PLANET 6.7 BILLION PEOPLE RELY ON THIS 1% FOR THEIR SURVIVAL. MOST OF THE WORLD'S PEOPLE MUST WALK THREE HOURS TO GET WATER. WHILE OVER ONE BILLION PEOPLE IN THE WORLD LACK SAFE WATER, THREE BILLION LACK SANITATION AND MORE THAN 80 COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD ARE ALREADY FACING WATER SHORTAGES.

WATER SO EASILY FLOWS INTO OUR LIVES, ONTO OUR TOOTHBRUSHES, INTO OUR HANDS TO SPLASH ONTO OUR FACES, OVER OUR BODIES TO CLEAN OFF THE DAY OR WAKE US UP IN THE MORNING, OVER DISHES AND INTO GLASSES, TEAKETTLES AND POTS FOR COOKING AND DRINKING. IT WORKS THE DIRT AND SWEAT OUT OF OUR CLOTHES, CARRIES WASTE AWAY FROM OUR HOMES AND KEEPS OUR GARDENS GREEN AND OUR SPACES SANITARY AND SPARKLING. WATER MAKES OUR LIVES HAPPEN, WORK, POSSIBLE. IT IS OUR LIFE FORCE.

SEVENTY-FOUR PERCENT OF OUR BLOOD, TISSUE, MEMBRANE, SWEAT, TEARS, AND OUR GENERAL MAKE-UP IS MADE UP OF WATER. IT IS UNDENIABLE WE ARE WATER, WE NEED WATER AND WE ARE HIGHLY DEPENDANT ON ITS ABUNDANCE, YET WE TAKE OUR ACCESS TO THIS RESOURCE FOR GRANTED.

AMERICANS USE MUCH MORE WATER EVERY DAY THAN ANYONE ELSE IN THE WORLD. DAILY, THE AVERAGE EUROPEAN USES 53 GALLONS WHILE THE AVERAGE SUB-SAHARAN CITIZEN USES 3-5 GALLONS. THE AVERAGE AMERICAN USES ABOUT 90 GALLONS OF WATER EACH DAY IN THE HOME. EACH AMERICAN HOUSEHOLD USES APPROXIMATELY 107,000 GALLONS OF WATER EACH YEAR.

EVEN IN THIS WATER RICH COUNTRY WATER IN CERTAIN AREAS IS SCARCE AND BECOMING MORE SO AS WE DEplete OUR AQUIFIERS, WELLS AND RESERVOIRS. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN ONCE SAID, 'WHEN THE WELL IS DRY, WE KNOW THE WORTH OF WATER.' WE MUST HONE CONSERVING HABITS IN ORDER TO PREVENT THE WELL FROM DRYING UP AND LEARN WATER'S VALUE BEFORE THIS IS AN INEVITABILITY.

AS A CULTURE AND AS INDIVIDUALS WE MUST UNDERSTAND THAT OUR RESERVOIR IS NOT LIMITLESS AND MUST THEREFORE TAKE IMMEDIATE MEASURES TO PREVENT ITS WASTE. HOW CAN WE BECOME MORE RESPONSIBLE FOR OUR OWN USE OF THIS PRECIOUS RESOURCE? WE CAN FIND OUT; WHERE OUR WATER COMES FROM, HOW MANY OTHERS SHARE FROM THIS SAME SOURCE AND WHAT WATER ISSUES EXIST WHERE WE LIVE. WE SHOULD UNDERSTAND THE COMPLEX CYCLE THAT BRINGS WATER FROM THE SKY, TO A SOURCE, TO OUR FAUCETS AND BACK AGAIN IN ORDER TO RECOGNIZE AND RESPECT THE LARGER SYSTEM THAT ALLOWS US TO LIVE AS WE DO. THE ACTIONS WE TAKE NOW CAN HAVE A GREAT IMPACT ON THE HEALTH OF OUR WATER SUPPLY AND WILL SET AN EXAMPLE FOR OUR CHILDREN TO VALUE AND PROTECT THIS VITAL AND DIMINISHING RESOURCE.

EVERY DROP COUNTS.

CHRISTINA SEELY

All water has a perfect memory
and is forever trying to get back to where it was.

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