

How the World Ends

I have used the plum bob as a symbol for truth in a number of my artworks.

The simplest of tools -- a weight suspended on a string -- points with faultless truth to the center of the planet. Although its accuracy is unwavering, what our minds perceive is influenced by visual perspective. Truth is always truth ... but it "depends." (Middle English, *dependen*, to hang down, from Old French and Latin *dependre*, to hang)

Thus, truth often "hangs by a thread" that can easily be burned away by the inflammatory spin of public discourse.

The ladders lead nowhere. We cannot tell if they will assist or hinder an escape.

When truth goes up in flames it is a dark time indeed.