

# Agents of the Anthropocene

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Perhaps they serve  
a God's twisted will

as they accelerate extinctions  
with smoke and blades

and prepare the way  
as Holocene yields

to Anthropocene wherein  
the ruins and bony remains

will lie to be exhumed and studied  
by the exo- archaeologists

from worlds with smarter gods  
and more reverent inhabitants.

