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Chernobyl/Pripyat

Chernobyl

As part of an October, 2007 trip to Ukraine under the auspices of the US Department of State *Art In Embassies* Program, I was afforded the rare opportunity to visit the Chernobyl Exclusion Zone. It is the site of the worst Nuclear disaster in history. In the early morning hours of April 26, 1986, a massive explosion and fire occurred in Reactor #4, spreading toxic levels of radiation over a wide area.

Pripyat

Also, immediately affected was the adjacent city of Pripyat (now known as Dead Town). At the time of the accident it housed 44,000 plant workers and their families. It was abandoned overnight.

Built in 1970, it was essentially a self-contained city, complete with schools, a hospital, cultural center, restaurant and cafes, hotel and even a newly-constructed Amusement Park. The park was scheduled to open on May Day 1986. No one ever rode on the rides.

The most compelling aspect of Chernobyl is how “normal” it all appears. Catfish teem in the reactor cooling channels and apple trees are loaded with fruit - all of it deadly and the general radiation levels remain dangerously high.

What is striking about Pripyat is the overwhelming silence.

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1. **Reactor #4 - Sarcophogus, Chernobyl,**

2007 Digital Print

Small Scale: H. 16.5" L. 10.5" Edition: 25

Medium Scale: H. 38" L. 24" Edition: 10

Large Scale: H. 60" L. 38" Edition: 3



2. Reactors #3 and #4 - (Spectres), Chernobyl, 2007 Digital Print

Small Scale: H. 10.5" L. 16.5" Edition: 25

Medium Scale: H. 23.5" L. 38" Edition: 10

Large Scale: H. 40" L. 64.75" Edition: 3



3. *Fire Escape Near Reactor #4 - Chernobyl,*

2007 Digital Print

Small Scale: H. 16.5" L. 10.75" Edition: 25

Medium Scale: H. 38" L. 24.75" Edition: 10

Large Scale: H. 60" L. 39" Edition: 3



4. **Reactors 5 & 6 (Abandoned) - Chernobyl**, 2007 Digital Print

Small Scale: H. 6.75" L. 16.5" Edition: 25

Medium Scale: H. 15.5" L. 38" Edition: 10

Large Scale: H. 24.25" L. 60" Edition: 3



5. Reactors 5 & 6 (Abandoned) Detail - Chernobyl, 2007 Digital Print

Small Scale: H. 6" L. 16.5" Edition: 25

Medium Scale: H. 14.25" L. 38" Edition: 10

Large Scale: H. 33.5" L. 90" Edition: 3



6. ***Abandoned Cooling Towers - Chernobyl***, 2007 Digital Print

Small Scale: H. 10.5" L. 16.5" Edition: 25

Medium Scale: H. 24.5" L. 38" Edition: 10

Large Scale: H. 38.5" L. 60" Edition: 3



7. Reactors #1,#2, #3 & #4, Chernobyl, 2007 Digital Print

Small Scale: H. 8" L. 16.5" Edition: 25

Medium Scale: H. 18.75" L. 38" Edition: 10

Large Scale: H. 40" L. 81" Edition: 3



8. Heating Plant & Cooling Channel, Chernobyl 2007 Digital Print

Small Scale: H. 10.75" L. 16.5" Edition: 25
Medium Scale: H. 24.75" L. 38" Edition: 10
Large Scale: H. 40" L. 61.5" Edition: 3



9. **Cooling Channel Catfish, Chernobyl** 2007 Digital Print

Small Scale: H. 11" L. 16.5" Edition: 25

Medium Scale: H. 24" L. 38" Edition: 10

Large Scale: H. 40" L. 60" Edition: 3



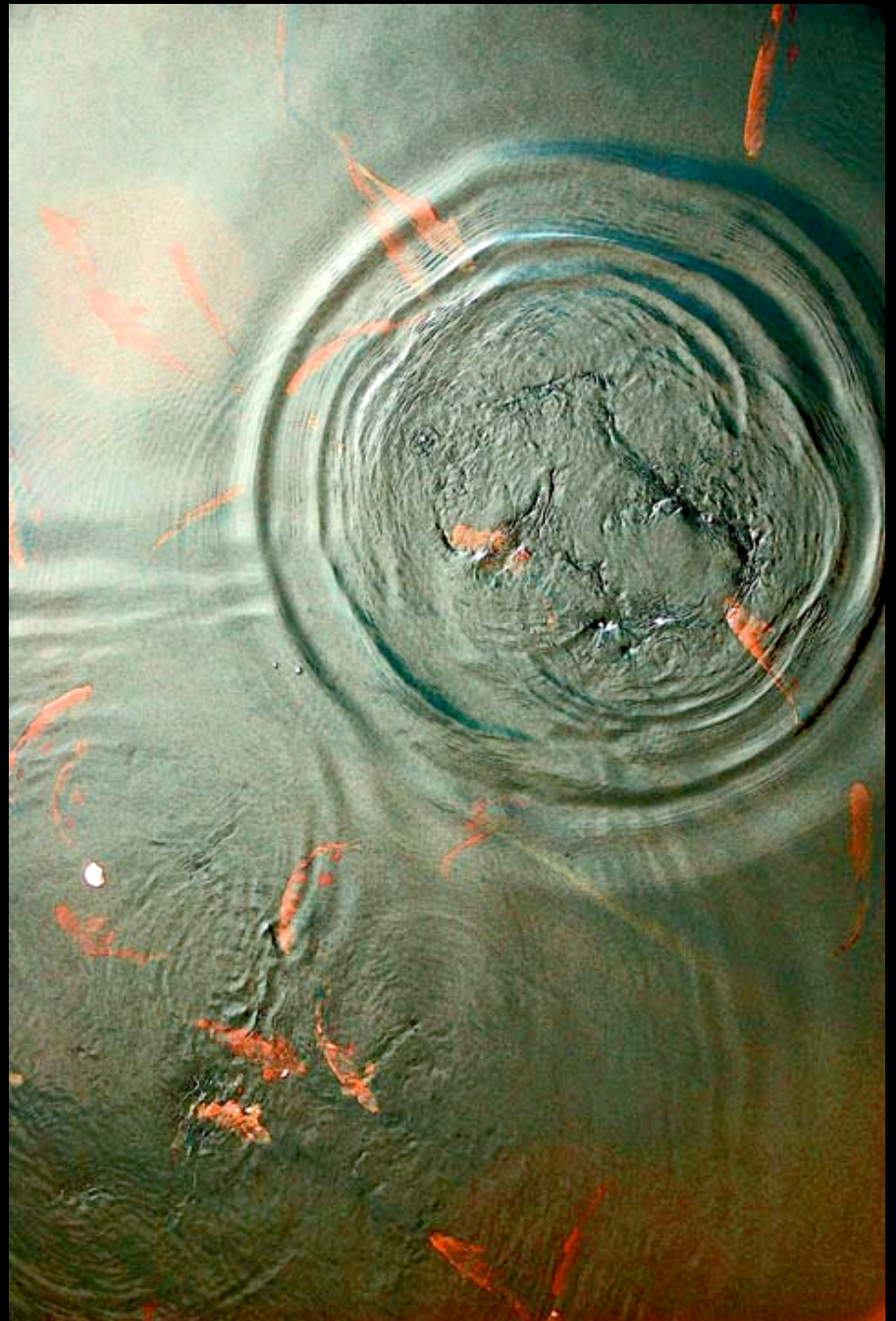
10. **Cooling Channel Catfish #2, Chernobyl**

2007 Digital Print

Small Scale: H. 16.5" L. 11" Edition: 25

Medium Scale: H. 38" L. 24" Edition: 10

Large Scale: H. 60" L. 40" Edition: 3



11. ***Power Grid, Chernobyl*** 2007 Digital Print

Small Scale: H. 5.5" L.16.5" Edition: 25

Medium Scale: H. 12.75" L. 38" Edition: 10

Large Scale: H. 30.5" L. 90" Edition: 3



12. *Reactors, Road to Pripyat, Chernobyl* 2007 Digital Print

Small Scale: H. 7.5" L. 16.5" Edition: 25

Medium Scale: H. 17" L. 38" Edition: 10

Large Scale: H. 40" L. 90" Edition: 3



13. *Chernobyl & The Red Forest, Death Bridge View* 2007 Digital Print

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Medium Scale: H. 24" L. 36" Edition: 10

Large Scale: H. 40" L. 60" Edition: 3

