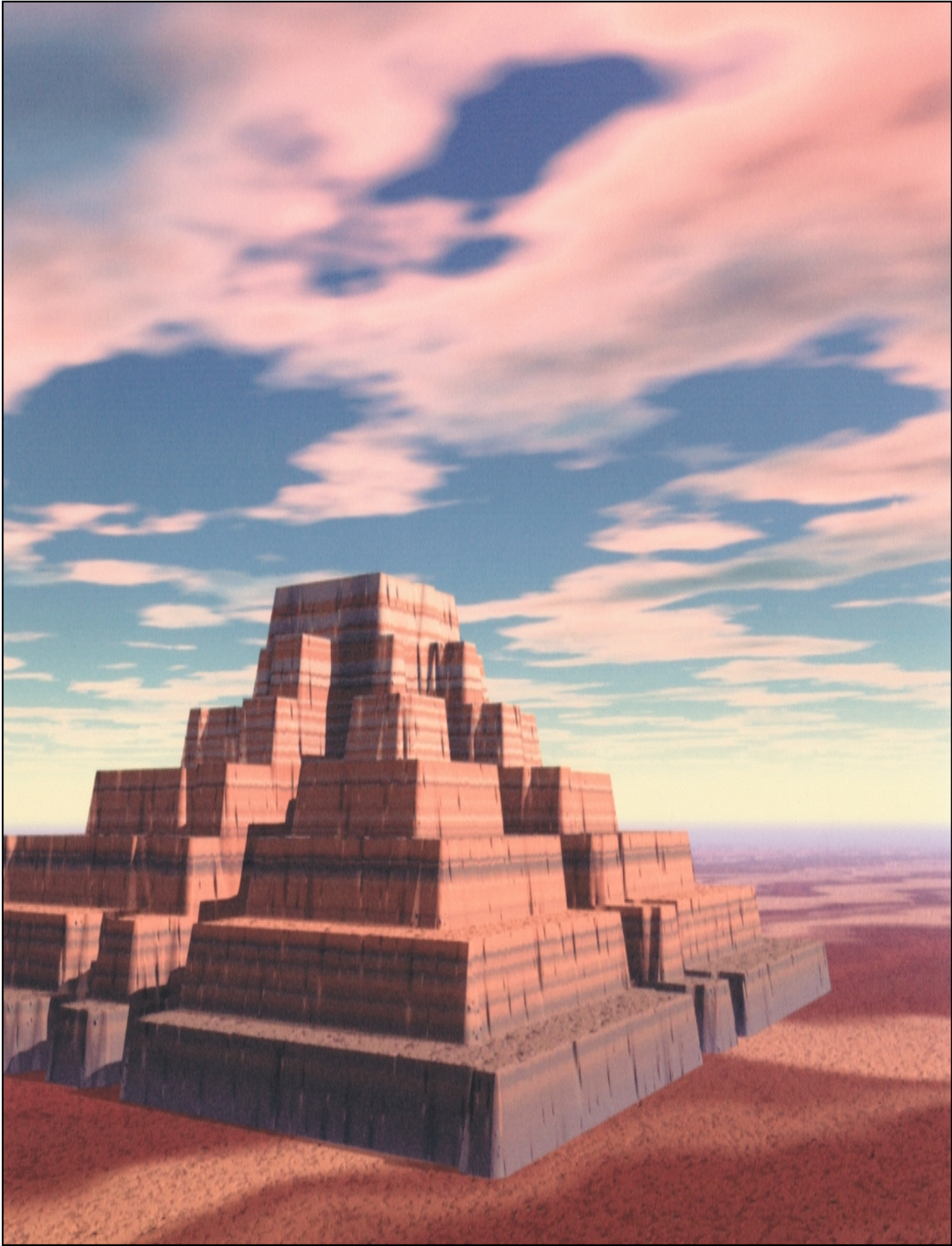
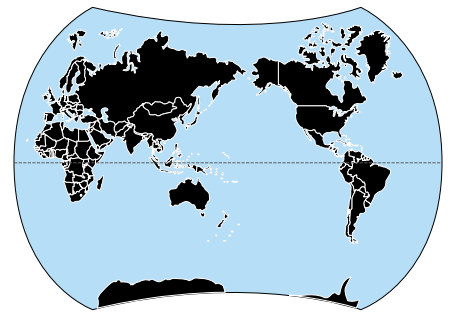


Digital Art *By Bob Jones* **“Squares With Stairs”**



The "Global Village"



If we could shrink the Earth's population to a village of precisely 100 people, with all the existing human ratios remaining the same, the "global village" would look something like the following: There would be: 57 Asians, 21 Europeans, 14 from the West Hemisphere (both North and South), and 8 Africans. There would be 52 females and 48 males; 70 non-white and 30 white; 70 non-Christian and 30 Christian; 89 heterosexual and 11 homosexual. Only 6 people would possess 59% of the entire world's wealth, and all 6 would be from the United States. Also...

- 80 would live in substandard housing.
- 70 would be unable to read.
- 50 would suffer from malnutrition.
- 1 would be near death, 1 would be near birth.
- 1 (yes, only 1) would have a college education.
- 1 would own a computer.

When one considers our world from such a compressed perspective, the need for acceptance, understanding and education becomes glaringly apparent. The following is also something to ponder...

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness, you are more blessed than the million who will not survive this week. If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation... You are ahead of 500 million people in the world.

If you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death... You are more blessed than three billion people in the world.

If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep... You are richer than 75% of this world.

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish someplace... You are among the top 8% of the World's wealthy. If your parents are still alive and still married... you are very rare, even in the United States and Canada. If you can read this message, you are better off than over two billion people in the world that cannot read at all.

After considering all of the above, what to do?

- Work like you don't need the money.
- Love like you've never been hurt.
- Dance like nobody's watching.
- Sing like nobody's listening.
- Live like it's heaven on Earth.

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