Reconsidering nature and accountability: the possibilities of strategic postmodernism

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AFTERWORD

It is here that I want to acknowledge that this thesis is as much about my personal process as it is about the 'end' result. I have struggled over the last three years to find a voice within an academic arena, whilst maintaining personal objectives and the development of my own responses to a world viewed as socially and environmentally exploitative. It is often difficult to identify the motivation behind a scholarly piece of work because descriptions can only ever be partial. However, my desire for social and environmental change is evident in this work, as is my interest in experimental processes of knowledge development.

The process of writing this thesis has been confronting, especially when attempting to integrate its ongoing reflexive consequences into the way that I choose to live my life – with all the inevitable contradictions. Without wanting this afterword to turn into a tale of myself, I want to stress that the successes and weaknesses of this work are reflective of a personal struggle to articulate a complicated political and philosophical position. As a result, the thesis has a range of intended and unintended consequences, many of which will emerge as I develop the ideas within this work. This thesis is not intended to be read as a solution to environmental accounting issues, but as an exploration into the possibilities of other ways of viewing these issues, from a different political and philosophical position. At times this work may silence the valuable contribution of other developments within the environmental accounting literature. This is not my intention and will be something that I will consider as my personal contribution to the environmental accounting and accountability debate develops.