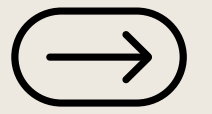


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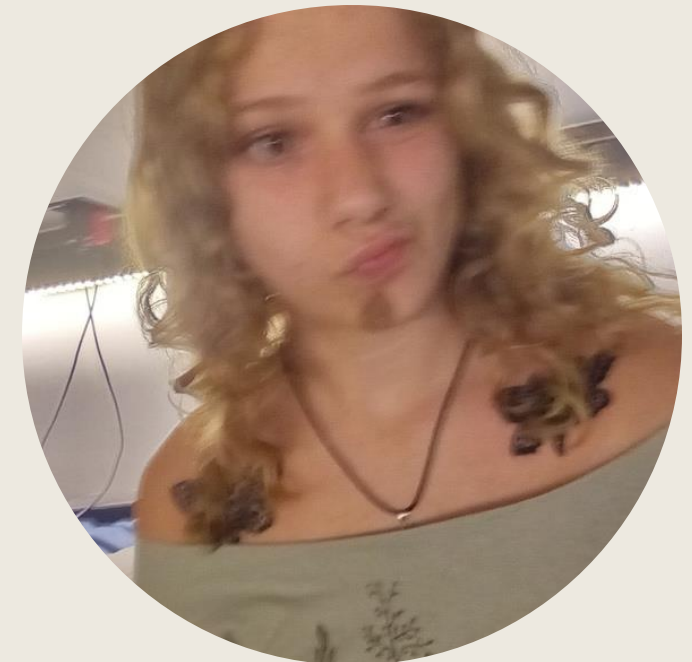
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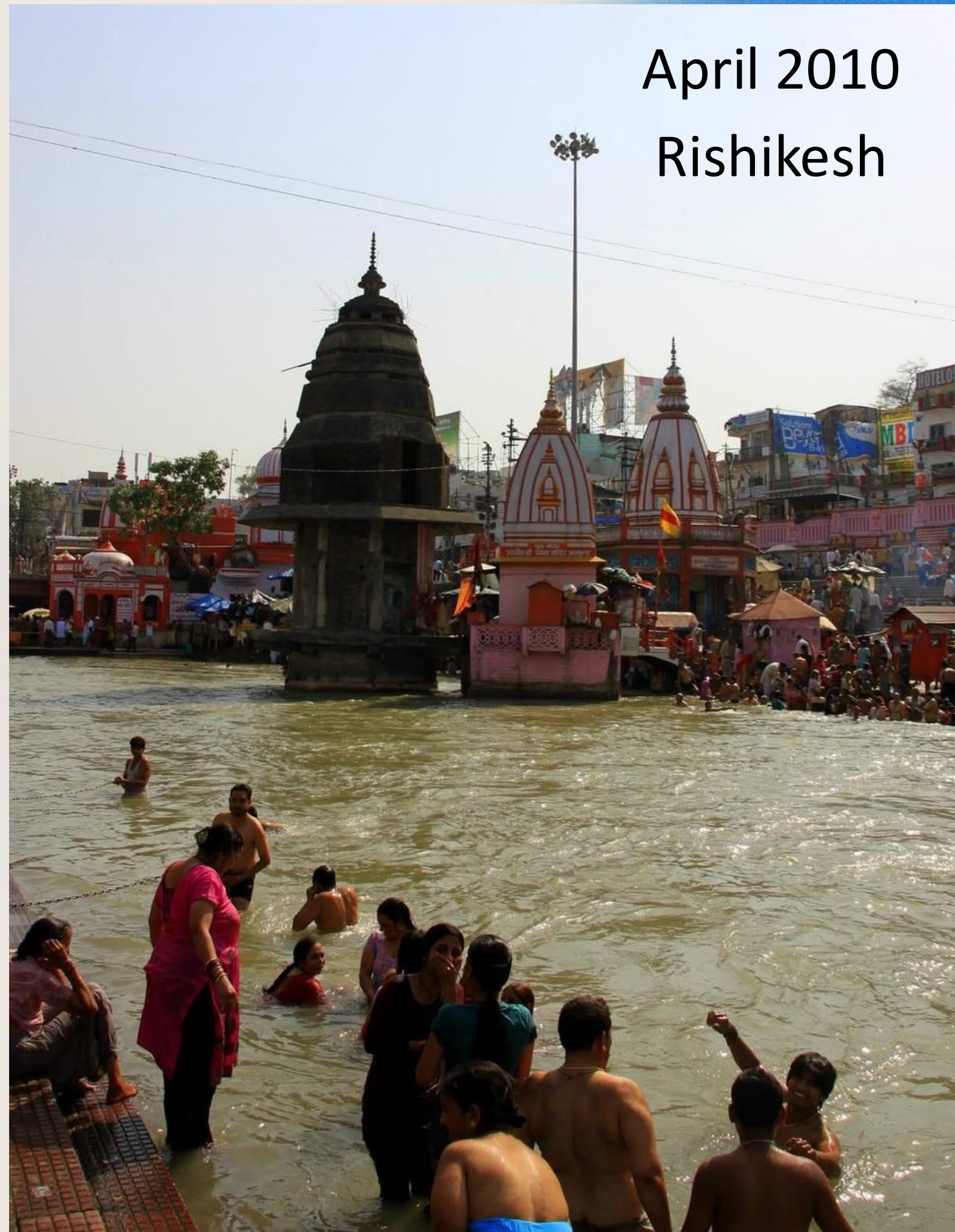
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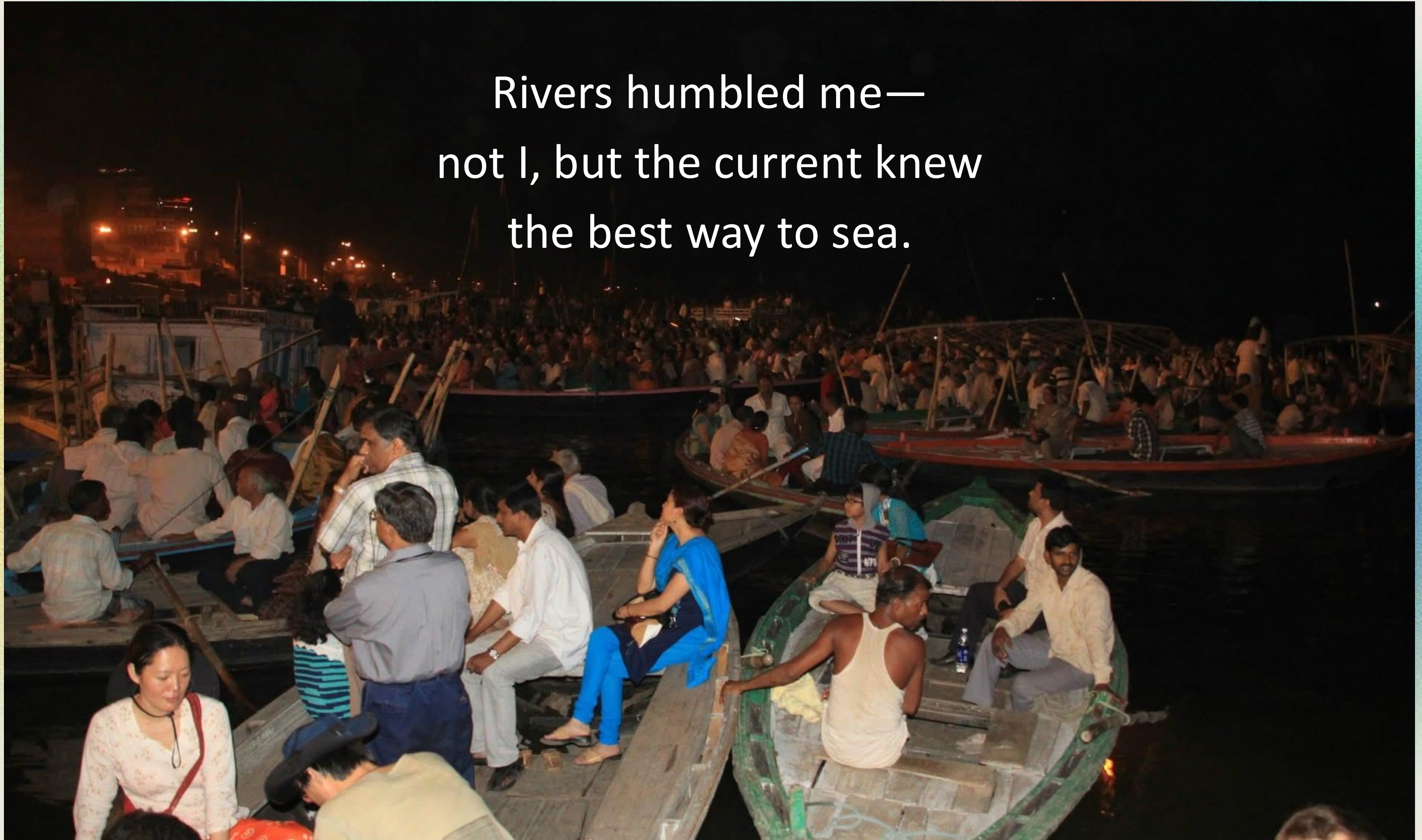
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Rishikesh



Rivers humbled me—
not I, but the current knew
the best way to sea.



Río Abajo Río

River beneath
the river



Oshun: Orisa Of The River



- "She is the goddess of love, beauty, and fertility. She exudes sensuality and all the qualities associated with fresh, flowing river water."

Nisqually River

Center of the universe

The Nisqually watershed is believed to be the center of the universe, and the Nisqually people are considered the first caretakers of the land. Nisqually people who considered the watershed the center of the universe and Mount Rainier (Ta-co-bet) their sacred mountain. Nisqually stories describe a river that souls must cross to reach Otlas-skio, the abode of the dead, and a ferryman who waits to transport them across. Stories tell of creation, the relationship with salmon, and encounters with supernatural beings like the tsiatko.



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