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INSPIRED BY PITIKA NTULI;S SCULPTURE "MEDIUM ON FIRE"

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I see tremendous power and preservation this brilliant piece of art created by Professor Pitika Ntuli. It brings together humanity as one family within our common need for fire. It is captivating in its naturalness and its universality but it also brings to light the ancient yet eternal wisdom which endures through life and through the various storms and upheavals caused by human intolerance and cruelty over the centuries. The disruptive element in our history is vividly portrayed in the anguish, but alongside this we see the resilience and the goodness in the human spirit which gives life and which endures travails over the centuries. In the midst of the present pandemic he recalls the ancient wisdom of love, of respect and of harmony embraced by the philosophy of Ubuntu, and through it hopes to ween away the greed, the corruption and the destruction of our planet and our souls at the present time. Looking at healing humanity so that we can once more learn from and live according to our age old wisdom, which humanity shares across the length and breadth of our earth. Finally, a clear and loaded message to change our ways from the rampant materialism to a life of conservation, of love and friendship and of generosity of spirit building a peaceful, harmonious world restoring the earths inherent beauty and abundance. This is a creation which is of hope and which gives us the pathway to a better future.

Thank you