

MENNESKEHEDEN  
SOM EN BAGATEL  
HUMANITY  
AS A BAGATELLE

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## *Menneskeheden som en bagatel*

Mennesket har altid overvurderet sig selv. Vi kan det hele, og det er os, der styrer det hele.

Men vi bor på en planet, der har en radius ind til kernen på 6.371 kilometer, og selv med den mest avancerede teknologi, har mennesket i den dybeste boring kun formået at bore sig ned i 12 kilometers dybde. På Kongerslev-egnen, når den dybeste boring fra år 1988 ned på 180 meter.

Den danske undergrund er fantastisk. Under store mængde materialer slæbt frem og tilbage af isen gemmer der sig et grundfjeld. Her på egnen består den af kalk. Nogle steder ligger kalken tæt på jordoverfladen. Konger-

slev Kalk er et råstofområde – så stort, at den hvide overflade tydeligt kan ses fra rummet.

Nede i denne for mennesket skjulte verden danner grundvandet store magasiner i jorden. Det er områder, hvor jorden er mættet med vand, og hvor jordlagene er vandførende - dvs. at vandet forholdsvis hurtigt kan løbe igennem (f.eks. sand og grus). Herfra får vi vores drikkevand.

Nogle steder strømmer grundvandet frem og blandes med overfladevand. Egnen gennemstrømmes af store og små vandløb, og lidt længere mod vest danner mange store og små kilder den imponerende Lindenberg Å.

## *Humanity as a bagatelle*

Man has always overestimated himself. We can do it all, and we are the ones, who run it all.

But we live on a planet that has a radius to the core of 6,371 kilometres, and even with the most advanced technology, man in the deepest bore has only managed to drill down to the depths of 12 kilometres. In the Kongerslev area, the deepest drilling from the year 1988 reaches 180 meters.

The Danish subsoil is fantastic. Underneath large amounts of materials dragged back and forth by the ice, a bedrock hide. Here in the area, it consists of lime. In some places, the limestone is close to ground level. Kongerslev

Kalk is an open pit – so large that the white surface clearly can be seen from space.

Down in this hidden world, the ground water forms large magazines in the soil. These are areas, where the soil is saturated with water and where the soil layers are aquifers - i.e., the water can relatively quickly flow through (e.g., sand and gravel). From here we get our drinking water.

In some places, the groundwater flows out and is mixed with surface water. This local area is flowed by large and small streams, and a little further west, many large and small springs form the impressive river, Lindenberg Å.



*Lindborg Å, december 2016*

*The river, Lindborg Å, December 2016*





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