



*(Photo: Glacier Water on Granite, the Alps)*

## **Creative Tradition**

In Art as well as Nature, there is a necessary complementarity between the conservative tradition which embodies and safeguards the knowledge of the past and the revolutionary insight which reveals the new. One is mechanical in a subtle way, the other, creative. The dynamic balance between the two is crucial. Too much stubborn repetition and the source of fresh meaning goes dry. Too much of the new and we lose all the skill needed to make the new manifest. A creative tradition is then at once both constant and changing, like the solid bed of rock which allows the river to flow wild and free.