While some disasters are natural, and cannot be prevented, others are man-made, and can. For too long, the world has feared nuclear annihilation. This was another overriding theme "The Sacrifice" touched upon. Trees have an eternal quality about them, living lives that span generations of men.

As the father in the movie so feared the start of World War III, and the nuclear destruction it would bring, he planted his own tree in some rocky soil. His dream was that the tree would continue to live, even if mankind did not.

