THE SACRED LAKE OF PHOKSUNDO

West of the Himalayan giants of Annapurna and Dhaulagiri in Nepal lies a roadless high wilderness inhabited only by Tibetan nomads called Dolpa. The region is named after them, *Dolpo.* The Dolpa practice the ancient pre-Buddhist animist religion of Tibet called *Bön*. They worship sites of nature they consider holy. And holiest of all is the *Sacred Lake of Phoksundo*.

The Dolpa consider the blue of Phoksundo an act of magic by the gods. Once you see it, you can only agree. This picture is not photoshopped – it is real. We visit it in late October when it is ice free on our Himalaya Helicopter Expeditions. *(Glimpses of Our Breathtaking World #41* Photo ©Jack Wheeler*)*