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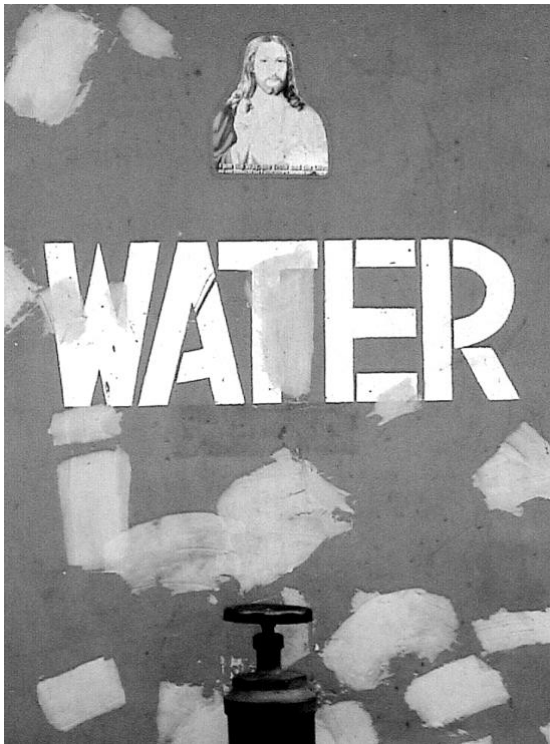
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*Jesus Protect Our Water*, mural over water pump, Teshi, Ghana, contemporary.

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