

New Cosmology quotes



*Knowing that the earth is alive and that
we are an expression of its life
and its capacity for awareness and freedom
is the most critical awakening we can have.*

*It changes the core of the way we sow our fields,
bake our bread and spend our money.*

--Sr. Miriam MacGillis, Genesis Farm



*Humans are the universe experimenting
with PURPOSE.*

--Brian Swimme



*I believe a leaf of grass is no less than
the journeywork of the stars.*

-- Walt Whitman



*Self-expression is
the primary sacrament
of the Universe.
Whatever you deeply feel
demands to be given form
and released!*

-- Brian Swimme --



4.5 billion years ago,
the Earth was molten rock,
now it sings opera!

-- Brian Swimme



The basic mood of the future
might well be one of confidence
in the continuing revelation that takes place
in and through the earth.

If the dynamics of the universe from the beginning
shaped the course of the heavens,
lighted the sun and formed the earth,
if this same dynamism brought forth the continents and
seas and atmosphere,
and it awakened life in the primordial cell,
and finally brought into being
the unnumbered variety of living beings,
and then brought us into being,
and guided us safely
through the turbulent centuries,
there is reason to believe
that this same guiding process
is precisely what has awakened in us
our present understanding of ourselves
and our relation to this stupendous process.
Sensitized to such guidance
from the very structure
and functioning of the universe,
we can have confidence in the future
that awaits the human venture.

-- Thomas Berry, The Dream of the Earth



The universe
shivers with wonder
in the depths of the human.

--Brian Swimme--



Let us bless
the imagination of the Earth,
that knew early the patience
to harness the mind of time,
waited for the seas to warm,
ready to welcome the emergence
of things dreaming of voyaging
among the stillness of land.

And how light knew to nurse
the growth until the face of the Earth
brightened beneath a vision of color.

When the ages of ice came
and sealed the Earth inside
an endless coma of cold,
the heart of the Earth held hope,
storing fragments of memory,
ready for the return of the sun.

Let us thank the Earth
that offers ground for home
and hold our feet firm
to walk in space open
to infinite galaxies.

Let us salute the silence
and certainty of mountains:
their sublime stillness,
their dream-filled hearts.

The wonder of a garden
trusting the first warmth of spring
until its black infinity of cells
becomes charged with dream;
then the silent, slow nurture
of the seed's self, coaxing it
to trust the act of death.

The humility of the Earth
that transfigures all
that has fallen
of outlived growth.

The kindness of the Earth,
opening to receive
our worn forms
into the final stillness.

Let us ask forgiveness of the Earth
for all our sins against her:
for our violence and poisonings
of her beauty.

Let us remember within us
the ancient clay,
holding the memory of seasons,
the passion of the wind,
the fluency of water,
the warmth of fire,
the quiver-touch of the sun
and shadowed sureness of the moon.

That we may awaken,
to live to the full
the dream of the Earth
who chose us to emerge
and incarnate its hidden night
in mind, spirit, and light.

--John O'Donahue



Creation and Incarnation

God is creating the entire universe,
fully and totally, in the present now.

--Meister Eckhart



*With wisdom
I have rightly put the universe in order.
I, the fiery life of divine essence
am aflame beyond the beauty
of the meadows
I gleam in the waters,
and I burn in the sun, moon, and stars.
With every breeze
as with invisible life that
contains everything,
I awaken everything to life.
The air lives by turning green and being in blood.
The waters flow as if they were alive....
And thus I remain hidden
in every kind of reality as a fiery power...
I breathe life into everything
so that nothing is mortal
in respect to its species.
For I am life.
--Hildegard of Bingen*



*By virtue of the Creation
and, still more, of the Incarnation,
nothing here below is profane
for those who know how to see.
--Pierre Teilhard de Chardin*

*In the humanity
which is begotten today,
the Word prolongs the unending act
of God's own birth;
and by virtue of God's immersion in the
world's womb,
the great waters of the
kingdom of matter have,
without even a ripple,
been imbued with life.
The Immense Host
which is the universe
is made flesh.*

--Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, SJ



Gratitude

*If the only prayer you said in your whole life
was, "thank you,"
that would suffice.
--Meister Eckhart*

Gratitude is a
culturally subversive act.
--Joanna Macy

*Over and over we speak our love of Earth.
It is the **how much** that defies us.
Comprehensive, boundless, diffuse,
it lives as the passion of longing.
Were we ever to complete its expression,
would we shatter into stardust?
--Carolyn McDade*



Yet the world is a wild and chaotic mix,
beautiful and awful moment to moment.
We are often drenched in harsh, stark tales of
dismal realities at hand. Our planet is
approaching breaking points in many areas,
and the view can easily overwhelm us.

Yet just outside the window, the bluebirds on
our garden gate tell a different story, also true.
They remind us to lose ourselves in wonder,
bask in beauty, and revel in the richness of
every moment, even with the world just as it is.
They remind us to turn our gaze from madness
to this very moment. That shift is an act of
wildness, transformative and powerful.
Simply to be present, here and now, has always
been a deeply radical act.
--Betsy Toll, Living Earth



Honoring our Pain for the World

*The most important thing you can do
is hear within yourself
the sound of the Earth crying.*
-- Thich Nhat Hanh

*My heart is moved by all I cannot save:
So much has been destroyed.
I have to cast my lot with those,
who, age after age,
perversely, with no extraordinary power,
reconstitute the world.*
--Adrienne Rich

*May God break my heart so completely
that the whole world falls in. --Mother Teresa*



What To Do During a Major Environmental Catastrophe

*Cook dinner.
Love your spouse.
Check the news. It's bad.
Cook dinner again.
Obsessively read about Top Kill,
the latest plan, mud, old tires and everything
being shoved into our earth's belly
to stop the dark hemorrhaging.
Pray it works.
Pray.
Cook dinner again.
It's failed.
Weep a full morning.
Love your spouse.
Stare at the sky. Stop reading the news.
Check the news. No End In Sight.
Contemplate the end of the world.
Or the end of all you've known.
Feel alarm settle into your bones.
It will not leave this summer.
Cook dinner again. Clean the countertops.
Scrub the kitchen floor.
Wake in the middle of the night
to write in your notebook.
Hurricanes are coming.
It's raining in your heart.
The seas have turned black.
It is absolutely impossible to live.
Cook dinner.
--Carolyn Brigit Flynn*