

Quotations from GreenSpirit: Path to a New Consciousness



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The radical vision of GreenSpirit brings together the rigor of science, the creativity of artistic expression, the passion of social action and the core wisdom that exists within the spiritual traditions of all ages.

~ Summary of GreenSpirit

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A Gaian approach opens new doors of perception and opens up our vision of the interdependence of all things within the natural world.

~ Stephan Harding

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I walk in Nature, not as an escape from the strain and stress of urban life, not for entertainment or sightseeing, not even as a scientist looking at Nature as an object of study. I go in Nature as a pilgrim for the renewal of my spirit.

~ Satish Kumar

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To live in the world from a GreenSpirit orientation is to see oneself as being of the Earth rather than on it and to see the planetary ecosystem as a whole (rather than humans) as being of central importance in everything and at all times.

~ Marian Van Eyk McCain

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As we recover a sense of the wild within, we may also come into a new relationship with Nature outside us. Each being in the natural world is beautiful and of value in itself; each is a unique face of the inexpressible, Only Being, the divine Beloved.

~ Neil Douglas-Klotz

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Green spirituality in action can allow the universe itself to flow through us into the creation of new forms. Through an ongoing process of relationship ... we can play a positive part in design, creation and evolution, help to sustain the diversity of life that makes Gaia thrive; and hopefully bequeath our role in all this to our great-grandchildren.

~ Jean Bee

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It's really simple. Here's the whole story in one line. This is the greatest discovery of the scientific enterprise: You take hydrogen gas, and you leave it alone and it turns into rosebushes, giraffes, and humans.

~ Brian Swimme

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Spirituality is not about being 'above' the mere physical human reality of our lives; rather it is about embracing it, including and 'being with' all of our experience in a process of integration towards becoming whole.

~ Tania Dolley

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When our love of the Earth and our astonishment, our marvelling, our wonder and reverence for the vastness and mystery of the universe becomes the focus of our spiritual lives, rather than some far off, dreamed of heaven, then just as the Earth feeds our bodies, she also feeds our souls.

~ Marian Van Eyk McCain

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The awareness of our total dependence upon our planet and our interconnectedness, will transform us from detached observers to participants.

~ Grace Blindell

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When you awaken awe, you awaken reverence and you awaken gratitude.

~ Matthew Fox

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It is clear that humanity has lost its way and that only a profound personal and collective transformation can bring about the change we need.

~ Joyce Edmond-Smith

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The Ancient Greeks understood the Earth as a mother and called her Gaia. It has now been scientifically recognized and acknowledged that Gaia acts as an intelligent, evolving, sustainable, self-regulatory and living being.

~ Ruth Meyers

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Nature does not belong to humans, humans belong to Nature, humans are Nature, there is no distinction.

~ Satish Kumar

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To understand Gaia, to let her into our lives, we must fall in love with the Earth. It's that simple.

~ Susan Meeker-Lowry

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From that first primordial flaring forth until this present moment, every star that has been born and died, every whirling galaxy and every atom, every life form that has come and gone, every earthworm and every cabbage, all the great forests that have covered the planet, each unique sunrise and sunset, dance and rhythm, music, art and poetry, all human emotions, all human spirituality, the questioning human mind, the rise of consciousness – all, without exception, are an inseparable part of the ongoing story.

~ Grace Blindell

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Walking in Nature is my meditation and my prayer. The magnificent trees and majestic hills are my temples and cathedrals. I don't look above the sky to seek heaven; my heaven is here on Earth.

~ Satish Kumar

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As we recognize the pain of the Earth and her creatures as our pain, and their beauty as our beauty, compassion floods our being. This, combined with skillful actions, affords the means for restoring wellness to our world.

~ John Travis and Meryn Callander

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I would propose that sustainability is a twenty first century word for justice. Because justice is all about balance, justice is all about harmony. Justice is about finding the equilibrium within society, within human societies connecting to other societies, to other species and within one's own self and one's own local relationships. So justice cuts through all relationships.

~ Matthew Fox

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There are fires of creativity everywhere and it's not that we have to somehow learn to be creative; everything that is, is creative.

~ Brian Swimme

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We do not all need to be scientists, nor do we need to be cosmologists, but we do need to know our own human cosmic story. Only when we know that story do we begin to understand our place within it.

~ Grace Blindell

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