

"Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread within it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves. All things are bound together. All things connect."

**Chief Seattle** 

"God is connected to every aspect of life in the world, not in the form of commands or control but in the form of the very interdependent web of life through which all of creation is connected. Thus religious experience is about our connectedness to the very ground of our existence, our relationship with a God who is bound into the web of life, connecting us to every living thing on this planet and to the planet itself."

**Dorothee Soelle** 

"I personally feel incredibly grateful to be alive in this moment and to have lived this long that I can take part in this immense possibility of transformation of our life on Earth from a killing society to a radiant renewing society."

Joanna Macy

"Our right brains provide us with a more reliable view of reality in all of its unique diversity and complexity, and they interact more directly and richly with our intuition and imagination. And good intuition is what is so sorely needed to deal with our current reality. Intuition, when we listen well, is what moves us and enables something new."

**Walter Thiessen** 

"God is that serendipitous creative force of unconditional love and compassion that connects us to each other and to all life on this planet through the Spirit within us. Loving ourselves, loving our neighbours and loving God are one and the same thing and represent the central and orienting invitation and purpose of our existence. God uses this shared powerless love to guide humanity to the ultimate goal of flourishing, of shalom. Coincidences tap us into the connections between us and the Spirit and our billions of sisters and brothers around the world, providing opportunities every day of our lives for us to stand against the Domination System, exercise compassion and help the world to flourish."

"For now, I want to close by remembering Joanna Macy, who died this week at 96 years old. Read her books Coming Back to Life and Active Hope, and let your inarticulate rage about the broken world find its way toward the kind of lament and grief that doesn't destroy you, doesn't fuel hatred of or mere opposition to other people, but toward a life of fierce and tender creativity held in the exquisite, endless, evolving web of interbeing. It won't end suffering (at least not yet), but it will help enable the suffering you feel about the wider suffering of the world to be something more than a wound in you. It can help the wound become a scar, and then a medicine story."

Gareth Higgins