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“ Earth is crammed with Heaven,” declared Elizabeth Barrett Browning – “And every common bush afire with God “

Isn't THAT the truth? – especially in Springtime!

Recently as I was reaching into the forsythia while picking a bouquet, I found myself completely enveloped within an experience of what I can only describe as –
“OVERWHELMINGLY GLORIOUS YELLOW!”



Have you ever had the feeling of being absolutely at one with the universe?

For me, it most often happens when I am out in nature –

..... watching sunlight shimmering on water
..... strolling through a forest of towering trees
..... gazing into the face of a beautiful flower
..... sitting by a babbling brook



It is then that the words of medieval mystic Mechtild of Magdeburg (1207 - 1282) resonate in my soul:

“The day of my spiritual awakening was the day I saw, and knew that I saw, all things in God and God in all things.”

Even though we reap the benefits of nature, our modern lifestyles often separate us from our natural environment and researchers tell us we end up spending up to 90% of each day INDOORS . And – when we are separated from nature, we feel LESS connected and ultimately feel LESS responsible for protecting our Mother Earth. And – year after year, scientists keep warning us that – as a planet, WE ARE RUNNING OUT OF TIME!

Native American wisdom has spoken of the interrelatedness of all creation for centuries. In honor of Earth Day, this Sunday’s choir anthem celebrates that wisdom with “ALL THINGS ARE CONNECTED” by Mary Lynn Lightfoot. ([Click this link](#) for a preview!)

“All things are connected.... whatever befalls the earth, befalls the children of the earth
We did not weave the web of life, we are merely a strand in it.
Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves... THIS we know.
Only after the last tree is cut down, the last river poisoned will we find that
Money can’t be eaten.”

Let us celebrate Earth Day 2021 by committing ourselves to doing WHATEVER WE CAN to take better care of our world.

🌍 OUR LIVES – AND THOSE OF OUR DESCENDANTS – DEPEND ON IT ! 🌍

