

## *The Beautiful Planet*

Astronauts on return from their missions often report their newfound deep sense of awe and reverence for Earth, now called the Overview Effect. Their perspective of viewing the Earth from space, and seeing her beauty and fragility whole, has greatly affected them. You experienced this when you came here and first beheld her.

The poet Keats was equally moved by her when he said 'Beauty is truth, truth beauty'. Poets and artists throughout history have been similarly driven to capture the beauty of Earth and nature in their creative expression.

What is experienced by you as a 'peak moment' is always inspired by nature's presence. Those moments of euphoric timelessness can be equally inspired by gazing at a flower or drinking in a mountain range at sunset.

These experiences affirm the incredible wonders and mysteries of Earth – and her ability to shift you into heart centered exhilaration. Everything else fades away as you melt into union with the Earth. These moments leave you stunned and speechless – and hungry for more.

She is the mother of all life, all nature, and the species of human beings. She welcomes you to her home, provides you with the necessities for life and extends to you her unconditional love.

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There is validity to the Gaia hypothesis, that the evolution of life and the planet can't be separate phenomena but one single, integrated process. There is no separateness - the animals, plants, oceans, mountains and human beings – are but one complex living organism. Interdependent like the organs in your body, the health of each is necessary for the survival of the whole.

This oneness, intricate parts linked together like a Swiss watch, moves in synchronicity. The currents of oceans impact the vitality of mountains and the fluttering wings of butterflies affect the path and strength of hurricanes.

What may seem like independent events are in fact connected in the great mystery of oneness. The next time you hear crickets chirping, consider that their sound vibration is critical to the health of your cells. When you feel a soft warm breeze caress your face and you smile, plants react and burst open their flowers. When you brush your lips against another's, a flock of birds take to the air to begin their migration.

Knowing this interconnection of all things should give pause for reflection before action. Discovering these cause and effects clears the path to creating the heaven on Earth, the Garden of Eden, which all life desires.

### *Her Mission*

The Earth sees her mission as to help life learn and evolve. You are here for this reason – so are the animals, plants and mountains. She provides for all and maintains a balance so that each one has an opportunity for life.

Her awareness and intelligence allows her to feel the presence of each individual life on her surface and to know if they walk in reverence or in disrespect of life.

The diversity of life forms enables a rich opportunity for learning from each other. The plants want to experience life and be of service to animals and human beings. They give of themselves selflessly so that you may nourish and heal your bodies and learn about life. Every plant has a role and a gift to humanity, many waiting to be discovered, some purposefully repressed.

Plants have awareness and they communicate with each other. They perceive you and wish to learn from you – watching your behaviour and your interaction with others. They do react to human beings, responding joyfully to your affections and sadly to your destructive nature. You can see this in their vibrancy and proliferation.

They welcome your communications with them and know the day approaches where this will be commonplace and the experience for both will be exhilarating. Imagine having a conversation with a tree – what would you say, what would you ask?

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The animals are also here to experience life, evolve on their own path and be of service to their kindred life forms with which they share Earth. The food chain experience is accepted and agreed upon by all involved. They want human beings to excel and are willing to give of themselves to achieve this objective. They ask for your acknowledgement of their contribution and their inherent right to respect and honour.

Many human beings generally fail to honour them and their gifts. Animals are removed from their natural homes and caged, they are subjected to experimentation with weaponry and pharmaceuticals, they are killed indiscriminately for sport and research, and butchered in factory squalor for food and clothing.

Their natural habitats are destroyed through human activity – their food, water and air poisoned, their land seized. Many are leaving the planet now as living conditions have become

intolerable. You will notice that there are animal die-offs such as the many dolphin beach strandings. This is a message from them of the imbalance and difficulties of life currently on Earth.

There is a general view that human beings are the most evolved life form on Earth. This is not true – there are species of mammals which are more evolved. Whales and dolphins have a higher intelligence and greater wisdom through their awareness of the Creator and creation. They came to Earth to offer themselves as teachers to human beings. This will soon be accepted as conditions reach critical on Earth.