

*Thomas Berry dedicated his writing
on care of our common home ,To
the children.*

*Perhaps today we can use his
dedication to pray **For** the children:.*

For the children

For all the children .

For the children who swim beneath the
sea

For those who live in the soils of the
earth ,

For the children of the flowers in the
meadows

and the trees in the forest ,

For all the children who roam over the
land

And the winged ones who fly with the
winds,

For the human children too,

That all the children

May go together into the future

In the fullness of Life.

Human Beings are the first species
that actually has
the possibility of caring about
the other species.

Everyone shares the responsibility for
the present
and the future well-being
of the human family
and the larger world.

We cannot have well human beings
on a sick planet.

We cannot have a viable human
economy by devastating
Earth's economy.

We cannot survive if
the conditions of life itself
are not protected.

Thomas Berry

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CELEBRATING THE SEASON OF CREATION

Planet Earth Gives Birth to Life

It is Time for gratitude
for the beauty and
mystery of Life .

It is Time to recognize
that Earth reveals
the presence of God.



Earth held within her a great surprise—

the possibility of life.

The first life forms were very tiny,
very invisible,
very creative .

Working together they created new and
different shapes, sizes and life forms.

**Simple little life forms remind us that life is
so amazing, so abundant, creative,
inventive and wise.**

**All life is still bursting forth in beauty in
tangible evidence of the creativity of God
continually at work around us .**

**It gives a message to us of how much we
are loved .**

I said to the almond tree
“Sister, speak to me of God”,
and the almond
tree
blossomed .



Then Flowers Came

and Changed the World!

Flowers emerged secretly at first, but soon
the presence of flowers rapidly changed
the face of the Earth .

Colour erupted everywhere in flowering
plants and trees ,which gave birth to
fruit and seeds.

These provided rich foods that sparked the
emergence of new species of animals ,

Insects

Birds,

and then mammals.

So began the time of Earth’s greatest,
most colourful beauty and biological
diversity .

Our primary need for the life forms
of the planet is a spiritual rather
than a physical need...
If we have a wonderful sense of the
Divine, it is because we live amid
such awesome magnificence .

Thomas Berry

Human Beings Emerge.

Human Beings brought to the universe
something new and surprising .

Humans beings have brought the
capacity ...

for awe and wonder

for asking questions

for probing the meaning and mysteries
of the world itself.

A new consciousness has emerged.

Human beings are late arrivals .

But we are no aliens.

Human life is part of the universe
itself.

Activities such as love and smiles,
laughter,

music and song,

are all made from the fibre of
Planet Earth.

In a real sense Planet Earth finds
expression in us.

It finds its voice in our voice .

From “Who are You Really?”

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