Earth Day

**The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,**

**the world, and those who live in it.**

***(Psalm 24:1)***

**We call it "Nature"; only reluctantly admitting ourselves to be "Nature" too.**

***(Denise Levertov, poet)***

**Nature does nothing in vain. *(Aristotle)***

**For man, autumn is a time of harvest, of gathering together. For nature, it is a time of sowing, of scattering abroad. *(Edwin Way Teale, in Autumn Across America)***

**The balance of nature is reached when heating the house costs as much as going south for the winter. *(James Holt McGavran, in Ideas for Better Living)***

**"Arthur," the teacher asked her young student, "do you like being in charge of the nature room?" "Oh, yes!" the little boy responded. "I've learned everything there is to know about the natural sciences. I just hope that someday I catch the guy who keeps sneaking in the baby hamsters. *(Mell Lazarus, North America Syndicate)***

**Mother Nature, in her infinite wisdom, has instilled within each of us a powerful biological instinct to reproduce; this is her way of assuring that the human race, come what may, will never have any disposable income. *(Dave Berry, humorist)***

**The earth is mostly just a bone yard. But pretty in the sunlight. *(Larry McMurtry, author)***

**Nature is the art of God. *(Thomas Browne)***

**Nature is the biggest teacher: She's always teaching you how to adapt. *(Gisele Bundchen, super model and Tom Brady's wife)***

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**The only people who still call hurricanes acts of God are the people who write insurance forms. *(Neil Degrasse Tyson, astrophysicist)***

**When you try to describe that call of the wild geese to anyone else, you are really telling them about yourself. To someone old enough to have known a real loss, their passing cry in the night in the sweetest, saddest, most heart-piercing sound in the world. To untouched youth, it is the most thrilling call to vast adventure. What the geese are actually saying to each other, I cannot say, but no one can hear their cry and remain unmoved. *(Marnie Reed Crowell, in Greener Pastures)***

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**There is something infinitely healing in the repeated refrains of nature -- the assurance that dawn comes after night, and spring after winter. *(Rachel Carson, scientist and author)***

**The repetition in nature may not be a mere recurrence. It may be a theatrical “encore.” *(G. K. Chesterton)***

**Since the beginning each generation has fought nature. Now, in the life-span of a single generation, we must turn around 180 degrees and become the protector of nature. *(Jacques-Ives Cousteau)***

**I thank you God for most this amazing day: for the leaping greenly spirits of trees and a blue true dream of sky; and for everything which is natural which is infinite which is yes. *(E. E. Cummings)***

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**Nature does not give to those who will not spend; her gifts are loaned to those who will use them. Empty your lungs and breathe. Run, climb, work, and laugh, the more you give out the more you shall receive. Participate. Men do not really live for honors or for pay; their happiness is not in the taking and holding, but in the doing, the striving, the building, the serving. *(Harry Marsh)***

**It is hard when nature does not respect your intentions, and she never does exactly respect them. (*Wendell Berry, novelist)***

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**Adopt the pace of nature: Her secret is patience. *(Ralph Waldo Emerson)***

**Greenery boosts kids' brains: Exposure to nature is good for kids' brains, a new study has found. During a 12-month study of 2,593 second- through fourth-graders in Barcelona, researchers used satellite images to assess the amount of "green space" around the children's homes and schools -- grassy fields, trees, and plants. They also measured local levels of traffic-related air pollution. Cognitive tests revealed the kids exposed to more green spaces, particularly at school, experienced a 5 percent increase in working memory and a 1 percent drop in inattentiveness, The Washington Post reports. Why? Scientists theorize that trees and shrubbery help absorb air pollution and cut down on noise; natural environments also improve cognitive development by allowing children to make more discoveries and feel a sense of wonder. "I think it's also some kind of direct effect," says study author Mark Nieuwenhuijsen. "You see quite a beneficial effect of green space on mental health." *(The Week magazine, July 3, 2015)***

**And forget not that the earth delights to feel your bare feet and the winds long to play with your hair. *(Kahlil Gibran)***

**Everybody wants to go back to nature – but not on foot. *(Werner Mitsch, in Stuttgarter Zeitung, Germany)***

**The goal of life is living in agreement with nature. *(Zeno, 3rd century Greek philosopher)***

**Nature is lost quickest in a big city. The cause is geometrical, not moral. The straight lines of its streets and architecture, the rectangularity of its laws and social customs, the undeviating pavements, the hard, severe, depressing, uncompromising rules of all its ways – even of its recreation and sports – coldly exhibit a sneering defiance of the curved lines of Nature. *(O. Henry)***

**This ia an interesting planet. It deserves all the attention you can give it. *(Marilynne Robinson, novelist)***

**Today, the invisible multitudes still dominate the earth. From their viewpoint, we are a minority trespassing on their planet. Dr. Rene Dubos of the Rockefeller Institute estimates that the total mass of microbial life on earth is approximately 20 times greater than the total mass of animal life. *(Rutherford Platt, in The Living World of Nature, p. 129)***

**The land is our mother, the rivers our blood. Take our land away and we die. *(Mary Brave Bird, Lakota writer and activist)***

**This popular writer who analyzes how cultures interact with nature said, "A lawn is nature under totalitarian rule." - Michael Pollan*. (The Daily Chronicle)***

**The folly of messing with Mother Nature: When will Canadians learn to stop messing with Mother Nature? asked Connie Woodcock. Every time we try to manipulate a wild species, the animals get out of control. We introduced Asian ladybugs to eat our crop pests, only to find that they like to bite humans and are "smelly when killed." We reintroduced wild turkeys, for no particular reason it seems, and now there are more than 100,000 in Ontario alone, clogging city parks like Canada geese. The latest ill-conceived effort involves elk. Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources imported an elk herd from Alberta six years ago, and it has already increased fivefold, to more than 500. The beasts are "eating local farmers out of house and home, plus breaking down fences, trampling crops, and attracting wolves -- which lunch on sheep, too." It's not as if we didn't already have far too many deer. Now Ontarians are nursing their ladybug bites as they dodge turkey and elk on the roads. "Mother Nature must be laughing her head off." *(The Week magazine, February 20, 2009)***

**Both praising and insulting "She loves nature in spite of what it did to her." *(Bette Midler)***

**Nature does make mistakes: sometimes she puts all the bones in the head and none in the back. *(Quoted by W. F. Dettle, in Hutchinson County, Texas, Herald)***

**What's the world for if you can't make it up the way you want it? *(Toni Morrison)***

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**In every walk with nature, one receives more than he seeks. *(John Muir, naturalist)***

**Climb the mountains and get their good tidings. Nature’s peace will flow into you as sunshine flows into trees. The winds will blow their freshness into you, and the storms their energy, while cares will drop off like falling leaves. *(John Muir, in My First Summer in the Sierra)***

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**There is only one mystery: the world. *(Rene Magritte)***

**The world has only one purpose – to heal you and bring you joy. (Michael Ryce, in New Thought magazine)**

**In Mongolia, the horses outnumber the humans. *(L. M. Boyd)***

**Parasites make up more than half the species on Earth, and that’s not even counting people. *(L. M. Boyd)***

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**In nature, nothing is perfect and everything is perfect. Trees can be contorted, bent in weird ways, and still they're beautiful. *(Alice Walker)***

**In a Perfect World pro baseball players would complain about teachers being paid contracts worth millions of dollars. *(John Gratton)***

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**Maybe pollution is nature's way of saying, "So you think you're smart!" *(Mal, Washington Star Syndicate)***

**Nature, it seems, is the popular name for milliards and milliards and milliards of particles playing their infinite game of billiards and billiards and billiards. *(Piet Hein, in Grooks I)***

**Nature provides a free lunch, but only if we control our appetites. *(William Ruckelshaus, former EPA head)***

**The world is round and the place which may seem like the end may also be the beginning. *(Ivy Baker Priest)***

**There are books in which the footnotes or comments scrawled by some reader's hand in the margin are more interesting than the text. The world is one of these books. *(George Santayana)***

**Nature's silence is its one remark. *(Annie Dillard)***

**There is a time to battle against nature, and a time to obey her. True wisdom lies in making the right choice. *(Arthur C. Clarke)***

**Nature is full of genius, full of divinity; so that not a snowflake escapes its fashioning hand. *(Henry David Thoreau)***

**Time is Nature's way of preventing everything from happening at once.
*(Quoted by Herb Caen, in San Francisco Chronicle)***

**Thunder is good; thunder is impressive. But it is lightning that does the work. *(Mark Twain)***

**Nature does not hurry, yet everything is accomplished. *(Lao Tzu)***

**Look out the window from the breakfast table, and you see the bird after the worm, the cat after the bird and the dog after the cat. It gives you a little better understanding of the morning’s news. *(Bill Vaughan, NANA)***

**Men argue; nature acts. *(Voltaire)***

**A weekly dose of nature: For an easy and pleasant way to boost your health and well-being, spend a couple of hours a week in nature. That's the conclusion of a new British study that examined the benefits of spending time in parks and woodlands and at the beach. Researchers from the University of Exeter interviewed 20,000 people about their activity over the previous week. A quarter of respondents who spent little or no time in the great outdoors reported poor health, and half said they weren't satisfied with their lives. In contrast, only one-seventh of those who spent two hours or more in nature reported poor health, while just a third said they weren't satisfied with their lives. The results were the same across various demographic groups -- men, women, young, old -- and regardless of whether the two hours were in one go or spread across various trips. "It's well known that getting outdoors in nature can be good for people's health and well-being, but until now we've not been able to say how much is enough," co-author Mat White tells ScienceDaily.com. "Two hours a week is hopefully a realistic target for many people." *(The Week magazine, July 5 / July 12, 2019)***

**I would feel more optimistic about a bright future for man if he spent less time proving that he can outwit Nature and more time tasting her sweetness and respecting her seniority. (*E. B. White)***

**A husband said sympathetically of his wife's love of nature: "She's the only one in the world who brakes for a butterfly." *(Henrietta Larson, in Reader's Digest)***

**Now for my No. 1 Wonder of the World. It is, quite simply, the place we live in. Of all celestial bodies within view, the most wonderful and mysterious is turning out to be our own planet Earth. It is a living organism, an immense organism, still developing, regulating itself, making its own oxygen, maintaining its own temperature, keeping all its intimate living parts connected and interdependent, including us. It can keep us awake and jubilant with questions for millennia ahead, if we can learn not to meddle and not to destroy. Our great hope is in being such a young species, thinking in language only a short while, still learning, still growing up. *(Lewis Thomas, in Reader's Digest)***

**I believe in God, only I spell it Nature. (*Frank Lloyd Wright)***

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