**Earth**

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

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

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

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

**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)***

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

**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)***

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

**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)***

**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)***

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