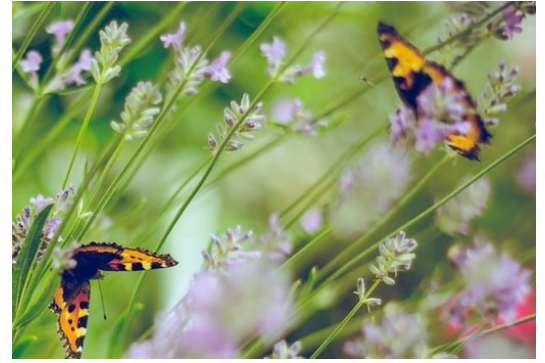


Touchstones Theme: Creation

Where does it come from, this strange unquenchable human urge for “more” that is both our blessing and our curse? It has caused us to lift our eyes to the heavens and thread together pieces of the universe until we can glimpse a shadow of the divine creation. Yet to gain this knowledge, we have sometimes lost the mystery of a cloud, the beauty of a garden, the joy of a single step. ...Do we really need much more than this? To honor the dawn. To visit a garden. To talk to a friend. To contemplate a cloud. To cherish a meal. To bow our heads before the mystery of the day. Are these not enough? The world we shape is the world we touch — with our words, our actions, our dreams. ...Sometimes, it seems, we ask too much. Sometimes we forget that the small graces are enough. *Kent Nerburn*



We are not the focal point of creation. We are not, as it were, its landlord, adopting the attitude of Adam.... We are here to serve as shepherds and custodians of other beings, and we are responsible for their integrity.

...We all exist thanks to others, with others, and through others. Together we make up the biosphere as a great integrated and integrating whole. ...All beings, especially living beings, deserve to be accepted and even respected in their otherness. No one has the right to seize and destroy what the vast process of evolution has spent thousands of years in producing. ...Only human beings can bless this otherness, live freely with it, or wickedly destroy it. This is what grounds our ethical responsibility. *Leonardo Boff*



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