



Earth

There is hope if people will
begin to awaken that
Spiritual part of themselves,
that heartfelt knowledge that
WE are caretakers of this planet.

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Reflections from your Faith TO Justice Committee

How blessed are those who keep justice, who practice righteousness at all times.

Ps. 106

...Let ours be a time remembered for the awakening of a new reverence for life, the firm resolve to achieve sustainability, the quickening of the struggle for justice and peace, and the joyful celebration of life.

Earth Charter, The Hague (June 2000)

...in the beginning it (environmental education) was mainly centered on scientific information, consciousness-raising and the prevention of environmental risk, it tends now to include a critique of the 'myths' of a modernity grounded in a utilitarian mindset (individualism, unlimited progress, competition, consumerism, the unregulated market). It seeks also to restore the various levels of ecological equilibrium, establishing harmony within ourselves, with others, with nature and other living creatures, and with God. Environmental education should facilitate making the leap towards the transcendent which gives ecological ethics its deepest meaning. It needs educators capable of developing an ethics of ecology, and helping people, through effective pedagogy, to grow in solidarity, responsibility and compassionate care.

Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'* #210