

"Then the Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living being." *Genesis 2:7*

"The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it." *Genesis 2:15*

"Cursed is the ground because of you; in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you; and you shall eat the plants of the field." *Genesis 3:17b-18*

He named him Noah, saying, "Out of the ground that the Lord has cursed this one shall bring us relief from our work and from the toil of our hands." *Genesis 5:29*

"I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth." *Genesis 9:13*

"The land shall not be sold in perpetuity, for the land is mine." *Leviticus 25:23*

"The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it."
Psalms 24:1

"When you reap your harvest in your field and forget a sheaf in the field, you shall not go back to get it; it shall be left for the alien, the orphan, and the widow, so that the Lord your God may bless you in all your undertakings." *Deuteronomy 24:19*

“Hear the word of the Lord, O people of Israel; for the Lord has an indictment against the inhabitants of the land. There is no faithfulness or loyalty, and no knowledge of God in the land. Swearing, lying, and murder, and stealing and adultery break out; bloodshed follows bloodshed. Therefore the land mourns, and all who live in it languish; together with the wild animals and the birds of the air, even the fish of the sea are perishing.” Hosea 4:1-3

“He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being.” John 1:2-3

“For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.” Colossians 1:19-20

“Anthropocentrism, the refusal to understand ourselves as but one part of a larger created whole, is the central sin. Alienation from nature, symbolized in the expulsion from the garden, is the necessary consequence.” —Norman Wirzba

“I used to think the top environmental problems facing the world were global warming, environmental degradation, and ecosystem collapse, and that we scientists could fix those problems with enough science, but I was wrong. The real problem is not those three items but greed, selfishness, and apathy. And for that we need a spiritual and cultural transformation. And we scientists don't know how to do that. We need your help.” —Gus Speth

"From your lofty abode you water the mountains; the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work. You cause the grass to grow for the cattle, and plants for people to use, to bring forth food from the earth...The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly, the cedars of Lebanon that we planted. In them the birds build their nests; the stork has its home in the fir trees...O Lord, how manifold are your works! In wisdom you have made them all; the earth is full of your creatures!
Psalm 104: 13-14, 16-17, 24a

Victims of climate change are the new face of the poor, the widow and the stranger that are especially loved and cared for by God (Deuteronomy 10:17-18). When creation is threatened in this way, churches are called to speak out and act as an expression of their commitment to life, justice and peace." —World Council of Churches

"To work toward climate justice, we have to reread the creation stories. Let us read them as stories that tell us how we as human beings are part of the whole, interwoven in the circles of life, dependent upon the grace and creativity of God who made heaven and earth and all of us." —Rosemarie Wenner

"[Christ] is now the life of everything that lives in any kind or degree. He is the source of the lowest species of life, that of vegetables; as being the source of all the motion on which vegetation depends. He is the fountain of the life of animals, the power by which the heart beats, and the circulating juices flow. He is the fountain of all the life that man possesses in common with other animals." -John Wesley

"As people in the tradition of John Wesley, we understand reconciliation and renewal to be part of the process of salvation that is already under way. We are not hemmed in to a fallen world. Rather, we are part of a divine unfolding process to which we must contribute. As we faithfully respond to God's grace and call to action, the Holy Spirit guides us in this renewal. With a resurrection spirit, we look forward to the renewal of the whole creation and commit ourselves to that vision. We pray that God will accept and use our lives and resources that we rededicate to a ministry of peace, justice, and hope to overcome poverty and disease, environmental degradation, and the proliferation of weapons and violence." —
United Methodist Bishops

"We are now God's stewards. We are indebted to him for all we have. . . . A steward is not at liberty to use what is lodged in his hand as he pleases but as his master pleases. . . . He is not the owner of any of these things but barely entrusted with them by another. . . . Now this is exactly the case of everyone with relation to God. We are not at liberty to use what God has lodged in our hands as we please, but as God pleases, who alone is the possessor of heaven and earth and the Lord of every creature." —John Wesley

"It is time to practice not only personal holiness and social holiness, but also environmental holiness." -Rosemarie Wenner, *Climate Justice*, Chapter 2