



RECONCILING A WOUNDED PLANET†



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God saw all that He had made,
and it was very good.

Genesis 1:31

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“We war with rude nature; and,
by our resistless engines, come
off always victorious, and
loaded with spoils.”

(Thomas Carlisle)

“Man was invested with power, authority, right, dominion, trust, and care, to correct and abridge the excesses and cruelties of the fiercer Animals, to give protection and defence to the mansuete and useful, to preserve the Species of divers Vegetables, to improve them and others, to correct the redundance of unprofitable Vegetables, to preserve the face of the Earth in beauty, usefulness, and fruitfulness.”

(Matthew Hale)

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Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD from the heavens;

praise him in the heights!

Praise him, all his angels;

praise him, all his host!

Praise him, sun and moon;

praise him, all you shining stars!

Praise him, you highest heavens,

and you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the LORD,

for he commanded and they were created.

He established them forever and ever;

he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.

Praise the LORD from the earth,

you sea monsters and all deeps,

fire and hail, snow and frost,

stormy wind fulfilling his command!

Mountains and all hills,
fruit trees and all cedars!
Wild animals and all cattle,
creeping things and flying birds!

Kings of the earth and all peoples,
princes and all rulers of the earth!
Young men and women alike,
old and young together!

Let them praise the name of the LORD,
for his name alone is exalted;
his glory is above earth and heaven.

The fields are devastated, the ground mourns;
for the grain is destroyed,
the wine dries up, the oil fails.

Be dismayed, you farmers, wail, you vinedressers,
over the wheat and the barley;
for the crops of the field are ruined....

Put on sackcloth and lament, you priests;
wail, you ministers of the altar.
Come, pass the night in sackcloth,
you ministers of my God!
Grain offering and drink offering
are withheld from the house of your God....

The seed shrivels under the clods,
the storehouses are desolate;
the granaries are ruined
because the grain has failed.
How the animals groan!
The herds of cattle wander about
because there is no pasture for them;
even the flocks of sheep are dazed.

To you, O LORD, I cry.

For fire has devoured

the pastures of the wilderness,
and flames have burned
all the trees of the field.

Even the wild animals cry to you

because the watercourses are dried up,
and fire has devoured
the pastures of the wilderness.

ALL CREATION

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listen to it.



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