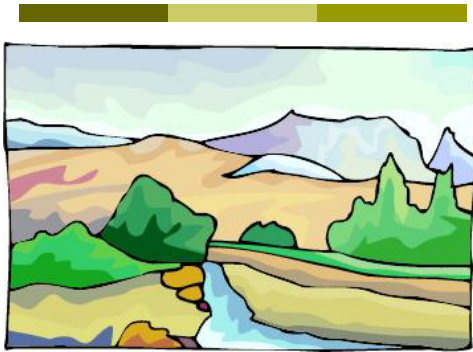


CONNECTING



**When despair for the world grows
in me and I wake in the night at
the least sound
in fear of what my life and my
children's lives may be,
I go and lie down where the wood
drake rests in his beauty on the
water, and the great heron feeds.
I come into the peace of wild
things who do not tax their lives
with forethought of grief.
I come into the presence of still
water.
And I feel above me the day-blind
stars
waiting with their light.
For a time
I rest in the grace of the world,
and I am free.**

Wendell Berry

May all I say and all I think be in harmony with thee,
God within me, God beyond me, maker of the trees.

In me be the windswept truth of shore-pine, fragrance
of balsam and spruce, the grace of hemlock.

In me the truth of Douglas fir, straight, tall, strong-
trunked land hero of fireproof bark.
Sheltering tree of life, cedar's truth be mine, cypress
truth, juniper aroma, strength of yes.

May all I say and all I think be in harmony with thee,
God within me, God beyond me, maker of the trees.

In me be the truth of stream-lover willow soil-giving
alder hazel of sweet nuts, wisdom-branching oak.

In me the joy of crabapple, great-maple, fire-maple,
cleansing cascara and lovely dogwood.

And the gracious truth of the copper branched
arbutus bright with colour and fragrance, be with me
on the Earth.

May all I say and all I think be in harmony with thee,
God within me, God beyond me, maker of the trees.

Chinook Psalter

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ed. *Earth Prayers*. New York: Harpur, 1991.



Recommended:

Sanguin, Bruce. *Darwin, Divinity, and the Dance of
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Toward Daring Discipleship



**June 2009
Celebrating Creator,
Celebrating Creation**



**...the air smells good today,
straight from the mysteries
within the inner courts of God.
A grace like new clothes thrown across
the garden,
free medicine for everybody.
The trees in their prayer,
the birds in praise,
the first blue violets kneeling.
Whatever came from Being is caught up
in being,
Drunkenly forgetting the way back.**

Rumi

AS THE HART LONGS FOR STREAMS OF WATER, SO I LONG FOR YOU, O GOD

*The heavens declare the glory
of God...*




W.J. McCallion Planetarium

McMaster University, Hamilton Ontario -August 6.
'Ask the Astronomer for Free'... includes a general
introduction to the night sky and a slide show. Ad-
mission is free but tickets must be reserved. It is
appropriate for all ages : **Show Time:** 7:30 pm. Call
the Planetarium at 905-525-9140 X 27777

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The first Thursday of every month (excluding Janu-
ary), free public tours are offered. They start at 8
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croll@astro.utoronto.ca; (416) 978-2016

Also check: <http://amateurastronomy.org/Ont.html>
to find an amateur astronomers organization near
you that may host public events

 Reserve a warm summers evening on the
lounge chair and meditate on the stars to **Psalm 148**



*It is good to give thanks
to God...*

Litany of Creation

[http://www.wellsprings.org.uk/liturgies/
creation.htm](http://www.wellsprings.org.uk/liturgies/creation.htm)

Transforming Encounter Litany

[http://www.wellsprings.org.uk/liturgies/
reconciliation_burningbush.htm](http://www.wellsprings.org.uk/liturgies/reconciliation_burningbush.htm)

Standing on the Edge Litany

[http://www.wellsprings.org.uk/liturgies/
standing_edge.htm](http://www.wellsprings.org.uk/liturgies/standing_edge.htm)

Old Turtle (illustrated book)

Douglas Wood and Cheng-Khee Chee

Streams in the Desert (DVD) *Available
from AVEL /Grand River Book Room*

A visual meditation on wilderness life experience
and transitions into life's fullness.

The Wisdom of the Path (DVD) *Available
from AVEL /Grand River Book Room* A visual
meditation on paths and journeys .

*Earth, display your exuberance!...
Earth's four corners—honor God!*

FAMILY and Adult CAMPS

Ryerson Camp: August 2 - 7 Adult and Family
Bring camper, tent or sleeping bags for an enclosed
cabins & relax in the midst of the trees & starry skies.

Five Oaks Aug. 2-7 swimming, a canoe trip, hikes,
campfires, worship & more!

Five Oaks Fall Family Overnight -Sept. 5-6 An
overnight retreat with games, songs, crafts, worship
& lots of family fun.

DAY CAMPS for children and youth

Silver Lake <http://www.silverlakecamp.ca>

Ryerson <http://www.ryersoncamp.com/>

Cave Springs <http://www.cavespringscamp.on.ca/>

Five Oaks [http://www.fiveoaks.on.ca/
chyouth.htm#dcljune](http://www.fiveoaks.on.ca/chyouth.htm#dcljune)

