# **Unity Quotations Regarding Nature & the Environment**

## **Charles Fillmore, Co-founder of Unity Church**

Intelligence [is] inherent in every form, animate or inanimate.... Even rocks and all minerals have life.... We should be speaking words of truth to everything, not only to [hu]mankind but to the mineral, vegetable, and animal kingdoms. "Christian Healing."

We all intuitively know there is something wrong in a world where poverty, suffering, and sorrow prevail. We would not, any of us, create such a world. We all want to see these things blotted out in this world. "Jesus Christ Heals."

#### Myrtle Fillmore, Mother of Unity

I was almost accused of being a nature worshipper when I was a little girl... Nature is surely the glorified face of God. See the beauty about you and you do see the manifestation of the infinite mind.

### Donna Johnson, former President & CEO of Unity Worldwide Ministries

You know, it is so important to realize that we are living in a sea of intelligence and love. Charles Fillmore knew this. He said every rock, tree and human being has within it the intelligence of God. And where there is the presence of the Divine there is also the vibration of love. Mildred Fillmore knew this. Particularly by spending time in nature she could feel the love in the environment around her and it connected her to the divine presence within. She said people almost accused her of being a nature worshipper. Well I know that the work that you are doing is so important in this time of our evolution. As we become more sensitive to our environment, we realize what a sacred opportunity we have to be custodians and to be in relationship with many of the faces of the divine, not just human beings but everything in our environment is sacred and Holy. Now more than ever this message is important to reach the many people of our world. So I am pleased that the Pachamama Alliance and that Unity have joined efforts to bring this vision and this truth alive in the hearts and minds of people. God bless your efforts and thank you for the work that you are doing.

#### Charlotte Shelton, former president and CEO of Unity World Headquarters

We are bombarded daily with messages about the destruction of our beautiful planet. We can let worry and fear get the best of us. We can think there's nothing we can do. Or we can take another tact. We can co-create with God a world that works for all of us. We can start in prayer, asking Spirit for ideas and inspiration and guidance. And from that God centered space we can then face the challenges and issues that are facing our planet. As informed, optimistic people who understand the urgency of our time, we can see that the possibilities are even greater than the crisis. We stand together on common ground with our mother earth, united in our commitment to express loving care for our sacred home. Charles Fillmore, co-founder of Unity, wrote: "Nature works intelligently and we shall never be able to conform to her laws until we approach her as a wise loving mother who we know gladly gives us what we want when we use it wisely. Instead of operating from that place of despair and hopelessness, we can move forward with hope and with a clear vision for practical tangible practical steps we can take to live in harmony with our environment. We can act as a wise and loving parent to our beloved planet. We can involve young and old alike. All of us together. It's doable, it's possible, it's important, the time is now and the agents of change are us.

## The Daily Word, September 1, 1941

Today let us at once begin to set our world in order by reforming our thoughts. Let us invoke our divine wisdom of spirit to guide our thinking. Let us lay hold of and make manifest the great thoughts of God, the ideas that point the way by which we are to establish His kingdom and bring happiness to ourselves.

# The Book of Unity

When we become aware of the harmony and right place of all parts of creation, we will operate together as a simple being. In this situation, we could not consider doing anything harmful to ourself – the brain would not beat its own hand, would it? This oneness will be realized when the underlying will of the Creator is recognized as the central theme of creation.

# Unity EarthCare Ministry Vision Statement:

We envision a world in which all humanity lives in a spiritual consciousness that manifests as loving coexistence with all creation and care for our Earth home.

# Reverend Paul Roach, senior minister, Unity Church, Fort Worth, Texas, "Coming into Relationship with Nature," 2014:

Coming into relationship with nature and finding a sense of place in our environment are not luxuries or the special preserve of nature mystics....They are essential components to living a purposeful and contented life. This is our work, our joyous responsibility as human beings involved in a larger creation ... to acknowledge and appreciate the presence of Spirit in the grass growing beneath our feet, in our own place where heaven and earth meet in the magnificent interplay of the human with the divine.

# Unity World Wide Ministries Board of Trustees Climate Change Action Resolution, 9/29/2015:

We, the leadership of Unity Worldwide Ministry, hear the urgent call to co-create a world that nourishes all life forms. We positively declare our love for and spiritual interconnectedness with all beings reaction and our responsibility to protect the sustainability of the environment.

Aligned with the empowering spiritual teachings of Unity co-founders Charles and Myrtle Fillmore, Jesus and other inspired spiritual teachers, we advocate our worldwide prayer partners to take into affirmative prayer and meditation the personal inquiry of "what is mine to do" to improve the quality of life of all beings and our planet. UWM affirms that climate change is real and that human activity is a significant cause of climate change. UWM also acknowledges that climate change is an issue resulting in both environmental degradation and social injustice. As such, we commit to serve, as our faith leads us to take in healing the planet.

Unity Worldwide Ministries, in accordance with its God-centered five basic principles, commits to advancing the Unity movement by:

- 1. Promoting active stewardship of the environment and an awareness of our oneness with the *Earth*.
- 2. Cultivating a consciousness of EarthCare that includes both spiritual and practical actions that support and balance the environment and our human needs, in accordance with Unity's Fifth Basic Principle, "Through thoughts, words and actions, we live the Truth we know."
- 3. Promoting sustainable living practices that honor the Earth's ecosystems and resources in a responsible manner.
- 4. Transforming attitudes and commitments by embracing concrete actions that reduce human ecological impacts and promote justice for all.

5. Educating, supporting and encouraging individuals to align their (individual) lifestyle choices with values that promote environmental sustainability and recognition of their moral imperative to care for creation.

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I dream of a world where wild tigers are more than memories and shadows in the tall grass And I dream the elephant's ivory is prized on him more than behind glass I dream the arctic is so cold narwhales and belugas smile, even grow old And I dream we look on them and marvel at their beauty and magnificence protecting them from harm I dream a gun is just a game at the fair to win an imitation of a leopard or a bear And wild animals are still out to *Our Creator's other children* I dream monkeys and apes speak to us in ways we never imagined and I dream the only value of fur is where God placed it not fashion I dream grizzlies and wolves roam free of danger from above or in the snow And I dream we live side by side and pups and cubs are safe no matter where they go Stretching miles across untouched land And in oceans deep and purest blue Every One way is through living creature has the home and space it needs to live, and is entitled to I dream respect and compassion are one day a unanimous expression of our race. And I dream every corner of the planet looks and feels as safe here as it does from space...I dream....