

## **Quotes on Nature**

"I believe in God, only I spell it Nature"

Frank Lloyd Wright, architect

"The first act of awe, when man was struck with the beauty or wonder of Nature, was the first spiritual experience.

Henryk Skolimowski, philosopher

"Despite great diversity, there is a shared worldview and ethics in both super-naturalistic and naturalistic forms of contemporary nature-oriented spirituality. The common perception can be stated succinctly: The earth and all its life forms and processes are sacred. We belong to them and they to us -- we are kin. We should, therefore, act lovingly, reverently, and respectfully toward them. We must not unnecessarily injure these beings and processes when we take from them what we need to live. The key to contemporary earth-based spirituality and ethics is, therefore, a felt sense of "connection," kinship, and loyalty to earth, her life forms, and living systems."

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