

Experiences of kinship move us out of exploitive relationships with other life forms and into participative bonding. They open us to the beauty and splendor, the pain and the suffering, the fragility and resilience, the interdependencies that characterize all of life on our shared home. Sometimes with immediacy, and sometimes more gradually, we are seized with wonder, sacredness and communion that changes everything.



Way down deep we know, personally and for our species, what theologian Elizabeth Johnson says so clearly: that love of neighbor now includes the entire community of life; that concern for the poor, the oppressed and the common good now includes the natural world; that compassion and action for justice extend to all the Earth's life systems and species.

Lives poured out in love so that humanity may flourish and the Earth may thrive – here is kinship in action; here is the reign of God coming in the reality of our times.

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