

## APPENDIX 1: CREATION QUOTES

"Praised be You, my Lord, with all Your creatures, especially Sir Brother Sun, Who is the day through whom You give us light. And he is beautiful and radiant with great splendour; of You, Most High, he bears the likeness. Praised be You, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, producing varied fruits with coloured flowers and herbs." *St Francis of Assisi*

"If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellow men." *St Francis of Assisi*

"You have created us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you." *St Augustine*

"Every creature is a divine word because it proclaims God." *St Bonaventure*

"Our duty, as men and women, is to proceed as if limits to our ability did not exist. We are collaborators in creation." *Pierre Teilhard de Chardin*

"The world, this palpable world, which we were wont to treat with the boredom and disrespect with which we habitually regard places with no sacred association for us, is in truth a holy place, and we did not know it." *Pierre Teilhard de Chardin*

"By virtue of Creation, and still more the Incarnation, nothing here below is profane for those who know how to see." *Pierre Teilhard de Chardin*

"The time has come to realise that an interpretation of the universe—even a positivist one—remains unsatisfying unless it covers the interior as well as the exterior of things; mind as well as matter." *Pierre Teilhard de Chardin*

"We are not physical beings having a spiritual experience; we are spiritual beings having a physical experience." *Pierre Teilhard de Chardin*

"All of creation is a song of praise to God. Love abounds in all things, excels from the depths to beyond the stars, is lovingly disposed to all things." *Hildegard of Bingen*

"Glance at the sun. See the moon and the stars. Gaze at the beauty of the Earth's greenings. Now, think." *Hildegard of Bingen*

"No created being can ever know how much and how sweetly and tenderly God loves them." *Julian of Norwich*

"Everything has being through the love of God." *Julian of Norwich*

"See that I am God. See that I am in everything. See that I do everything ... How can anything be amiss?" *Julian of Norwich*

"Nothing in all creation is so like God as stillness." *Meister Eckhart*

