

Wednesday Earth Wisdom

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Message From Reclaiming Earth Committee – Wednesday Earth Wisdom:

In his book, "The Ethics of Biodiversity," Professor Kevin J. O'Brien writes: "... the conversation outward from the conservation of biodiversity to a related but nevertheless distinct contemporary problem: the degradation of cultural diversity ... problem also extends globally because many traditional and indigenous cultures are threatened by homogenization from the overpowering influence of dominant, industrialized cultures." (Pg 154)

He continues: "The work of defending cultural diversity is related to the conservation of biodiversity because both depend on the moral value associated with diversity itself." (Pg 158)

Pope Francis writes: "Our difficulty in taking up this challenge seriously has much to do with an ethical and cultural decline which has accompanied the deterioration of the environment (Pa r.162) ... Together with the patrimony of nature, there is also an historic, artistic and cultural patrimony which is likewise under threat ... Ecology, then, also involves protecting the cultural treasures of humanity in the broadest sense... ." (*Laudato Si'*, Par. 143)

Interesting, isn't it, to read another aspect of our interconnectedness with all of creation. Hopefully, this takes us all to another point of reflection that leads to action. What action(s) are you led to take?