

# Wednesday Earth Wisdom

**Wednesday, May 3**



## **Message From Reclaiming Earth Committee Wednesday Earth Wisdom:**

Another “flower” from the Garden of Simplicity is the flower of Ecological Simplicity.

“Simplicity means to choose ways of living that touch the Earth more lightly and that reduce our ecological impact on the web of life. This life-path remembers our deep roots with the soil, air, and water. It encourages us to connect with nature, the seasons, and the cosmos. An ecological simplicity feels a deep reverence for the community of life on Earth and accepts that the non-human realms of plants and animals have their dignity and rights as well as the human.”

*Christian Simplicity: A Gospel Value (Pg 23)*

“There is no special virtue to the phrase voluntary simplicity — it is merely a label ... Still, it does acknowledge explicitly that simpler living integrates both inner and outer aspects of life into an organized and purposeful whole ... It means an ordering and guiding of our energy and our desires, a partial restraint in some directions in order to secure greater abundance of life in other directions ... The degree of simplification is a matter for each individual to *settle* for herself or himself.”

Duane Elgin, [\*Voluntary Simplicity and the New Global Challenge\*](#)

From *Simple and Soul* we read, “When we recognize the soul in our simplicity we discover abundant freedom. Dear Souls—do not be afraid to go soul deep with your [simplicity].”

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