

# Lynn Margulis

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We are all of us walking communities of bacteria. The world shimmers, a pointillist landscape made of tiny living beings.

~Lynn Margulis

Life on earth is more like a verb. It repairs, maintains, re-creates, and outdoes itself.

~Lynn Margulis

All I ask is that we compare human consciousness with spirochete ecology.

~Lynn Margulis

All living beings, not just animals, but plants and microorganisms, perceive. To survive, an organic being must perceive - it must seek, or at least recognize, food and avoid environmental danger.

~Lynn Margulis

Natural selection eliminates and maybe maintains, but it doesn't create.

~Lynn Margulis

Everybody knows what a caterpillar is, and it doesn't look anything like a butterfly.

~Lynn Margulis

Life learned early on to recognize itself.

~Lynn Margulis

Evolution is no linear family tree, but change in the single multidimensional being that has grown to cover the entire surface of Earth.

~Lynn Margulis

I was taught over and over again that the accumulation of random

mutations led to evolutionary change - led to new species. I believed it until I looked for evidence.

~Lynn Margulis

The fewer species there are and the fewer species we know about, the fewer questions we even know to ask.

~Lynn Margulis

People say I am against Darwin. That is ridiculous.

~Lynn Margulis

Although the detail of our sexual energies and their objects and objectives vastly vary, the existence of our sexuality itself is an undeniable truth.

~Lynn Margulis

To romp along the connected rooftops and fire escapes of Chicagos second city of garages was my young lifes passion.

~Lynn Margulis

Why does everybody agree that atmospheric oxygen comes from life, but no one speaks about the other gases coming from life?

~Lynn Margulis

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