

# Ursula Goodenough

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Life from nonlife, like wine from water, has long been considered a miracle wrought by gods or God. Now it is seen to be the near-inevitable consequence of our thermal and chemical circumstances.

~Ursula Goodenough

Reverence is the sense that there is something larger than the self, larger even than the human, to which one accords respect and awe and assent.

~Ursula Goodenough

The most reliable joy is to be out of doors, to be a creature among other creatures. I find it very restful.

~Ursula Goodenough

The Senegalese conservationist Baba Dioum can summarize: "In the end, we will conserve only what we love, we will love only what we understand, and we will understand only what we are taught."

~Ursula Goodenough

We are embedded in the great evolutionary story of planet Earth, the spare, elegant process of mutation and selection and bricolage. And this means that we are anything but alone.

~Ursula Goodenough

Human consensus does not generate reality. Were it able to do so, the Sun would have taken to orbiting the Earth some time ago.

~Ursula Goodenough

When the responses elicited by the Epic of Evolution are gathered together several religious principles emerge that I can believe, serve as a framework for a global Ethos.

~Ursula Goodenough

It is as we respond to the understandings and feelings inherent in . . . art that we acquire much of our truth, much of our nobility and grace, and much of our pleasure.

~Ursula Goodenough

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