

1. THREE PRINCIPLES OF THE UNIVERSE

2. There are three fundamental laws/principles of the Universe – the values of the Universe – they show us the direction in which the Universe is emerging. These values can help us build a new cosmology or new spirituality.
3. Our sense of who we are and what our role is, must begin where the Universe begins. Influenced by biology and physics Thomas Berry has explored and developed three dynamic principles that have been at the heart of the unfolding Universe from the very beginning.
4. The Principles are: DIFFERENTIATION (diversity), INTERIORITY (subjectivity) and COMMUNION (interconnectedness/interdependence). These are the 3 Laws of the Universe and there would not be a Universe without them – there would be no expansion.
5. DIFFERENTIATION (diversity) Everything is coded to be distinctly different from
6. every thing else
7. The universe doesn't repeat itself.... in the creative process.... no two galaxies the same - Without difference.....there would be no creation or expansion
8. There are an astounding 30m different species
9. Nothing is identical with anything else.....in the Divine mystery of the awesome web of life...
10. EACH BEING IS UNIQUE ... EVEN WITHIN EVERY SPECIES.....A ZEBRA FOAL RECOGNISES IT'S MOTHER BY HER STRIPES
11. ...there are no two leaves the same...
12.no two snowflakes the same.....
13. There is exquisite biodiversity in the great ecosystems of the Planet
14. When two differentiated things come together..... eg when hydrogen and oxygen merge.....the miracle of water is created ... neither lose their identity in the process... the result is further diversity and creativity
15. We are called to celebrate diversity ...in the awesome Web of Life
16. Reflection: I am unique and so is every other form of life on the planet; we are distinct but not superior or separate in the web of life. If I believe this, can I move beyond the belief that only the human is made in the image of God? Can I delight in and celebrate diversity?
17. INTERIORITY (subjectivity) The innate potential and right of every single organism to grow, develop and blossom into its full potential
18. Everything pulsates with an interior sacred dimension
19. Every atom, cell, star, mountain, tree, animal and person has a sacred and mysterious inner essence

20. Every organism including bacteria, has inner self-organising intelligence/wisdom and a unique mode of self-expression
21. Every being has inner beauty
22.HAS INNATE VALUE.....
23. ...EACH BEING IS UNIQUE.....
24.HAS DIGNITY.....
25.CREATIVITY.....
26. elegant essence.....
27.MYSTERY.....
28.EVERY SPECIES HAS IT'S OWN CONSCIOUSNESS.....
29.EVERYTHING HAS A RIGHT TO BE, JUST BECAUSE IT EXISTS.....
30. EACH CREATURE NO MATTER HOW SMALL IS INTRICITLY MADE AND JUST AS COMPLEX AS WE ARE
31. EVERYTHING IS SACRED IN THE AWESOME WEB OF LIFE
32. Earth is a communion of subjects..... not a collection of objects.
33. Reflection: What sort of shift do I need to make in order to realise that the silencing of any life form or voice is the same as silencing the Divine? Do I slow away down so as to see the interior depths of all from the contemplative stance? Do I recognize my own inner essence and contribution in the unfolding evolutionary journey.
34. COMMUNION We live in an awesome Interconnected, Interdependent Web of Life WE SHARE THIS PLANET WITH MILLIONS OF OTHER BEINGS
35. LIFE AND ENVIRONMENT EVOLVE TOGETHER
36. Environment shapes Life..... Life shapes environment
37. Wing and beak are exquisitely and precisely designed and shaped by the environment
38. Over millions of years the dipper has been precisely shaped by the river. So attuned is it to every nuance of the movement and sound of the water and the dance of light and current – we can say the dipper is the river...is the waterfall. The river is its spirit
39. Chamaleons are shaped by their environment: changing colour to blend in with their surroundings
40. Nothing is itself....without everything else... To be at all...is to be in relationship
41. EVERY SPECIES HAS A VITAL ROLE TO PLAY IN THE INTERCONNECTED WEB OF LIFE WE AND ALL SPECIES DEPEND ON SUN, SOIL, WATER AND AIR FOR OUR VERY EXISTENCE IN THE WEB OF LIFE
42. The entire universe is bonded together in such a way that everything on the planet is an interconnected, interdependent web of relationships - a seamless whole
43. EVERYTHING YOU SEE IN THE NATURAL WORLD IS GENETICALLY RELATED TO YOU.....

44.AND ENERGETICALLY RELATED TO YOU

We live in a mysterious invisible sea of energy out of which has sprung the particles that make up the universe...the building blocks of everything....its a field of energy that connects everything in our lives and our Universe.

45. Profoundly connected to this energy field we will be guided deeper into the new consciousness... into a heart to heart communion consciousness with the Whole....with Earth and Universe.

46. We are woven into these dynamics of the Universe

47. We did not come into this world....We grew out of the Earth

48. WE NEED TO SEE OUR PLACE IN THE WEB OF LIFE WITH NEW EYES....

49.we are not at the centre

50. Reflection: How does it feel to be bonded with everything else? Spend quality time outside just attuning/listening to another species-other-than-human being – allow yourself to feel connected to its wisdom. Allow the new consciousness of interconnection to flow through every aspect of your life.