

Earth Justice is Social Justice

Black Lives Matter is a statement that acknowledges current and historical racism in our society.
Black Lives Matter is a dream of a new society across Earth.
Black Lives Matter is a demand that that dream be made real now.

The fire of Social Justice racing across our nation lights up the path to a new future when the dream of social justice, equality, and peace shall be at long last made real. We are one species, one humanity. Race is a social construct. And phenotype, sexuality, and culture are diversity to be delighted in and celebrated.

Perhaps not yet distinctly discernible in the light of the social wildfire is another dream, encompassing social justice for humanity, and extending it to the whole Earth. This dream is still being dreamt, its story is still being discovered by humanity, yet already visible are outlines of rights for all life: “every being has rights to be recognized and revered. Trees have tree rights, insects have insect rights, rivers have river rights, mountains have mountain rights. So too with the entire range of beings throughout the universe. All rights are limited and relative.” (Thomas Berry, *The Great Work*). In this dream we are all one Earth, all one Universe, recognizing the great Mother that evolved us as a crowning part of herself - only to see her achievement turn against her. We must turn back to her or everything will be lost. We must turn back to her to realize our purpose, why we are here, what we are evolved to do. This is the dream of Earth Justice.

These two dreams - Social Justice and Earth Justice - are comadres, and every effort for one must keep the other in mind, and progress as a whole is the only true progress.

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