



We Mercies

Care for Creation

As we take the first step, let us remember the traditional custodians of the land



Whether we think of God as an omnipresence or not will influence our attitude towards creation.

If God is everywhere for us, including within ourselves, then everyone and everything in creation must be sacred.

In Tom Robert's biography of Joan Chittister, he traces her journey from certainty to faith, from a static God to God as cosmic unity and everlasting light.

Such a god must inevitably lead us to care for creation.

"The God of design and plans", Joan states, "becomes the God of evolution and the working out of creation as we go."

"What you and I do not do in this world, this world cannot become. As nature grows and experiments and unfolds and selects and adjusts and adapts, so you see must we. Growth, not perfection becomes the purpose of life."

God is what Teilhard calls *The God of the Ahead*.

So, as nature evolves, so do we, so does our image of God, so does God too.

What do I contribute in care for creation to this process of evolution?

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1. Rural and regional communities are disproportionately affected by the impacts of climate change.
2. The systemic disadvantages experienced by rural and regional communities over those in urban areas are likely to worsen if climate change continues unabated.
3. Rural and regional communities are already adapting to the impacts of climate change but there are limits and costs.
4. While rural and regional communities are on the frontline of climate change impacts, tackling climate change also provides these communities with many opportunities.

