



We Mercies

## Care for Creation

As you take the next step, remember the traditional custodians of the land

**Carbon dioxide concentrations in the atmosphere are at record levels unseen in over 800,000 years.**

**The IPCC (an international panel of top scientists) warns that nobody is going to be untouched by the impacts of climate change.**

### REASONS TO HOPE

In a time when environmental disasters seem to be threatening the very life of our planet – and thus our own lives – there are some reasons to be hopeful that we will rise to the challenge of climate change. Here are ten of them.

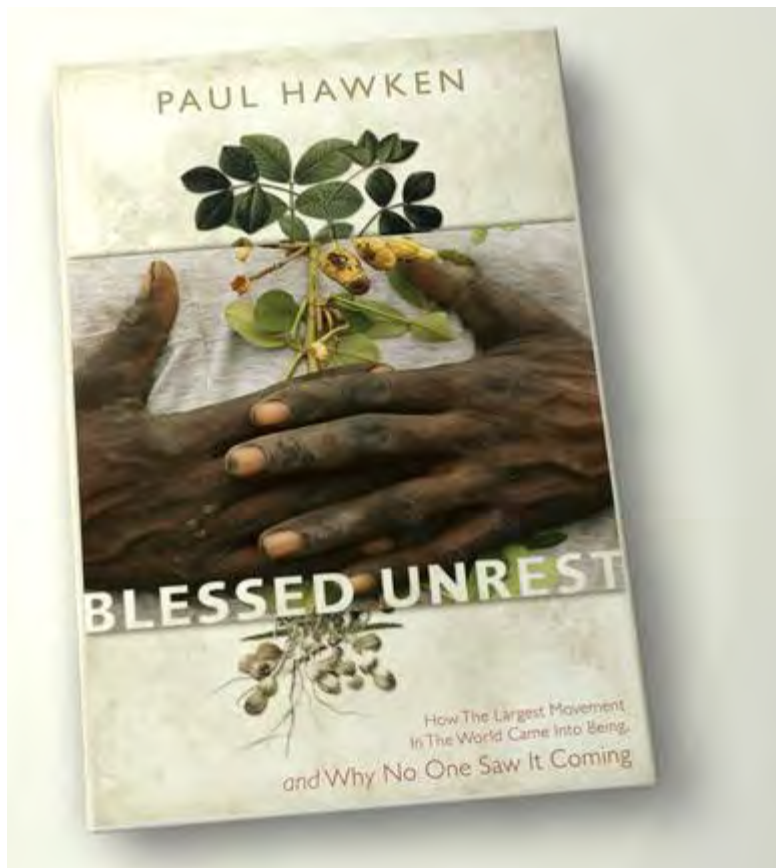
1. Barack Obama has made it one of his defining issues.
2. China has ordered coal power plants to close.
3. The cost of solar has fallen by two thirds.
4. People are taking their money out of fossil fuels.
5. Bangladeshi women are being retrained as solar technicians.
6. Renewable energy will soon take the lion's share of new power.
7. European homes are using 15% less energy than they were in 2000.
8. Cutting emissions has become a business imperative.
9. Oil is becoming much more expensive to find.
10. Electric car sales are doubling each year.

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God of all Creation,  
Blessed are you in the sunrise of each day.  
Blessed are you in the land and seas.  
Blessed are you in the whisper of the wind.  
Blessed are you in the insects and animals.  
Blessed are you in the first people and their descendants.  
Blessed are you who breathes “yes” to life!

(Trisha Watts)



Paul Hawken has written a wonderful book that also gives reasons for hope. He documents meticulously the efforts of an incredible number of people around the world who are renewing our world with love for neighbour and for the earth.

*Blessed Unrest* is a manifesto of hope!