

Join Centers for Spiritual Living Global Outreach, a member of Sacred Activism, in celebrating Earth Day 2024 with a video featuring CSL members from several countries sharing how their culture respects and cherishes the sacred expression of the Earth. Honoring the Earth has been intrinsic and natural to many cultures for centuries.

The video will be released on Monday, April 22, on the Global Outreach Facebook page(s) and shared across CSL Sacred Activism Group members' social media and other CSL pages and websites.

Centers for Spiritual Living Global Outreach Facebook page: https://www.facebook.com/CSLGlobalOutreach

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We intend to expand a spiritual chain reaction to raise the consciousness of the planet. Join us as we demonstrate the teachings and stewardship of the ancestors of many cultures and countries for Mother Earth.

"Just as the power from an atom can be released to create a chain reaction of energy, we can create a spiritual chain reaction to release a power for good in the universe when we gather in affirmative prayer. When people of faith join together in affirmative prayer and meditation, we raise the consciousness of the planet from one of chaos and fear to one of peace, love, harmony and joy."

– Ernest Holmes

**Did you know that 193 countries celebrate Earth Day?** Earth Day is an annual event on April 22 to demonstrate support for environmental protection. First held on April 22, 1970, it now includes a wide range of events coordinated globally by EarthDay.org (formerly Earth Day Network), including 1 billion people.

Long before the mainstream construct of "Mother Earth" became popular, the First Nations, Inuit and later Metis people (of Canada) truly connected with the Earth as their Mother. The natural world is considered home, and the rightful stance to take upon her is a respectful, interconnected one of stewardship and gratitude.

In the Māori worldview, land gives birth to all things, including humankind, and provides the physical and spiritual basis for life. Papatūānuku, the land, is a powerful Mother Earth figure who gives many blessings to her children.

– Story by Te Ahukaramū Charles Royal

## **Indigenous Peoples**

To be indigenous is to be born from the land where you live and continually born and reborn through an intimate relationship with earth, sea and sky. Tribal stories of humans born from the land include the fashioning of Hineahuone, the first woman from the soil of Papatūānuku, and Tuputupu-whenua, who emerged from the earth in Northland. Some tribes see themselves as descended from environmental phenomena; for instance, the Tūhoe people say they arose from the mist that surrounds their mountains. These traditions speak of an intimate relationship between humankind and the Earth.

