

Sayings on Nature from Different Religions

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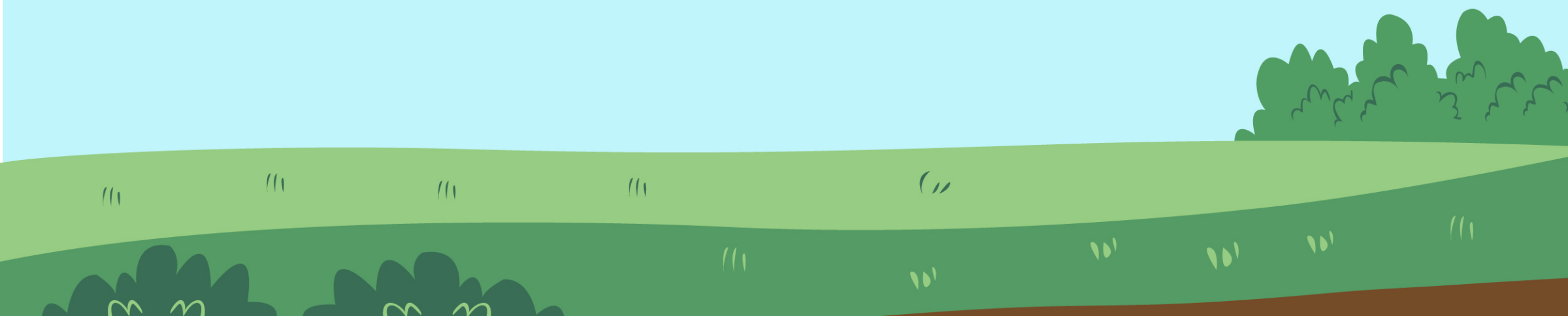
Introduction

Earth Day Network India is a registered trust. We aim to help Restore our Earth. Our initiatives focus on ways to regenerate the green cover, recharge aquifers, rejuvenate soil, reduce air pollution, inspire responsible consumption, minimise and manage waste. We also encourage a switch to clean and green energies and ask that climate education be mandated to develop environmental stewardship from a young age.

This eBook focuses on the reverence all religions have for nature.

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Buddhism

I rain down the Dharma rain, filling the whole world, and this single-flavoured Dharma is practised by each according to the individual's power. It is like those thickets and groves, medicinal herbs and trees which, according to whether they are large or small, bit by bit, grow lush and beautiful.

Lotus Sutra



Christianity

God said, 'I am giving you all the grain bearing plants and all the fruit trees. These trees make fruit with seeds in it. This grain and fruit will be your food.'

Holy Bible Genesis Ch 1, Verse 29



होवेपाइल

समुद्रवसने देवि पर्वतस्तनमण्डले।
विष्णुपत्नि नमस्तुभ्यं पादस्पर्शं क्षमस्व मे ॥

Bhargava Tantram 6/46

samudravasane devi parvatastanamaṇḍale
Viṣṇupatni namastubhyaṃ pādasparśaṃ
kṣamasva me

O Goddess Earth, the consort
of Vishnu (Lord of the Universe),
you are the one whose
garments are the oceans and
whose ornaments are the hills
and mountain ranges; please
forgive me as I walk on you
this day.



Islam

يَا بَنِي آدَمَ خُذُوا زِينَتَكُمْ عِنْدَ كُلِّ مَسْجِدٍ وَكُلُوا وَاشْرَبُوا وَلَا تُسْرِفُوا
إِنَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ الْمُسْرِفِينَ

Holy Quran 7:31

yā-banī 'ādama khudhū zīnatakum 'inda
kulli masjidin wa-kulū wa-shrabū wa-lā
tusrifū 'innahū lā yuḥibbu l-musrifīn

Children of Adam, take your
adornment at every place
of prayer. Eat and drink,
and do not waste. He does
not love the wasteful.



JAINISM

तत्थिमं पढमं, महावीरेय देसिअं।
अहिंसा निउणा हुट्ठा, सव्वभूएसु संजमो।।९।।
Dasvaikalik Sutra

ttthimn pdhmn, mhaavirey desian
ahinsaa niunaa hutthaa, svvbhuesu snjmo (9)

No other creatures, love
for life, for they are alike.
Kill them not; save their life
from fear and enmity.



תזומענ

וּאֹלָם שֶׁאֶל־נָא בְּהֵמֹת וְתִרְךָ וְעוֹף הַשָּׁמַיִם וַיְגַד־לְךָ:

Job 12.7

dar cere de la fiare, de la vitele tale, de la
păsările cerului și de la cele care îți spun

But ask the beasts, and they
will teach you. The birds
of the sky, they will tell you.



SANTHAL

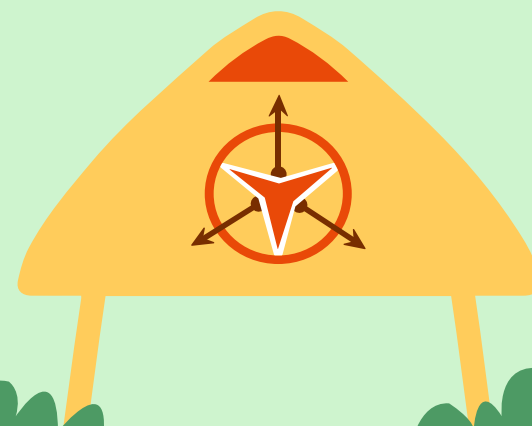
হামে আদিবাসি

I am indigenous.

বনওআ হামর মাঞ
হামে বনবাসি
কল কুড়মি সাঁওতার মুড়া
নাগা লেপচা খাসি
এহে পাহাড়ে জাঁঘালে রহা
আদি ভারতবাসি গ
হামে আদিবাসি ।

The forest is my
mother; I am a forest
dweller. Cole, Kurmi,
Santal, Munda, Naga,
Lepcha and Khasi
stay in the hills and
jungles. I am an
original Indian.
I am indigenous.

hamey adibashi, bonoa
hamar mancha, hamey
bonobashi, kol kurhmi
saontar murha, naga lepcha
khashi, eho paharey janghaley
roha, adi bharatbashi go,
hamey adibashi



Sikhism

ਆਪੇ ਪਉਣੁ ਪਾਣੀ ਬੈਸੰਤਰੁ ਆਪੇ ਮੇਲਿ ਮਿਲਾਈ ਹੇ ॥੩॥

Guru Granth Sahib, Maaroo Solhay

Mehlaa 1

aapay pa-un paanee baisantar aapay

mayl milaa-ee hay ||3||

You yourself are the air, water
and fire; You yourself unite
in union.

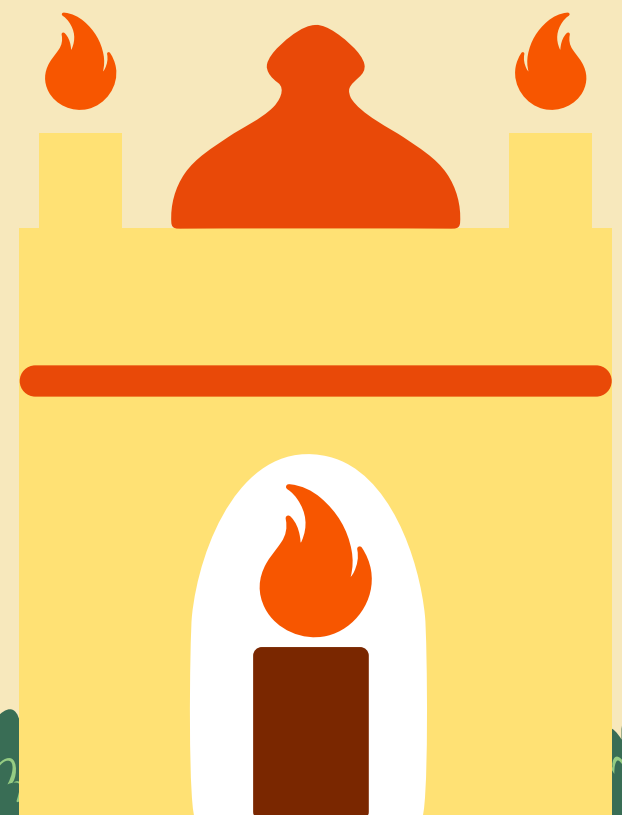


ZOROASTRIANISM

ithā āat yazamaide, ahurem mazdām ye
gāmchā ashemchā dāt, apaschā dāt
urvarāoschā vanghuhīsh, raochāoschā
dāt būmīmchā vīspāchā vohū.

Yasna XXXVII.1= Yasna V.1

We worship here, God Ahura
Mazda, who has created
the cattle, grain, water, the
beneficent vegetation, light,
the earth and all good things.



Buddhism

We, enjoying savoury earth, feeding on it, nourished by it, continued so for a long while. But since evil and immoral customs became rife among us, the savoury earth disappeared.

Aggañña-Suttanta



Christianity

‘And I am giving all the green plants to the animals. These green plants will be their food. Every animal on earth, every bird in the air, and all the little things that crawl on the earth will eat that food.’ And all these things happened.

Holy Bible Genesis Ch 1, Verse 30



होवेपाइल

अप्स्व॑न्तर॒मृ॒तमु॒प्सु भै॒ष॒जमु॒पा॒मु॒त प्र॒श॑स्तये।
दे॒वा भव॑त वा॒जिनः॑॥

Rig Veda 1.23.19

ap-su antaḥ amṛtam ap-su bheṣajam
apām uta pra-śastaye devāḥ bhavata
vājinaḥ

Within the water rests nectar.
In the water reside medicines.
O Devas, expedite for praising
the water.



Islam

وَلَا تُفْسِدُوا فِي الْأَرْضِ بَعْدَ إِصْلَاحِهَا وَادْعُوهُ خَوْفًا وَطَمَعًا إِنَّ رَحْمَتَ
اللَّهِ قَرِيبٌ مِّنَ الْمُحْسِنِينَ

Holy Quran 7:56

wa-lā tufsidū fī l- 'arḍi ba 'da 'iṣlāḥihā
wa-d 'ūhu khawfan wa-ṭama 'an 'inna
raḥmata llāhi qarībun mina l-muḥsinīn

Do not make mischief in the
earth after it has been put
right. Pray to Him with fear
and hope; His mercy is near
to the righteous.



JAINISM

जावंति लोए पाणा, तसा अदुव थावरा।
ते जाणमजाणं वा, न हणे णोवि घायए॥१०॥
Dasvaikalik Sutra

jaavnti loe paanaa, tsaa aduv thaavraa
te jaanmjaann vaa, n hne novi ghaaye (10)

All creatures desire to live,
none to die, hence, to kill is to
sin. A godly man does not kill.



תזומטענ

או שׁיח לארץ ותגד ויספרו לך דגי הים:

Job 12.8

sau chemați la pământ și la câmp și vă
vor spune peștii mării

‘...speak to the earth, it will
teach you; the fish of the sea,
they will inform you.’

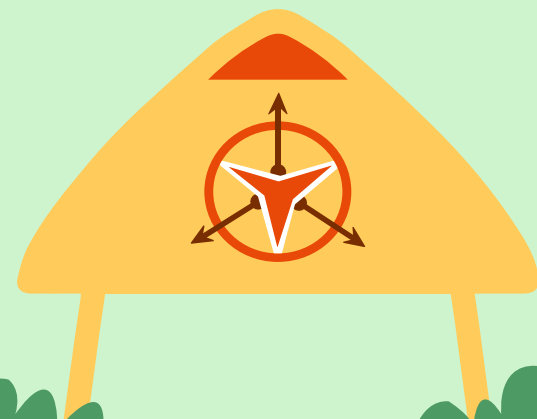


SANTHAL

অহে পাহাড়েঁ জাঁঘালেঁ আহাত
হামর ভগমান
নিতেই পাহাড়িআ ঝারনাঞ
নাহান সিনান
হামর মাদেইর আর বাঁসরিকে
হামে ভালবাসি গ
হামে আদিবাসি।

ahey paharein, janghalein
aahat hamor bhogoman,
nitei pahariya jharnanyo
nahaan sinaan, hamor madeyer
aar bansarikey hamey
bhalobashi go, hamey adibashi

My God resides
in this forest and
mountains.
I bathe in mountain
springs each day.
I love my *madal*
and flute. I am
indigenous.



Sikhism

ਆਪੇ ਸਮਿ ਸੂਰਾ ਪੂਰੇ ਪੂਰਾ ॥

*Guru Granth Sahib, Maaroo Solhay
Mehlaa 1*

aapay sas sooraa pooro pooro

You yourself are the moon,
the sun, the most perfect
of the perfect.

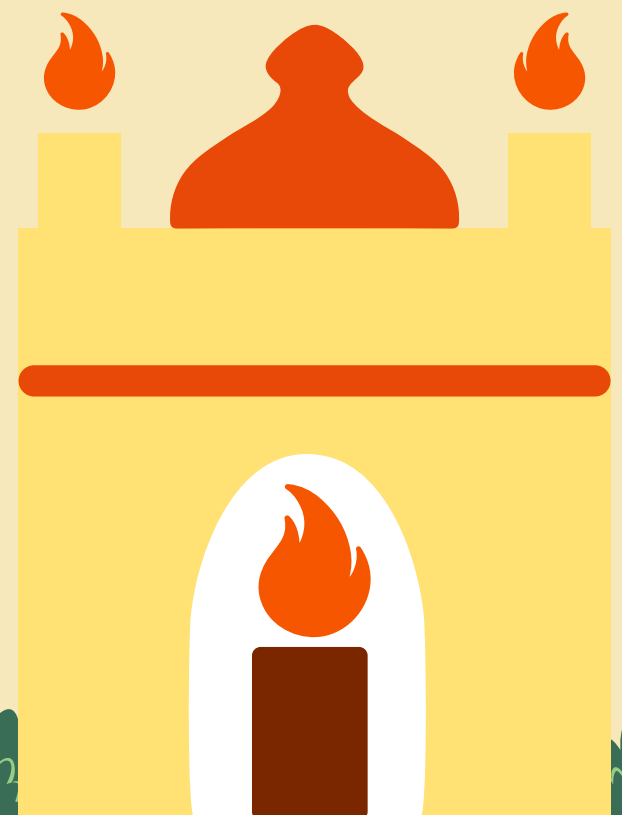


ZOROASTRIANISM

az āsmān nek wārēd, az zamīn nek rōyēd,
mardōme weh rād ezash bahr bād.

Āfrin-ī-Rapithwin, 28

May good rain from the
heavens; may good grow
from the earth; may good
charitable persons derive
benefit from these.



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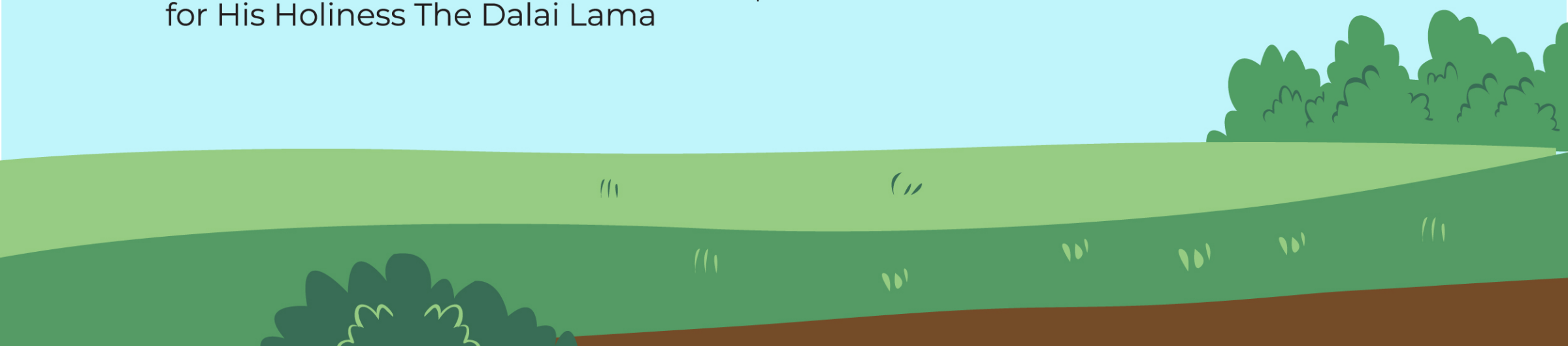
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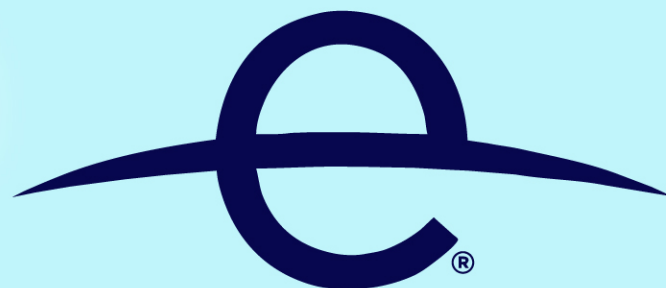
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