

Gaia

The Gaia hypothesis was first put forward in the 1970's by James Lovelock who suggested that all components of earth formed a complex and integrated system which will self-regulate. Elements of this theory can be seen in the thinking of much of the ecological movement especially regarding climate change. Named Gaia after the Greek goddess of the Earth, I have used this as a metaphor for God, incarnate and interwoven into the fabric of creation.

Creator God,
You created the universe with its galaxies and super novas
You created the human cell with its chromosomes and mitochondria
We thank you that in your awe and mystery
you are intimately woven into the fabric of earth.

Incarnate God,
You told agricultural stories and enjoyed food and drink
You broke bread and poured wine as a sign of your broken humanity
We thank you that in your presence through time and space
you meet with us wherever and whoever we are.

Interweaving God
You blow where you will, shattering our conformities
You call us to new ways of living and communing
We thank you that in your cosmic dance
you set our feet tapping and our bodies swaying.

Creating God
Forgive us when we confine you to our imagination
and live wastefully destroying your creation.

Incarnate God,
Forgive us when we confine you to our imagination
and fail to offer hospitality to the people we meet.

Interweaving God,
Forgive us when we confine you to our imagination
and are too scared to live out your creativity and dreams for us.

Creating, Incarnate and Interweaving God,
Welcome us as your children and set us free
to become all you call us to be.

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