

# Beauty OF THE Carth

A COLORING BOOK TO CELEBRATE THE WONDER OF CREATION





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## COLOR YOUR WAY TO A DEEPER APPRECIATION AND LASTING WONDER FOR CREATION

The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

—Psalm 19:1

From snow-capped mountains and deep ocean trenches to lush rainforests and wide-open plains, the earth is full of beauty, variety, and majesty of the most breathtaking yet natural kind. No matter where we might be in the world, testimony of God's amazing creation is never more than a glance away, if only we remember to look. With beautifully designed illustrations and inspiring quotes about the grandeur of nature, this coloring book offers a perfect resource for deepening your appreciation for the natural world and growing in connection with the Creator.

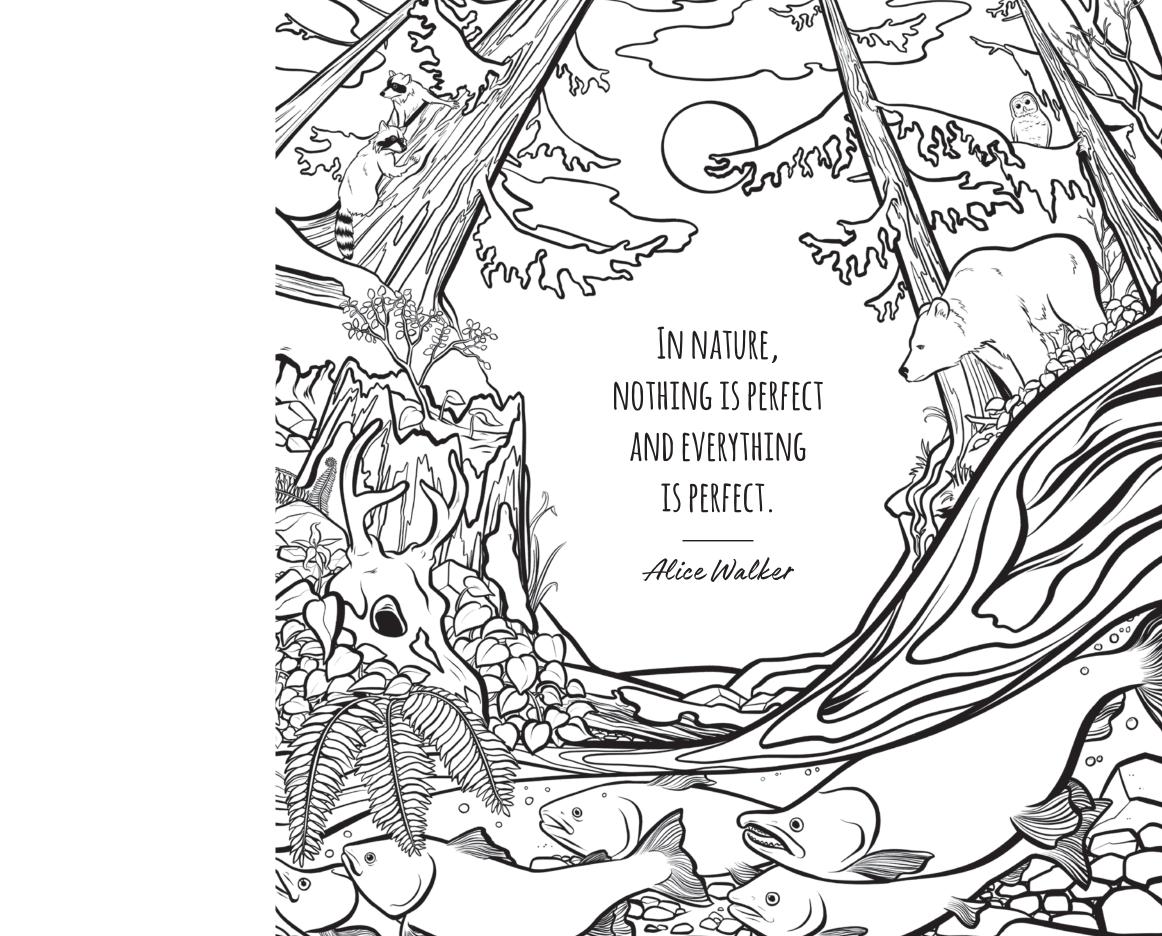
As evidenced by the verse above, Scripture and in particular the Psalms—are riddled with references to the personification and beauty of creation. On top of that, entire novels, films, and magazines are dedicated to describing and detailing the magic and wonder to be found in the natural world. Countless leaders, speakers, and individuals across the globe are also using their voices to advocate for the preservation and protection of our planet and its resources. In other words, no matter where you might stand on conservation issues or sustainability programs, one truth we can all agree on is that our world is a valuable gift worth appreciating and celebrating.

In her book *Native: Identity, Belonging, and*Rediscovering God, author, speaker, and Potawatomi
Nation member Kaitlin B. Curtice wrote,

Trees demonstrate community. They understand what it means to care for one another, to care for the whole as they care for themselves. As humans, we are all connected at our root base, and in our struggle to learn what it means to be human to one another and to care for this created world, we are constantly exchanging experiences with one another, good medicine with one another, stories and relationships that are born from the deep well of God.

So whether you're someone who sees God in a rainbow, is moved to tears by a waterfall, finds rest in a meadow, or can only stand in awe when faced with a mountain, let this coloring book be a source of beauty, inspiration, and deeper union with God as your color your way through its pages.

If you'd like to share some of your artwork and engage with other people using this book, post your finished art on Instagram using the hashtag #FortheBeautyColoringBook.



CHARLES SPURGEON

In nature, nothing is perfect and everything is perfect.

Trees can be contorted, bent in weird ways, and they're still beautiful.

—Alice Walker, a writer, poet, and activist who won the Pulitzer Prize in fiction in 1983 and the National Book Award for The Color Purple

Illustrated by Natasha Donovan

Doth not all nature around me praise God? If I were silent, I should be an exception to the universe. Doth not the thunder praise Him as it rolls like drums in the march of the God of armies? Do not the mountains praise Him when the woods upon their summits wave in adoration? Doth not the lightning write His name in letters of fire? Hath not the whole earth a voice? And shall I, can I, silent be?

—Charles Haddon Spurgeon (1834–1892) in "Magnificat," a sermon delivered on October 14, 1860. Spurgeon was a preacher in England and is widely known as the "Prince of Preachers."

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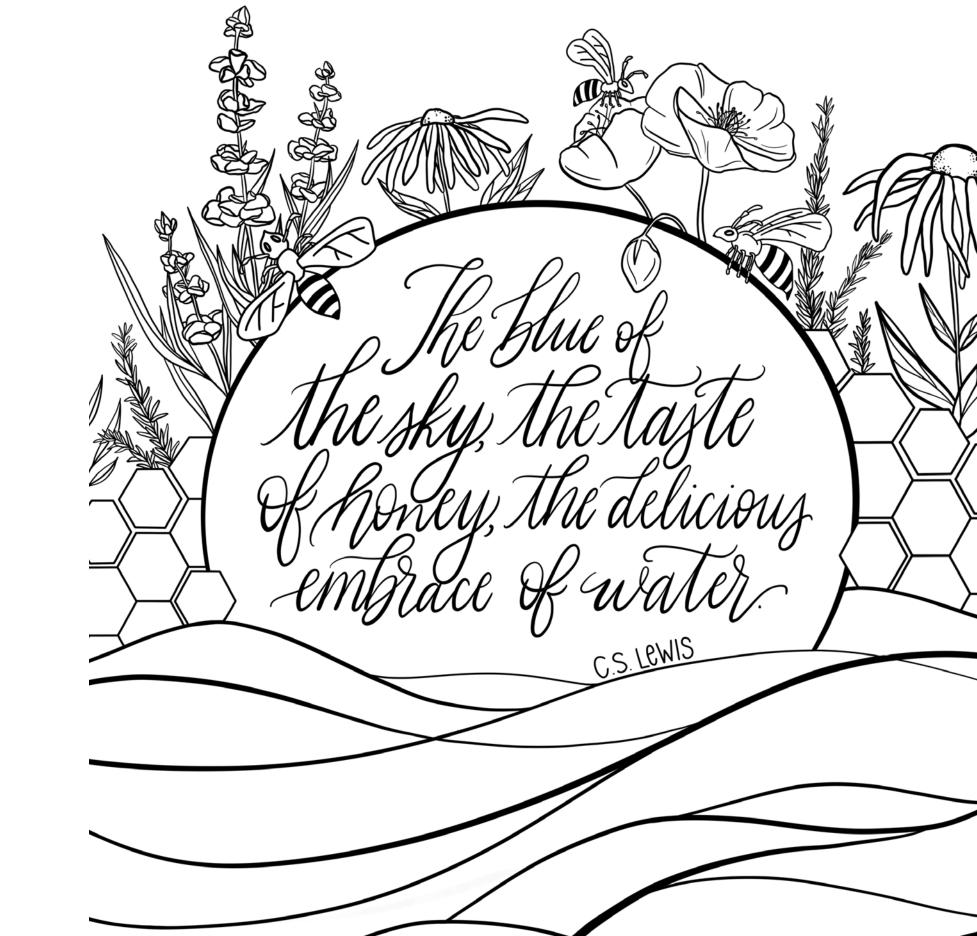


The best remedy for those who are afraid, lonely or unhappy is to go outside, somewhere where they can be quite alone with the heavens, nature and God. Because only then does one feel that all is as it should be and that God wishes to see people happy, amidst the simple beauty of nature. As longs as this exists, and it certainly always will, I know that then there will always be comfort for every sorrow, whatever the circumstances may be. And I firmly believe that nature brings solace in all troubles.

—Anne Frank, in The Diary of a Young Girl, a classic that details her Jewish family's two years in hiding during the German occupation of the Netherlands.

Born in 1929, she died in a German concentration camp in 1945.

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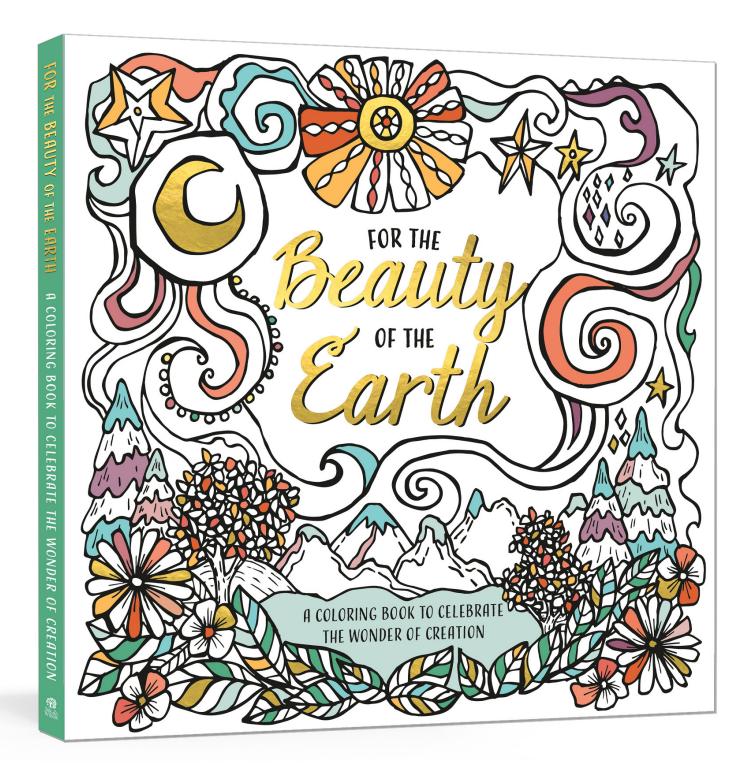


"The angels," he said, "have no senses; their experience is purely intellectual and spiritual. That is why we know something about God which they don't. There are particular aspects of His love and joy which can be communicated to a created being only by sensuous experience. Something of God which the seraphim can never quite understand flows into us from the blue of the sky, the taste of honey, the delicious embrace of water whether cold or hot, and even from sleep itself."

—C. S. Lewis (1898–1963) in The Grand Miracle: And Other Selected Essays on Theology and Ethics from God (Ballantine, 1970). Lewis was a professor and renowned Christian writer. He's famous for works such as The Screwtape Letters, Mere Christianity, and his children's series The Chronicles of Narnia.

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