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Explore the Roots of Hope

An invitation from the editor:

I am writing to you from the banks of the Pecos River at the southern tip of the Rockies in New Mexico. The winds are cooler, the days shorter, and the cottonwoods and alders are giving their last thin leaves to the renewing Earth. Trout rise to nourishment in the clear pool before me. This magical land has spoken to me, sustained me, and welcomed me with a generous spirit of healing and hope.

Out of this generous spirit, a vision of service has begun rising within me, like trout to the surface of the Pecos. As I ponder the work of EarthLight—a publication dedicated to life, love, a culture of wisdom, and the children of all species—I wonder what you are feeling, what you are longing for in this

beautiful and wounded world. What is the gift you yearn to bring to the Earth community? Where does your soul nourishment come from?

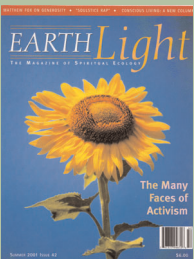
We are each called, in this

time, to respond with great depths of soul and wisdom. But how are we to do this? We are individually limited in what we can do. And yet it is this very fact that binds us to each other and elicits our deepest gifts. In her latest book, *Scarred by Struggle, Transformed by Hope*, Sister Joan Chittister writes that "it is trust in the limits of the self that makes us open; and trust in the gift of others that makes us secure." Our very interdependence and cooperation make us deeply human. Whatever our personal struggles, by facing them with faith and courage, we find what we truly have to give. Finding strength in each other's gifts, we open ourselves in times of insecurity, uncertainty, and strife to greater possibilities and to hope for the whole of the Earth community.

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