

## Stan Crow E-mail Quotes

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*When the heart is touched by direct experience, the mind may be challenged to change. Personal involvement with innocent suffering, with the injustice others suffer, is the catalyst for solidarity, which then gives rise to intellectual inquiry and moral reflection.*

*Peter-Hans Kolvenback, S.J.*

*Even  
All  
The sun never this says to the  
"You Me."  
Look  
What With a love like happens  
It the lights that  
Whole  
Sky.*

*By Hafiz*

*I don't want to get to the end of my life and find that I lived just the length of it.  
I want to have lived the width of it as well. -- Diane Ackerman*

Source: *quoted in Newsweek*

*If we wish to quench our thirst, we must lay aside books which explain thirst and take a drink.*

*--Jean Pierre de Caussade*

*Are you living just a little and calling that life? ≈≈Annie Dillard≈≈*

*When our acts mirror our words, they give to our words a transforming power.*

*Elizabeth O'Connor*

*Contentment is not the fulfillment of what you want, but the realization of what you already have.  
-- anonymous*

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Elizabeth O'Connor**

The wilderness constantly reminds me that wholeness is not about perfection.... I have been astonished to see how nature uses devastation to stimulate new growth, slowly but persistently healing her own wounds. Wholeness does not mean perfection: it means embracing brokenness as an integral part of life. Knowing this gives me hope that human wholeness---mine, yours, ours---need not be a utopian dream, if we can use devastation as a seedbed for new life.

-- Parker Palmer

**Love is stronger than death,” the canticle of Solomon sings. . . . What would a life look like that incarnated such a truth? It might look like a community of people engaging all the rest of us with a hospitality that will not quit, a respect that honors the least and the last. It might be a way of life that seeks the transformation of all that is creaturely: earth, air, water, fire, bread, fruit of the vine, and all manner of human persons, all “creatures great and small.” ~Don Sailers, “Crown of the Year,” America, 4/2/07,**

**As Unitarians, we believe all names for God point toward the same mystery.  
As Universalists, we believe all creation shares the same destiny.  
One divine spirit within and around us, and one destiny before us.  
Rev. Galen Guengerich**

**If you want to identify me, ask me not where I live, or what I like to eat, ... but ask me what I think I am living for, in detail, and ask me what I think is keeping me from living fully for the thing I want to live for. Between these two answers you can determine the identity of any person. -- Thomas Merton**

### **The Great Affair**

**The great affair, the love affair with life,  
is to live as variously as possible,  
to groom one's curiosity like a high-spirited thoroughbred,  
climb aboard, and gallop over the thick, sun-struck hills every day.  
Where there is no risk, the emotional terrain is flat and unyielding,  
and, despite all its dimensions, valleys, pinnacles, and detours,  
life will seem to have none of its magnificent geography, only a length.  
It began in mystery, and it will end in mystery,  
but what a savage and beautiful country lies in between.  
~ Diane Ackerman ~**