

In **“The Sense of Wonder”**, Rachel Carson, one of the consciences that kicked off the modern movement to cherish the Earth, writes:

If I had influence with the good fairy who is supposed to preside over the christening of all children I should ask that her gift to each child in the world be a sense of wonder so indestructible that it would last throughout life....



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In a Rolling Stone conversation on 25th December 1980, Carl Sagan tells us that *“we are bathing in mystery and confusion on many subjects.”* He goes on to add that he thinks *“that will always be our destiny. The universe will always be much richer than our ability to understand.”*

Alan Watts illuminates what Rachel and Carl are pointing to in **“Wisdom Of Insecurity: A Message for an Age of Anxiety”**:

The greater the scientist, the more he is impressed with his ignorance of reality, and the more he realizes that his laws and labels, descriptions and definitions, are the products of his own thought. They help him to use the world for purposes of his own devising rather than to understand and explain it.

The more he analyzes the universe into infinitesimals, the more things he finds to classify, and the more he perceives the relativity of all classification. What he does not know seems to increase in geometric progression to what he knows. Steadily he approaches the point where what is unknown is not a mere blank space in a web of words but a window in the mind, a window whose name is not ignorance but wonder.

Alice Walker’s Pulitzer winning novel **“The Color Purple”** has these words: *“The more I wonder, he say, the more I love.”*

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