

## **We Are Never Too Old**

A long time ago, when the world was very young, the earth was a hot and very angry place. Nothing seemed to go the way that Mother Earth had hoped. And so, in her despair, the rivers of her anger flowed like lava, destroying all who were so foolish as to linger in her path. But there lay hidden from her One who cared about her very deeply and understood the reasons for her destructive ways. That someone could not easily be destroyed. Thus, when her lava touched him, he changed his form and rose into the heavens as a cloud and looked back down upon the earth and cried at what he saw.

His tears fell as rushing torrents and cooled some of earth's less angry places, then rose again to view the world and see what effect his tears had done.

So little change, he thought. Anger still prevailed and violence took its toll; but, the Living Water was very patient and never failed in his belief that gentleness and love would eventually win over anger, hatred and despair. Each time he looked, however, his sadness made him cry and cry, again...and each time, a tiny piece of earth was changed for good.

It took a long, long, time—billions of years—for Mother Earth to cool. In fact, there are still some times when anger gets the best of her and she rises up like a volcano on the land. But, eventually, she cooled enough so that living things could grow.

"Truth" is a pattern of goodness that repeats itself.

The pattern of our cooling earth is seen in many things—like the strokes of a master painter on the canvass of our minds. It shows itself in earthly things, emotional and spiritual as well: like the patience that it takes to cool an angry heart; the love of God to send his only son, the Living Water, so that we might not perish on the earth but have everlasting life; and the patience of Our Savior, Jesus Christ...first, to give His very life so that goodness, love and mercy would prevail and, then, to send the Holy Spirit, a gentle wind that, time and time again, changes the direction of our lives.

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