

## Progressive Forum Presents Free Livestream With Karen Armstrong, September 22, 7:30 p.m. CT

Free livestream featuring acclaimed religious historian Karen Armstrong on her book, Sacred Nature: Restoring Our Ancient Bond with the Natural World.

HOUSTON, TEXAS, UNITED STATES, September 14, 2022 / EINPresswire.com/ -- Acclaimed religious historian Karen Armstrong will discuss her latest book, Sacred Nature: Restoring Our Ancient Bond with the Natural World, in a free livestream on Thursday, September 22, at 7:30 p.m. CT. The livestream airing is a recording of her recent appearance at The Progressive Forum in Houston.

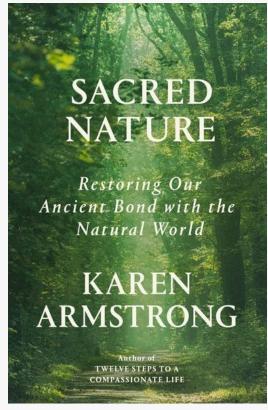
Attendees can register for the livestream at:

https://www.progressiveforumhouston .org/event/karen-armstronglivestream.

Livestream attendees will receive a 15% discount on Sacred Nature through bookstore partner Blue Willow Bookshop.

"From the world of faith, Karen Armstrong provides historic, grounded, and sensible perspectives," said





Progressive Forum founder Randall Morton. "Her latest work is a profound exploration of the spiritual power of nature, an urgent call to reclaim that power in everyday life."

The event is sponsored by Ann Hamilton, who served 18 years as senior grant officer of Houston Endowment. She's on the board of The Aransas Project, Bayou City Initiative, and The Progressive Forum, and serves as director emeritus of the International Crane Foundation and The Philosophical Society of Texas.

Karen Armstrong is a best-selling author making her third appearance at The Progressive Forum. Among her many books, celebrated works include The History of God, The Case for God, and her memoir, The Spiral Staircase. Her work has been translated into 45 languages. In 2008, she was awarded the TED Prize, and worked with TED to create the Charter for Compassion, an online educational resource crafted by leading thinkers in Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Confucianism. After the attacks on September 11, 2001, Armstrong became a widely sought-after authority on Islam and fundamentalism. She has addressed the U.S. Congress, participated in the World Economic Forum at Davos, and spoken at the United Nations. She is a United Nations ambassador for the Alliance of Civilizations and lives in London.

## **About Sacred Nature**

Since the beginning of time, humankind has looked upon nature and seen the divine. In the writings of the great thinkers across religions, the natural world inspires everything from fear, to awe, to tranquil contemplation; God, or however one defined the sublime, was present in everything. Yet today, even as we admire a tree or take in a striking landscape, we rarely see nature as sacred.

This deeply powerful book from this best-selling historian re-sacralizes nature for modern times. Drawing on her vast knowledge of the world's religious traditions, Armstrong vividly describes nature's central place in spirituality across the centuries. In bringing this age-old wisdom to life, Armstrong shows modern readers how to rediscover nature's potency and form a connection to something greater than ourselves.

## About The Progressive Forum

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Founded in 2005 by Randall Morton, the history of The Progressive Forum includes several national book launches, including Al Gore's An Inconvenient Truth, the father of climate science James Hansen's Storms of My Grandchildren, and Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor's My Beloved World. The Forum provided the film premiere for Robert Redford's documentary, Fighting Goliath: Texas Coal Wars, which Redford introduced. Gloria Steinem celebrated the 30th anniversary of the National Women's Conference in Houston. Other speakers include House

Speaker Nancy Pelosi, the late Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens, and the 68th Secretary of State John Kerry, as well as Jane Goodall, Ken Burns, Bill Moyers, and more.

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