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— Paul D. Beck

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"The reality being is that we are all interconnected and have to co-exist on this small planet. Therefore, the only sensible and developed use of our knowledge and resources of science, culture, and technology is to reduce, to change and to improve."
— Dana Lane

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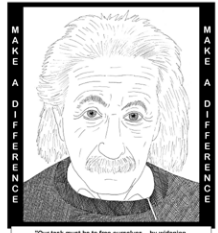
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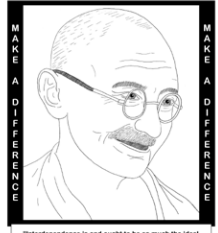
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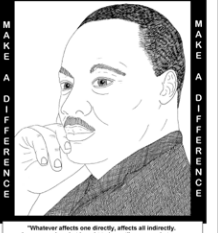
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"Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly. I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be. This is the interrelated structure of reality."
— Martin Luther King Jr.

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"I see a world in the future in which we understand that all life is related to us and we treat that life with great humility and respect."
— David Suzuki

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"[People] may be said to resemble not the bricks of which a house is built, but the pieces of a picture puzzle, each differing in shape, but matching the rest, and thus bringing out the picture."

-- Felix Adler

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“SixDegrees.org is about using the idea that we are all connected to accomplish something good. It will also be a force for good, by bringing a social conscience to social networking.”

-- Kevin Bacon

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"A diverse ecosystem will also be resilient, because it contains many species with overlapping ecological functions that can partially replace one another. When a particular species is destroyed by a severe disturbance so that a link in the network is broken, a diverse community will be able to survive and reorganize itself... In other words, the more complex the network is, the more complex its pattern of interconnections, the more resilient it will be."

-- Fritjof Capra

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"Our mission in this new century is clear. For good or ill, we live in an interdependent world. We can't escape each other. Therefore, we have to spend our lives building a global community of shared responsibilities, shared values, shared benefits."

~ Bill Clinton

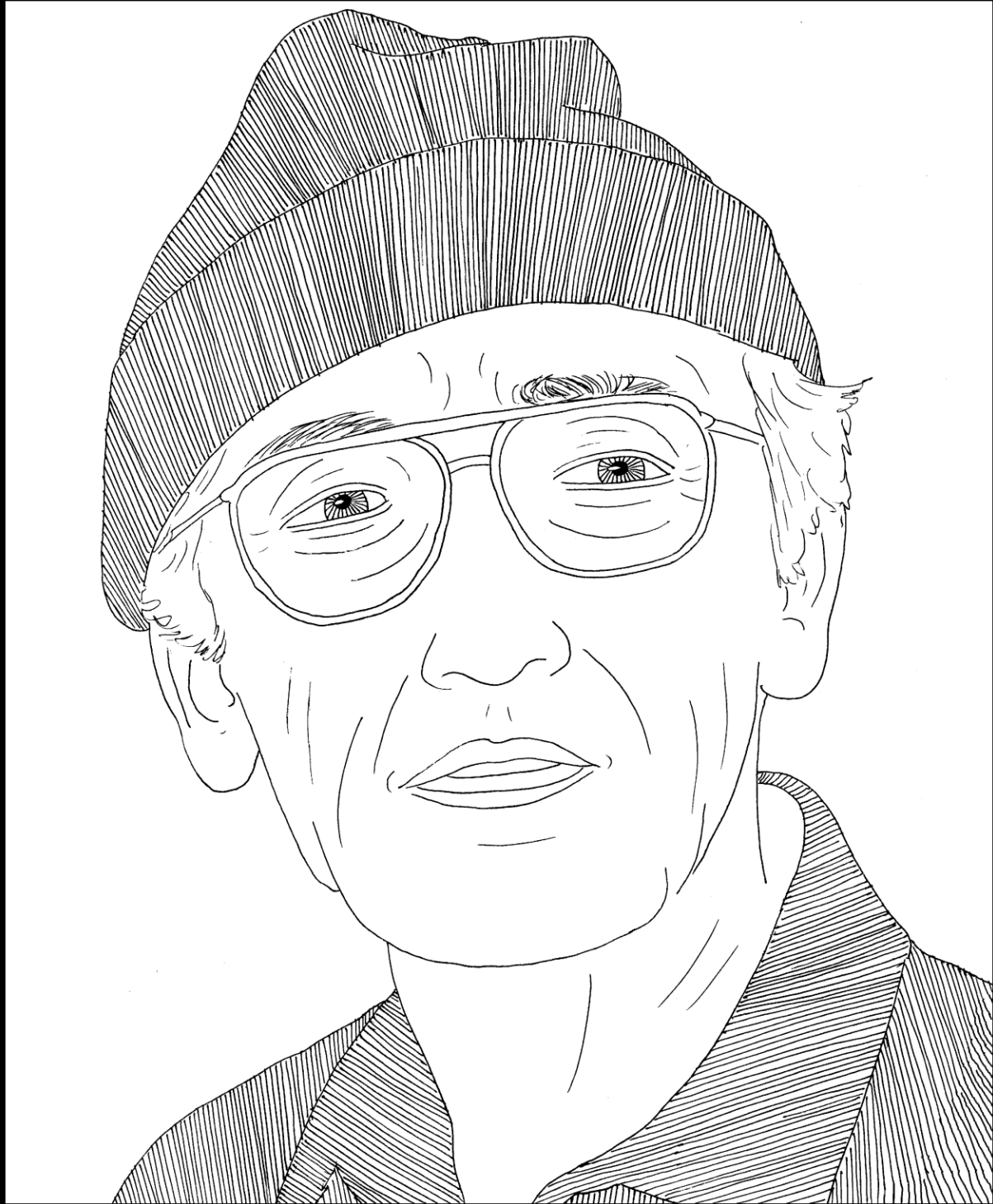
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**"I believe that national sovereignties will shrink
in the face of universal interdependence."**

-- Jacques Cousteau

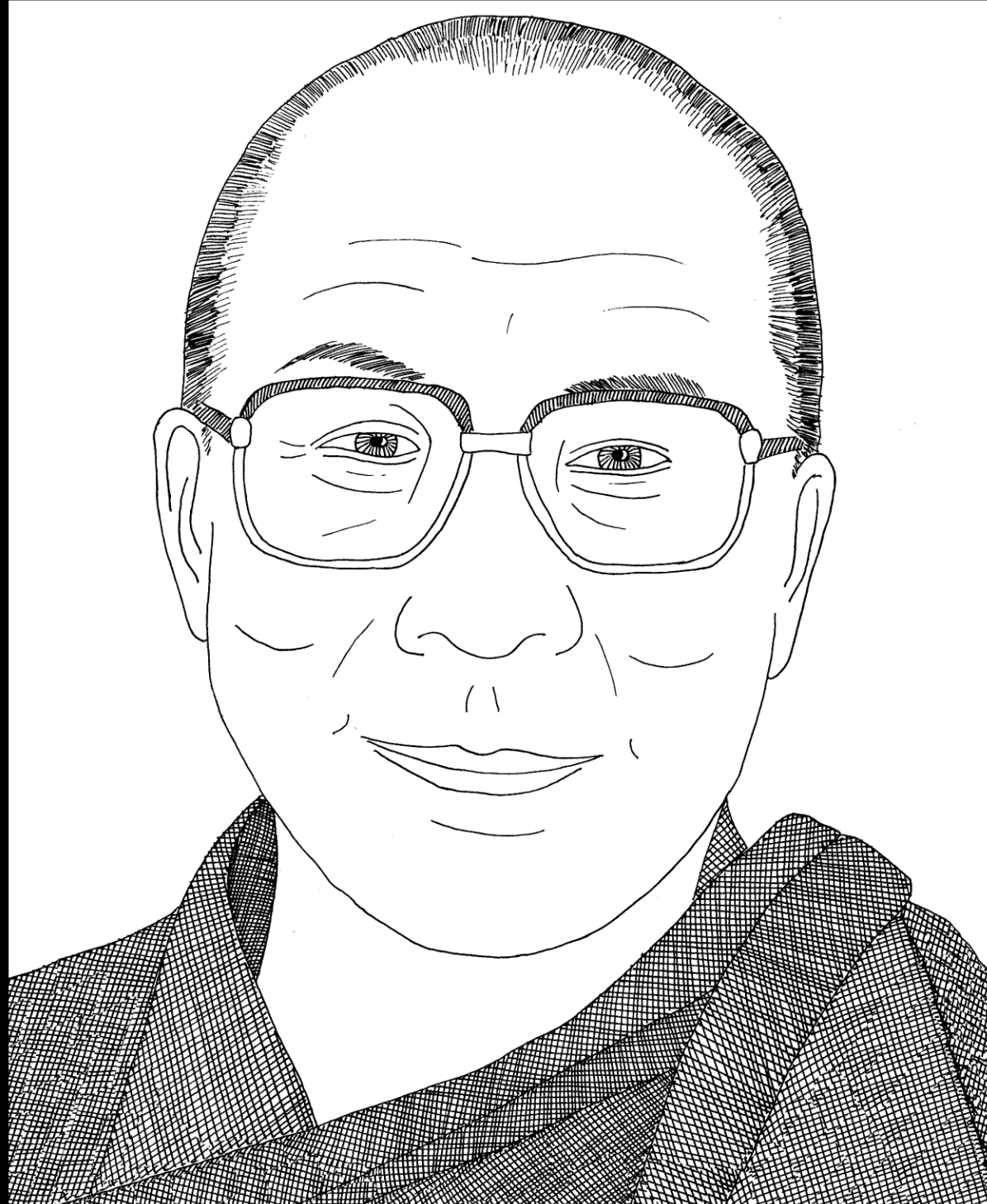
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"The reality today is that we are all interdependent and have to co-exist on this small planet. Therefore, the only sensible and intelligent way of resolving differences and clashes of interests, whether between individuals or nations, is through dialogue."

- The Dalai Lama

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-- Marian Wright Edelman

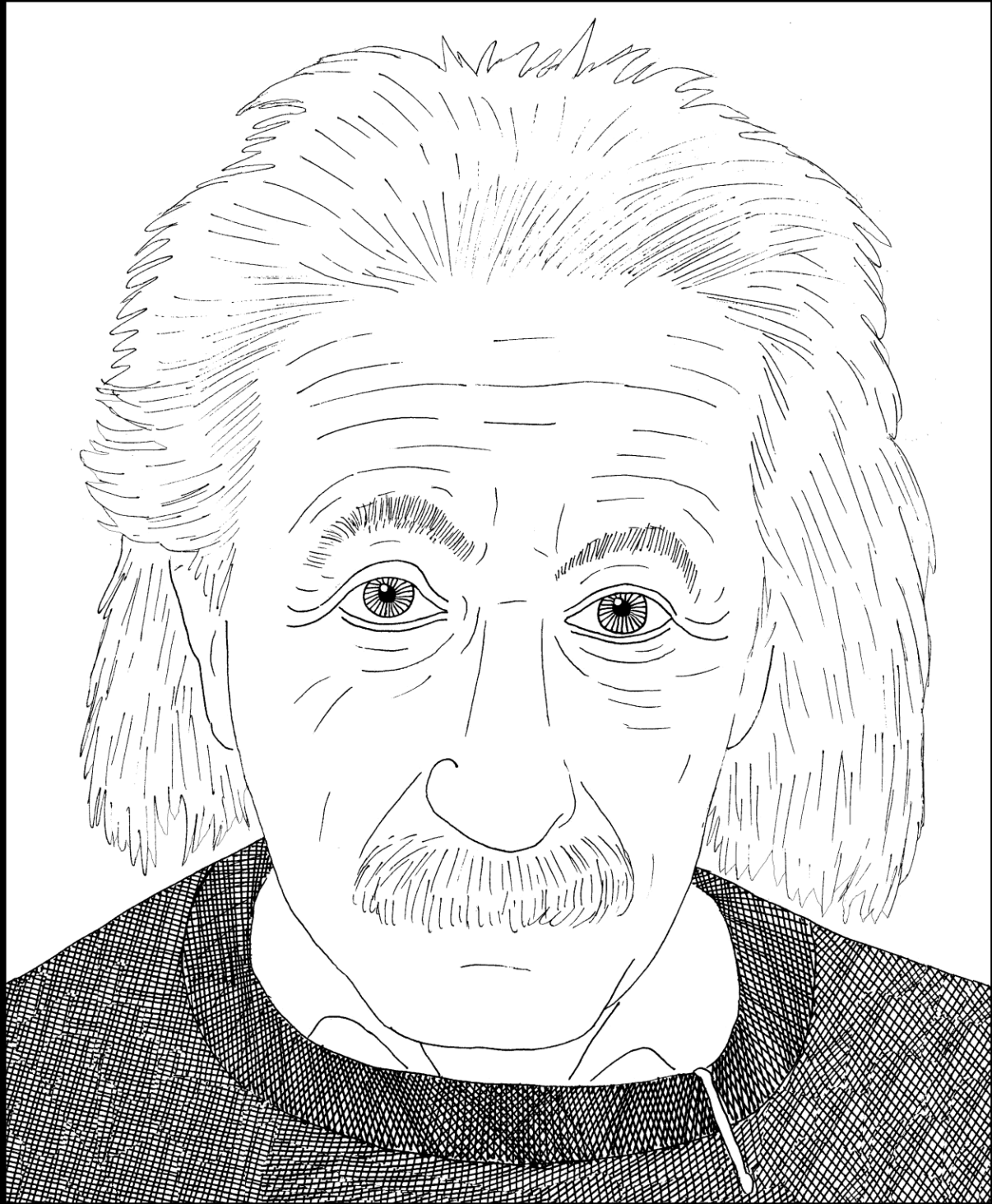
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**"The only real nation is humanity."
-- Dr. Paul Farmer**

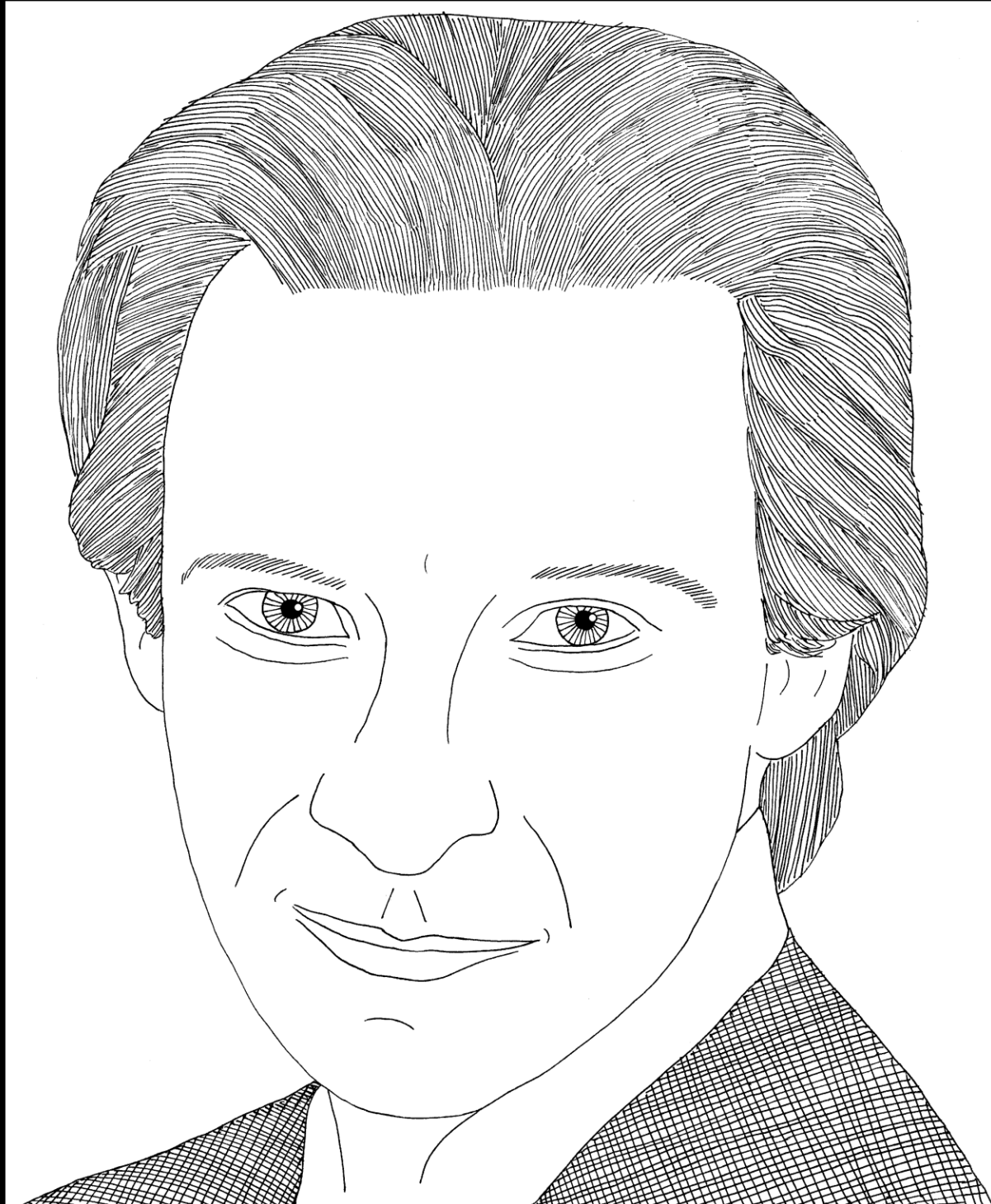
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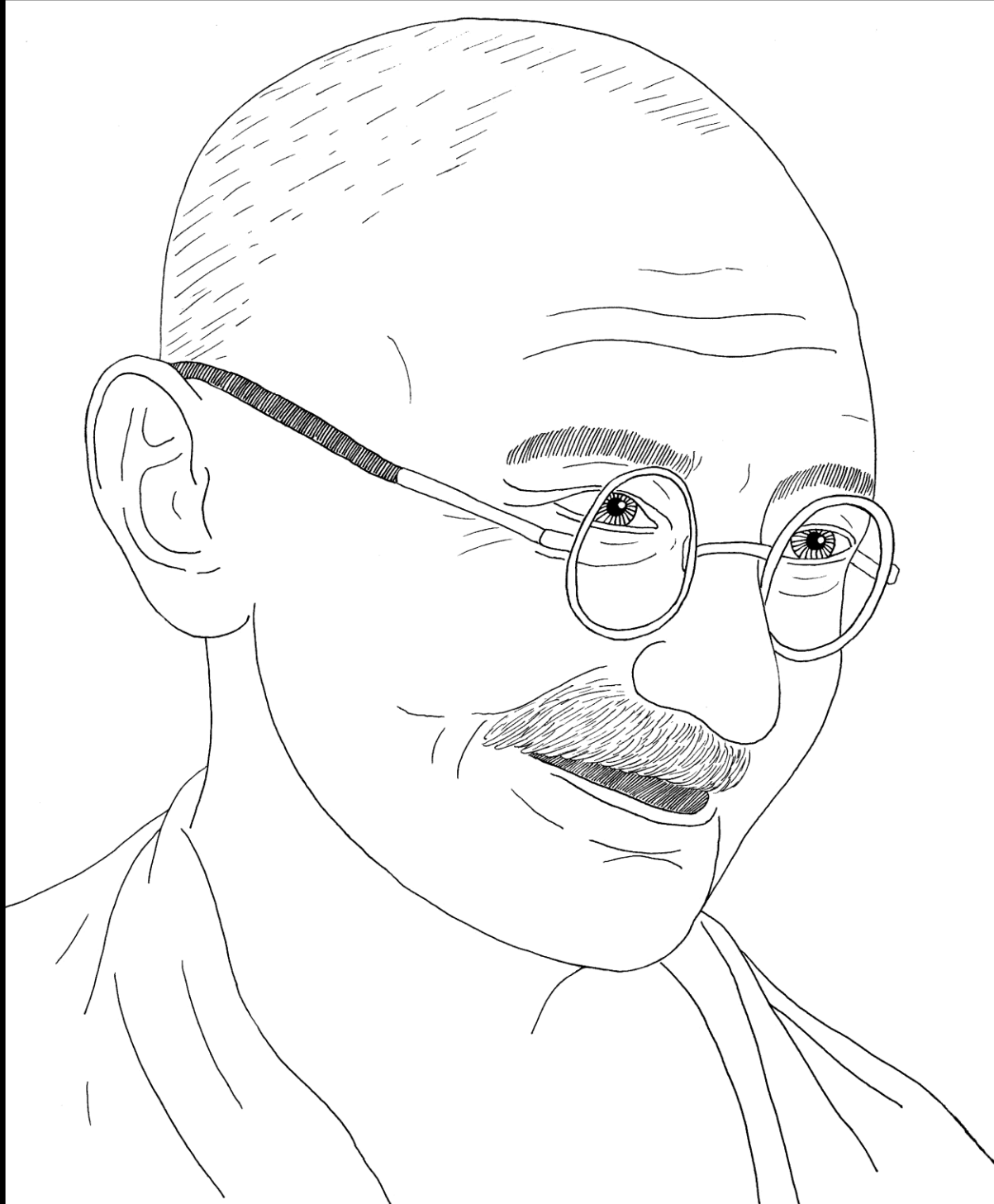
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-- Jane Goodall

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"As the world grows smaller and more interdependent daily, our country's future absolutely depends on our ability to see the connections between ourselves and our global neighbors."

~ Gilbert Grosvenor

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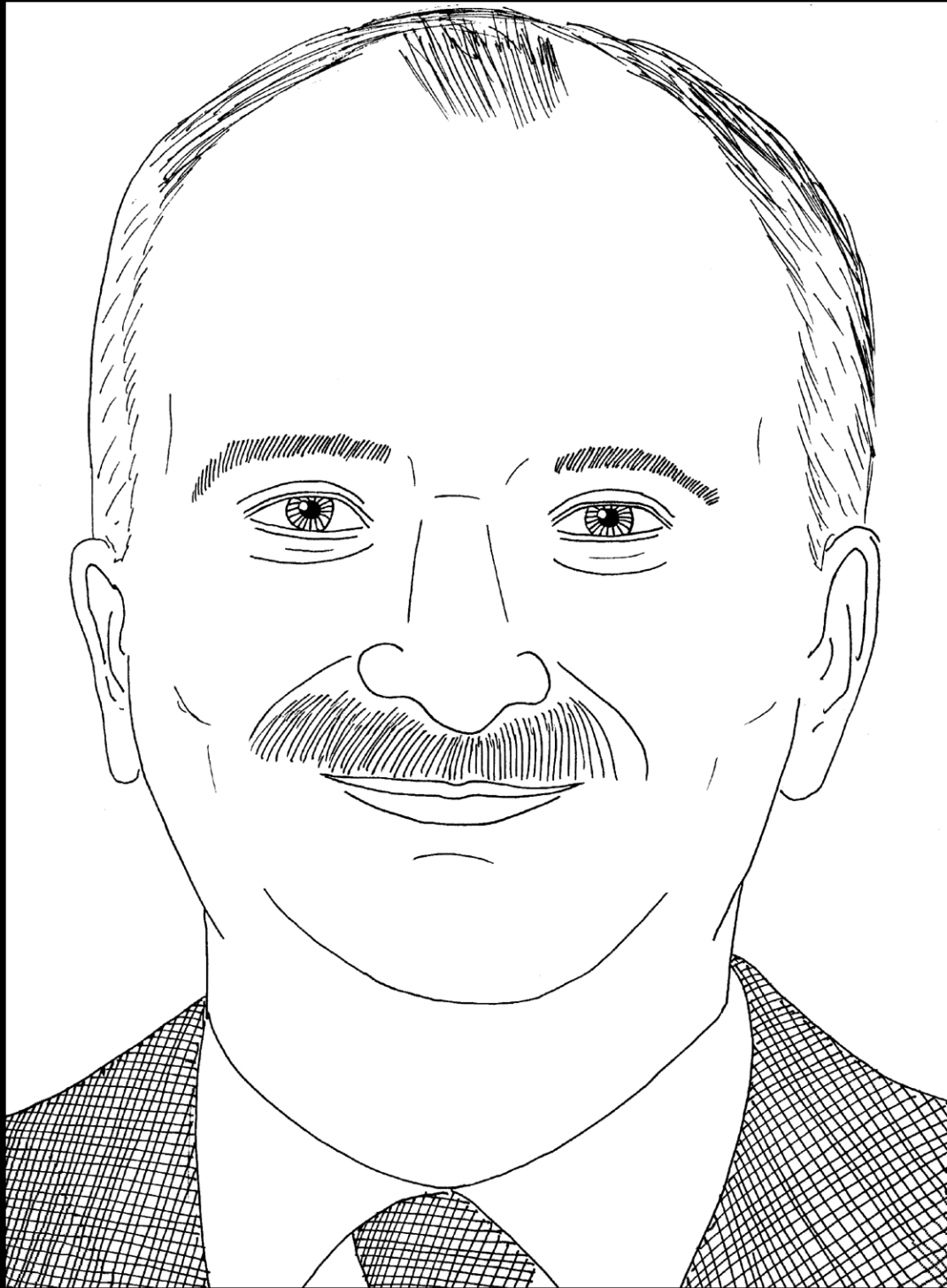
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"To resolve such conflicts peacefully in our interdependent – or what I would like to call our intra-interdependent – world requires not just well-chosen words but sustained and unified action."

~ Prince Hassan bin Talal

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We have to see that all of us are in the same boat."
-- Dorothy Height

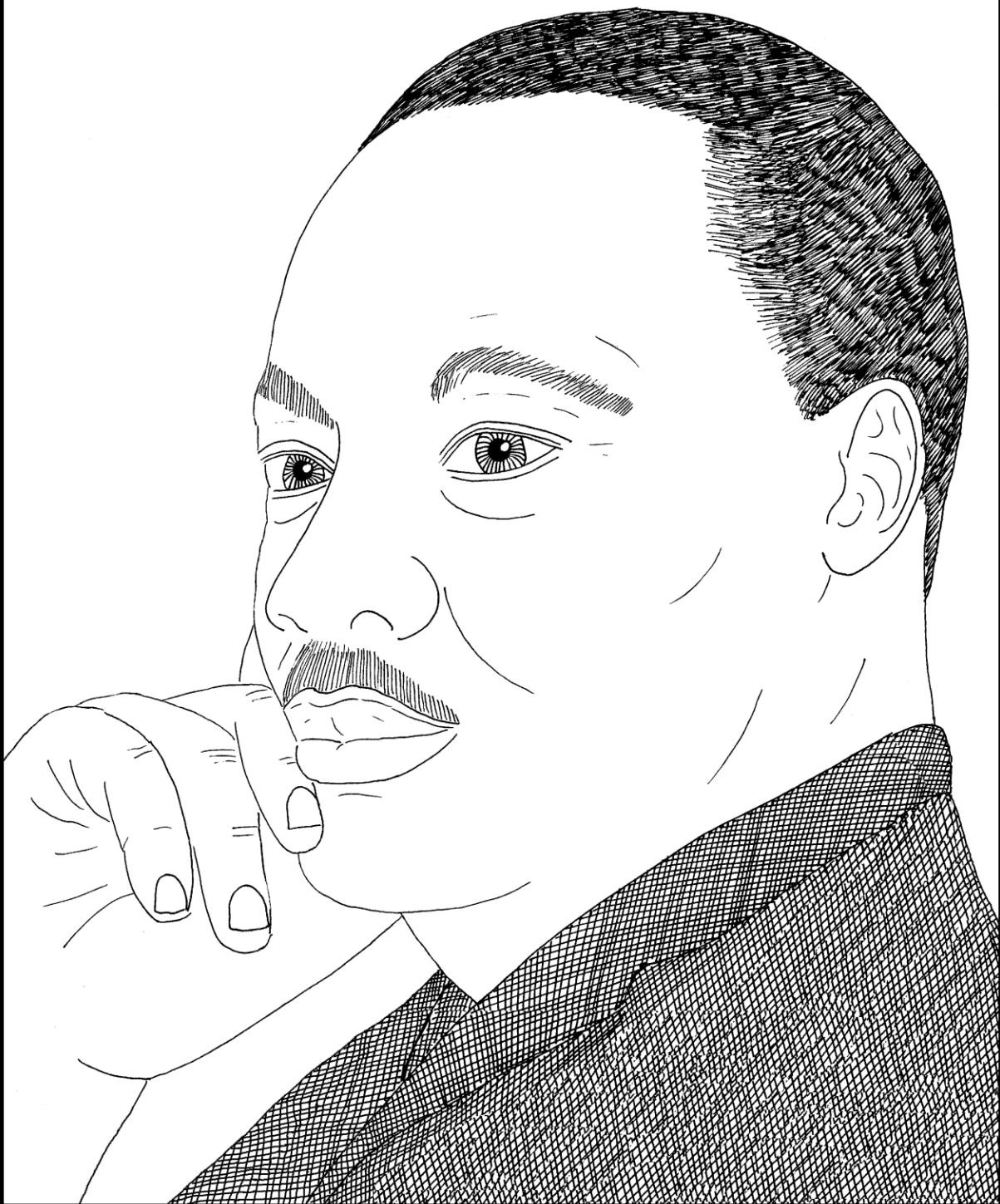
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"I can never be what I ought to be until you are what you ought to be. This is the way our world is made. No individual or nation can stand out boasting of being independent. We are interdependent."

-- Martin Luther King, Jr

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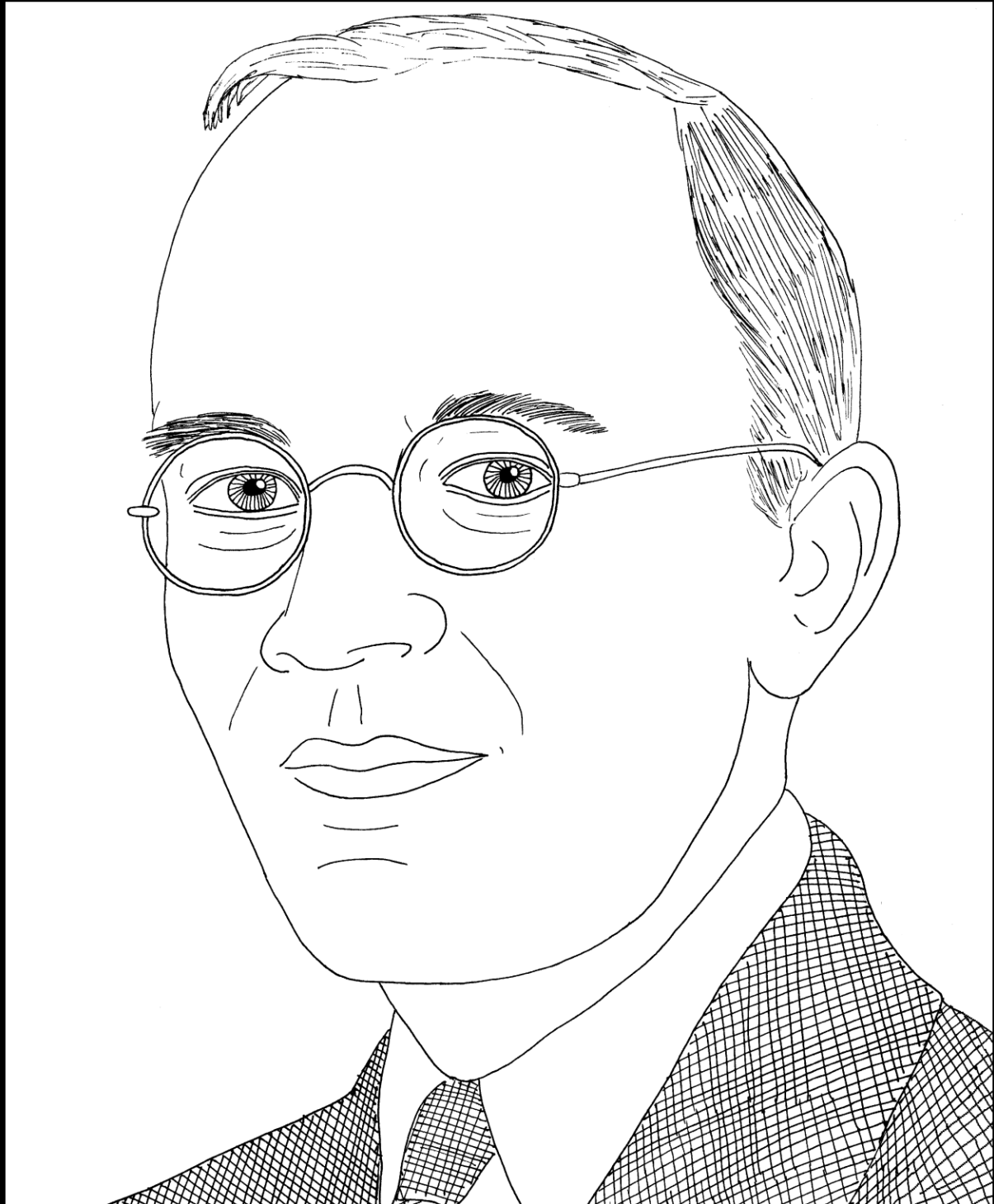
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"All ethics so far evolved rest upon a single premise: that the individual is a member of a community of interdependent parts... The land ethic simply enlarges the boundaries of the community to include soils, waters, plants, and animals, or collectively: the land."
-- Aldo Leopold

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"A spiritual sensibility encourages us to see ourselves as part of the fundamental unity of all being. ... a major thrust of many traditional religious and spiritual sensibilities has been to help us see our connection with all other human beings."

-- Michael Lerner

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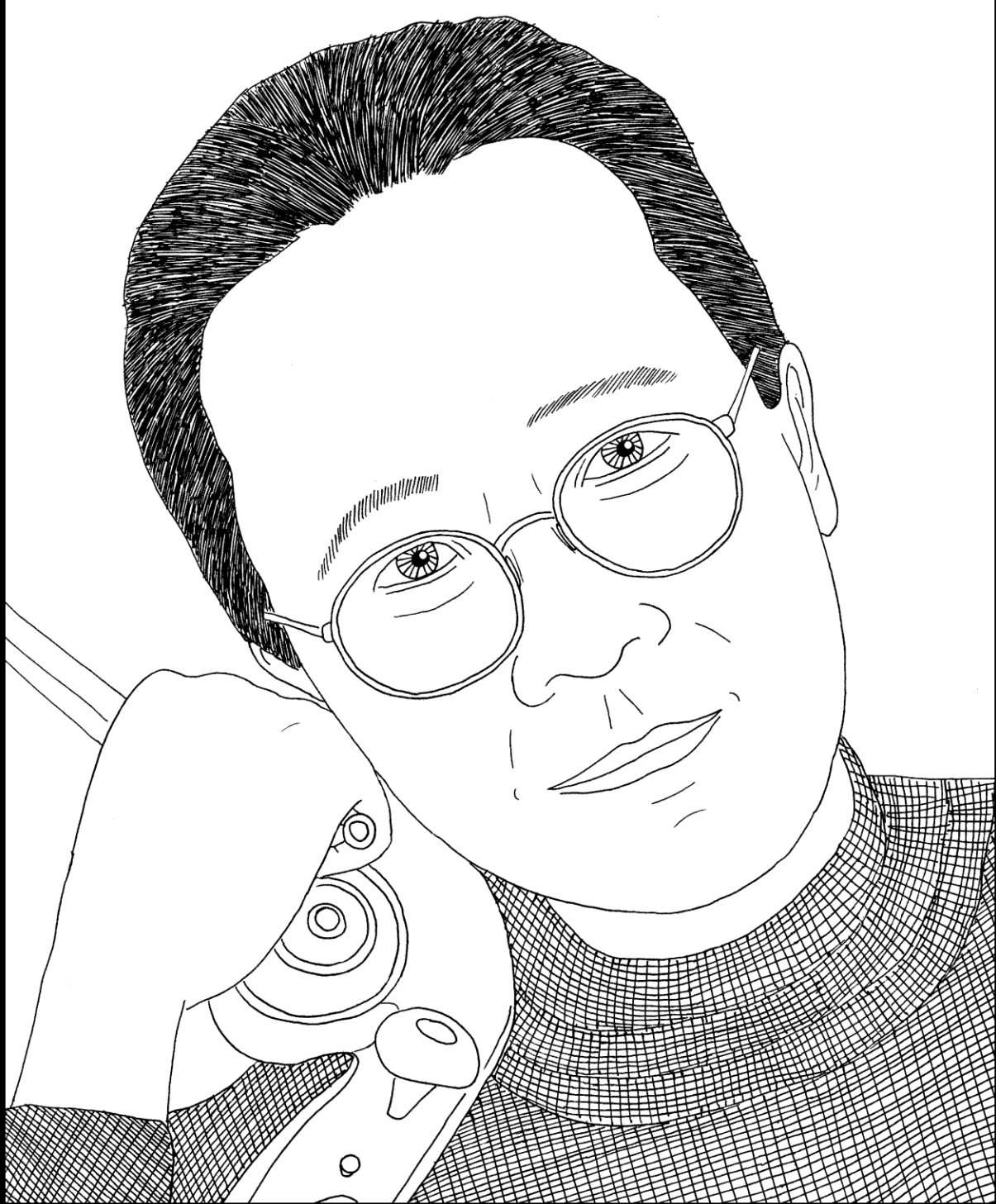
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"The whole idea of compassion is based on a keen awareness of the interdependence of all these living beings, which are all part of one another, and all involved in one another."

-- Thomas Merton

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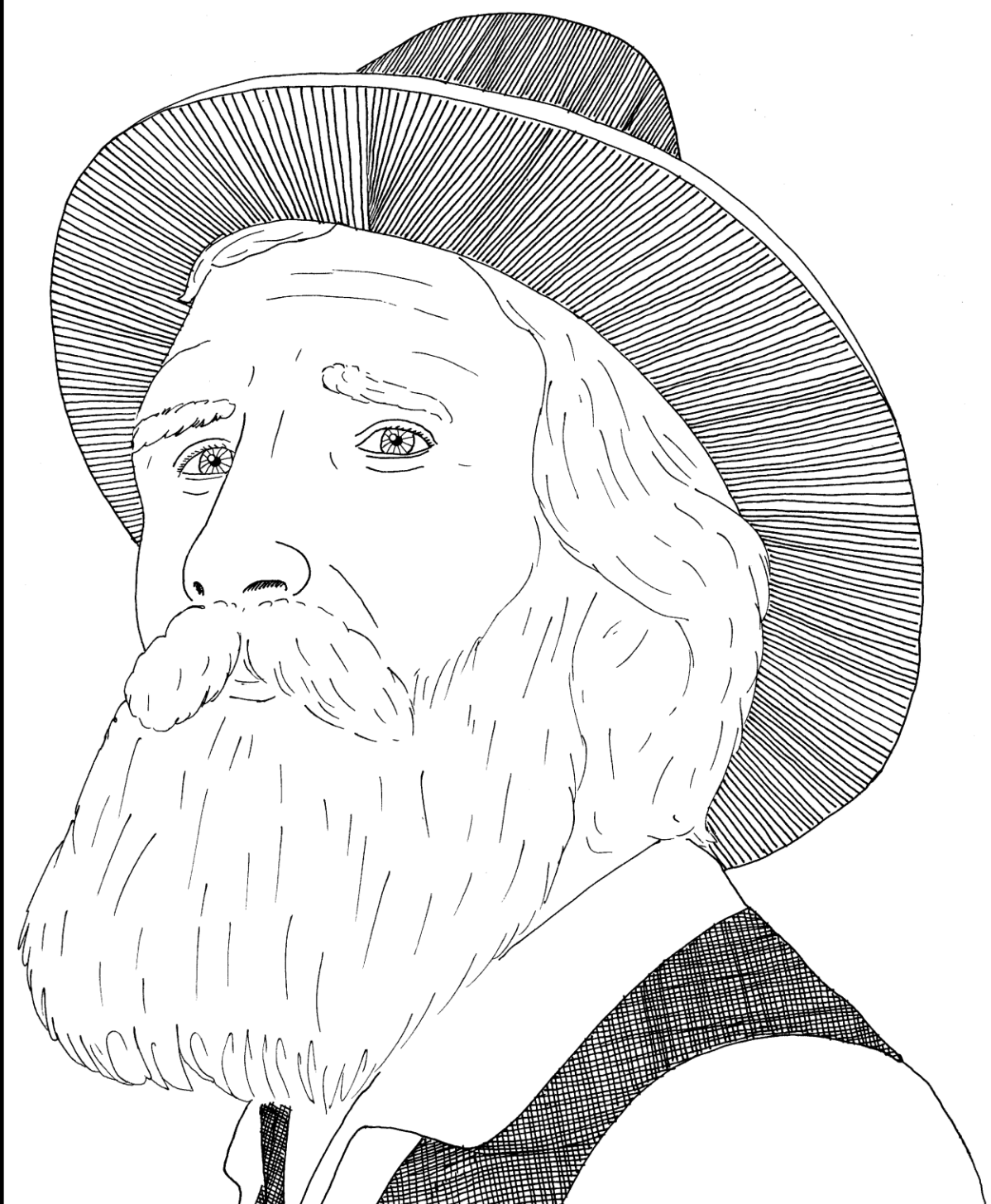
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**"When one tugs at a single thing in nature,
he finds it attached to the rest of the world."**

~ John Muir

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-- Barack Obama

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"We should be evolving into a new age of business with a worldview that maintains one simple proposition—that all of nature: humans, animals, earth, are interconnected and interdependent."

-- Anita Roddick

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"Our interconnectedness on the planet is the dominating truth of the 21st century. One stark result is that the world's poor live, and especially die, with the awareness that the United States is doing little to mobilize the weapons of mass salvation that could offer them survival, dignity and eventually the escape from poverty."

-- Jeffrey Sachs

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**"All things are connected like the blood that unites us,
We did not weave the web of life. We are merely a strand
in it. Whatever we do to the web, we do to ourselves."**

~ Chief Seattle

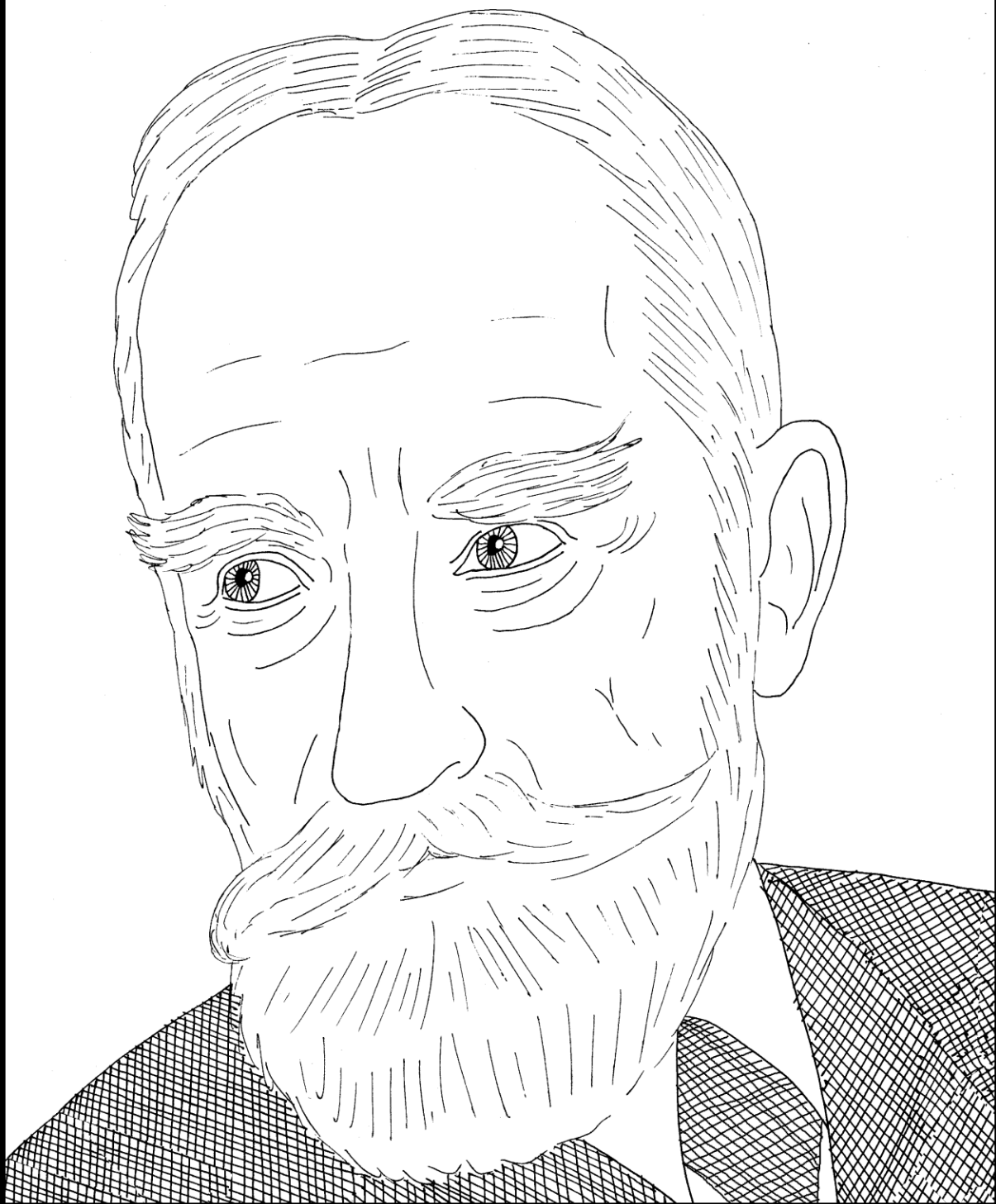
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**"Independence"... middle-class blasphemy.
We are all dependent on one another, every soul of us on earth."
-- George Bernard Shaw**

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"I see a world in the future in which we understand that all life is related to us and we treat that life with great humility and respect."

-- David Suzuki

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"Relationships are all there is. Everything in the universe only exists because it is in relationship to everything else. Nothing exists in isolation. We have to stop pretending we are individuals that can go it alone."

-- Margaret J. Wheatley

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"The oneness of human beings is the basic ethical thread that holds us together."

-- Muhammad Yunus

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