

## Touching Wings with Our Angel Animals

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"When a man has pity on all living creatures, only then is he noble" - The Buddha

"Not to hurt our humble brethren (the animals) is our first duty to them, but to stop there is not enough. We have a higher mission - to be of service to them whenever they require it...If you have men who will exclude any of God's creatures from the shelter of compassion and pity, you will have men who will deal likewise with their fellow men." - Francis of Assisi (1182-1226).

"No nation is truly free until the animal, man's younger brother, is free and happy." - T.L. Vaswani

"I am sometimes asked, 'Why do you spend so much of your time and money talking about kindness to animals when there is so much cruelty to men?' I answer: 'I am working at the roots.'" - George T. Angell, founder of the Massachusetts S.P.C.A.

"Healing the relationship between humans and animals is crucial to restoring the health of the world." - Susan Chernak McElroy

"Whatever your work or life circumstances may be, the power to make a positive difference for others, be they two-legged or four-legged, resides within us all." - Hope Tarr

"It is an important and popular fact that things are not always what they seem. For instance, on the planet Earth, man had always assumed that he was more intelligent than dolphins because he had achieved so much - the wheel, New York, war and so on - whilst all the dolphins had ever done is muck about in the water having a good time. But conversely, the dolphins had always believed that they were far more intelligent than man - for precisely the same reasons." - Douglas Adams, *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*

"Do not kick him", said Pythagoras to a man abusing a puppy. "In his body is the soul of a friend of mine. I recognized the voice when he cried out." - E.S. Turner

"Mercy to animals means mercy to mankind." - Henry Bergh

"The soul is the same in all living creatures, although the body of each is different." - Hippocrates

"Lots of people talk to animals.... Not very many listen, though.... That's the problem." - Benjamin Hoff, *The Tao of Pooh*

"If all the beasts were gone, men would die from a great loneliness of spirit, for whatever happens to the beasts also happens to the man. All things are connected. Whatever befalls the Earth befalls the sons of the Earth." - Chief Seattle of the Suwamish Tribe, letter to President Pierce

"Properly trained, a man can be dog's best friend." - Corey Ford

"Every animal knows far more than you do." - Yellow Wolf, Nez Perce (pierced nose) Indian Tribe

"Everything in the world has a hidden meaning...Men, animals, trees, stars: they are all hieroglyphics. When you see them, you do not understand them. You think they are really men, animals, trees, stars. It is only years later that you understand." - Nikos Kazantzakis (1883-1957) Greek writer, law degree, studied philosophy under Bergson, minister of state