



We Are the Great Turning

Joanna Macy and Jess Serrante

Jess Serrante: Alright, our recorders are on for the first time.

[SOFT GUITAR MUSIC]

Joanna Macy: We're in a situation that humanity's never been in before, you know? There have been wars, plagues, huge migrations-- but this concerns everyone on Earth. And this is not something we know how to even begin to think about.

Jess Serrante: I'm Jess Serrante, host of Sounds True's newest podcast: We Are the Great Turning. In this ten-part series, I'm going to bring you into the home of my beloved friend and teacher, Joanna Macy. Joanna is 95 years old, and she's revered in peace, justice, and ecology movements around the world. I'm an activist myself, and Joanna has taught me a lot about how to live with my heart intact in these times of global crisis.

Joanna Macy: I want to reach and take all of that livewire of reality. I want to be here. I can't avoid climate change, and I want to be here with all my attention, with all my trust in life.

Jess Serrante: In these episodes, I want to invite you into a deeper sense of your belonging and love for our world, into connection with the great possibilities that still exist for us even in these precarious times-- and into action. This is what Joanna has done for me.

As you listen to this series, I hope that you'll slow down and imagine yourself sitting at Joanna's dining room table with us, drinking tea and talking. Because as we were had these conversations, we were imagining you there with us.

Joanna Macy: Because you're here too. You're facing just what we're facing. I may never hear your name or see your face, but you suddenly become real because you're on the planet with me at this time.

Jess Serrante: We Are the Great Turning comes out April 22: Earth Day. You can listen at WeAreTheGreatTurning.com or wherever you get your podcasts.



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