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Sacred Relationship with Bees

(incremental policy changes
are not enough)

“Neonics are 5,000 to 10,000 times more toxic than DDT,” said Jean-Marc Bonmatin of The National Centre for Scientific Research in France. “I think the only acceptable dose of these systemic pesticides is just nothing. Zero.”

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“I used to think the top environmental problems were biodiversity loss, ecosystem collapse and climate change.

I thought that with 30 years of good science we could address those problems.

**But I was wrong.
The top environmental problems are selfishness, greed and apathy...**

...and to deal with those we need a spiritual and cultural transformation

- and we scientists don't know how to do that.”

Gus Speth



p.c.: James Gustav Speth, founder of the Natural Resources Defense Council. In his memoir “Angels by the River” he calls for deeper challenges to the economic status quo, and explores his life and career at the nexus of race, environment, and politics.

Bees were once sacred companions of ancient priestesses and goddesses around the world .



p.c.: Bianca Caldwell. Glass and gold Merovingian bees found in Childeric I's grave (Frankish ruler, c.440-81).



p.c.: Bianca Caldwell. Gold Disc with Bees, 700-600 BCE. Collection of Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University



p.c.: Mark Cartwright. Solid gold Minoan pendant depicting two bees clatching a honeycomb (1800-1700 BCE), found in the Old Palace cemetery at Chrysolakkos near Malia, Crete. (Herakleion Archaeological Museum, Crete)