Race and the Cosmos by Barbara A. Holmes

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You can find her in https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UoLyeSPN_sk and http://www.openhorizons.org/barbara-holmes-a-mentor-for-our-times.html

In reviewing this powerful book I let the author speak for herself. On page172 she says:

It is nothing short of a miracle to be situated in a cosmos that keeps its secrets but reveals just enough to keep us intrigued. Each day that dawns is a celebration of the fact that we have been invited to consider how our lives are spent; how we embrace and recoil from the creative genesis of darkness, which is also light; and how we relate to others. One thing is certain: Our conflicts seem insignificant from the perspective of an expanding universe. As we struggle for justice, the universe invites us toward expanded options. We can incorporate the wonder of science in our liturgy and in our politics. We can strengthen and challenge theological precepts with information about the intricacies of a cosmos that defies our inclinations toward control. Finally, we can regard our differences as an intrinsic manifestation of a complex order.

The quantum world is all expectancy and potential, and it includes us whether we know it or not. In such a dynamic life space, we dare not weary of well doing. Although we continue to harm one another with our measurements of worth and assessments of shortcomings, we are peering into a glass darkly. For what we know and what we see are only shadows that cannot reflect the fullness of the cosmos or our place in it. “
I had to double check the copyright 2002 date a couple of times as it seemed as if she was writing for today’s challenges. This only goes to prove that her powerful insights are timeless.