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### A Peaceful Voice for Nature

Jane Goodall, a renowned British ecologist and environmentalist, dedicated her life to the peaceful study of chimpanzees, bringing awareness to the protection of the species and their habitats. Her relentless compassion, ongoing advocacy, and commitment to research for wildlife conservation led to her becoming a global symbol of peace, exemplifying coexistence between humans and animals. Goodall not only displays characteristics of a truly peace-promoting person through her respectful methods of studying the natural world, but also through her efforts to promote environmental stewardship and education on living in harmony with the environment.

Jane Goodall was born in London, England, on April 3, 1934, and died in October of 2025 in Los Angeles, California. From a very early age, Goodall showed great interest in animals and their behaviors. At the age of eighteen, she left school and began working in order to secure passage to Africa, where she would begin her studies of chimpanzee behavior. From 1960 to 1975, Goodall remained in the Gombe Stream Game Reserve observing the chimpanzees in the surrounding region. While there, she discovered that chimps make and use tools, hunt and eat meat, and have complex personalities and emotions. Goodall's countless contributions to not only humanity but all of Earth's creation have led to her receiving numerous honors and titles, including: UN Messenger of Peace, Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire, the Stephen Hawking Medal for Science Communication, and the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

The most notable way Jane Goodall shows peace is through her deep respect and appreciation for animals. She spent much of her life peacefully studying chimpanzees in Tanzania, never with the intention of invading their spaces or disrupting their lives, but simply to

observe them. She treated animals with as much dignity and respect as many would their neighbor. Not only that, but after concluding her time spent researching the animal in Africa, she spent the remainder of her life dedicated to encouraging others to treat all living beings with kindness and empathy. Jane Goodall modeled an admiring and courteous relationship with nature and the living creatures in it, exemplifying a key aspect of peace.

Additionally, Goodall's work extends beyond just science but to promoting peace with the Earth. In 1977, she cofounded the Jane Goodall Institute for Wildlife Research, Education, and Conservation, which works to protect apes, inspire conservation, and create a future that is sustainable for people, animals, and the environment. Not only that but her institution protects wildlife and forests. These actions to protect nature are peaceful actions that prevent conflict and suffering for humans and animals alike. It ensures that humans can live in peace with the planet and animals through responsible choices.

Lastly, Jane Goodall spreads peace through action and education. She created the program Roots & Shoots, which inspires young people to care for the environment, including the animals and people that live in it. This program encourages young people to use their voices to be compassionate advocates for change in their communities and worldwide. It offers them opportunities to make a change in areas that matter to them. Furthermore, Goodall exemplified this same leadership herself as she spent much of her life traveling the world spreading values such as cooperation, understanding, and sustainability. Her advocacy and the Roots & Shoots program encourage respect and communication to solve problems, not violence, which is another key aspect of peace.

In conclusion, Jane Goodall's life consisted of countless contributions to science, philanthropy, the environment, education, and many other. Her consistently compassionate character exemplified peace through care for the environment and global education. Her life reminds us that peace is not just something between people, but also a complex relationship between humans, animals, and the Earth itself.

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