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***We must note that moments of grace are transient moments.  
The transformation must take place within a brief period.  
-Thomas Berry***

### **The Opportunity to Resist Genetically Engineered Seeds and Foods is a "Moment of Grace"**

This past week has seen a convergence of issues that offer us opportunities to unite our voices. People all over the country and the world are expressing their deep concern about GMOs in their food, in their animal feed, and on their soils.

In New Jersey, there is hopeful news. The GMO mandatory labeling law continues to gain momentum. Just recently, [a letter was released from dozens of farmers](#) across the state supporting the NJ GMO labeling bill, refuting assertions made by the agribusiness industry that New Jersey farmers are opposed to the legislation.

In November, [Oregon](#) and [Colorado](#) voters will vote on mandatory GMO labeling laws. If approved, they will be following in the footsteps of Maine, Connecticut and

#### **GE FOOD LABELING: STATES TAKE ACTION**



The Center for Food Safety has put together [a map](#) that indicates the many states considering GMO labeling laws.

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The Cornucopia Institute's [guide](#) shows which food companies are supporting or fighting proposed GMO labeling laws in Colorado and Oregon.

The Center for Food Safety also has a [shoppers guide to avoid buying GE food](#).

**Why does Genesis Farm oppose GMO seeds and support GMO food labeling?** Read [our explanation](#) from January, 2013.

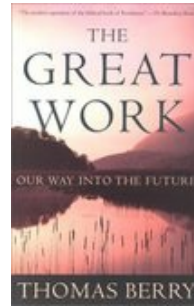
Although there is rising resistance to GMOs, there is still serious cause for worry. On October 15th, the EPA approved a new pesticide for US crops called "Enlist Duo." Enlist Duo is a combination of glyphosate, the active ingredient found in Round-Up pesticide, and 2,4-D, an active ingredient in Agent Orange, which was released over Vietnam during the war. Dow Chemical developed the new pesticide for its newly approved "Enlist" corn and soybeans, which have been genetically engineered to survive Enlist Duo applications.

This is likely to be one of the transient moments of grace that Thomas Berry describes, one in which humanity has a small window of opportunity to act to stop the spread of GMOs. The damage and devastation they impose on the future may be irreversible. If we each take decisive action, we may summon the power to stop the destruction of the genetic integrity of seeds and crops.

#### Here's what you can do:

- Consider using the power of your wallet to avoid buying from food companies that don't want you to be informed about eating GMOs. The Cornucopia Institute has released a [guide](#) showing which food companies are supporting or fighting against proposed GMO labeling laws in Colorado and Oregon. The Center for Food Safety also offers [a complete shopping guide](#) (including phone app) for avoiding GMO food.
- Do not purchase or apply Enlist Duo and Round-Up for home, lawn, garden or farm use
- If you have investments, consider divesting from companies that develop GMO seed, such as Monsanto and Dow Chemical, and from other companies that promote unsustainable practices
- Support state mandatory labeling laws. Labeling laws have the power to stop GMO crops in their tracks, simply because most people don't want to eat them.
- For more information about GMOs, go to:  
[Center for Food Safety](#)  
[The Cornucopia Institute](#)  
[Food and Water Watch](#)  
[Food Democracy Now](#)  
[Institute for Responsible Technology](#)  
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Even as we make our transition into this new century we must note that moments of grace are transient moments. The



transformation must take place within a brief period. Otherwise it is gone forever. In the immense story of the universe, that so many of these dangerous moments have been navigated successfully is some

indication that the universe is for us rather than against us. We need only to summon these forces to our support in order to succeed.

— from *The Great Work*,  
by Thomas Berry



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