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Quote: “Over the centuries, most cultures have recognized the Sun as source of all life on Earth. Only recently has tanning become a fashion requiring preventive messages to explain the obvious, that it is dangerous to burn your skin.”

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