When we love the earth, we are able to love ourselves more fully. I believe this. The ancestors taught me it was so. – bell hooks

Composting is, in broadest terms, the biological reduction of organic wastes to humus. Whenever a plant or animal dies, its remains are attacked by soil microorganisms and larger soil fauna and are eventually reduced to an earth-like substance that forms a beneficial growing environment for plant roots.

This process, repeated continuously in all its dimensions and in every part of the world where plants grow, is part of the ever-recurring natural process that supports all terrestrial life. The entire composting process is so difficult to contemplate in its full dimensions. Let’s just say that compost and composting are like air and water, essential of life.

The dependence of national and international security on soil health.

**Humanure toilet design from the Humanure Handbook**

- Cut hole in 18”x18” board to match bucket opening.
- Use hinges to attach 3”x18” board to 18”x18” board for top.
- Screw 10”x18” and 10”x19.5” pieces to make box 10” deep, 18” wide, 21” long.
- Screw 3”x18” board to box.
- Screw legs to inside of box.
- Stain or paint the wood.
- Attach toilet seat.