

Keynote

# Bayo Akomolafe



**Bayo Akomolafe** was born in 1983 into a Christian home, and to Yoruba parents in western Nigeria. Now living between India and the United States, Bayo is a father of Alethea Aanya and Kyah Jayden Abayomi. Bayo is a widely celebrated international speaker, teacher, public intellectual, essayist and author of two books, *These Wilds Beyond our Fences: Letters to My Daughter on Humanity's Search for Home* and *We Will Tell our Own Story: The Lions of Africa Speak*.

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**It's not up to us to save the day. And I think this is a very sticky saviour mentality, which was sometimes roped in and enlisted in, and it's sometimes instrumental to good outcomes. But that's that, it's limited.**

It's constrained by the fact that the world is also doing things on its own. Right? It's very difficult to comprehend that at a very embodied place, that the world is acting. We're not the only ones acting. The world is acting with us.

I frame something in my writings I call errancy coefficient; that is, even our most resolute ideas fall away and do other things that we do not intend for them to do. So I slightly disagree with Audrey Lorde when she says the master's tool will not dismantle the master's house because I think, along with the current barrage, that the master's tool doesn't stay faithful for so long to the master. In a sense, our computers are doing other things that we did not even notice, and showing up and materializing in other ways.

So it's no longer a picture of us and nature as our backdrop. The backdrop is now an actor. And so the question about what do we do with this is most meet a world that has pre intentional flows. And yes, you must do what you must do.