

PAST - Concerned with Relationship Human / Divine

INTRO Present centuries Human / Human

Future, must be human/earth - TO → Eozoic Era
(become homo empathicus) as our Great Work

3) Commercial / Industrial Obsessions - Disturbed biosystems more than anything before.

The great work - Move from Devastation - To Mutually Beneficial Rel.

Ag. starts stress on Earth

TOP SOIL LOSS

4) Deepest Problem - Radical Discontinuity between human/other

7) most Valuable Thing we can do for future generations is to give them a sense of the Great Work - This struggle is

Not a role we have chosen! - we are chosen by some power beyond ourselves for history, historic task

WAVE other. Must believe that we have ^{change history} the tools to do it

Must believe that we are cared for and guided by the powers that brought us into being - THING PLANTS

YES transition - from terminal Cenozoic to Eozoic

10) A Great Work - is the work of an Entire People - No one is exempt
The universe, ultimate Referent - Every Being achieves truth
identity by alignment with the universe it self.

15) we have huge knowledge - but not the kind that leads to an intimate presence within a meaningful universe.

Phenomena of Nature are NOT Spirit Presences

17) Earth Became us it rather than a then

19) No Viable restoration without intimate human rapport with earth community...

Need to understand the universe as celebration...?

20) Quite ENTHEO - entrancing qualities needed to overcome difficulties & have the creativity ineffable numinous.

- Now lost the wonder, creativity, mystery

24) our Historical orientation (Xian) led to dominance, thought of world for use rather than numinous manifestation

28) at origin - Collapsing stars - Supernova brought the entire array of elements we need to live. We are Star light

29) - Life has transformed earth - earth is a life process

31) - our Sacred Story - is Epic of Evolution tried in 60's

45 N. America - clash of Anthropocentric vs Naturecentric

4 Fold origin of hyperanthropocentrism Greek, Biblical/Koran English Political/legal, merchant class

49 - Numinous - see Dictionary - is a call to immanence
"Maybe once every 100 years does someone emerge from the shuddering mass of humanity who speaks to us with a kind of clarity that is universally profound. Thomas Berry is such a figure. The Great Work will, I believe, be remembered as the touchstone, the 'bible' whose wisdom laid the groundwork for our continued healthy existence here on Earth."

50 - In Wilderness is the preservation of the world.
Thomas Rain Crowe, The Bloomsbury Review
All planets probably made of same stuff - Earth Flowered
"Thomas Berry has demonstrated once again that he is one of the few great religious minds to be reckoned with."

53 - In the Beginning was the Word? No
Wes Jackson, president of the Land Institute
"Great Work indeed! Thomas Berry offers us the benefit of a lifetime of clear-headed, clear-hearted reflection. And by so doing he shows us where our task lies, shows us the particular test that we must face just as our ancestors faced their own great challenges. It's a work to stir the blood."

56-57 - EME Theology - move from Human Centered to an earth centered Norm of reality and value.
Bill McKibben, author of The End of Nature
Thomas Berry is the bard of the new cosmology. He unerringly finds the mythic dimension and the moral significance behind the scientific facts.

58 once we embark on empirical science & technology we consign the future of the earth to the hands of a few high school students exposed to the ideas contained in this book. One can only sigh in gratitude for this comprehensive and cautionary cultural history, and raise a cheer for those members of the human community already engaged in the truly Great Work.

60 Core Theology - Recovery - New Economic System and a conversion experience deep in the psychic structure of the human
Virginia Baron, Parabola

62 - The Earth - has been a sacrificial offering
(The earth is a witch - neoburn offering)

64 Esther - Primary healer would be the natural world ...

68 - Runaway Addiction situation - runaway feedback loop. Media & Advertising particularly responsible.

68 - must have Eco Channel

70-71 - Education & Religion must open awareness

72 Current Religions, Economic, Intellectual, Political Institutions Shake Radical Discontinuity

61 - The Capitalist - Drucker glorifies anthropocentrism from "nothing" - creating "value"

73 - BP Biologists - Say our devastation unprecedented for 65 million years.

Devastating Assault by human on non human

74 - US Constitution gives No protection to Natural World

75 For 2002 U.N. is preparing The Earth Charter

Religion the Natural World is our primary revelatory experience. Also by Thomas Berry

75 Problems w/ Rel. "leave us unable to benefit from Rel"

75 At Harvard The Historical Theory of Giambattista Vico 10 conferences on Rel. and Ecology

76 - Universities - a central Buddhism each different religion - Committed to a world Support to our ruinous pathologies

here for use economically, recreationally, aesthetically, spiritually

76 Goal/Ideal Seems that multiplying "throughput" of resources will somehow elevate us to a higher state of being.

Ecological Economics - Daly et al. / The Universe Story (with Brian Swimme)

77 ENTHEO/ECME - The earth provides! To get us here to support us while here, to lead us to Fulfillment

It is all here! - appreciate, utilize, reverse, celebrate. The debate re: sustainability is ongoing - without end unless we do.

only the whole has any integral meaning. Upto 1350 (Plague) universe was good. After - deep aversion to the Natural world in the west.

79 - USA "Artistic" in terms of intimate rapport with nat. world

GOAL - ENTHEO - How to move from Alienation -> more viable made

80 - Critical Role of Universities Central Pathology Terminating Era - Radical Discontinuity between Human and Non Human.

80 Law Central Issue Each part of the Earth Community would have rights that humans need respect

1965 - William O Douglas - "A Wilderness Bill of Rights"

822/87 Entheo Theo pure - universe as subjects to be Communed with not objects...

The ENTHEO is De communion experience

83 Now know that we are genetically related to every other living being.

84 Ecology must be basis of ALL courses, programs, professions in and institutions.

92 - Any sense of Limits over ridden by industrialism. That is the ~~the~~ Difficulty - we must self limit.

93 - Industrial System - Effort to Escape from the Natural World - Created Artificial Context for Existence ^{Technology} _{Energy Use}
Realize - The Ind. world, as now functioning -

THOMAS BERRY

Can only exist for a short period of time historically.

⊛ Gaia 90 Endorses Gaia Religion - concept - earth having the capacity of homeostasis

99 The more we separate from real knowledge of the land (HRWC.) The more it becomes vulnerable to exploitation.

Only GREAT WORK intimacy can save us from plundering

Our Way into the Future

101 - Either Death or reciprocal human support system for the life systems of our planet.

We've developed macro power with micro ethics

101 - All Classic Religions/Ethical Systems proving inadequate Paralyzed / todeal with our disintegrating effect on life systems. - Need Entheo

Now what we do matters totally - wisdom of past inadequate - esp redemptive emphasis.

102 - Talking of the Transition to sustainability/harmony - take ethical stance & courage seldom provided.

Ehrlich quote - Scientific analysis points, curiously, toward the need for a quasi-religious transformation of contemporary culture - ENTHEO

102 Revelations - We are in great danger when we believe that we will be saved by transcendently interventions.

104 Corporations Ethically Destitute - right when we face Ultimacy - No one has faced Biocide - Geocide / Old Traditions _{collapse}

Deficiency NOT in science but in lack of operative relevant Spiritual / Ethical Systems

105 Human Ethics must be derivative from the ecological imperative. Human attainment within healthy whole.

106 Hope in Entheo - Need New Revelatory Experience

Key - Experience - That awakens consciousness to
The grandeur & sacred quality of the existence

107 POLITICAL - past tension - Conservative/Liberal
based on social orientation NEW TENSION
between DEVELOPERS & ECOLOGISTS based on
orientation to Natural World.

108 - we cannot mediate our current condition by assuming
some current vague balance that needs only minor

109 Totally dominated by commercial modification
industrial order

110 - Real transformation (points outlined) "too unsettling"

112 - Tensions between Development forces & Ecologist forces
will be deeper than the capitalist/commie cold war divide

116 - All professions & institutions need to be reinvented - & the human

Some of the material in this book previously appeared in a different form.
ourselves & the planet & our role.

Drug War - will always be used to harass the ecologists.
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consciousness to resist other forms of consciousness - sensual
in order to invoke the deepest of psychic
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They own & control society, yet have no equivalent
responsibility for public welfare.
128 - Corporate Manipulation of the Media control the 3 branches
of government.

129 1886 Corporation Recognized as a Person legally
131 - why Republicans rail against "big government"

Government is the central tool the people have to control
the corporations - Corporations in Charge Now

132/5th Stage - Corporations Realize They can only survive
within a finite ecosystem.

135 - Corporations should be "feeding the world" - regions
should be sustaining themselves.

137 138 - 3 causes of where we are
① Judeo-Christian Greek humanist anthropocentrism -

Discontinuity between human & non human
② Black Death - focus on getting out of earth as threat & separation
of spiritual from secular - disengaged

③ The Extractive Economy - which is by its nature a
terminal system - as opposed to an
organic economy - by its nature, an ever renewing economy.

AND the extractive economy is degrading, changing the
chemical composition of air, water, soil.

wow 139 By end of century - really by 2050 we'll have the end
of petroleum supply

When we make metals or use petroleum for fuel, plastic, fiber
these are by products that there are no good ways to dispose of
Could have HEMP Based Economy - PAPER

141 only in 1880s 1890s did real mechanical electrical
Power emerge 1876 Thomas Edison - Research Lab

143 - 1940 1/2 m. tons of industrial chemicals (Nature can't absorb?)
1990s 200m tons of "

By 1850 - legal Professionals & Judiciary Had Bonded with
entrepreneurs & commercial ventures.

145 W.T. Org. Powers to exploit & control governments
146 Corporate Welfare - 100 B. a year?
Diversity of their regional communities.

146 - Exploitation NOT contradicting our cultural ideal

147 - As diversity diminishes - security for each life form drops

148 Ancient Reciprocity - what takes must give
Interdependence is absolute among living beings.

148 - My Name seed - a seed - "bond one generation of life to a
successor generation.

Plants - Every animal depends on plants, Plants Alone perform the
magic of transforming sun's power & earth's water into food.

Soil well being & Plants must be Human Primary Concern
HEMP! - our primary concern must be to restore the
organic economy of the entire planet.

149 - Greatest Human Discovery - Discovery of intimacy with other modes of being, reveal numinous world

ENTHEO as close as it gets.

154 Petroleum interval 1850-2050

Fuel, fiber, plastics, glue in particle board, lubricant, power other energy from sun wind tides, forests?, biomass other things can make plastics, paper, but none so convenient

Pot & Hemp so tied together - Creation provides but

Terminal Conspirators try to prevent evolution

Hemp Key Step in Moving from extractive economy - Paper
Plastics
Fiber

TO ALL THOSE WHO

156 - Most Critical Need - Life independent of Petroleum

Do we wait until we are in crisis? Hydrogen/Hemp
HAVE ASSISTED ME THROUGH

Can't Afford the Pollution of burning it all anyway.

157 Industrial System THESE MANY YEARS, - has actually Failed - failed to align its functioning with the planetary forces upon which it depends
I AM GRATEFUL.

159 - Historical Mission of our Time - Reinvent the Human

160 - Evolve Homo Empathicus - the issue we have how to deal with are beyond the competence of our present culture
Cultural Impasse - Need Something beyond existing trad.

Primary source of guidance in the inherent tendencies of our genetic coding - SEX DRUGS culture
- Make the Heroic Journey for the Great Mother & Tree of Life.

162 Geographical Regions also bioregions, self sustaining

164 - Great Extinction Spasm - Biggest setback to Life Ever

165 our materialist Addiction to industrial civilization is an Entrapment - Most Destructive in History.

Deep Pathology - Can only be dealt with by correspondingly deep cultural therapy - ENTHEO w/ counseling.

Earth exactly like goose who laid golden egg - Not satisfied with egg, wants the power to create it.

Key Entheo Statement - At such a time a new revelatory experience is needed - Awaken (consciousness) to grandeur & sacred quality of The Earth Process

Only hope - Shamanic participation in the dream of the earth.
End of Reinventing the Human.

only hope - awe, reverence, joy in Creation. Can save us

The Future by 169 Old - presence manifested throughout the world
 Now - myth of Progress (Based in Revelations & in Empiricism.
 Future - myth of Evolution
 Evolution Not random or determined but creative - moves from
 lesser → greater complexity in structure
 And lesser to greater

170 Alienation overcome Modes of consciousness ENTHEO
 when we experience this surge of energy from the source of creation. New fields of energy become available to humankind to support the transition to viability (introduction... to support the transition to viability)

ENTHEO

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171 New Religion Should Continue Seasonal Based Liturgies

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Our Peril is a cause for advancing consciousness - we must now seek to guide & energize evolution - since we have the power

Success will only come if the guidance and the powers of the earth have been communicated to us. NOT because we rationally determine a plan for the earth.

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174 Senseless and Recused in Mystique of Earth, Epic of Evolution

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by invocation not by domination. To create the future

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⊕ Pervasive Spirit Presence - much more perceptible in types of consciousness NOT the pure survival form.

179 - Bushmen say "you are never alone in the forest"

181 - Anthropocentrism - Centering on men Earth/women Exploited

MEN + western Civilization Need to be transformed.

183 The Goddess - "special significance"

- Goddess Time (To 3000 AD) was more peaceful
3000 male Warrior Dieties (Did not arise from this)

Greeks subordinate female (Context - from outside)

Hebrews condemn Female Deities - mandat?
built in Historical Dynamism - They had Historical Goal

Xian Power - Dominate World - From Combination of Greek
Humanist, Roman Imperial, & Hebrew biblical

Evolution - goes from lessen → greater complexity in
structure And from a lessen to a greater Mode of
Consciousness - ENTHEO is the mass key.

Needed - Sense of Identity within an emergent universe.

192 - After Newton - geological & biological studies showed

The long reach of evolution
Modern Science - like Hinduism - The small self of the
person finds its reflection in Large Self of the universe
modern Science shows the

- 1) Unity of the universe
- 2) Emergent nature of the universe
- 3) Existence of Human Intelligence as an integral

Component of the universe.

193 - All wisdoms agree on the intimacy of human with
natural world within a single community of existence

194 Fifth Wisdom Source in Tradition - Ancient & modern

Entheo. No one Tradition is a dequate. Need all.

195 - Western Gu- should Withdraw from effort to
dominate the earth

western ADDICTION to economic dominance
Final Guidance tradition - The Epic of Evolution

ENTHEO "The guidance, inspiration, & energy we need
is available."

In fighting for a planet peace we are doing the great work of the universe

Must come to appreciate what the earth has given us.

Catastrophic moments can be creative moments
Now is the time. The challenge is Absolute - the possibilities comprehensive

201 He sez The mythic Vision "has been set in place for every
realm of human affairs for the New EOCENOIC Era

EVOLUTION → Key is ever renewing organically based
community Earth
Dream Drives Action - The universal is on our side /
for success

Introduction

HUMAN PRESENCE ON THE PLANET EARTH IN THE OPENING years of the twenty-first century is the subject of this book. We need to understand where we are and how we got here. Once we are clear on these issues we can move forward with our historical destiny, to create a mutually enhancing mode of human dwelling on the planet Earth.

Just now we seem to be expecting some wonderworld to be attained through an ever-greater dedication to our sciences, technologies, and commercial projects. In the process, however, we are causing immense ruin in the world around us.

★ We might begin to think about our present life-situation by reflecting for a moment on the wonder of Earth, how it came to be the garden planet of the universe and what might be our human role in this context. To appreciate our immediate situation we might also develop a new intimacy with the North American continent. For we need the guidance and support of this continent as we find our way into the future.

★ The most basic and most disturbing commitment of the original European settlers was to conquer this continent and reduce it to human use. Because the exaltation of the human and the subjugation of the natural have been so excessive, we need to understand how the human community and the living forms of Earth might now become a life-giving presence to each other. We have already shaped the critical understanding and the appropriate technologies that can assist in establishing a beneficial human presence with the other components of this continent and also with the one great Earth community. We need only see that our human technologies are coherent with the ever-renewing technologies of the planet itself.

★ We must only ^{ix} summon these forces to our support in order to succeed. EARTH

The best
will not be thwarted.
He thinks the longer purposes of the universe