

CREATIVE ENERGY

Bearing Witness for the Earth

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Our best procedure might be to consider that we need not a human answer to an earth problem, but an earth answer to an earth problem. The earth will solve its problems, and possibly our own, if we will let the earth function in its own ways. We need only listen to what the earth is telling us.

This slender volume distills into its elegant pages the most essential wisdom of Thomas Berry's *Dream of the Earth*, called by Dr. Donald B. Conroy, President of the North American Conference on Religion and Ecology, "quite possibly one of the ten most important books of the twentieth century."

According to Berry, noted eco-theologian and historian, our present-day problems—from polluted air and waters to moral bankruptcy and rampant materialism—stem from the basic relationship of human society to nature. We have come to

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83 If humans will not become functional members of the earth community how can humans establish functional relationships between themselves.

Q Whether the planet itself can survive the human intelligence it has brought forth.

86 - Goal Groping toward an ever more complete expression of the ^{CREATIVE ENERGY} NUMINOUS mystery
Discovery, ecstatic transformation →
new levels of integration

87 - only a fragment of matter escaped anti-matter annihilation - all we can see

89 ★ Greatest Advance - invention of PHOTOSYNTHESIS upon which all future life development has depended

Guidance in "Dream of the Earth" is available - the difficulty is in the order of magnitude of the change required of us.

90 - No former revelatory experiences are

1 Awareness of an all-pervading mysterious energy
--- Primal experience of human consciousness
(mushroom?) Wow - ENTIRE

2 - we want to be healed. Then what? - more healed when
down get to our creative role within the intentions
of the universe

5) An ancient Existence - a pattern - NOT an unfolding
- ritual patterns kept them within proper energy
cycles, that consistency NOT radically disrupted
till modern period.

6) Most significant energy revolution - switch to
shaping of time process toward some ultimate
fulfillment

ENTIRE - This is what the plants begin to
switch us back from

Fundamental Change for Human + Earth. Destiny
This Vision - with Revelation - source of most powerful
psychic energies ever released on earth.

Now - earth comes together - & deteriorating - Modern Q
Control of huge energy - jumps in order of magnitude
Consequences vast - beyond imagining of tornado -
ations - irreversible.

11. Humans can 1) Plunder or 2) mutually enhance
RET The mythic vision is what invokes the energies
needed to sustain the human effort.

Either way - / Must Change Mythic Vision
may the force be with you

12 - Deep Psychic fixation against any alteration
of the death grip.
- Drug war

13. "Industrial illusion"
We lack progress NOT because of pol or econ. reality...

⊛ We have Myth Addiction the most Terminal
Addiction Wow - Earth Cure requires passing
thru the agony of Withdrawal - Pot - Peace mythic
Wow Cannabis is the Transition Hemp - Production
Consumption vision

- 15 - The Mythic Transformation must precede the industrial. Yeah - that's McGowan's Culture
 - love, grandeur, awe of North America
- 16 - Every culture needs mystique of the land to counter the industrial mystique 3 PAGES 1997

CREATIVE ENERGY Commit to earth

- 14 - Want's an earth answer to an earth problem
 - listen to the earth.

20 All in the story - we are in trouble now because BEARING WITNESS
 we do not have a good story - old entrenched

Story must educate, heal, guide, discipline
FOR THE EARTH

21 old story - man broke paradise - History is moving intelligibly towards reconstituting paradise.
 Contribution of this irreversible historical time (into a [cyclical] abiding cosmological scene.)

This can only go 2 ways - Life/Death - The earth ethic that came Thomas Berry can lead only to death.

26 Calculus - The Supreme instrument of modern science

27 The human-universe in its evolutionary dimension became conscious of itself

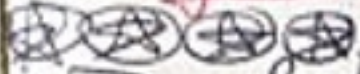
30 Best of Christianity and the Natural World.
 - Christian redemptive mystique is little concerned.

34 Both Trad. Believers and scientists miss any real understanding of the earth process itself.

36 Change in Earth/Human Relationship. Now we determine the earth processes.

- Growing awareness of the integral physical/psychic dimension of reality.

37 - Fear, distrust, Aversion Nat. world in believing community. But there will be pressure from many - Earth will not be ignored.



} In both forms - in both realms C
 can significantly treat the withdrawal

38 - Primordial intent of the Universe is Diversity

39 - Reverence will be total (immersion) or it will be not at all.

ENTHEO - The universe does not come to us in pieces

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The preservation for this feeling of reality in its depths - upset in past 2 centuries

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Evolutionary Process TEUO.

The way now is the way of intimate communication with humans to the universe. Confidence in future - if Gaea guides -

"follow the revelation that takes place in and through the earth."

44 - True Guidance can't come from Trad, culture
"cultural coding" - for it is mark of the problem
Guidance - go to Genetic Coding - in the Earth - from
whence we came (2)

46 - Human - Less a being than a dimension of the earth
& the universe.

Guide I - Genetic Coding - our instincts for living - "no other
source of guidance
(*) Sexuality/Mat. Alt. Reinforcers has such
inherent authenticity.

48 - The Primordial Fireball contained all that
would ever emerge into being.

57 - Western Civ. Has set cultural coding deliberately
against genetic coding - origin of our
situation

(*) First Radically Anthropocentric Society
Thus broken the primary law of the universe.
The New Story - 20

That every component is integral

The Dream of the Earth - 44

57 New Industrial coding (social mores) - Profound
Shift in meaning to entire evolutionary process.

The Cosmology of Peace - 79

Large advantages to some.

Now Disaster Looming

57 - Nature - Now our servant MATERIALISM
Ever greater consumption was the way to greater
human fulfillment. Every earthly being now not a
sacred reality, but a natural resource

60 Gods Know on whose head final lightning will fall Nature
But I doubt

Albert Schweitzer - Man will end up destroying the earth
Destroying species - to earth

61 Our sense of progress emerges from millennial expectations
of our scriptures.

Did not belong to the community of the earth. Our
Xian destiny is not here. Better place.

Growth now (progress) is a terminal cultural pathology

63 - Limits to growth study - outcry
Supreme Pathology of all history (*)

Pathology greater than any historical or cultural change
- closing down the major life systems of the planet

65 - Wow Paul Ehrlich - / Contrast T. Hayden Brook
Xian solution to crisis
Sez to wait for technological solution "would
be a lethal mistake.

Church - Rel - "Scientific analysis points,
curiously, to a need for quasi-religions

⊗ Transformations of Contemporary Cultures ⊗

68 - Huxley - Freud - Saw humans as alien to
the community of creatures. We are
Too good for the natural world.

68, 69 Day of Reckoning has come - we have gone -
in image - from crown of creation to most
pernicious of earthly beings. We are the affliction
of the earth, its demonic aspect - the violation
of earth's most sacred aspects.

69 WOW church doctrine - great 69 - extreme
Need to get beyond our existing cultural

⊗ formation - back to the primary tendencies,
⊗ of our nature itself, as expressed in the
spontaneities of our being. Total
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Anthropocentric Traditions - all institutions
- origin of deteriorating influence we have on earth

70 - Redemptive spirituality Disorienting - emphasize
Flaws of nature and escape from rather than
intimacy with the earth.

71 We still could change course - from plundering to
Now what happening is on sustainability
order of magnitude Not historical or geological
New cultural coding - must come from revelatory visions
ENTHEO - That come to us in special psychic moments
an intuitive, non-rational process - when we awaken to
The numinous powers.

72 Role of Shamanic Personality - Supported by the ultimate power of the universe. Entheo we must become sensitized to these spontaneous

73 - All our institutions and professions to be judged - Do they foster a mutually enhancing rel. with the earth

74 Ecological Imperative - New sensitivity that lets humans diminish so other life forms can flourish

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75 2 Radical Positions - The Ecological Industrial

76 No prior struggle **ENERGY** confront each other involved issues at this order of magnitude

78 - in rel. the earth - we have been artistic for centuries

80 Modern Human 60,000 yrs

My God - Entheo - May the force be with you!!

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AWARENESS OF AN all-pervading mysterious energy articulated in the infinite variety of natural phenomena seems to be the primordial experience of human consciousness, awakening to an awesome universe filled with mysterious power. Not only is energy our primary experience; energy, and its multiple modes of expression, is also the primary concern of modern physics, its ultimate term of reference in describing the most fundamental reality of the universe. Physics is establishing contact with energy events rather than with substances of atomic or subatomic dimensions. These energy events extend in size all the way from subatomic particles to galactic systems. The universe can be seen as a single, if multiform, energy event, just as a particle such as the

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