

Some Thoughts on Ecological Theology

“In *Super, Natural Christians*, Sallie McFague offers an ecological theology in which we live out of the awareness that we are, indeed, an intimate part of Earth. It requires spending time with and getting to know that which we are part of and then seeing it altogether differently---- not with our ‘arrogant eye,’ says McFague, but with a ‘loving eye’.” – Pat Hoerth, in *Sustainability and Spiritual Direction*

“.....no effective restoration of a viable mode of human presence on the planet will take place until (an) intimate human rapport with the Earth community and the entire functioning of the universe is re-established on an extensive scale.” – Thomas Berry, in *The Great Work: Our Way into the Future*

“Great philosophers, spiritual teachers, and writers of our day, each say, in their own way, that this is *the critical work or our time*: coming to realize our truest identity – that God didn’t create creation *for* human beings, but that human beings are an intimate part of creation.” – Pat Hoerth, in *Sustainability and Spiritual Direction*

“Our own special role, which we will hand on to our children, is that of managing the arduous transition from the terminal Cenozoic Era to the emerging ‘Eozoic Era’, the period when humans will be present to the planet as participating members of the comprehensive Earth community” – Thomas Berry, in *The Great Work: Our Way into the Future*