

FAITH AND ENVIRONMENT ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHY: Books, Videos and Recordings

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This bibliography is not intended to be an exhaustive resource, but rather a sharing of the texts that we have found helpful in our explorations. Many, but by no means all of the entries are from the Christian tradition. We have arranged the books into sections: "getting started" - books that may be useful to individuals and groups just starting out; "classics" - books that have stood the test of time and impacted our thinking; "delving deeper" - books for those at seminary or who want to enter into a deeper exploration; "activism" - books for those who wish to be advocates for environmental restoration; "for children and youth" - books for individual use or in Sunday School.

GETTING STARTED:

Austin, R.C. (1990) Restoring Nature of Culture, Pub. Creekside Press.

The author, a Presbyterian pastor and farmer, proposes a series of reforms to protect and restore the environment: constitutional rights for species and living systems, land reform to assure access and revitalized agriculture.

Austin, R.C. (1988) Hope for the Land, Pub. Creekside Press.

An exploration of the Bible within the context of modern environmental concern.

Barnett, T., (2002) Greening Congregations Handbook, Pub. Earth Ministry

A must for any parish group intending to start a faith and environment ministry. Offers accessible readings on why people of faith should care about the environment and practical advice for starting up a group, working with others and first steps.

Bradley, I., (1992) God is Green: Ecology for Christians, Pub. Doubleday,

By exploring the world of Christian mystics, Celtic Spirituality and the early Christians, the author shows how he has arrived at the concept that "a sacred world is at the heart of Christian belief".

Gibson, W.E., editor (1990) Keeping and Healing the Creation, Pub. Doubleday.

An overview of environmental problems and a Christian response.

Hart, J., (2006) Sacramental Commons: Christian Ecological Ethics, Pub. Rowman and Littlefield.

A call for all faith traditions to work towards a shared sense of the sacred in creation. The writing is based in the Catholic tradition and draws upon ethics within the Native American traditions.

Leopold, A., (1987) A Sand County Almanac and Sketches Here and There. Pub. Oxford Press

An early collection of essays on the delights of being in the wilderness. Republished to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the author's birth.

Linzey, Andrew (2000) Animal Rights, Liturgies of Animal Care, Pub. Trinity Press International.

Andrew Linzey is an Anglican priest and internationally known theologian, a member of the Faculty of Theology at Oxford where he holds the first post in theology and animal welfare. These liturgies are "a catalyst of positive change, lifting us all closer to God's original intent for His entire creation."

Ray, P. H., and Anderson, S. R., (2000), The Cultural Creatives: How 50 Million People are Changing the World, Pub. Three Rivers Press

The authors explore the make up of our society and make three categories: 'Traditionals', 'Moderns' and 'Cultural Creatives'. The last group, they believe will change the world or at least have the capacity to do so. Members of this group are characterized by their deep commitment to spiritual connection, their love of and wish to heal the earth, their nontraditional politics and their willingness to undergo considerable personal transformation. The book is very helpful for all those feeling as if they don't 'fit in' and has hopeful information for those despairing about the future of our earth.

Roberts, E. and Amadon, E. editors, (1991) Earth Prayers, Pub. Harper Collins.
An anthology of prayers for the earth from a variety of faith traditions.

Schut, M., ed. (1999) Simpler Living: Compassionate Life. Pub. Living the Good News in Collaboration with Earth Ministry
Audience: Adults, can be used as a curriculum for faith and environment groups.
An anthology and study guide for living a simple life within the Christian context.

Schut, M., ed. (2002) Food and Faith, Living the Good News in Collaboration with Earth Ministry
Pub. Living the Good News in Collaboration with Earth Ministry
Audience: Adults, can be used as a curriculum for faith and environment groups.
An anthology of and study guide for eating healthily and compassionately, includes sections on spirituality and food, caring for the land and genetically modified organisms.

CLASSICS

Berry, T., (1988) The Dream of the Earth, Pub. Sierra Club Books.
Eco-theologian, Thomas Berry has combined an exploration of the profound implications of contemporary physics and his own spirituality to arrive at a description of our 'enchanted world' - a world understood throughout human history, but mostly lost to human consciousness following the work of Descartes.

Berry, T., (2000) The Great Work, Pub. Bell Tower,
Might be a good choice for adult education discussion. In Berry's thinking, the great work is the transition from people to damage our cosmos to those who are a "benign presence".

Gottlieb, R. S., (2002, 2nd ed.) *This Sacred Earth: Religion, Nature, Environment*. Pub. Routledge.
The first comprehensive survey of the links between religion and the natural world, including sacred texts from a variety of religious traditions and a broad range of historical and contemporary writings on eco-theology. A terrific resource for individual or group study.

Lovelock, J., (1990) The Ages of Gaia, Pub. Bantam
In this book, Lovelock shows us why we should view our earth as a living system - Gaia. He relates the history of Gaia from its beginnings to contemporary times and shows compelling the importance of caring for Gaia as if our lives depended on it - as indeed they do.

Macy, J., and Brown, M.Y., (1998) *Coming Back to Life: Practices to Reconnect Our Lives, Our World*. Pub. New Society Publishers.
An engaged Buddhist and deep ecologist, Joanna Macy has been seminal in inspiring people around the world to move from despair to hope (Website: <http://www.joannamacy.net/>).
This is a book to return to again and again.

Moltmann, J., (1993) God in Creation, Pub. Fortress Press
This book explores such topics as theology at a time of ecological crisis, God as Creator, Heaven and Earth, and Embodiment as the End of all God's works.

Nash, J. A., (1991) *Loving Nature: Ecological Integrity and Christian Responsibility*. Pub. Abingdon Press.
A classic text that explores the ecological complaint against Christianity and critiques and re-visions such basic doctrines as Creation, covenant, divine image, incarnation, sin, and redemption.

Schumacher, E.E. (1999) Small is Beautiful, Pub. Hartley and Marks

This is a 25th anniversary edition that includes commentaries by several contemporary authors.

Wilson, E.O., (2002) The Future of Life, Pub. Knopf.

The author who has spent seventy years studying life on this planet combines his scientific knowledge with his poetry to share with us his fears about the future of life as we know it. One idea of his is that humans are not biologically wired to plan for the survival of future generations.

DELVING DEEPER:

Bernstein, E., (2005) *The Splendor of Creation: A Biblical Ecology*. Pub. Pilgrim Press.

Written from a Jewish perspective, this fine book is an insightful and engaging reflection on the Genesis story of the seven days of Creation and how to deepen our spiritual connection with the natural world.

Boff, L., (1995) Ecology and Liberation, Pub. Orbis

Drawing from both contemporary science and from mysticism, Boff arrives at a theology of interrelatedness. He criticizes the environmental movement for paying insufficient attention to political and economic causes of pollution and to those most impacted by pollution - the poor. Boff argues that whilst state socialism is perceived as having failed, capitalism has yet to solve our most pressing global and environmental problems. The prolog itself would provide a useful starting point for discussion. The treatment of mysticism, spirituality and sexuality in the last two chapters are powerful and illuminating as Boff draws on understanding of energy learned from Eastern spirituality and integrates this understanding with Christianity.

Carroll, J.E., Brockelman, P., and Westfall, M., eds. (1997) *The Greening of Faith: God the Environment, and the Good Life* Pub. University Press of New England

Could be used with guidance by congregational groups. An anthology of writings from a variety of religious perspectives about integrating our concern and reverence for creation into our religious practice.

Chryssavgis, Fr. J., ed., (2003) *Cosmic Grace, Humble Prayer: The Ecological Vision of the Green Patriarch Bartholomew I*. Pub. Eerdmans Publishing Company.

This anthology brings together the eco-theological essays of the "green patriarch," who is recognized around the world for his leadership in articulating to the Orthodox Church – and to the global community – a Christian vision of environmental and social justice.

Haber, N.C., and Wurst, S. editors (2000) The Earth Bible Series, Pub. Pilgrim Press

Volume One: Readings from the perspective of the earth,

Volume Two: The Earth Story in Genesis

Volume Three: Earth Story in Wisdom Traditions

Volume Four: Earth Story in Psalms and Prophets.

This series explores our understanding of the earth and the Bible, using six eco-justice principles:

1. The principle of intrinsic value (of our earth and all its inhabitants).
2. The principle of interconnectedness.
3. The principle of voice.
4. The principle of purpose.
5. The principle of mutual custodianship.
6. The principle of resistance.

Helpful in our reading Bible stories in ways we have not done before or been encouraged to do before. Some of the essays may the Bible writing come alive.

Hessel, D.T., editor, (1996) Theology for Earth Community, Pub. Orbis.

A series of essays from a variety of disciplines - theology, social ethics, psychotherapy on the means by which biblical studies, theology, spiritual formation and liturgy may be brought up to speed with eco-justice.

MacKinnon, H.M. and McIntyre, M., (1995) *Readings in Ecology and Feminist Theology*. Pub. Sheed and Ward.

A good basic collection of early and more recent voices in ecology and feminist theology, including Valerie Saiving, Rosemary Radford Ruether, Susan Griffin, Thomas Berry, Paul Santmire, Brian Swimme, Sallie McFague, and many others.

Maitland, S., (1995) *A Big Enough God*, Pub. Riverhead Books

A humorous and challenging book by British feminist, novelist and convert to Catholicism. The first two chapters ask an important question: what does contemporary science tell us about God the Creator? She infers that God is risky, abundant, humorous and generous who gives creation the ability to participate in creation. Maitland also describes and explores the rift between science and religion and the fear that has given us a God who is "too small."

May, G.M., foreword by Parker Palmer, (2006) *The Wisdom of Wilderness: Experiencing the Healing Power of Nature*. Pub. HarperSanfrancisco.

A personal reflection on the holiness of Creation and the need to recover our own wildness, written from the perspective of contemplative theology and psychology.

McDaniel, J., (1995) *With Roots and Wings*. Pub. Orbis

Writing on the intersection of the inspiration present and gifted to us from creation and the grace of the crucifixion of Christ. Includes the authors learning from other traditions.

McDaniel, J., (1989) *Of God and Pelicans: A Theology of Reverence for Life*, Pub. Westminster/John Knox Press

More accessible to congregational reading than "With Roots and Wings", this argues that our world needs people who are sensitive to the suffering of all living beings and the abuse of our earth. Discusses the formation of an environmental ethic.

McDaniel, J., (1990) *Earth, Sky, Gods and Mortals: Developing an Ecological Spirituality*, Pub. Twenty Third Publications.

An intersection of traditional religious thinking with contemporary scientific perspectives and philosophy.

McFague, S., (1993) *The Body of God*, Pub. Fortress Press.

An exploration of the connections between our concept of God and our current ecological crisis. A new "organic" model for God that would support our task of healing our world.

McFague, S., (2000) *Life Abundant, Rethinking Theology and Economy for a Planet in Peril*. Pub. Fortress Press.

The author provides an argument for why we need to change our conventional mental models of how the world works to one of interdependence of all of God's creation. She explores the way such a model shifts our thinking about God, Christ and how we live our daily lives.

Moe-Lobeda, C. (2002) *Healing a Broken World: Globalization and God*. Pub. Fortress Press.

An analysis of contemporary capitalism in our world and her prophetic response to this within Christianity.

Moltmann, J., (1993) *God in Creation*, Pub. Fortress Press

This book explores such topics as theology at a time of ecological crisis, God as Creator, Heaven and Earth, and Embodiment as the End of all God's works.

Polkinghorne, J., (1999) *Science and Theology*, Pub. Fortress Press

Polkinghorne is both a scientist and an ordained priest within the Church of England. In this book, he explores the major current advances in our understanding of physics and shows how these are connected to our current theological explorations.

- Primavesi, A., (2000) Sacred Gaia, Pub. Routledge,
Primavesi explores the connections between two shifts in our understanding of our biological world; that of our understanding of evolution as first expounded by Darwin and that of our understanding of Gaia as expounded by Lovelock, with three aspects of theological understanding - self-perception, eco-justice, and concepts of God. Primavesi argues that our concept of God must be enlarged, one who is "not to be confused with or separated from our home environment".
- Rasmussen, L. R., (1996) Earth Community, Earth Ethics, Pub. Orbis Books.
Comprehensive book on environmental ethics and the perspective of the Christian Community.
- Ruether, R. R., editor, (1996) Women Healing Earth, Pub. Orbis
A series of essays by 14 women from Latin America, Asia and Africa on their understandings of eco-theological issues within their own contexts. The essays explore the interconnecting strands of religion, ecology, race and class.
- Sugirtharajah. R.S., editor, (1998) The Postcolonial Bible, Pub. Sheffield Academic Press
A series of essays by writers throughout the world explore the implications of postcolonial thinking on our biblical interpretations and assumptions.
- Swimme, B., and Berry, T., (1992) The Universe Story, Pub. Harper Collins.
Written by cosmological mathematician, Swimme and eco-theologian, Berry, this book explores our contemporary understanding of the history of our cosmos and the possibilities of mystical response to our cosmos. Well written and engaging.
- Taylor, S. M., (2007) *Green Sisters: A Spiritual Ecology*. Pub. Harvard University Press.
A stimulating study of the bold leadership of Roman Catholic nuns across the U.S. who are engaged in caring for our imperiled Earth.
- Thorpe. D., (2007) Rapture of the Deep; Reflections on the Wild in Art, Wilderness and the Sacred. Pub. Red Hen Press
Reflections of a professor of English literature as he hikes through the Northwest. Author connects his knowledge of the great works of English literature with his experience of wilderness and his experience of the Divine.
- Van Dyke, F, Mahan, D., Sheldon J., and Brand, R., (1996) *Redeeming Creation: The Biblical Basis for Environmental Stewardship*. Pub. InterVarsity Press.
Written by four biologists who are Evangelical Christians, this book is a fine resource for readers looking for biblical perspectives on Creation care.
- Warren, K. J., (1997) Women, Culture, Nature, Pub. Indiana University Press
Explores the connections between oppression of women and nature, the grass-roots nature of ecofeminism, its relationship to issues of race and its connections to other radical movements.
- Williams, T.T., (1991) Refuge: An Unnatural History of Family and Place, Pub. Vintage
This autobiographical work explores the intersection of disease caused by atomic bomb fall-out, the rising of the Great Salt Lake and resulting impact on local habitat and personal and environmental healing.

NOTE: Harvard University Press has published an excellent series of scholarly books on religions of the world and ecology. Books in print, listed alphabetically by religious tradition, presently include:

Buddhism and Ecology: The Interconnection of Dharma and Deeds. Mary Evelyn Tucker and Duncan Ryûken Williams, eds. 1997.

Christianity and Ecology: Seeking the Well-Being of Earth and Humans. Dieter T. Hessel and Rosemary Radford Ruether, eds. 2000.

Confucianism and Ecology: The Interrelation of Heaven, Earth, and Humans. Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Berthrong, eds. 1998.

Daoism and Ecology: Ways within a Cosmic Landscape. N. J. Girardot, James Miller, and Liu Xiaogan, eds. 2001.

Hinduism and Ecology: The Intersection of Earth, Sky, and Water. Christopher Key Chapple and Mary Evelyn Tucker, eds. 2000.

Indigenous Traditions and Ecology: The Interbeing of Cosmology and Community. John A. Grim, ed. 2001.

Islam and Ecology: A Bestowed Trust. Richard C. Foltz, Frederick M. Denny, and Azizan Baharuddin, eds. 2003.

Jainism and Ecology: Nonviolence in the Web of Life. Christopher Key Chapple, ed. 2002.

Judaism and Ecology: Created World and Revealed Word. Hava Tirosh-Samuels, ed. 2002.

ADVOCACY:

Brower, M., and Leon, W., (1999) The Consumer's Guide to Effective Environmental Choices: Practical Advice from the Union of Concerned Scientists. Pub. Three Rivers Press.

Beyond taking your own bags to the store: a guide for those who want to make choices in our homes and transportation. tools for effective advocacy.

Bullard, R.D., (2005) The Quest for Environmental Justice: Human Rights and the Politics of Pollution, Pub. Sierra Club Books

Collection of stories of those around the world who are struggling against environmental injustice and human rights abuses. Demonstrates that people of color and the poor are at increased risk.

Dauncey, G., and Mazza, P., (2001) Stormy Weather: 101 Solutions to Global Climate Change. Pub. New Society Publishers.

Readable manual for making change at the individual, local regional, national and global levels.

Diamond, J., (2005) Collapse: How Societies Choose to fail or to Succeed, Pub. Viking Press.

Theoretical and foundational reading. The author explores why civilizations of the past have collapsed and what lessons we in the west might learn from this.

Gelbspan, R., (1997, 1998) *The Heat Is On: The Climate Crisis, the Cover-Up, the Prescription* (updated edition). Pub. Perseus Books.

Written by a former editor and reporter at The Boston Globe and other publication, this book is scathing indictment of the behind-the-scene financing of climate change 'skeptics' and the political abuse of science.

Gershon, D., (2006) *Low Carbon Diet: A 30-Day Program to Lose 5000 Pounds.* Pub. Empowerment Institute.

This is an excellent resource for adult ed. groups, Lenten study groups, climate resource action groups – or simply to use on your own. Full of simple, practical instructions, the program can be completed in 4 meetings that last 1.5 or 2 hours apiece and that take place every 10-14 days.

Gottlieb, R.S. (2006) A Greener Faith: Religious Environmentalism and Our Planet's Future, Pub. Oxford Press.

An analysis of the debates on environmental ethics amongst the world's religions and the implications for care for the earth.

Hawken, P., (2007) Blessed Unrest: How the Largest Movement in the World Came into Being and Why No One Saw It Coming. Pub. Viking

A hopeful account of how communities around the world are working together to reduce environmental degradation and bringing restoration.

Isham J. and Waage, S., eds., (2007) *Ignition: What You Can Do To Fight Global Warming and Spark a Movement*. Pub. Island Press.

An urgent, hopeful, handbook on how to find your voice, find your allies, get mobilized, and get results.

Inslee, J., and Hendricks, B., (2008) Apollo's Fire: Igniting America's Clean Energy Economy. Pub. Island Press

A hopeful and innovative approach to solutions to global warming.

Isham, J. and Waage, S. eds. (2007) Ignition: What you can do to fight global warming and spark a movement. Pub. Island Press

Secular essays on how to create change at the level of the organization. A valuable resource for leaders of faith and environment groups who are working to "green their congregation", especially chapter 8, by Rebecca Gould, "Binding Life to Values" Accessible writing.

Kolbert, E., (2006) *Field Notes from a Catastrophe: Man, Nature, and Climate Change*. Pub. Bloomsbury.

Originally published in *The New Yorker*, this grim, succinct account of the science of climate change ends with a compelling question: will we choose to destroy ourselves?

Korten, D.C. (2006) *The Great Turning*. Pub. Berrett-Koehler.

Very helpful for those who wish to understand the political and historic foundations of our current global crises. Spiritually based, not Christian. The author points the way to a possible future, chosen by us with intention and embedded in values of integrity.

McKibben, B., (2007) Deep Economy: The Wealth of Communities and the Durable Future. Pub. Times Books.

A challenge to prevailing economic thought. Author asks the reader to think about the economic impact to others and to the earth of the food they buy, energy use and the money that pays for it all. He suggests an alternative economic approach, one that includes "human satisfaction and societal durability."

McKibben, B., (2007) *Fight Global Warming Now: The Handbook for Taking Action in Your Community*.

Pub. Henry Holt & Company.

Inspiration from Bill McKibben, one of the climate movement's best writers and organizers, and the creator of Step It Up and 360.org. Includes chapters on Make It Credible, Make it Snappy, Make it Collaborative, Make it Meaningful, Make It Creative (and Fun!), and so on.

Orr, D.W., (2004) The Last Refuge: Patriotism, Politics and the Environment in an Age of Terror, Pub. Island Press

A critique of the current public policy and policy-makers that contrasts the current state of our society with our founding ideals.

Orr, D.W., (1994) Earth in Mind: On Education, Environment and the Human Perspective, Pub. Island Press

A collection of essays that critique prevailing ideas in economics and education and these ideas need to shift if we are to bring healing to our environment and to economic injustice.

Rhoads, D., ed. (2007) Earth and Word: Classic Sermons on Saving the Planet, Pub. Continuum
A collection of creation-centered essays by preachers such as William Sloane Coffin, Karen Baker-Fletcher, James Cone and Thomas Berry.

Shiva, V., (2005) Earth Democracy: Justice, Sustainability and Peace, Pub. South End Press
Stories from around the world of the societal and environmental impact of privatization of natural resources and of genetic modification of crops. The author is an environmental activist and a physicist.

FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH (Parents and Sunday School Teachers)

Alexander, P., (1998) What a wonderful world!, Pub. Lion.

Audience: 6 to adult

A collection of stories and poems from all continents and many faith traditions. The message of each text is a celebration of our world. A wonderful resource.

Bang, M., (1997) Common Ground: The Water, Earth and Air we Share Pub. Blue Sky/Scholastic

Audience: Children, 4 to 8

Beginning with early times of village commons and when each person had enough land and food, the author comes to our times and our ecological problems. A tough book for children and though we would recommend it, we'd also want to make sure that the reader spent a good time processing the ideas with the children.

Bruchach, J., and London, J., (1992) Thirteen Moons on Turtle's Back, Pub. Philomel

Audience: children, 5 to 10.

A beautifully illustrated story of the seasons of our earth as told to children by a Native American. Each season is related to one phase of the creation of our earth and its creatures.

Burton, V. L., (1990) Life Story, Pub. Sandpiper Houghton Mifflin Books

Audience: Children, 4 to 12

A drama of 35 acts featuring the cosmos, our earth and contemporary humans experiencing the seasons and time. A goal of the book is to help children understand the concept of geologic time.

Caduto, M.J. and Bruchac, J., (1997) Keepers of the Animals, Pub. Fulcrum.

A wonderful resource for parents and teachers. Combines Native American Story telling with environmental activities and information for children.

Caduto, M.J. and Bruchac, J., (1999) Keepers of the Earth, Pub. Fulcrum.

A wonderful resource for parents and teachers. Combines Native American Story telling with environmental activities and information for children. Teaches' guide also available.

Caduto, M.J. and Bruchac, J., (1997) Keepers of Life, Pub. Fulcrum.

A wonderful resource for parents and teachers. Combines Native American Story telling with environmental activities and information for children.

Carson, R., (1987) A Sense of Wonder, Pub. Fitzhenry and Whiteside, Ltd.

A book for teachers and parents designed to help adults share the nurture and love of nature. "If a child is to keep alive his inborn sense of wonder...he needs the companionship of at least one adult who can share it, rediscovering the joy, excitement and mystery of the world we live in".

Children of the World, (1994) Rescue Mission Earth: A Children's Edition of Agenda 21, Pub. Kingfisher Books.

Audience: 10 to adult.

This book explores the natural world, human world, how we may actively participate in healing our world and the work and tasks of young people. The book is both informative (with data on over-

population, disease, pollution and world hunger) and optimistic about how we might all become involved and about progress already made.

DeMunn, M., (1997) Places of Power, Pub. Dawn Publications

Audience: 5 to 10.

From a Native American tradition, this book explores the idea that people have places within nature where they can experience and receive power from nature. The book expressed the importance of loving our earth and its inhabitants.

Fox, M., (1995) In the Beginning there was Joy, Pub., Crossroad.

Audience: 4 to 100, Adults like this also!

An unusual look at creation as being made with much love and joy by a married couple - Mr. and Mrs. Joy. Delightful and playful with a serious admonition at the end to be true of joy.

Geisel, T.S. (Dr. Seuss), (1971) The Lorax, Pub. Random House.

Audience: 6 to adult.

A beautiful place is devastated when an entrepreneur decides to cull all the truffula trees to make 'things which everyone needs'. The animals, whose only advocate is a God-like figure called the lorax who becomes progressively more angry, all leave and the place is left dying and deserted. The entrepreneur becomes a recluse, but not all hope is lost for there is one truffula seed left for the visiting boy to plant and cherish. (My children never tired of having this book read to them!).

Gershon, D., (1994, 2007), Journey for the Planet: A Kid's Five Week Adventure to Create an Earth-Friendly Life. Pub. Empowerment Institute.

Audience: 6-12

Full of simple information about how to reduce your global warming footprint, this kid-friendly book has cartoons and simple "earth actions" to take. The book encourages children to experience Nature directly and empowers them to make a difference. Great for family, school, and Sunday school.

Hooper, M., and Coady, C., (1996) A Pebble in My Pocket, Pub. Viking

Audience: Ages 4 to adult - found that adults love having this book read to them.

A book about the history of a pebble from the beginning of the formation of our planet, through large geological events, through now extinct animals to present time. Wonderfully illustrated and a good way of helping children develop and understanding of geologic time.

Lester, J., (1999) When the Beginning Began: Stories about God, the Creatures and Us. Pub. Silver Whistle.

Audience: children, ages 9 to 11.

An integration of African-American story telling and midrash in the telling and reinterpretation of stories of creation from the Hebrew Bible.

Lindbergh, R., (1998) The Circle of Days, Pub. Walker Books.

Audience: 4 to 10..

A re-telling of the Canticle of the Sun for children. The book offers praise for all the aspects of nature that bless us.

Lindbergh, R., (2000) In Every Tiny Grain of Sand, Pub. Candlewick Press

Audience: 4 to 10.

A book of prayers collected by Lindberg for our universe from many different faith traditions.

Pow, T., (2000) Who is the world for? Pub. Walker Books.

Audience: 3 to 8

A beautifully illustrated book answers the question, who is the world for? The answer from each animal parent to their young is that the world is for everyone.

Reinhard, B., J., (2001) Our place in space: And 59 more ways to See God Through his Creation, Pub., Bethany House.

Audience: children, ages 9 to 11.

This explores the physical sciences whilst inspiring children to wonder about God.

Sasso, S. E., (1994) In God's Name, Pub. Jewish Lights Publishing.

Audience: 4 to 10.

The text is about the different ways that people relate to God and therefore the different names they have for the Divine in their lives. Although there is little in the text that explicitly related to God's creation, the illustrations by Pheobe Stone convey the richness and beauty of nature.

Sasso, S. E., (1992) God's Paintbrush, Pub. Jewish Lights Publishing.

Audience: 4 to 10.

Children of many different backgrounds and skin color express their relationship to their God. The text is full of images from nature as are the illustrations by Annette Compton.

Weeks, S., (1995) Follow the Moon, Pub. Laura Geringer (imprint of Harper Collins)

Audience: 4 to 8

A young boy finds a hatched baby turtle and protects the turtle until the turtle is ready to follow the moon to the sea. The boy's love for and connection to nature is well described in both text and illustrations by Suzanne Duranceau.

Wood, D., (2001) Old Turtle, Pub. Scholastic Trade.

Audience: Children, 4 to 8.

All the creatures of the world have a different name for God, related to their experience of life, and all argue about their names. Only Old Turtle has the wisdom to stop this conflict and work with the animals to integrate all the names and experiences.

(In my experience, children and adults love this book and the illustrations by Cheng-Khee Chee are delightful).

Wood, D., (1998) Making the World: Old Turtle Sequel Pub. Simon and Schuster.

Audience: Children, 3 to 7.

Explains in ways that children can access the impact that we have on our environment and how our world is forever changing. Also conveys the author's love for nature and his understanding of the spiritual connection between all life on earth.

Wood, D., (1999) Grandad's Prayers of the Earth, Pub. Candlewick Press

Audience: Children, 4 to 8

A book of prayers (in the Native American tradition) for the earth.

VIDEOS and AUDIO TAPES

Bioneers: Revolution from the Heart of Nature (2001) Pub. New Dimensions Radio - Ukiah, CA

Audience: Adults

This is a series of 6 audio-tapes and includes a gathering of farmers, prophets, activists, environmentalists and scientists discussing their vision of a future guided by the principles of nature.

Celebration of Saint Francis, 1995: An Evening of Nature, Spirituality and the Creative Voice.

(1995) Pub. Earth Ministry.

Audience: Adults and Teens.

Song, dance and story telling in celebration of the creation.

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- Choices for the Future; 1992; Living the Sacred Circle: Healing Time** (1992) Pub. Earth Ministry.
Audience: Adults and Teens
 A recording of the highlights of the Windstar Foundation Symposium Meetings in Aspen Colorado of 1992 with speakers, music and drama.
- Creation Spirituality** (1992) Pub. Earth Ministry.
Audience: Adults and Teens
 Dr. Alexander Kovats speaks on Creation Spirituality.
- Deep Ecology for the 21st Century** (1998) Pub. New Dimensions
Audience: Adults and Teens.
 A 13 part audio tape series featuring some of the world's most prominent ecologists such as Paul Ehrlich and David Suzuki.
- Discovering Celtic Christianity** (1994) Pub. Earth Ministry.
Audience: Adults and Teens
 A series of speakers on the theme of Celtic Spirituality and its relationship to our earth.
- Ecospirituality** (1994) Pub. Earth Ministry.
Audience: Adults
 Dr. Alexander Kovats speaks on ecospirituality.
- Let me tell you a story, Let me sing you a song** (1994) Pub. Earth Ministry.
Audience: Adults and Teens.
 Songs and stories celebrating God's Creation.
- Liturgy for Sustainable Communities** (1997) Pub. Earth Ministry.
Audience: Adults and Teens
 A liturgical celebration of earth day in 1997.
- Spirit Bear** (2006)
Audience – Ages 10 and up.
 The story of teenager, Simon Jackson's work to save a threatened sub-species in British Columbia.
- Spirituality and the Earth: A Native American Perspective** (1997) Pub. Earth Ministry.
Audience: Adults
 Exploration of Tribal Management philosophies - combination of traditional natural values of the Columbia River Indian People and contemporary technology.
- The Last Ancient Forests** (1998) Pub. Save America's Forest
Audience: Teens and Adults.
 James Redfield narrates a brief video about the felling of very large and ancient trees. The impact of the video is both very moving and spiritually disturbing.
- Wilderness and Spirituality** (1992) Pub. Earth Ministry.
Audience: Adults
 Discussion of the connection between wilderness and spirituality using examples from literature.
- Wake Up, Dorothy!** A Hunger Education Resource
Audience: Teens
 An exploration of the urban environment, narrated by inner city youths with a focus on Christian stewardship. Pub. Earth Ministry

