

Forum on Religion and Ecology at Yale

<http://fore.yale.edu>



is engaged in exploring religious worldviews, texts, ethics, and practices in order to broaden understanding of the complex nature of current environmental challenges, especially climate change. The Forum recognizes that religions need to be in dialogue with other disciplines (e.g., science, economics, and public policy) in

seeking comprehensive solutions to both global and local environmental problems. The Forum arose from a series of ten conferences held at Harvard from 1996 to 1998 and the resulting volumes on the world religions and ecology. Now based at Yale, the Forum is integral to the MA programs in religion and ecology at the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies and at the Divinity School.

Over the last 20 years, religion and ecology has become a field of study in academia and a force of religious environmental engagement across society. Statements on ecological protection and hundreds of grassroots projects are collected on the Forum website. Many of these focus on the challenge of climate change. The Forum organized the first conference on religion and climate change published in *Daedalus* 2001:

<https://www.amacad.org/content/publications/publication.aspx?i=845>

The Forum website is a comprehensive international resource for research, education, engagement, and outreach in the field of religion and ecology. It contains annotated bibliographies on the world religions and their ecological contributions. The website includes teaching aids such as: syllabi, lists of educational videos, and other multimedia resources. The website provides information on news, publications, and events related to religion and ecology. This is distributed through the Forum's monthly email newsletter that is circulated to some 12,000 people worldwide.

See also the **Ecology and Justice Series** at Orbis Books
<https://www.orbisbooks.com/category-202>

Journey of the Universe www.journeyoftheuniverse.org



This multimedia project presents an epic story of cosmic, Earth, and human evolution. It consists of a film, a book, and a series of conversations. Drawing on the discoveries of modern science and the wisdom of the world's cultures, *Journey of the Universe* tells a compelling story that reveals our deep connection to the web of life.

Film (2011, 56 minutes)

Winner of a 2012 **Emmy® Award** for best documentary, the film, narrated by Brian Thomas Swimme, weaves an engaging story of the unfolding universe and humanity's evolving place in it. Available from Amazon and on iTunes.

Book (2011, 175 pages; Yale University Press 2014)

The *Journey of the Universe* book, authored by Brian Thomas Swimme and Mary Evelyn Tucker, is published by Yale University Press. It integrates the perspectives of the sciences and the humanities into a lyrical telling of our 13.8 billion year story. Translations of the book are currently available in French, Italian, Spanish, Turkish, Korean, and Chinese.

Conversations (2011, 20 interviews)

This series consists of 20 conversations with scientists, historians, environmentalists, and educators. These interviews deepen understanding of evolutionary processes and illustrate engaged environmental work inspired by a universe story perspective.

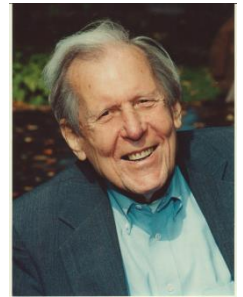
Website and Curricular Materials

The *Journey of the Universe* website has articles and bibliographies for teaching. A curriculum designed for use in undergraduate and high school classrooms, learning centers, places of worship, and conferences is available.

For Journey Newsletter Contact:
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Thomas Berry Foundation www.thomasberry.org

The mission of the Thomas Berry Foundation is to carry out the "great work" of enhancing the flourishing of the Earth community. Created in 1998, the Foundation has promoted Thomas' ideas through publications & translations of his essays, initiating an archive for him at Harvard, creating the Thomas Berry Award and Lecture, developing the *Journey of the Universe* trilogy, and supporting the work of the American Teilhard Association.



Thomas Berry: A Biography

<http://thomasberry.org/life-and-thought/thomas-berry-a-biography-columbia-2019>

The first official biography of Thomas Berry was published by Columbia University Press in spring 2019. Written by Mary Evelyn Tucker, John Grim, and Andrew Angyal, this volume traces the evolution of Thomas' life and thought and sets it firmly in the arc of history. Visit the Thomas Berry website for updates on book-related events.

American Teilhard Association

www.teilharddechardin.org

The American Teilhard Association is a membership-based organization committed to making the thought and vision of Pierre Teilhard de Chardin more widely available. Teilhard was a French Jesuit and paleontologist. His work brought an encompassing evolutionary perspective for shaping the well being of the Earth community. Since its foundation in 1967, the association has sponsored conferences, lecture series, and publications. *Teilhard Perspectives* is a bi-annual newsletter of the Association. *Teilhard Studies* is a monograph series concerned with the future of human-Earth relations in light of the writings of Teilhard.



Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs)

<https://www.coursera.org/specializations/journey-of-the-universe>

Mary Evelyn and John created several Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) at Yale through the platform, Coursera. This is featured under the theme of “Journey of the Universe: A Story for Our Times.” The courses are:

- ❖ *Journey of the Universe: The Unfolding of Life*
- ❖ *Journey of the Universe: Weaving Knowledge and Action*
- ❖ *The Worldview of Thomas Berry: The Flourishing of the Earth Community*

These six-week courses may be audited free of charge. They are also now available in Chinese.

John Grim and Mary Evelyn Tucker



John Grim and Mary Evelyn Tucker teach at Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies and the Divinity School. They are founders and directors of the Forum on Religion and Ecology at Yale. They organized a series of conferences on World Religions and Ecology at the Harvard Center for the Study of World Religions. They are series editors for the ten Harvard volumes from the conferences. Together they published *Ecology and Religion* (Island Press, 2014). For a full list of their works go to www.emergingearthcommunity.org. Tucker and Grim studied world religions with the historian of religions, Thomas Berry, and worked closely with him for 35 years. They edited Berry’s book and are managing trustees of the Thomas Berry Foundation. Together with Brian Thomas Swimme they created the *Journey of the Universe* project inspired by Berry’s call for a “new story.”

Mary Evelyn and John are advisors for the Orbis Book series on Ecology and Justice in which they published *Living Cosmology* and *Worldviews and Ecology*.

Mary Evelyn’s special area of study is Asian religions, particularly Confucianism. She has published widely in this area. She served on the International Earth Charter Drafting Committee. She is vice-president of the American Teilhard Association, along with Brian Swimme.

John is a specialist in indigenous traditions, especially Native American religions. He has published *The Shaman* and edited *Indigenous Traditions and Ecology*. He has been president of the American Teilhard Association since 1987.

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We are not lacking in the dynamic forces needed to create the future. We live immersed in a sea of energy beyond all comprehension. But this energy, in an ultimate sense, is ours not by domination but by invocation.

Thomas Berry, *The Great Work*