

SYLLABUS

COURSE: ANTH/REL 444 SPIRITUAL ECOLOGY (Theory) 3 credits

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ORIENTATION

“In a world where religion plays so central a role in social, political, and economic events, as well as in the lives of communities and individuals, there is a critical need for ongoing reflection upon and understanding of religious traditions, issues, questions, and values,” “Why Study Religion?” American Academy of Religion 2024, <http://www.studyreligion.org/site/about.html>, www.aarweb.org).

“The notion that fact can be cleanly separated from value is absurd. The notion that our understanding of the material world can be cleanly separated from our experience of the spiritual world is impossible. The magisteria [science and religion] are mixed, shuffled, irremediably joined” Bruno Guiderdoni, astrophysicist at the Observatory of Lyon, France, quoted in *Science and Spirit* May-June 2006 17(3):59.

“Contemporary spiritualities combine practices of particular religious traditions with concern for the global situation and the life of the planet.... are pluralistic and diverse; they search for a global ethic, are concerned with ecology, encourage the cultivation of healthy relationships, support feminism, and pursue peace....

Given the increasing scholarly attention in conferences and publications to the role of spirituality in contemporary culture, it is clear that the academy has recognized spirituality as a subject of study both within and independent of the study of religion," Mary N. MacDonald, 2005, "Spirituality," *The Encyclopedia of Religion* (Second Edition), Lindsay Jones, Editor-in-Chief, New York, NY: Thomson Gale 13:8719, 8721.

"... the upsurge of Spirit is the only plausible way to stop the ecological destruction of our planet. Even people who have no interest in a communal solution to the distortions in our lives will have to face up [to] this ecological reality. Unless we transform our relationship with nature, we will destroy the preconditions for human life on this planet," Rabbi Michael Lerner, 2000, *Spirit Matters*, Charlottesville, VA: Hampton Roads Publishing Company, Inc., p. 138.

"The Environmental crisis requires changes not only in public policy, but in individual behavior. The historical record makes clear that religious teaching, example, and leadership are powerfully able to influence personal conduct and commitment. As scientists, many of us have had profound experience of awe and reverence before the universe. We understand that what is regarded as sacred is more likely to be treated with care and respect. Our planetary home should be so regarded. Efforts to safeguard and cherish the environment need to be infused with a vision of the sacred," from "Preserving the Earth: An Appeal for Joint Commitment in Science and Religion," *Global Forum*, Moscow, January 1990.

"The Universe is a communion of subjects, not a collection of objects," Thomas Berry, 2006, *Evening Thoughts: Reflecting on Earth as Sacred Community*, p. 17.

Spiritual ecology refers to scientific and scholarly studies of the vast, complex, diverse, and dynamic arena at the interfaces of religions and spiritualities with environments, ecologies, and environmentalisms. The term spiritual ecology is used simply because it is most inclusive, referring to individual as well as organizational ideas and actions in this arena. Also, it parallels the names of other major approaches within ecological/environmental anthropology, like historical ecology and political ecology. Although it has deep roots as a scientific and scholarly pursuit, spiritual ecology is a most exciting, positive, and promising new interdisciplinary, multidisciplinary, and transdisciplinary frontier

for research, teaching, and practice, growing exponentially since the 1990s. (As one indicator, a Google.com search for spiritual ecology on January 3, 2024, yielded 24,900,000 results, although, of course, of varying relevance and quality).

Through PowerPoint lectures and publications, the instructor will discuss his own research on various aspects of this subject, including his long-term field research on the relationships among Buddhism, sacred places, ecology, and biodiversity conservation in Thailand, in recent decades focusing on sacred caves.

This course is cross-listed as Religion 444 Spiritual Ecology. Students enrolled in the Religion section should use the Anthropology section of the Lualima course website.

FORMAT

The course material will be surveyed through PowerPoint lectures; required readings; documentary films viewed in class; and recommended readings, films, and websites listed in the Schedule below. *A unique feature of this particular course is its experiential as well as intellectual exploration of spiritual ecology, this accomplished through very carefully selected documentary films.* Credits at the end of the films identify the numerous and diverse individuals and organizations engaged in their production, thereby indicating their extraordinary value. *Another unique feature of this course is your intellectual journal, as explained below.*

Every student is required to be open-minded as well as courteous and professional in class. *Anyone can say and write anything as long as it is relevant, concise, and polite.* Being concise is most important because, as revealed in the Schedule, there is a wealth of course material to cover in the very limited time available. This course is necessarily selective, only sampling the huge amount of material on this and related subjects.

The ideals of academic freedom and democracy apply in this class, even if they are restricted and/or endangered elsewhere. Whereas many environmental concerns are inevitably political, there is no party line in this course. Students are welcome to express any political ideas about the course material. However, personally, I place a premium on the values of freedom, integrity, ethics, truth, facts, science, scholarship, diversity, equity, and inclusion.

The only prerequisite for this course is 152 Culture and Humanity or 200 Cultural Anthropology, although related courses on religion, ecology, or environment provide helpful background. In any case, most of all, students simply need an *open mind* together with intellectual curiosity and serious commitment, attributes of any reputable scientist or scholar worthy of the title.

Any prerequisites can be waived.

OBJECTIVES

The three primary goals of this course are to:

1. provide you with a broad and diverse systematic and in-depth *cross-cultural* survey of the interrelationships among religions and spiritualities with nature, ecologies, and environmentalisms with an emphasis on an anthropological perspective;
2. encourage you to explore more deeply into the ecology of the religion or other topic of *your choice* with an emphasis on its cultural and natural contexts by pursuing some of the optional recommendations (readings, films, and websites); and
3. provide you with an inventory of *key resources* on spiritual ecology, including books, periodicals, articles, reference works, documentary films, and websites for present and future study and research. (For example, see Appendix I on page 57, and the instructor's website <http://spiritualecology.info>).

The learning outcomes for achieving these three objectives will be assessed through your intellectual journal, submitted as an email attachment for the midterm by February 28 and the final by May 10.

INTELLECTUAL JOURNAL

You should faithfully write at *least one page* typed single-spaced each week in reaction to the course material covered. Your entry should reflect on highlights from all of the course material for that week as thoroughly as feasible within the limited space, including any assigned readings, lecture, films, and class discussion.

In addition, you should react to at least one of the recommended items in the syllabus. To save time, you can draft each of your weekly journal entries by first taking notes in class, ideally on your laptop computer. Each weekly entry should be dated. Then after each class you can revise and polish the draft of your entry at home. Successive entries should be accumulated in a single file with the pages numbered in sequence. No more specific guidelines are provided for your journal, it is your personal record of thoughts during the course.

Your journal should be sent to me by email as an attachment for the midterm (February 28) and final (May 10). I will keep your journal confidential; thus, it will be deleted from my emails after I read it and send an email to you with my comments and your grade.

GRADING

The final course grade will be calculated as follows:

1. class attendance and regular participation in discussions at 30%;
2. midterm journal submission 30%; and
3. final journal submission 40%.

There are no quizzes, examinations, reports, or research papers required in this course. The emphasis is on your (1) active class participation and (2) active thinking through weekly entries in your intellectual journal. Here learning is considered to be an ongoing life-long process, not merely a finite product determined by any test or academic degree. By far, most important of all is the cultivation of your own informed and critical thinking in response to the course material. In other words, your thoughts are primary while the course material is secondary.

Your course work will be evaluated for:

1. achieving the primary objectives of the course;
2. general knowledge of all required reading assignments and of all material presented by the instructor including through PowerPoint lectures and documentary films in class;

3. clear, concise, logical, analytical, and critical thinking; and
4. regular, active, and meaningful participation in class discussions.

Students striving for an A grade should pursue more than the minimum requirements as recommended in the course Schedule and weekly email memos.

The instructor takes this course very seriously as reflected in this unusually extensive syllabus, and students are expected to do likewise. Anyone who does not do so is wasting their time; thus, they should drop the course immediately, instead of waiting until the end of the semester to receive a poor or failing grade.

Regular attendance is required. If you miss a class, please provide a written excuse from a credible source, such as a medical doctor. You are required to come to class on time plus remain attentive throughout the entire period (1:30-4:00). Attendance will be taken at the beginning and again at the end of each class period. One letter grade will be subtracted from the final course grade for each three absences.

Extra credit may be earned by writing a one-page typed single-spaced reaction to any of the course material, including recommended readings, films, or websites in the Schedule. Five high quality extra credit papers can raise a borderline course grade (e.g., B+ to A-), while ten such papers can raise the course grade to the next higher level (e.g., C to B). Other alternatives for more extra credit include writing a review of an extra book, or a report based on library or field research; however, the specifics must be approved in advance. Thus, in principle, with enough high quality work any student can earn an A in this course. However, ultimately, the value of the course for serious students far exceeds any grade and credits, and, ideally, it should extend far after the semester is finished.

SPECIAL NEEDS

If any student feels the need for reasonable accommodations because of a disability, then she or he should contact the KOKUA Program in the Queen Lili'uokalani Center for Student Services (QLCSS 013)(phone 956-7511 or 956-7612, or email kokua@hawaii.edu), and/or send me an email marked CONFIDENTIAL. I am quite willing to collaborate with any student and KOKUA about needs related to a documented disability.

READING

Every student is required to read and discuss these carefully chosen textbooks. They are listed below in the order that they are covered as specified in the weekly Schedule and my weekly memos. However, while the amount is substantial, your reading is not to extract and memorize information for any quiz or examination, but instead to thoughtfully react to the main points.

Most fortunately, all textbooks are free, except for Bauer-Wu. Brailovskaya is available at the link listed below. Armstrong, Macy and Johnstone, Sponsel, and Taylor are each available as an eBook through the Hamilton Library catalog. Nevertheless, below the prices are indicated from Amazon.com and the UHM Bookstore in case you wish to purchase some. Brailovskaya was not ordered since it is free online.

Brailovskaya, Tatiana, Executive Editor, 2020 (August), *Faith for Earth: A Call for Action*, Nairobi, Kenya: UN Environment Programme, and Chicago, IL: Parliament of World's Religions. (Free download at: <https://wedocs.unep.org/handle/20.500.11822/33991>).

Armstrong, Karen, 2022, *Sacred Nature: Restoring Our Ancient Bond with the Natural World*, New York, NY: Alfred A. Knopf (Amazon hardcover \$16.99, paperback \$16.95, Kindle \$11.99. UHM Bookstore hardcover \$17, used \$13).

Sponsel, Leslie E. 2012. *Spiritual Ecology: A Quiet Revolution* (Amazon hardcover \$65, Kindle \$46.80. UHM Bookstore hardcover \$53.95, used \$41).

Taylor, Bron, 2010, *Dark Green Religion: Nature Spirituality and the Planetary Future*, Berkeley, CA: University of California Press (Amazon paperback \$28.59, Kindle \$23.99. UHM Bookstore paperback \$37.95, used \$29).

Bauer-Wu, Susan, 2023, *A Future We Can Love: How We Can Reverse the Climate Crisis with the Power of Our Hearts and Minds, Inspired by Conversation Between His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Greta Thunberg*, Shambhala Publications, Inc. (Amazon hardcover \$13.20, paperback \$20.95, Kindle \$14.99. UHM Bookstore \$24.95, used \$19).

Macy, Joanna, and Chris Johnstone, 2022, *Active Hope: How to Face the Mess We're in with Unexpected Resilience and Creative Power* (Second Edition, Amazon paperback \$15.99, Kindle \$9.99. UHM Bookstore paperback \$18.95, used \$14.50). (The 2012 first edition of this book is available in digital form free online through Hamilton Library. While the new edition is preferable, the first is sufficient).

A substantial list of additional resources is provided in Appendix I (p. 57).

You are encouraged to pursue your individual interests in exploring the resources identified in this syllabus and other places. Students who take advantage of as many of the resources provided here as feasible will acquire a systematic and thorough overview of the subject.

It should be noted that I have been engaged in research and publishing on spiritual ecology since the 1990s. Accordingly, besides my book, many of my publications are cited in the Schedule. However, only two of my articles are required reading, these during the first and second weeks of the semester. The rest of my articles are optional as only recommended reading.

Please alert me if there is a problem with any of the links, websites, or other matters.

SCHEDULE (only reading assignments)

ORIENTATION

January 10 Big Picture - UNEP skim pp. 72-101, UNEP read pp. 5-71

January 17 – Sponsel – Ecology and Spirituality article

SACRED NATURE

January 24 - Armstrong Chapters 1-5

January 31 - Armstrong Chapters 6-10

SPIRITUAL ECOLOGY

February 7 - Sponsel Foreword, Prologue, Parts I

February 14 - Sponsel Part II, Recommended: Taylor Appendix

February 21- Sponsel Part III

February 28 - Sponsel Part IV

March 6 - Sponsel Part V

March 13 - Sponsel Part VI, Epilogue

DARK GREEN RELIGION

March 27 - Taylor Preface, Chapters 1-4

April 3 - Taylor Chapters 5-9, Afterword

GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE

April 10 - Bauer-Wu Parts One-Two

April 17 - Bauer-Wu Parts Three-Four

ACTIVE HOPE

April 24 - Macy Introduction, Chapters 1-6

May 1- Macy Chapters 7-13

SCHEDULE (full)

ORIENTATION

January 10

Required Reading:

Sponsel, L.E., 2024, "Spiritual Ecology," Encyclopedia of the Anthropocene, Ellias M. Goldstein, Mark J. Costello, and Scott A. Elias, Editors-in-Chief, New York, NY: Elsevier Academic Press (Second Edition, in press).

Brailovskaya, Tatiana, Executive Editor, 2020, Faith for Earth: A Call for Action, Nairobi, Kenya: United Nations Environment Programme and Parliament of the World's Religions, skim pp. 72-101, then read pp. 5-71 (free download at <https://wedocs.unep.org/handle/20.500.11822/33991>).

Film in Class: Journey of the Universe (2011, 56 minutes)

Recommended Reading:

Anderson, E.N., 2012, "Anthropology of Religion and Environment: A Skeletal History to 1970," Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture 6(1):9-36.

Billings, Dwight B., and Will Samson, 2012, "Evangelical Christians and the Environment: "Christians for the Mountains" and the Appalachian Movement against Mountaintop Removal Coal Mining," Worldviews: Global Religions, Culture, and Ecology 16(1):1-29.

Crosby, Donald A., 2007, "A Case for Religion of Nature," Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture 1(4):489-502.

Cunningham, Paul, 2022, "The Case for Animal Spirituality," Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture 16(2):186-263.

Gerretsen, Isabelle, 2023 (May 11), "'Earthrise': The photo that sparked an environmental movement," BBC News

<https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20230511-earthrise-the-photo-that-sparked-an-environmental-movement>.

Gottlieb, Roger S., 2007, "Religious Environmentalism: What is it, Where It's Heading and Why We Should Be Going in the Same Direction," *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture* 1(1):81-91.

Ivakhiv, Adrian, 2007, "Religion, Nature and Culture: Theorizing the Field," *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture* 1(1):47-57.

Kollar, Nathan R., 2019, "Religions' Future in the Anthropocene," *Worldviews: Global Religions, Culture, and Ecology* 23(1):1-32.

Lynn, William, 2004, "Situating the Earth Charter: An Introduction," *Worldviews: Global Religions, Culture, and Ecology* 8(1):1-14.

McNamee, Gregory, 2021 (June 13), "Think science and religion don't mix? Don't tell that to Mars rover scientist Rev. Pamela Conrad," *CNN News*
<https://www.cnn.com/2021/06/13/world/mars-rover-scientist-pamela-conrad-episcopal-priest-scn/index.html>.

Matthews, Freya, 2011, "The Eco-Genesis of Ethics and Religion," *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture* 5(3):263-283.

Negi, Chandra Singh, 2005, "Religion and Biodiversity Conservation: Not a Mere Analogy," *The International Journal of Biodiversity Science and Management* 1(2):85-96 <https://doi.org/10.1080/17451590509618083>.

Robson, David, 2022 (January 6), "Awe: The 'little earthquake' that could free your mind," *BBC News* <https://www.bbc.com/worklife/article/20220103-awe-the-little-earthquake-that-could-free-your-mind>.

Sands, Robert R., 2009, "Introduction: The Science of God: Natural Origins of Religion in an Evolutionary Perspective," *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture* 3(4):437-457.

Sideris, Lisa, 2017, "Biosphere, Noosphere, and the Anthropocene: Earth's Perilous Prospects in a Cosmic Context," *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture* 11(4):399-419.

Sponsel, L.E., 2007, "Spiritual Ecology: One Anthropologist's Reflections," *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture* 1(3):340-350.

Sponsel, L.E., 2024, "Anthropocene: Generalizations" (unpublished notes).

Sponsel, L.E., 2024, "Human Impact on Biodiversity, Overview," *Encyclopedia of Biodiversity*, Samuel M. Scheiner, ed., Oxford, UK: Elsevier (Third Edition) 3:430–448.

Sponsel, L.E., 2024, "Religious Environmentalism: Pros and Cons" (notes, see Laulima website).

Taylor, Bron, 2007, "Exploring Religion, Nature and Culture," *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture* 1(1):5-24.

Taylor, Sarah McFarland Taylor, 2002, "Reinhabiting Religion: Green Sisters, Ecological Renewal, and the Biogeography of Religious Landscape," *Worldviews: Global Religions, Culture, and Ecology* 6(3):227-252.

Taylor, Sarah McFarland, 2007, "What if Religion had Ecologies? The Case for Reinhabiting Religious Studies *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture* 1(1):129-138.

Terhaar, Terry Louise, 2009, "Evolutionary Advantages of Intense Spiritual Experience in Nature," *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture* 3(3):303-339.

Tucker, Mary Evelyn, 2008, "World Religions, the Earth Charter, and Sustainability," *Worldviews: Global Religions, Culture, and Ecology* 12(2-3):115-128.

Watts, Jonathan, 2024 (January 1), "Could 2024 be the year nature rights enter the political mainstream?," *The Guardian*

<https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2024/jan/01/could-2024-be-the-year-nature-rights-enter-the-political-mainstream>.

Wright, Pearce, and Tim Radford, 2022 (July 27), "James Lovelock obituary," *The Guardian* https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2022/jul/27/james-lovelock-obituary?CMP=Share_iOSApp_Other.

Adams, Will W., 2023, *A Wild and Sacred Call: Nature-Psyche-Spirit*, Albany, NY: State University of New York Press.

Deane-Drummond, Celia, and Markus Vogt, eds., 2017, *Religion in the Anthropocene*, Eugene, OR: Cascade Books.

Ellis, Erle C., 2018, *Anthropocene: A Very Short Introduction*, New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

Jain, Pankaj, 2011, *Dharma and Ecology of Hindu Communities: Sustenance and Sustainability*, New York, NY: Routledge.

Kirsch, Adam, 2023, *The Revolt Against Humanity: Imaging a Future without Us*, New York, NY: Columbia Global Reports.

Lenton, Tim, 2016, *Earth System Science: A Very Short Introduction*, New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

Louv, Richard, 2008, *Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder*, Chapel Hill, NC: Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill.

Obeyesekere, Gananath, 2012, *The Awakened Ones: Phenomenology of Visionary Experience*, New York, NY: Columbia University Press.

Sahlins, Marshall, 2022, *The New Science of the Enchanted Universe*, Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press.

Scranton, Roy, 2015, *Learning to Die in the Anthropocene: Reflections on the End of a Civilization*, San Francisco, CA: City Light Books.

Sillitoe, Paul, 2022, *The Anthropocene of Weather and Climate: Ethnographic Contributions to the Climate Change Debate*, New York, NY: Berghahn Books (open access).

Swimme, Brian Thomas, and Mary Evelyn Tucker, 2011, *Journey of the Universe*, New Haven, CT: Yale University Press.

Tucker, Mary Evelyn, and John Grim, eds., 2016, *Living Cosmology: Christian Responses to *Journey of the Universe**, Maryknoll, NY: Orbis Books.

Uhl, Christopher, 2013, *Developing Ecological Consciousness: The End of Separation*, Lanham, MD: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, Inc.

White, Frank, 2014, *The Overview Effect: Space Exploration and Human Evolution*, Reston, VA: American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Inc.

Wilson, E.O., 2006, *The Creation: An Appeal to Save Life on Earth*, New York, NY: W.W. Norton & Company.

Young, David E., and Jean-Guy Goulet, eds., 1994, *Being Changed by Cross-Cultural Encounters: The Anthropology of Extraordinary Experiences*, Orchard Park, NY: Broadview Press.

Recommended Films:

Gaia (2016, 49 minutes) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bj_fdeZi6-M

Jane Goodall awarded the 2021 Templeton Prize (2021, 9 minutes) <https://www.templetonprize.org/janegoodall/>. (Also, see <https://www.templeton.org/news/dr-jane-goodall-receives-prestigious-2021-templeton-prize>).

Holocene (2011, 6 minutes) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=TWcyIpul8OE>

Latour, Bruno, *The Anthropocene and the Destruction of the Image of the Globe* University of Edinburgh (2023, 74 minutes) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4-l6FQN4P1c>.

The Overview Effect (2013, 19 minutes) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sKK4dAu_sFog

Tucker, Mary Evelyn, *Journey of the Universe: A Story of Our Times*, Burke Lectureship (2016, 56 minutes) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7dLk5h-ql7A>.

Tucker, Mary Evelyn, and John Grim, *Journey of the Universe 10th Anniversary Celebration* (2021, 90 minutes) https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h332y_OkDOA.

Welcome to the Anthropocene (2012, 3 minutes) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fvgG-pxlobk>

What is biodiversity? (2020, 3 minutes)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XTC4qiXd36Q>

Recommended Websites:

Earth Charter, 2024, <https://earthcharter.org/>.

Ecological Footprint, 2024, <https://www.footprintnetwork.org>.

Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, 2023, <https://www.ipcc.ch/>.

Journey of the Universe, 2024, <https://www.journeyoftheuniverse.org/>.

Overview Institute, Frank White, 2024, <https://overviewinstitute.org/>.

Scientists Warning, 2024, <https://scientistswarning.forestry.oregonstate.edu/>.

January 17

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Sponsel, L.E., 2019, "Ecology and Spirituality," The Oxford Research Encyclopedia of Religion, ed. John Barton, New York, NY: Oxford University Press, pp. 1-22.

(Also, see <https://spiritualecology.info/>,

https://fore.yale.edu/sites/default/files/leslie_sponsel_-_religion_and_ecology_resource_list.pdf,

<https://fore.yale.edu/Resources/Bibliographies>,

<https://www.wabashcenter.wabash.edu/resources/syllabi/>).

PowerPoint Lecture: Spiritual Ecology Overview

Film in Class: Spirit and Nature (1991, 88 minutes)

Recommended Reading:

Bagir, Zainal Abidin, 2015, "The Importance of Religion and Ecology in Indonesia," *Worldviews: Global Religions, Culture, and Ecology* 19(2):99-102.

Van Horn, Gavin, 2006, "Hindu Traditions and Nature: Survey Article," *Worldviews: Global Religions, Culture, and Ecology* 10(1):5-39.

Sangha, Tania, 2023 (December 4), COP28: 'My religion inspires me to protect the environment'," BBC News <https://www.bbc.com/news/newsbeat-67581447>.

Sponsel, L.E., 2014 (April), "Feature Article - Spiritual Ecology: Is it the Ultimate Solution for the Environmental Crisis," *CHOICE* 51(8):1339-1342, 1344-1348.

Apffel-Maerglin, F., 2011, *Subversive Spiritualities: How Rituals Enact the World*, New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

Gore, Al, 1993, *Earth in Balance: Ecology and the Human Spirit*, New York, NY: Penguin.

Rockefeller, Steven C., and John C. Elder, eds., 1992, *Spirit and Nature: Why the Environment Is a Religious Issue*, Boston, MA: Beacon Press.

Sheldrake, Philip, 2012, *Spirituality: A Very Short Introduction*, New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

Smith, Huston, 2001, *Why Religion Matters: The Fate of the Human Spirit in an Age of Disbelief*, San Francisco, CA: HarperSanFrancisco.

Vaughan-Lee, Llewellyn, ed., 2013, *Spiritual Ecology: The Cry of the Earth*, Point Reyes, CA: The Golden Sufi Center.

Wexler, Jay, 2016, *When God Isn't Green: A World-Wide Journey to Places Where Religious Practice and Environmentalism Collide*, Boston, MA: Beacon Press.

Yaden, David B., and Andrew B. Newberg, 2022, *The Varieties of Spiritual Experience: 21st Century Research and Perspectives*, New York, NY: Oxford University Press.

Recommended Films:

Al Jazeera, Believing in Change: Faith and the mission to protect our planet, AL Jazeera (2023, 25 minutes) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DHC5m47vWuk>.

Kumar, Satish, Spirituality and Ecology, The Green Interview (2020, 60 minutes) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ePQh9N0SePs>.

Sponsel, L.E., Spiritual Ecology, The Kerulos Center Living One, interview by Olivia Crossman (2023, minutes) <https://kerulos.org/kli/living-one/>.

Vaughan-Lee, Llewellyn, Spiritual Ecology (2011, 55 minutes) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CKLgDEQ00Qo>

Wilhoit, Jennifer J., Spiritual Ecology: A Nourishing and Practical Approach World Interfaith Harmony Week 2020 Webinar (2020, 108 minutes) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YKLiBSeUkFk>.

Varieties of Spiritual Experience | Robert Wright & David B. Yaden (87 minutes) Nonzero <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hcg4WM2D8ao>.

World Congress of Faiths and the Parliament of the World's Religions, "Spirituality and Ecology: Religious Wisdom for the Future" (2021, 126 minutes) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TrkDDQ77UYI>

Recommended Websites:

European Forum for the Study of Religion and Environment, 2024, <https://www.religion-environment.com/>.

Faith for Earth/UNEP, 2024, <https://www.unep.org/about-un-environment/faith-earth-initiative>

Forum on Religion and Ecology/Yale University, 2024, <https://fore.yale.edu/>, <https://fore.yale.edu/World-Religions>, <https://fore.yale.edu/World-Religions/World-Religions-Overview-Essay>.

Gallup Poll, Society and Religion, 2023, <https://news.gallup.com/poll/511133/identify-religious-spiritual.aspx>

International Society for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture, 2024, <https://www.issrnc.org/>.

Islamic Foundation for Ecology and Environmental Sciences/EcolIslam, 2024,
<http://www.ifees.org.uk/>.

SACRED NATURE

January 24

Required Reading: Armstrong Chapters 1-5

PowerPoint Lecture: Sacred Waters

Film in Class: Standing on Sacred Ground: Islands of Sanctuary (2013, 57 minutes)

Recommended Reading:

Ball, Martin, 2000, "Sacred Mountains, Religious Paradigms, and Identity of the Mescalero Apache," *Worldviews: Global Religions, Culture, and Ecology* 4(3):264-282.

Bharath, Deepa, and Audrey McAvoy, 2023 (December 13), "A volcano on Hawaii's Big Island is sacred to spiritual practitioners and treasured by astronomers," Associated Press <https://www.sfchronicle.com/news/article/a-volcano-on-hawaii-s-big-island-is-sacred-to-18551199.php>.

Bratton, Susan Power, 2020, "Spiritual Encounters with Nature," *Worldviews: Global Religions, Culture, and Ecology* 24(1):35-57.

Brown, Marie Alohalani, 2016, "Mauna Kea: Ho`omana Hawai`i and Protecting the Sacred," *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture* 10(2):150-169.

Patterson, John, 1998, "Respecting Nature: a Maori Perspective," *Worldviews: Global Religions, Culture, and Ecology* 2(1):69-78.

Sponsel, L.E., 2019 (October 3), "Understanding what sacred means on Mauna Kea, Spiritual development deserves same status as economic development," Honolulu Star Advertiser, Island Voices, page A11 (see Laulima website).

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