



## **“Religions and Ecology: Restoring the Earth Community”**

Please join IRAS for the next session of our monthly webinar series, ***Science, Religion, and Society***. On ***January 20, 2022***, IRAS will host a live session, featuring

***Dr. Mary Evelyn Tucker and Dr. John Grim, Co-Directors for the  
Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology (New Haven)***

***Respondents: Robert Schaible and Sally Bowden-Schaible, founder of the  
Buddhist Alliance for Non-Violence and Human Rights in Israel-Palestine***

***January 20, 2022, at 4:00 pm Central time, 5:00 Eastern time***

### **Presentation Overview:**

The growing ecological crisis clearly requires the response of science and technology, economics and policy. These are necessary but not sufficient for solving the complex problems we are facing in envisioning a sustainable future for the Earth community. We will also need the participation of the world's religious communities as we recognize the moral and spiritual implications of the diminishing life support systems of the planet. This talk will highlight some of the remarkable work being done within religious communities around the world to bring healing and restoration to people and land. While acknowledging the limitations of religions it will also note the promise for ethical and spiritual transformation regarding ecological attitudes and practices. This will be explored further in the new Yale/Coursera online classes are designed for a general audience.

### **Presenter Background:**

Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Grim teach at Yale University. They hold joint appointments at Yale School of the Environment and Yale Divinity School where they have been developing the field of religion and ecology for over 25 years with many other partners. Grim and Tucker have written and co-edited a number of books which are foundational texts for these online courses. They include the Harvard series on Religions of the World and Ecology, Ecology and Religion, Routledge Handbook of Religion and Ecology, and the Orbis series on Ecology and Justice. They are also using ***Faith for Earth***, a book created by the Parliament of World Religions and the United Nations Environment Programme. Tucker and Grim have previously launched another set of online courses with Yale named “Journey of the Universe: A Story for Our Times.” Those courses provide access to the Emmy Award-winning ***Journey of the Universe*** film, book, and conversations on the epic story of cosmic evolution and explore the influence of Thomas Berry, the cultural historian who inspired the field of Religion and Ecology and the Journey of the Universe project.

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