

## Spiritual Activism, Earth Care Witness & Creation Justice/Stewardship Resources

Pipher, Mary, *The Green Boat: Reviving Ourselves in Our Capsized Culture*, Riverhead Books, NY, 2013. (Conquer your fears about global climate change....and transform them into positive force in our lives.)

Brown, G. Scott, *Active Peace: A mindful path to a nonviolent world*, Collins Foundation Press, Santa Marguerita, Calif., 2016. (...wise, uplifting, and heart opening guide to healing the relationship to self, others, nature and the world.)

Downton, James Jr. and Wehr, Paul, *The Persistent Activist, How Peace commitment develops and survives*, Westview Press, Boulder, Colorado 1997. (stories of activists who stay the course and how commitment to a social movement is created and sustained.)

Ehrenfeld, David, *Beginning Again: People & Nature in the New Millennium*, Oxford University Press, Oxford, UK, 1993. (those who see the lethal foolishness of the way we are going will find direction here, and will take courage.)

Berry, Wendell, *The Mad Farmer Poems*, Counterpoint, Berkeley, CA 2008, 2013. (poem series about confronting "conventional" farming with common sense about respect for soil and nature; a hero to many small progressive farmers that view agriculture as necessary to work with nature as a partner)

Bingham, the Reverend Canon Sally G. (ed.), *Love God, Heal Earth, 21 Leading Religious Voices Speak Out on Our Sacred Duty to Protect the Environment*, St. Lynn's Press, Pittsburgh, PA 2009 (Earth is in crisis....maybe at an environmental tipping point. In demonstration of unity and moral purpose, religious leaders from across the spectrum joined in one of the largest movements in human history.)

Vaughan-Lee, Llewellyn (Ed.), *Spiritual Ecology - The Cry of the Earth*, The Golden Sufi Center Publishing, Point Reyes, Calif., 2013. (collection of essays by wise thinkers and doers; meets a pressing need to articulate a spiritual response to our ecological crisis; a call to action)

Ausubel, Kenny, *Dreaming the Future, Reimagining Civilization in the Age of Nature*, Chelsea Green, White River Junction, Vermont, 2003. (from the founder of Bioneers a collection of brilliant essays on the destiny of humanity, its place on earth, treasury of startling truths; a blueprint for survival full of common sense.)

Berry, Thomas, *The Dream of the Earth*, Sierra Club Books, San Francisco, CA 1990. (an exploration of a dynamic universe, alive, a whole system, fluid and interconnected; explores what it means to be part of a universe that is alive.)

Schwartz, Richard H., *Judaism and Global Survival*, Lantern Books, NY, 2002. (review of challenges facing humanity in view of Jewish law and traditions; what is needed rediscovering and applying basic Jewish teachings...pursuing peace and justice, love our neighbors as ourselves, act as co-workers with God in protecting and preserving the world.)

Carson, Rachel, *Silent Spring*, Houghton-Mifflin, Boston, 1962. (we all know this book, an awakening for the environmental movement, focused on the poisoning of the environment by pesticides.)

Meadows, Donella H., Dennis L. Meadows, Jorgen Randers, *Beyond the Limits: Confronting Global Collapse, Envisioning a Sustainable Future*, Chelsea Green, White River Junction, VT 1992. (a sequel to

the Limits to Growth; heavily dealing with the daunting human population and economic growth scenarios. Concludes that the global industrial system has already overshoot vital ecological limits; mandates systematic changes to avoid collapse.)

Hardin, Garrett, *Living Within Limits: Ecology, Economics and Population Taboos*, Oxford University Press, Oxford, UK 1993. (forcefully fearlessly identifies the hazards of and necessity to accept the limits of the earth's resources...and to make the hard choices to live within those limits.)

Bartlett, Albert A., *The Essential Exponent! For the Future of Our Planet*, Center for Science, Mathematics and Computer Education, University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE 2004. (a compilation of Bartlett's and colleagues long lasting work pointing out the extreme hazards of exponential growth of population and all related resource consumptive and environmental destruction that results from failure to understand the math of exponential functions.)

Teilhard de Chardin, Pierre, *Man's Place in Nature*, Harper & Row, NY, 1956. (a French Jesuit priest and paleontologist; developed mystical concepts of *noosphere*, in some ways similar Lovejoy's GAIA, but more focused on human evolution as a higher life form, but a recent species of the cosmos.)

Teilhard de Chardin, Pierre, *The Future of Man*, Harper- Colophon Books, NY, 1964 (original edition in French, 1959). ("The whole future of the Earth, as of religion, seems to me to depend on the awakening of our faith in the future." Essays on human progress; links thoughts of human intellectual talents to serve the glory of God.)

Macy, Joanna,

Kimmerrer, Robin Wall, *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge and the Teachings of Plants*, Milkweed Editions, 2013. (A hymn of love to the world. Embraces notion that plants and animals are our oldest teachers, awakening a wider ecological consciousness, celebrates our reciprocal relationship with the rest of the living world.)

Capra, Fritjof, *The Hidden Connections – A Science for Sustainable Living*, Anchor Books, NY, 2002. (a physicist's analysis....in order to sustain life, the principles underlying our social institutions must be consistent with the broader organization of nature...a provocative plan for designing ecologically sustainable communities and technologies.)

Ludwig Ma'ikwe, *Together Resilient: Building Community in the Age of Climate Disruption*, Fellowship for Intentional Community, Rutledge, MO 2017. (with concern of no escape from climate change, how to build the kind of resilient community by creative action)

Herve-Gruyer, Perrine and Charles, *Miraculous Abundance: One Quarter Acre, Two French Farmers and Enough Food to Feed the World*, Chelsea Green, White River Junction, VT 2013. (a soaring example and vision of a future; demonstrated earth healing abundance of a permaculture microfarm)

Spring, Cindy and Manousos, Anthony (Eds.), *Earth Light: Spiritual Wisdom for an Ecological Age*, Friends Bulletin Corporation and Earth Light Corporation, Oakland, CA 2007. (collection of articles and essays of secular and religious thought about the place and participation of humankind in creation.)

Suzuki, David with Amanda McConnell, *The Sacred Balance – Rediscovering Our Place in Nature*, Allen & Unwin, Vancouver, BC 1997. (an environmental ethic, expressing a world view towards which the

human species must shift; a beautiful spirit; a plea to get back into balance with the natural world that supports us.)

Thompson, Mary Reynolds, *Reclaiming the Wild Side – How Earth’s Landscapes Restore Us to Wholeness*, White Cloud Press, Ashland, OR 2015. (exploring the reality of kinship that is beyond our senses; reconnecting with the rest of the natural world, for meaning, for soul.)

Fedeler, David, *Restoring the Soul of the World – Our Living Bond with Nature’s Intelligence*, Inner Traditions, Rochester, VT 2014. (a map for restoring our own souls and those of the planet...a love for human life and the life of nature.)

Bahnson, Fred, *Soil and Sacrament: A Spiritual Memoir of Food and Faith*, Simon & Schuster, NY 2013.

Brown, Peter G. and Garver, Geoffrey, *Right Relationship – Building a Whole Earth Economy*, Berrett-Kohler Publishers, San Francisco, 2009. (a project related to Quaker Institute for the Future; a challenge to the current economic system which assumes endless growth and limitless potential wealth. Right relationship respects the integrity, resilience and beauty of human and natural communities...a new economic model.)

Series of pamphlets of Quaker Institute for the Future, following the foundation book, *Right Relationship* by Brown and Garver:

Joy, Leonard, *How Does Societal Transformation Happen? Values Development, Collective Wisdom, and Decision Making for the Common Good*, Quaker Institute for the Future Pamphlet 4, 2011.

Dreby, Ed, Keith Helmuth, Margaret Mansfield, *It’s The Economy, Friend; Understanding the Growth Dilemma*, Quaker Institute for the Future Pamphlet 5, 2012.

Dreby, Ed, Judy Lumb, *Beyond the Growth Dilemma: toward an Ecologically Integrated Economy*, Quaker Institute for the Future Pamphlet 6, 2012.

Swennerfelt, Ruah, *Rising to the Challenge the Transition Movement and People of Faith*, QIF Focus Book 10, 2016.

Wilson, Edward O., *The Future of Life*, Alfred A. Knopf, NY, 2002. (an impassioned call for quick and decisive action to save Earth’s biological heritage, and a plan to achieve that rescue)

Schumacher, E.F., *Small is Beautiful – Economics as if People Mattered*, Harper and Row Publishers, NY 1973. (an unconventional economist...weaving threads of Galbraith and Gandhi, capitalism and Buddhism, science and psychology)

Tutu, Desmond, *God has a Dream: A Vision of Hope for Our Time*, Doubleday, NY 2004.

Dalai Lama, *Ethics for the New Millennium*, Riverhead Books, NY 1999.

Thoreau, Henry David (*Walden* Riverside Press, 1894) and Eliot Porter (photographs), *“In Wildness is the Preservation of the World*, A Sierra Club-Ballantine Book, 1962 and 1967.

Kolbert, Elizabeth, *The Sixth Extinction, An Unnatural History*, Henry Holt & Co., NY 2014. (documents the paleontological history of earth's extinction of species...and points to the danger of the current human trajectory threatening so many species as well as our own recent species on this planet.)

Grutter, Theo, *Dancing with Mosquitoes: to Liberate the Mind from Humanism – A Way to Green the Mind*, Vantage Press, NY 2000. (laboring up the path to heaven, eclectic prose poetry of insights, often radical; putting mankind in its rightful place, as a part of nature, not superior.)

Berry, Thomas, *The Great Work – Our Way Into the Future*, Bell Tower, NY 1999. (finding the mythic dimension and the moral significance behind the facts; from the bard of the new cosmology)

Hawken, Paul, Amory Lovins, L.Hunter Lovins, *Natural Capitalism: Creating the Next Industrial Revolution*, Back Bay Books, Little Brown & co. Boston, 1999. (a model for a new economic paradigm to simultaneously support successful businesses drawing on environmentally responsible modes)

Hawken, Paul, *Blessed Unrest – How the Largest Movement in the World Came into Being and Why No One Saw It Coming*, Viking NY, 2007. (Why and who are the emerging movers and shakers of the world, filling it with love for all the earth)-

Hawken, Paul (Ed.), *Drawdown: the Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming*, Penguin-Random House, NY, 2017. (accumulated bold solutions to climate change, ranked by impact, costs and time scale to implement; a path forward to achieve the decline in atmospheric green house gases.)

Toensmeier, Eric, *The Carbon Farming Solution: A Global Toolkit of Perennial Crops and Regenerative Agriculture Practices for Climate Change Mitigation and Food Security*, Chelsea Green, White River Junction, VT 2016. (thorough resource book on how agricultural practices can be returned to regenerating soil health, sustaining productivity, and capturing green house gas emissions)

Brown, Lester R., *Plan B 3.0, Mobilizing to Save Civilization*, W.W. Norton & Co, NY 2008 (and other revisions/updates since then). (documents civilization and environmental/ecological systems in trouble, but provides paths to restoration and caring for world populations; and how to mobilize)

White, Courtney, *Two Percent Solutions for the Planet- 50 Low Cost, Low Tech, Nature Based Prctices for Combatting Hunger, Drought and Climate Change*, Chelsea Green, White River Junction, VT 2015. (how to avoid paralysis on taking action; inspires actions by individuals, with climate mitigation solutions for local communities)

Lappe, Anna, *Diet for a Hot Planet; The Climate Crisis at the End of Your Fork and What You Can Do About It*, Bloomsbury, NY 2010. (connects the dots between hunger and hidden climate & environmental and social impacts of foods and the food system; makes clear that food choices matter to climate change; personal health and planet health are interconnected)

Flannery, Tim, *The Weather Makers: How Man is Changing the Climate and What It Means for Life on Earth*, Atlantic Monthly Press, NY, 2005. (a glimpse of the future if climate change is not forestalled; includes what has already been unleashed by human impacts, but also notes actions people can take to change course/make a difference.) (other books by Flannery: *Now or Never*, *Hear On Earth*)

Welch, Bryan, Beautiful and Abundant – Building the world We Want, B&A Books, Lawrence, KS 2010. (challenging conventional wisdom, showing the way simultaneously to self-reliance and interdependence, achieving sustainability.)

Gore, Albert, Earth in the Balance- Ecology and the Human Spirit, Houghton-Mifflin Co. Boston, 1992. (a politician speaks plainly about climate change and our human impacts on earth's ecology; an appeal for worldwide mobilization to alter the course to a sane, safe future)

Gore, Al, Our Choice: A Plan to Solve the Climate Crisis, Rodale Inc., Emmaus, PA 2009. (a renewed appeal to use all means to solve the climate crisis; fortunately acknowledges the many reasons nuclear power is not growing, in fact declining...but unfortunately seems to hold out hope that it will be a part of the green house gas reduction in energy production without full understanding of the intimate relationship between nuclear power and weapons and the failure of any nation manage nuclear wastes.)

Fisher-Wirth, Ann and Street, Lara-Gray (Eds.), The Eco-poetry Anthology, Trinity University Press, San Antonio, TX 2013. (a collection of poems, human calls and cries responding to our endangered and disappearing world)

Erhlich, Paul R. and Anne H., The Dominant Animal – Human Evolution and the Environment, Island Press, Washington DC, 2008. (not as pointed as Paul Erhlich's more well known book which coincided with the Earth Day awakening of the late 1960s and early 1970s, The Population Bomb. This book is more academic, but still worthwhile reading.)

Lovins, Amory B., Soft Energy Paths – Toward a Durable Peace, Harper-Colophon Books, Ballinger Publishing, reprinted by Friends of the Earth, 1977. (thoroughly researched and documented in the early days of energy futures explorations. Clearly links the deep problems with fossil and nuclear energy and why soft paths of renewable energy must be followed; heavily based on the dangers to peace and security for the hard paths, and how soft paths can achieve a durable peace.)

Lovins, Amory B. and L. Hunter Lovins, Energy/War: Breaking the Nuclear Link; A Prescription for Nonproliferation, Harper-ColophonBooks, NY 1980. (confronts the presumption that nuclear weapons control must be linked with a companion promotion of nuclear power. Clearly describes the inseparable links between nuclear reactors for power and nuclear bombs...as all fissionable material is bomb material.)

Lovins, Amory B. and Rocky Mountain Institute, Reinventing Fire – Bold Business Solutions for the New Energy Era, Chelsea Green, White River Junction, VT 2011. (A blueprint for much-improved future in the generation and use of energy. A path to a cleaner, cheaper and safer energy future....a how to transition from fossil fuels to efficiency and renewables.)

Makhijani, Arjun, Carbon-Free and Nuclear-Free: A Roadmap for U.S. Energy Policy, RDR Books, Muskegon, MI and IEER Press, Takoma Park, MD, 2007. (A proposal to save the planet without the cancerous, radioactive, proliferation-prone side effects of nuclear power. A call to action to put the U.S. economy on a course in harmony with the environment, rather than at loggerheads with it.)

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(heavy on the side of environmentally spiritually led activism)