

The uninvited blow to all three illusions—that we can wholly know and control the ecosphere, that its own rhythms and requirements can be bypassed or bent to our design, and that scale is little reason to fret—is every major life system in decline and the rude appearance of that wildest of wild cards, accelerated and extreme climate change. What that means for all life systems reaching for a future we only perceive through a smoky glass. *-p. 54*

Any God-talk that does not encompass all 13 to 15 billion years of the universe's pilgrimage to date and the immense wheeling of 50 to 100 billion galaxies, each swimming with billions of stars and who knows how many planets; any God-talk that does not gather in all species come and gone, as well as those leaving as we speak; and any God-talk that does not embrace the whole drama of life in all its misery and grandeur, is simply quaint. *-p. 103*

The presence of the divine or the holy is the experience of the Intimate One who is also the Wholly Other, a Spirit so close as to be within, yet far more than we can comprehend or possess. This nongrASPing awe and trust includes living with ambiguity and the inherent insecurity and vulnerability of being creatures. *-p. 104*

We have been arguing for a seismic shift in the moral universe and in our industrial/post industrial way of life. It is a shift from the encapsulated human self and human society to the ecosphere as center, boundary, and subject; from human justice to creation justice; and from my bounded human community to the unbounded community of all life. *-p. 193*

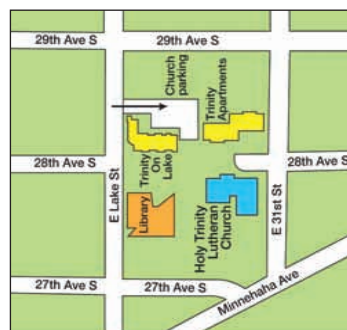
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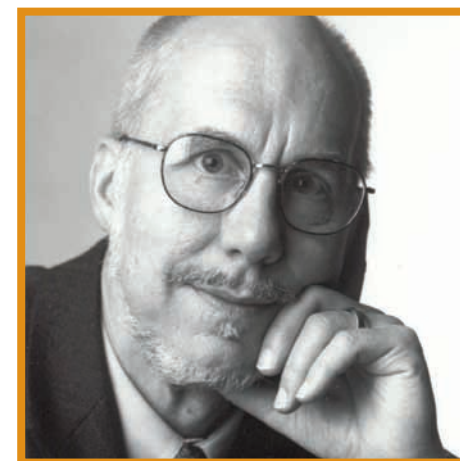


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