

Berry, Thomas. **Selected Writings on the Earth Community**

Formerly a professor of history of religions at Fordham University, Berry became aware of a variety of environmental problems earlier than most--from pollution to unbridled consumption to biodiversity loss. He also realized the religious character of the crisis. As early as the 70's, he challenged the world religions to respond to the growing disaster. He wondered why religions have been blind to the fate of the earth; the universe is the supreme manifestation of the sacred. What we do now, or don't do now, is going to have enormous consequences for the immediate future of our own children and the future of all generations that come after us. "Within the universe, the planet Earth with all its wonder is the place for the meeting of the divine and the human." (Call No. 211.23-BER; "New Books" shelf)