

**Wednesday, November 29**



**Message From Reclaiming Earth Committee:**

“We have lost our connection to this other deeper reality of things. Consequently, we now find ourselves on a devastated continent where nothing is holy, nothing is sacred. We no longer have a world of inherent value, no world of wonder, no untouched, unspoiled, unused world. We have used everything. By “developing” the planet, we have been reducing Earth to a new type of barrenness. Scientists are telling us that we are in the midst of the sixth extinction period in Earth’s history. No such extinction of living forms has occurred since the extinction of the dinosaurs some sixty-five million years ago.”

Thomas Berry, from *Spiritual Ecology: The Cry of the Earth* (Pg 16)

“Our very suffering now, our condensed presence on this common nest that we have largely fouled, will soon be the ONE thing that we finally share in common. It might be the one thing that will bring us together politically and religiously. The Earth and its life systems, on which we all entirely depend (Just like God!), might soon become the very thing that will convert us to a simple lifestyle, to necessary community, and to an inherent and universal sense of reverence for the Holy. We all breathe the same air and drink the same water.”

Richard Rohr, from *Spiritual Ecology: Cry of the Earth* (Pgs 239-240)

“Why have we developed ethics for homicide, suicide and genocide, but none for biocide or geo-cide?”

Larry Rasmussen, “An Earth-Honoring Faith”  
From *“Christian Simplicity: A Gospel Value* (Pg 87)

Have you developed your personal ethics for Biocide or Geo-cide?