

A Message from Reclaiming Earth Committee – Feb. 6, 2019

During this time of beginnings and newness, we focus on the person of Jesus. “In the Christian understanding of the world, the destiny of all creation is bound up with the mystery of Christ, present from the beginning: “All things have been created through him and for him (Col 1:16). The prologue of the Gospel of John (1:1-18) reveals Christ’s creative work as the Divine Word (*Logos*). But then, unexpectedly, the prologue goes on to say that this same Word “became flesh” (Jn 1:14)/ One person of the Trinity entered into the created cosmos, throwing in his lot with it, even to the cross. From the beginning of the world, but particularly through the Incarnation, the mystery of Christ is at work in a hidden manner in the natural world as a whole, without thereby impinging on its autonomy.” (*Laudato Si*, Paragraph 99)

“Making the connection between ecological commitment and Jesus of Nazareth is at the center of a Christian ecological theology...It is an urgent task for theology to show the interconnection between the living memory of Jesus and the issues that confront the global community...Only when the connection is made will ecological action be seen not only as ethically responsible but also as radically Christian, as the faithful praxis of Christian discipleship. Only then will the wider Christian community be challenged from within its own Christian depths to ecological conversion.” (*Ecology at the Heart of Faith* by Denis Edwards Page 48)

The challenge lies before us. Where are you in the journey of understanding a Christocentric Cosmos?

