Wednesday Earth Wisdom – June 5, 2019

"Optimism is not the result of success, it is the starting point of success." This is a quote by Christina Figueres, "the woman who oversaw the 2015 Paris Agreement on Climate." (*Kosmos* Spring, 2019, "Stubborn Optimism.")

"There are signs everywhere of breakthrough, rather than breakdown. Carbon Dioxide emissions decreasing despite growing economic activity in 22 countries; Pakistan's planting 1,000,000,000 (one billion) trees in its northwestern province of Kyber Pakhtunnkhaw; and countries such as France, India and the Netherlands laying out ambitions to eliminate fossil fuel-powered automobiles". (*Kosmos* Spring, 2019; www.kosmosjournal.org/newsletter/2019-06-04)

Originally printed in the summer 2018, "Change the Worldview, Change the World" was based on power of narrative. The author, Drew Dellinger, was first introduced to this "power" when he met Fr. Thomas Berry who said, "The difficulty that we are into has come, to a large extent, from the limitations and inadequacies of our story. And what we need, I think, and what we really have, is a new story." (Page 1)

"By connecting ecology, social justice, and worldview and using the power of spirituality, dream, story, art, and action, these movements bring forth — in practice and politics and society — what is needed most: a cosmology of interconnectedness.

"The New Story of our times will be a multiplicity — a kaleidoscope of stories. As the writer and critic John Berger has said, 'Never again will a single story be told as if it is the only one.' Long-silenced voices will continue to come to the fore. The stories needed most are emerging from the youth of Ferguson, Baltimore, Standing Rock and Palestine rather than from the narrators of the status quo. From this diverse chorus, larger themes are taking shape, with recognizable contours bending toward justice and ecology." (Page 8; www.kosmosjournal.org/newsletter/2019-06-04)

What is the narrative that describes your worldview?