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Articles on Ecological Ethics

AA.VV. Philosophy East and West 37 (April, 1987).

Issue on Environmental Ethics, with cross-cultural and Eastern approaches, with articles by J. Baird Callicott, Robert C. Neville, Kenneth K. Inada, Gerard James Larson, David L. Hall, and Holmes Ralston III.


One of several articles in this issue on various theological aspects of ecology.


One of several articles in this issue on this theme.


Ecology Bibliography


One of a series of articles in this same issue on the theme of ecology and ethics.


Part of the four part "Notes on Moral Theology: 1989" presented annually in Theological Studies.


See also the response to Clifford's article by Bernhard W. Anderson, "The Sacredness of the Earth," in the same volume, pp. 27-32.
Ecology Bibliography

At this writing, Clifford was Professor of Old Testament at the Weston Jesuit School of Theology in Cambridge, Massachusetts and is now retired professor at Boston College School of Theology & Ministry.


Dailey teaches at Allentown College of St. Francis de Sales in Pennsylvania.


A variety of articles dedicated to the theme of ecological theology.


Several articles on this theme.


One of a series of articles in this same issue on the theme of ecology and ethics.


Consideration of "nature" in the abstract is largely foreign to the Bible. In order to tap the Bible for an ecological spirituality it is necessary to see how the former might support the qualities described by the latter.

Gulick is Professor of Philosophy, Humanities, and Religious Studies at Eastern Montana College in Billings, Montana.


Guroian teaches theology and ethics at Loyola College in Baltimore.


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McDonagh is the Columban Father's specialist on environmental issues and has spent 20 years in the Philippines. He criticizes the Vatican's lack of involvement in the March 1990 World Council of Churches international conference on Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation.


See the response by Celia Deane-Drummond in the same issue, pp. 46-51.


See the response by Robin Gill in the same issue, pp. 63-67.


One of a series of articles in this same issue on the theme of ecology and ethics.


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Article done for the Festschrift for James M. Gustafson made up of contributions from his former students.


Considers resources for an ecological spirituality using the Confucian ethics of self-cultivation and the process theology of Teilhard de Chardin.


Ecology Bibliography

Critiques the Declaration for being overly anthropocentric and not taking seriously enough animal rights.


Essentially a long critical review of Sean McDonagh's Greening of the Church (Geoffrey Chapman), and Tim Cooper's Green Christianity (Hodder and Stoughton).


Wink is a biblical scholar at Auburn Theological Seminary in New York City.

World Council of Churches. [CEC in Italian]. "Verso la solidarietà dell'alleanza per la giustizia, la pace e la salvaguardia del Creato: Documento finale dell'assemblea CEC [Seoul: 5-12 marzo 1990]." Il Regno 35 (1 giugno 1990): 365-376.

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*Description*: "Global climate change is the most daunting ethical and political challenge confronting humanity in the twenty-first century. The intergenerational and transnational ethical issues raised by climate change have been the focus of a significant body of scholarship. In this new collection of essays, leading scholars engage and respond to first-generation scholarship and argue for new ways of thinking about our ethical obligations to present and future generations. Topics addressed in these essays include moral accountability for energy consumption and emissions, egalitarian and libertarian perspectives on mitigation, justice in relation to cap and trade schemes, the ethics of adaptation, and the ethical dimensions of the impact of climate change on nature"--


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Description: Introduction: points of departure -- A genealogy of the Christian colonial mindset: ex nihilo from disputed beginnings to orthodox origins -- Ex nihilo and the origin of an empire -- Ex nihilo, erasure, and "discovery" -- The cogito, ex nihilo, and the legacy of John Locke -- The creation ex nihilo of terra nullius lands: omnipotent nations and the logic of global-colonization -- From epistemologies of domination to grounded thinking -- Opening words about God onto creatio continua -- Creatio continua 'all the way down': a post-colonial, planetary understanding of continuing creation -- Conclusion: a brief thought after. Includes bibliographical references (p. [229]-243) and index.


Contains 15 essays, 8 of which came out of a consultation on ecological theology sponsored by the World Council of Churches' sub-unit on Church and Society and held in Annecy, France on 10-15 September 1988. This international, ecumenical consultation included scientists, theologians and philosophers. An Appendix gives the Consultation's final report, entitled "Liberating Life: A Report to the World Council of Churches."


Helpful little thematic summary statements plus a brief academic identification of each author. Frequently individual authors will make reference to other works which may be of bibliographical interest and aid to someone working in this or that particular area.


Contains fourteen of Callicott's essays on environmental ethics.

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Examines several philosophical and religious approaches to environmental responsibility, as well as governmental, agricultural and industrial roles in evaluating and addressing these issues. Each chapter contains a glossary, a case study, discussion questions, and suggestions for further reading.


In this first volume Gustafson reviews many of the current trends in moral theology and philosophy, and then moves to outlining his own fundamental moral theology, which comes out of a re-interpretation of the Protestant Reformed tradition. Briefly stated, Gustafson expresses his overall thesis for a theocentric ethics in these terms: "Man's place in relation to the universe has to be rethought, as does man's relation to God. The moral imperative that I shall develop in due course is this: we are to conduct life so as to relate to all things in a manner appropriate to their relations to God." pp. 112-113.
Gustafson is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ, and taught at Yale and the University of Chicago before becoming the Henry R. Luce Professor of Humanities and Comparative Studies at Emory University where he served until his retirement. Previously he taught at Yale and the University of Chicago. He has studied at the Chicago Theological Seminary, University of Chicago, and his Ph.D. is from Yale (1955), done under H. Richard Niebuhr.


This second volume "seeks to fulfill a general purpose by answering a single general question: How does the theocentric perspective qualify ethics?" p. 3. After taking some "benchmarks" from contemporary theology and moral philosophy, Gustafson applies his theocentric ethics to selected contemporary moral issues: marriage and family, suicide, population and nutrition, and allocation of biomedical research funding.


Comes out of the 1992 Moll Lectures at Baldwin-Wallace College.


Johnson begins by rejecting both rationality and sentience as either necessary or sufficient criteria for establishing "standing" in the moral community, thereby ruling out utilitarianism for environmental ethics. Instead, he develops a theory of respect for interests, where the definition of interests turns on a consideration of the well-being of entities- living beings with organic unity and self-identity (what an entity is, is determined by its own nature). Subsequently, those entities deserving our consideration and respect include both individual species and entire ecosystems.
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Maguire argues that male-dominated religions have caused problems for ecology and reproductive ethics. Rasmussen critiques capitalism which has expanded over the globe.


Contains an annotated bibliography of theological contributions to ecological issues.


Ecology Bibliography


The author argues that Christianity has lost the biblical awareness of the interconnectedness of all life. He shows how Christian theologians and believers might recover a more ecologically-friendly belief system and life style.


Contains several papers on various aspects of environmental ethics, and relationship with other aspects of theology.


Treats both the Bible and the history of Christian thought in an attempt to develop resources for an ecologically sensitive theology. Santmire suggests three root metaphors in regard to nature: nature as symbol of spiritual ascent, as sign of God's overflowing goodness, and as migration to a good land.

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Argues that ecological ethics should ground all of ethics, and thus authentic justice seeks right relations among all creation. An appropriate response to creation should be rooted in an appreciation of the erotic.


Through case studies that highlight the type of information that is seldom reported or stressed in the media, this book exposes the type and magnitude of environmental racism, both domestic and international. The essays also explore the justice of current environmental practices, asking such questions as whether cost-benefit analysis is an appropriate analytic technique and whether there are alternate routes to sustainable development in the South.


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