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Let us be guided by the native people who are still the people who are spiritually in contact with this continent, and learn from them.

To learn to look on the universe as a communion of subjects, not a collection of objects, a universe which is a community to be communed with, not objects to be used primarily.

The planet earth is a one time endowment. You don't get another chance.

Humans are derivative: You cannot have well people on a sick earth. First obligation of medicine is not to take care of humans, but to see that we have an integral healthy earth.

The first obligation of economics is that the Gross earth product must be integral. To have a rising gross national product with a declining gross earth product makes no sense.

The Eozoic is going to function very differently from the Cenozoic
In the eozoic nothing is going to take place of any significance without it in some way being related to the human.

SO WE MUST ACCEPT THE EARTH, PROTECT IT, AND FOSTER IT.

Other thing is language. We use the bible so much in terms of redemption concerns rather than in creation concerns. Place bible on shelf for 20 years and learn to read the natural world. Early Christians were very aware of the two books. Natural world and biblical world interpreted each other.

Exodus Symbol: The exodus of the planet earth, in its biosystems, in its geosystems, in its noosystems, the exodus from a terminal cenozoic to the emerging eozoic:

THAT THE HUMAN COMMUNITY AND THE NATURAL WORLD WILL GO INTO THE FUTURE AS A SINGLE SACRED COMMUNITY OR WE WILL BOTH PERISH IN THE DESERT.

The cause of the dysfunction we now face: we have been functioning out of a human-human, human divine set of relationships, to the exclusion of a human-earth relationship (the whole community of the earth).

To undergo a conversion from the 'stewardship' shallow ecology resource management mentality of man-over-nature to announce that humans should see themselves as 'plain members' of the biotic community.