

## **Religion & Nature in Theoretical Perspective and Occidental History**

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*This reading list is for those taking a qualifying exam drawing on both religion and nature theory and exploring the religion and nature nexus in the Occidental world, especially in North America.*

*The first references, both required and recommended readings, represent a “Theory Focus.” The second references, also with both required and recommended sections, represent the “Occidental and North America Focus.” There are, of course, historical dimensions in the readings listed under theory and theoretical dimensions in the historical sections. Students should be able to address historical and theoretical issues that have emerged from not only religious studies but also anthropology, environmental history, and various critical schools and figures associated with postmodern, postcolonial, and other post-structuralist schools of thought and the environmental humanities generally.*

*Although not listed, students are expected to have a good knowledge of classical and contemporary trends in the study of religion, including figures such as Marx, Freud, Durkheim, Weber, Muller, and others, which have been the focus of the programs Method and Theory courses. There are also a few references likely to appear on the Environmental Ethics exams, which are also important in terms of the unfolding religion and nature discourse in North America.*

*The recommended readings are provided for two reasons: (1) as a resource for future reading, course preparation and research and (2) to indicate important scholars and issues you should at least have a modest understanding about. Ideally, you will familiarize yourself with the recommended readings during the process leading up to taking your exams.*

*Reading lists for individual students may be modified by negotiation with committee members.*

## Religion & Nature Exam – Theory Focus

### Required books and articles ~ theory focus

Abram, David. *Spell of the Sensuous: Perception and Language in a More-Than-Human World*. New York: Pantheon, 1996.

Apffel-Marglin, F. *Subversive spiritualities: how rituals enact the world*. Oxford [England] & New York, Oxford University Press, 2011.

Anderson, Eugene N. *Ecologies of the Heart: Emotion, Belief, and the Environment*. Oxford, England: Oxford University Press, 1996.

Atran, Scott. *In Gods We Trust: The Evolutionary Landscape of Religion*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2002.

Bellah, Robert. N. (2011). *Religion in human evolution: from the Paleolithic to the Axial Age*. Cambridge, Mass., Belknap Press of Harvard University Press.

Burhenn, Herbert. "Ecological Approaches to the Study of Religion." *Method and Theory in the Study of Religion* 9, no. 2 (1997): 111-26.

Dennett, Daniel. C. (2006). *Breaking the spell: religion as a natural phenomenon*. New York City, Viking.

Berkes, Fikret. *Sacred Ecology: Traditional Ecological Knowledge and Resource Management*. Philadelphia, PA: Taylor and Francis, 1999.

Boyer, Pascal. *Religion Explained: The Evolutionary Origins of Religious Thought*. New York: Basic, 2001.

Burkert, Walter. *Creation of the Sacred: Tracks of Biology in Early Religions*. Cambridge, Massachusetts: Harvard University Press, 1996.

Eliade, Mircea. *The sacred and the profane: the nature of religion*. New York, Harcourt Brace & World, 1959.

Frazer, Sir James. *The golden bough: a history of myth and religion*. London, Chancellor Press, 1994 [1890]

Guthrie, Stewart. *Faces in the Clouds: A New Theory of Religion*. New York & Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1993.

Harris, Marvin. "The Cultural Ecology of India's Sacred Cattle." *Current Anthropology* 7 (1966): 51-66.

Harvey, Graham. *Animism*. New York, Columbia University Press, 2006

Ingold, Tim. *The Perception of the Environment: Essays in Livelihood, Dwelling and Skill*. London: Routledge, 2000.

Kellert, Stephen R. *Kinship to Mastery: Biophilia in Human Evolution and Development*. Island Press, 1997.

Latour, Bruno. *Reassembling the social: an introduction to actor-network-theory*. Oxford & New York, Oxford University Press, 2005.

Müller, Friedrich Max. *Natural Religion*. London, 1888.

Norenzayan, Ara. 2013. *Big Gods: How Religion Transformed Cooperation and Conflict* (Princeton: Princeton University Press).

Rappaport, Roy. A. (1999). *Ritual and religion in the making of humanity*. Cambridge, MA, Cambridge University Press.

Schaefer, Donovan O. 2015. *Religious Affects: Animality, Evolution, and Power* (Durham: Duke University Press).

Shepard, Paul. *Coming Home to the Pleistocene*. San Francisco: Island Press, 1998.

Sullivan, Larry "Worship of nature," in Eliade, Mircea, ed. *Encyclopedia of Religion*. New York: Macmillan, 1987 (first edition, reprinted and updated in the second edition, 2005)

Taylor, Bron. "Nature Religion and Ecology" in the "Ecology and Religion" section, in *The Encyclopedia of Religion*. (Editor-in-Chief, Lindsay Jones, Second Edition, MacMillan, 2005).

Taylor, Bron. "[Introduction](#)", *Encyclopedia of Religion and Nature*, Continuum International, London & New York, 2005).

Taylor, Bron. 2016. 'The Greening of Religion Hypothesis (Part One): From Lynn White, Jr. And Claims That Religions Can Promote Environmentally Destructive Attitudes and Behaviors to Assertions They Are Becoming Environmentally Friendly', *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture* 10.3: 268-305.

Taylor, Bron, Gretel Van Wieren, and Bernard Daley Zaleha. 2016. 'The Greening of Religion Hypothesis (Part Two): Assessing the Data from Lynn White, Jr., to Pope Francis', *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture* 10.3: 306-78.

Taylor, Bron. 2010. *Dark Green Religion: Nature Spirituality and the Planetary Future* (Berkeley & Los Angeles: University of California Press).

Taylor, Bron, ed., articles theorizing the religion and nature field, *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature, and Culture* (1/1, 2007) articles by Taylor, Kellert, von Stuckrad, Ivakhiv, and Guthrie, and overview of the field (5/1, 2011) by Witt, Johnson and Taylor, all available for download at <http://www.religionandnature.com/journal/sample.htm>

Tuan, Yi-Fu. *Topophilia: A Study of Environmental Perception, Attitudes, and Values*. Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall, 1974.

Tylor, E.B. *Primitive Culture: Researches into the Development of Mythology, Philosophy, Religion, Art and Custom*. London: J. Murray, 1871.

Wilson, David Sloan. *Darwin's Cathedral: Evolution, Religion, and the Nature of Society*. Chicago & London: Chicago University Press, 2002.

Wilson, Edward Osborne. *Biophilia: The Human Bond with Other Species*. Cambridge, Massachusetts: Harvard University Press, 1984.

Worster, Donald. *Nature's Economy: A History of Ecological Ideas*. Cambridge, MA: Cambridge University Press, 1977.

### **Recommended books and articles ~ theory focus**

Darwin, Charles, *On the Origin of Species* and *The Descent of Man*

Hultkrantz, Ake. "Ecology of Religion: Its Scope and Methodology." In *Science of Religion Studies in Methodology*, ed. Lauri Honko, 221-36. Berlin: Mouton, 1979.

Kellert, Stephen R. and Timothy J. Farnham, eds. *The good in nature and humanity: connecting science, religion, and spirituality with the natural world*. Covelo, CA: Island Press, 2002.

Lansing, J. Stephen. *Priests and Programmers: Technologies of Power in the Engineered Landscape of Bali*. Princeton, New Jersey: Princeton University Press, 1991.

Lease, Gary. (2005). Hunting and the Origins of Religion. *Encyclopedia of religion and nature*. B. Taylor. London & New York, Continuum International: 805-809.

Messer, Ellen and Michael Lambek. *Ecology and the Sacred: Engaging the Anthropology of Roy A. Rappaport*. Ann Arbor: University of Michigan Press, 2001.

Milton, Kay. *Environmentalism and Cultural Theory: Exploring the Role of Anthropology in Environmental Discourse*. New York: Routledge, 1996.

Moran, Emilio, ed. *The Ecosystem Approach in Anthropology*. Ann Arbor, Michigan: University of Michigan Press, 1990.

Olson, Carl. "Chapter 3: The Quest for the Origins of Religion." In *Theory and Method in the Study of Religion*, ed. Carl Olson, 49-99. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth, 2003.

\_\_\_\_\_. "Chapter 9: Ecological/Biological Approaches." In *Theory and Method in the Study of Religion*, ed. Carl Olson, 439-75. Belmont, CA: Wadsworth, 2003.

Orsi, Robert A. "Is the Study of Lived Religion Irrelevant to the World We Live in?" *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 42, no. 2 (2002): 169-74.

Reichel-Dolmatoff, Gerardo. "Cosmology as Ecological Analysis: A View from the Rainforest." *Man* 2, no. 3 (1976): 307-18.

Snarey, John. "The Natural Environment's Impact on Religious Ethics: A Cross-Cultural Study." *Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion* 35, no. 2 (1996): 85-96.

Wilson, Edward Osborne. *Sociobiology: The New Synthesis*. Cambridge, Massachusetts: Belknap/Harvard University Press, 1975.

### **Recommended books ~ mixed methods social scientific research:**

Bernard, H. Russell. *Handbook of methods in cultural anthropology*. Walnut Creek, California, AltaMira Press, 1998.

Michael Stausberg and Steven Engler. *The Routledge Handbook of Research Methods in the Study of Religion*. London, Routledge, 2012.

## Religion & Nature Exam – Occidental & North America Focus

### Required books and articles ~ Occident focused

Albanese, Catherine L. *Nature Religion in America: From the Algonkian Indians to the New Age*. Chicago: Chicago University Press, 1990.

Campbell, Colin. "The Cult, the Cultic Milieu and Secularization." In *The Cultic Milieu: Oppositional Subcultures in an Age of Globalization*, eds. Jeffrey Kaplan and Heléne Lööv, 12-25. Lanham, Maryland: Altamira/Rowman and Littlefield, 2002.

Chidester, David and David Linenthal, "Introduction." In *American Sacred Space*, eds. David Chidester and Edward Linenthal, 1-42. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1995. (Peruse the rest of the volume)

Cronon, William., Ed. (1995). *Uncommon ground: toward reinventing nature*. New York, Norton.

- Cronon, "The trouble with wilderness; or, getting back to the wrong nature" (69-90), and "Toward a Conclusion" 447-460.
- Carolyn Merchant, "Reinventing Eden: western culture as a recovery narrative."
- The entire book has been widely read among environmental studies scholars and the rest is highly recommended. Contrast with Soule and Lease, and Sutter (below)

Deloria, Vine (Jr.). *God Is Red: A Native View of Religion*. Updated ed. Golden, Colorado: 1972; reprint, Golden, Colorado: Fulcrum, 1994.

Diamond, Jared. *Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed*. New York: Viking, 2005. Especially the Prologue, Chapter 1 (Montana), Chapter 4 (the Anasazi), Chapter 5 (the Maya), Chapter 6-8 (Norse expansion).

Eisenberg, Evan. *The Ecology of Eden*. New York: Random House, 1998.

Foltz, Richard, Frederick M. Denny and Azizan Baharuddin, ed. *Islam and Ecology: A Bestowed Trust*. Religions of the World and Ecology: A Bestowed Trust. Edited by Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Grim. Cambridge, Massachusetts: Harvard University Press, 2003.

Glacken, Clarence. *Traces on the Rhodian Shore: Nature and Culture in Western Thought from Ancient Times to the End of the Eighteenth Century*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1967.

Glave, Dianne, and Mark Stoll (eds.). 2006. *To Love the Wind and the Rain: African Americans and Environmental History* (Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press).

Gottlieb, Roger. *A greener faith: religious environmentalism and our planet's future*. Oxford & New York, Oxford University Press, 2006.

Gould, Rebecca Kneale. *At home in nature: modern homesteading and spiritual practice in America*. Berkeley, CA: University of California Press, 2005.

Hanegraaff, Wouter J. *New Age Religion and Western Culture: Esotericism in the Mirror of Secular Thought*. Albany: State University of New York Press, 1998.

Hessel, Dieter T. and Rosemary Radford Ruether, ed. *Christianity and Ecology: Seeking the Well-Being of Earth and Humans*. Religions of the World and Ecology. Edited by Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Grim. Cambridge, Massachusetts: Harvard University Press, 2000. (selections)

Hughes, J. Donald. *Pan's Travail: Environmental Problems of the Ancient Greeks and Romans*. Baltimore, Maryland: John Hopkins University Press, 1994.

Merchant, Carolyn. *The Death of Nature: Women, Ecology and the Scientific Revolution*. San Francisco: Harper & Row, 1980.

Midgley, Mary. *Evolution as a Religion*. London & New York: Routledge, 1985.

Nash, Roderick Frazier. *Wilderness and the American Mind*. 4th ed. 1967; reprint, New Haven: Yale University Press, 1967.

Pike, Sarah. *New Age and Neopagan Religions in America*. New York: Columbia University Press, 2004

Ruse, Michael. 2017. *Darwinism as Religion: What Literature Tells Us About Evolution* (Oxford & New York: Oxford University Press).

Sears, John. *Sacred Places: American Tourist Attractions in the Nineteenth Century*. New York & Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1989.

Sponsel, Leslie. E. (2012). *Spiritual ecology: a quiet revolution*. Santa Barbara, Praeger.

Stoll, Mark. 2015. *Inherit the Holy Mountain: Religion and the Rise of American Environmentalism* (New York, NY: Oxford University Press).

Stuckrad, Kocku von. 2014. *The Scientification of Religion: An Historical Study of Discursive Change, 1800-2000* (Boston: De Gruyter).

Sutter, Paul S. (2013). "The world with us: the state of American environmental history." *Journal of American History* 100(1): 94-119. (See also B. Taylor's response, "Its not all about us," 100:

140-144, June 2013; the entire forum is downloadable at [The World With Us: The State of American Environmental History](#).

Taylor, Bron. *Dark Green Religion: Nature Spirituality and the Planetary Future* (University of California Press, 2010).

Taylor, Bron, ed. *Encyclopedia of Religion and Nature*, by Bron Taylor, Editor in Chief. London and New York: Continuum International Publishers, 2005. Peruse widely but read well:

- Abrahamic traditions entries, starting with the anchor entries in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam.
- New Age, New Religious Movements, Paganism, Creationism, Science, and Radical Environmentalism entries.
- Latin American religions and nature entries, such as Amazonia, Aztec & Inca Cultures, Andean Religions, Umbanda, Spiritism, and Santeria (following cross references)

Tirosh-Samuelson, Hava, ed. *Judaism and Ecology: Created World and Revealed Word*. Religions of the World and Ecology. Edited by Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Grim. Cambridge, Massachusetts: Harvard University Press, 2002.

White, Lynn. "The Historic Roots of Our Ecologic Crisis." *Science* 155 (1967): 1203-7.

Wulf, Andrea. 2015. *The Invention of Nature: Alexander Von Humboldt's New World*. First American Edition. ed (New York: Alfred A. Knopf). Esp. Prologue & ch. 1-2 & 17-23, Epilogue.



## Recommended books and articles ~ Occident focused

### *General studies*

Bateson, Gregory. *Steps to an Ecology of Mind*. New York: Ballantine, 1972.

Bramwell, Anna. *Ecology in the 20th Century: A History*. New Haven, CT: Yale University Press, 1989.

Callicott, John Baird. (2011). "The worldview concept and Aldo Leopold's project of 'world view' remediation." *Journal for the Study of Religion, Nature and Culture* 5(4): 509-528.

Callicott, J. B. (1994). *Earth's insights: a survey of ecological ethics from the mediterranean basin to the Australian outback*. Berkeley, University of California Press.

Callicott, J. B. and M. P. Nelson (1998). *The great new wilderness debate*. Athens, University of Georgia Press.

Casey, Edward S. *The Fate of Place: A Philosophical History*. Berkeley, California: University of California Press, 1997.

Corning, Peter. *Nature's Magic: Synergy in Evolution and the Fate of Humankind*. Cambridge, United Kingdom: Cambridge University Press, 2003.

Cauvin, Jacques. *The Birth of the Gods and the Origins of Agriculture*. Translated by Trevor Watkins. Cambridge, United Kingdom: Cambridge University Press, 2000.

Denevan, William M. "The Pristine Myth: The Landscape of the Americas in 1492." *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* 82, no. 3 (1992): 369-85.

Devereux, Paul. *Places of Power: Secret Energies At Ancient Sites: A Guide to Observed or Measured Phenomena*. London: BlandFord/Cassell, 1990.

Ellen, Roy, Peter Parkes and Alan Bicker, eds. *Indigenous Environmental Knowledge and Its Transformations*. Amsterdam: Harwood Academic Publishers, 2000.

Evernden, Neil. *The Social Creation of Nature*. Baltimore, Maryland: John Hopkins University Press, 1992.

Goodenough, Ursula. *The Sacred Depths of Nature*. New York & Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1998.

Haeckel, Ernest. *God-Nature*. London, 1906.

- Harrison, Robert Pogue. *Forests: The Shadow of Civilization*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1992.
- Hume, David. (1948). *Dialogues concerning natural religion*. New York, Social Sciences Publishers.
- Ivakhiv, Adrian. *Ecologies of the Moving Image: Cinema, Affect, Nature*. Waterloo, Ontario, Canada, Wilfrid Laurier University Press (2013).
- Kaplan, J. "Introduction." In *The Cultic Milieu: Oppositional Subcultures in an Age of Globalization*, 1-11. Lanham, Maryland: Altamira/Altamira/Rowman and Littlefield, 2002. [need Kaplan' & Loowe's essays, I think, plus the one by
- Kallend, Arne and Gerard Persoon, "An anthropological perspective on environmental movements" in Ole Bruun and Arne Kalland, *Asian Perceptions of Nature: A Critical Approach*. London: Curzon Press, 1995, 1-40.
- Kempton, Willett, James S. Boster and Jennifer A. Hartley. *Environmental Values in American Culture*. Cambridge: MIT Press, 1995.
- Nash, Roderick. F. *The rights of nature: a history of environmental ethics*. Madison, WI, University of Wisconsin Press, 1989
- Oelschlaeger, Max. *The Idea of Wilderness: From Prehistory to the Age of Ecology*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1991.
- Rue, Loyal. *Everybody's Story: Wising Up to the Epic of Evolution*. Albany, New York: State University of New York Press, 2000.
- Ruse, Michael. 2017. *Darwinism as Religion: What Literature Tells Us About Evolution* Oxford University Press.
- Ruse, Michael. 2013. *The Gaia Hypothesis: Science on a Pagan Planet*. University of Chicago Press.
- Schultes, Richard Evans and Siri Reis. *Ethnobotany: Evolution of a Discipline*. Portland, Oregon: Timber Press, 1995.
- Shepard, Paul. *Man in the Landscape: A Historic View of the Esthetics of Nature*. second ed. 1967; reprint, College Station: Texas A & M University Press, 1991.
- Takacs, David. *The Idea of Biodiversity: Philosophies of Paradise*. Baltimore, Maryland: John Hopkins University Press, 1996.

Taylor, Bron. Ed. *Avatar and Nature Spirituality*. Waterloo, Ontario: Wilfrid Laurier University Press, 2013.

Thomas, Keith. *Man and the Natural World: Changing Attitudes in England 1500-1800*. Oxford & Cambridge: Oxford University Press, 1996.

Veldman, R. G., A. Szasz, et al., Eds. (2013). *How the world's religions are responding to climate change: social scientific investigations*. London and New York, Routledge. See especially

- Georgina Drew, “A retreating Goddess? Conflicting perceptions of ecological change near the Gangotri-Gaumukh glacier”
- Noor Johnson, “Healing the Land” in the Canadian Arctic: Evangelism, knowledge, and climate change.
- Robin Globus Veldman, Andrew Szasz, and Randolph Haluza-Delay, “Climate change and religion as global phenomena: Summing up and directions for further research” (volume conclusion)
- Also, Hermesse (evangelical Christians and Mayan cosmology in Guatemala) and Nita (Christian and Muslim climate activists in Great Britain), Agliardo (on US Catholics).

### ***Anthologies and Textbooks***

Callicott, J. B. and R. T. Ames, Eds. *Nature in Asian traditions of thought: essays in environmental philosophy*. Albany, NY, State University of New York Press, 1989.

Foltz, Richard., Ed. *Worldviews, religion, and the environment: a global anthology*, Wadsworth, 2002

Gottlieb, R. S., Ed. (2006). *Oxford Handbook of Religion and Ecology*. Oxford & New York, Oxford University Press.

\_\_\_\_\_. Ed. (1996). *This sacred earth: religion, nature, environment*. New York & London, Routledge.

### **Recommended books and articles ~ tradition specific studies**

See detailed Occidental Cultures bibliography

### ***Judaism***

Bernstein, Ellen *Ecology and the Jewish Spirit*. Woodstock, Vt., Jewish Lights Pub., 1998.

Hiebert, Theodore. *The Yahwist's Landscape: Nature and Religion in Early Israel*. Oxford, England: Oxford University Press, 1996

Schwartz, Richard. *Judaism and Global Survival*. New York: Atara, 1987.

Tal, Alon "Israel and Environmentalism" in B. Taylor, *The Encyclopedia of Religion and Nature* (Continuum 2005)

Waskow, Arthur, ed. *Torah of the Earth: Exploring 4,000 Years of Ecology in Jewish Thought*. Woodstock, Vermont: Jewish Lights, 2000.

Yaffe, Martin D. *Judaism and environmental ethics: a reader* Lanham, Md., Lexington Books, 2001

### ***Christianity***

Berry, Thomas. *The Dream of the Earth*. San Francisco: Sierra Club Books, 1988.

Baker-Fletcher, Karen. *Sisters of Dust, Sisters of Spirit: Womanist Wordings on God and Creation*. Fortress, 1998.

Birch, Charles and John B. Cobb, Jr. *The Liberation of Life: From the Cell to the Community*. Cambridge, MA: Cambridge University Press, 1981.

Bishops of the Pacific Northwest, "Pastoral Letter: The Columbia River Watershed: Caring for Creation and the Common Good." February 2002. ([http://www.columbiariver.org/main\\_pages/Watershed/PDF/english.pdf](http://www.columbiariver.org/main_pages/Watershed/PDF/english.pdf))

Campolo, Anthony. *How to Rescue the Earth Without Worshipping Nature*. Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 1992.

Fowler, Robert Booth, *The Greening of Protestant Thought* (North Carolina, 1995)

Hessel, Dieter ed., *After Nature's Revolt: Eco-Justice and Theology* (Fortress, 1992) (selections)

McDaniel, Jay B. *With Roots and Wings: Christianity in an Age of Ecology and Dialogue*. Maryknoll, NY: Orbis, 1995.

McFague, Sallie. *Models of God: Theology for an Ecological, Nuclear Age*. Philadelphia, PA: Fortress Press, 1987.

Moltman, Jürgen. *God in Creation: A New Theology of Creation and the Spirit of God*. Philadelphia: Fortress, 1993.

- Nash, James. *Loving Nature: Ecological Integrity and Christian Responsibility*. Nashville: Abingdon, 1991.
- Northcott, Michael S. *The Environment and Christian Ethics*. Cambridge University Press: Cambridge, 1996.
- Rasmussen, Larry. *Earth Community, Earth Ethics*. Maryknoll, New York: Orbis, 1996.
- Reuther, Rosemary. *New Woman/New Earth: Sexist Ideologies and Human Liberation*. New York: Seabury, 1975.
- Sallie McFague, *Life Abundant: Rethinking Theology and Economy for a Planet in Peril* (Fortress, 2000)
- Scharper, Stephen Bede, *Redeeming the Time: A Political Theology of the Environment* (Continuum, 1998)
- Santmire, H. Paul. *The Travail of Nature: The Ambiguous Ecological Promise of Christian Theology*. Minneapolis, MN: Fortress Press, 1985.
- \_\_\_\_\_. *Nature Reborn: The Ecological and Cosmic Promise of Christian Theology* (Fortress, 2000)
- Spencer, Daniel T. *Gay and Gaia: Ethics, Ecology, and the Erotic*. Cleveland, Ohio: Pilgrim Press, 1996.

## ***Islam***

- Nasr, Seyyed Hossein. *Religion and the Order of Nature*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1996.
- Khalid, Fazlun and Joanne OBrien. *Islam and Ecology*. New York: Cassell, 1992.

## ***THE AMERICAS***

### ***Critical Background and Key Historical Studies***

- Galleano, Eduardo. *Open Veins of Latin America (or is there some environmental & religion history that would be even better?)*
- Williams, Raymond. *The Country and the City*. Oxford, England: Oxford University Press, 1975.

## *Indigenous Societies*

Basso, Kieth. *Wisdom Sits in Places: Landscape and Language Among the Western Apache*. Albuquerque: University of New Mexico Press, 1996.

Cronon, William. *Changes in the land: Indians, colonists and the ecology of New England*. New York: Hill and Wang, 1984.

Denevan, William M. "The Pristine Myth: The Landscape of the Americas in 1492." *Annals of the Association of American Geographers* 82, no. 3 (1992): 369-85.

\_\_\_\_\_. "The 'pristine myth' revisited." *The Geographical Review* 101(4, 2011): 576-591.

Gill, Sam D. *Mother Earth: An American Story*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1987.

Grim, John A., ed. *Indigenous Traditions and Ecology: The Interbeing of Cosmology and Community*. Religions of the World and Ecology. Edited by Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Grim. Cambridge, Massachusetts: Harvard University Press, 2001. Selections

Krech, Shepard (3rd). *The Ecological Indian: Myth and History*. New York: Norton, 1999.

Nelson, Richard K. *Make Prayers to the Raven: A Koyukon View of the Northern Forest*. Chicago, Illinois: University of Chicago Press, 1983.

Reichel-Dolmatoff, Gerardo. *The Forest Within: The Worldview of the Tukano Amazonian Indians*. Totnes, United Kingdom: Themis-Green Books, 1996.

\_\_\_\_\_. *Rainforest Shamans: Essays on the Tukano Indians of the Northwest Amazon*. Totnes, United Kingdom: Themis-Green Books, 1997.

\_\_\_\_\_. "Cosmology as Ecological Analysis: A View From the Rainforest." *Man* 2, no. 3 (1976): 307-18.

Turner, Victor. *Forest of Symbols: Aspects of Ndembu Ritual*. Ithaca, New York: Cornell University Press, 1967.

Weaver, Jace, ed. *Defending Mother Earth: Native American Perspectives on Environmental Justice*. Maryknoll, New York: Orbis, 1996. (Especially Weaver's contributions.)

Wright, Robin. *Mysteries of the jaguar shamans of the northwest Amazon*. Lincoln, University of Nebraska Press, 2013.

## *North America*

Albanese, Catherine L. *Reconsidering Nature Religion*. Harrisburg, Pennsylvania: Trinity Press International, 2002.

- Burroughs, John. *Accepting the Universe*. Moore Haven, Florida: Rainbow Books, 1987
- Cohen, Michael P. *The Pathless Way: John Muir and American Wilderness*. Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 1984.
- Emerson, Ralph Waldo. *Nature*. Boston, MA: Beacon Press, 1986.
- Fox, Stephen. *The American Conservation Movement: John Muir and His Legacy*. Madison: University of Wisconsin Press, 1981.
- Graber, Linda. *Wilderness as Sacred Space*. Washington, D.C.: Association of American Geographers, 1976.
- Lane, Beldon. *Landscapes of the Sacred: Geography and Narrative in American Spirituality*. New York: Paulist, 1988.
- Muir, John. *Nature Writings: The Story of by Boyhood and Youth; My First Summer in the Sierra; The Mountains of California; Stickeen; Essays*. Edited by William Cronon. New York: Library of America, 1997.
- Thoreau, Henry David. *Walden (The Annotated Walden)*. Edited by Philip Van Doren Stern. New York: Barnes and Noble, 1970. (other editions acceptable)
- Taylor Bron. "Resacralizing Earth: Pagan Environmentalism and the Restoration of Turtle Island." See also the editors' "Introduction" In *American Sacred Space*, eds. David Chidester and Edward T. Linenthal, 97-151. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1995.
- \_\_\_\_\_. "Earthen Spirituality or Cultural Genocide: Radical Environmentalism's Appropriation of Native American Spirituality." *Religion* 17, no. 2 (1997): 183-215.

### ***Mesoamerica (misc)***

Carrasco, David, ed. *The Imagination of Matter: Religion and Ecology in Mesoamerican Traditions*. Oxford: BAR International Series, 1989.

### ***South America (misc)***

Slater, Candace. *Entangled Edens: Visions of the Amazon*. Berkeley, California: University of California Press, 2002.

Taussig, Michael. *The devil and commodity fetishism in South America*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1980.