

Special Issue

Creative Eco-Theology: Responding to the Ecological Crisis of Creation

Message from the Guest Editor

The accelerating ecological crisis urges theology to respond creatively, biblically, and spiritually. Eco-theology must go beyond adopting environmental vocabulary or “Christianized” green ideology and address the crisis with hope rooted in God’s creation. Lynn White’s 1967 essay, “The Historical Roots of Our Ecologic Crisis,” challenged Christianity’s role and inspired reflection on the biblical mandate to “till and keep” the earth (Gen 2:15). Eco-theology affects all theology—biblical interpretation, ethics, spiritual practices, liturgy, and pastoral engagement—and invites reconsideration of God, humanity, community, technology, and hope. *Laudato Si’* emphasizes intergenerational solidarity: the environment “is on loan to each generation, which must then hand it on to the next.” This Special Issue seeks contributions that develop theological frameworks, engage scriptural and historical resources, examine ethical and technological challenges, or propose renewed practices for church and society. We aim to gather research showing how theology, rooted in its deepest sources, can generate hopeful, responsible, and imaginative responses to today’s ecological crisis.

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