



# Spirituality & the Earth

Jim and Eileen have drawn much inspiration from the theories of Thomas Berry that center around the importance of the earth for human spirituality. Jim notes that humans are genetically oriented to believe in something greater than ourselves and that the denial of this has caused our disconnection from the planet. Jim and Eileen find energy, happiness, and meaning in recognizing human's role as the Earth's conscience.

Our culture and our religions have disconnected us from the planet because it worked. If you can objectify something, you can manipulate it much better. But the earth is not an object, it's a subject.

—Jim Schenk