SPIRITUAL ECOLOGY:
A TOPICAL BIBLIOGRAPHY OF BOOKS

Introduction

Since the late 1980s, interest in spirituality and ecology as well as their interface has been growing exponentially. Spiritual ecology may be defined as the vast, diverse, complex, and dynamic arena of intellectual and practical activities at the interfaces between religions and spiritualities on the one hand and on the other ecologies, environments, and environmentalisms. (See Leslie E. Sponsel, Spiritual Ecology: A Quiet Revolution, Santa Barbara, CA: Praeger, 2012, and the complementary website http://spiritualecology.info). Overlapping with spiritual ecology are other topics including, but not limited to: Animism, deep ecology, earth religion, earth spirituality, earth mysticism, ecofeminism, ecomysticism, ecopsychology, ecospirituality, ecotheology, green religion, green spirituality, natural theology, nature mysticism, nature religion, nature spirituality, nature worship, Paganism, Pantheism, religion and ecology, religion and nature, religious ecology, religious environmentalism, religious naturalism, sacred ecology, and spirituality and environmentalism.

The present topical bibliography of nearly 700 books on spiritual ecology and related topics was compiled during the first two weeks of July in 2013 through a systematic and thorough search of the literature from both print and online sources including the bibliography of major texts and book reviews in journals. However, it is not exhaustive. The number of books on some topics, like Buddhist ecology, Christian ecology, ecotheology, nature religions, and New Age religions, is enormous and such topics merit separate bibliographies. Here only a sample of some of the more important books on such topics is presented. Nevertheless, this bibliography is as inclusive as feasible and even eclectic in scope. Also, it encompasses books for a general audience as well as for scientific and academic ones. However, only books in the English language are included with publishers limited almost entirely to North America and Western Europe. The temporal focus
is on the late 1980s to the present when spiritual ecology has been flourishing. Indeed, during this period it has been growing exponentially, and it continues to do so as a glance at the publication year for the books in this list proves. Nevertheless, some earlier works are included, particularly those that have had extraordinary influence. In the case of the authors of multiple books, usually only the most recent one is cited. Rarely is a single book listed under more than one topic, although many overlap with two or more topics.

Like the author’s own book, Spiritual Ecology: A Quiet Revolution, the present bibliography serves not only as a resource for teaching and research, but also demonstrates that this subject is quite substantial, to say the least. Indeed, some individuals may devote an entire career to specializing in only one topic because there is so much material about it including that located in periodicals and on the internet as well as books. At the same time, this bibliography reveals that, with a very few but important exceptions, some topics have been grossly neglected, such as the relevance for spiritual ecology of Confucianism, Daoism, Jainism, and Shintoism. Finally, the bibliography also demonstrates the vast, complex, diverse, and dynamic character of spiritual ecology, and thereby its revolutionary potential and hope. (See the file titled “Revolution” under “Book” on the website: http://www.spiritualecology.info).

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http://fore.research.yale.edu/publications/books/cswr/

Orbis Books, Mahwah, NJ: Ecology and Justice Series

State University of New York, Albany, NY: Series on Religion and the Environment

Perodicals


http://www.earthlight.org/
Resurgence 1966- (merged with The Ecologist in 2012)
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Nature Religion


Friedrich Max Muller. Natural Religion. Whitefish, MT: Kessinger, 2004 [1889].


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