

An Enormous Source of Inspiration

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Thomas Berry's books and friendship have been an enormous source of inspiration for me since the early 1970s. His insight that we face a cultural disorder and must reconsider all of our culture-shaping institutions provides direction for all my work. His telling of the New Story, complete with the many near disasters over the past 14 billion years, is a source of hope for me that somehow we humans can bring ourselves and Earth out of yet another disaster.

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