

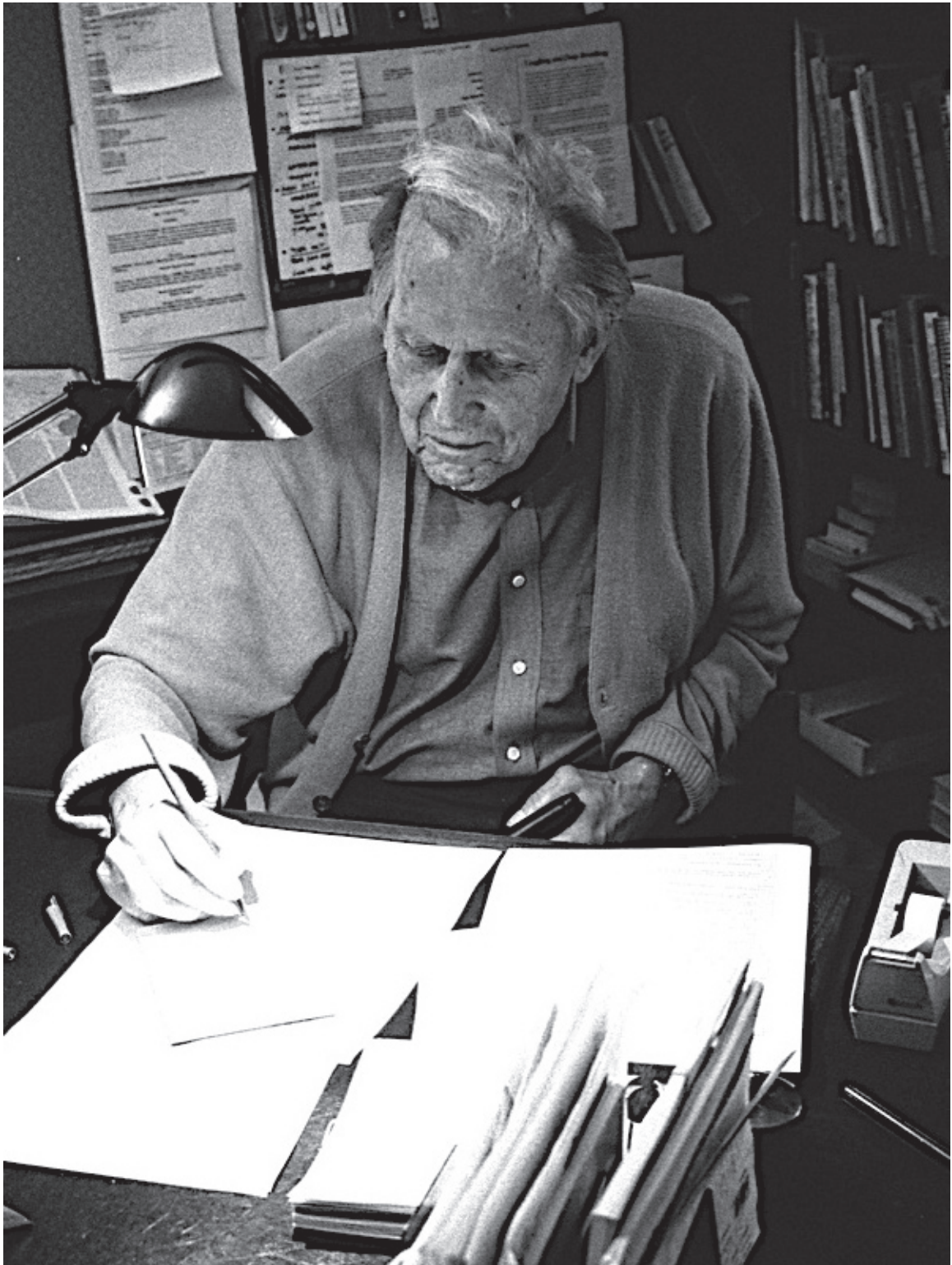
A Few Words of Hope

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. . . the basic mood of the future might well be
one of confidence in the continuing revelation
that takes place in and through Earth.

If the dynamics of the universe from the beginning
shaped the course of the heavens,
lighted the sun, and formed Earth,
if this same dynamism
brought forth the continents and seas and atmosphere,
if it awakened life in the primordial cell
and then brought into being
the unnumbered variety of living beings,
and finally brought us into being
and guided us safely
through the turbulent centuries,
there is reason to believe
that this same guiding process
is precisely what has awakened in us
our present understanding of ourselves
and our relation to this stupendous process.
Sensitized to such guidance from the very structure
and functioning of the universe,
we can have confidence in the future
that awaits the human venture.

(The Dream of the Earth, page 137)



Thomas Berry working at his desk, 2003. Photo by Caroline Webb.