

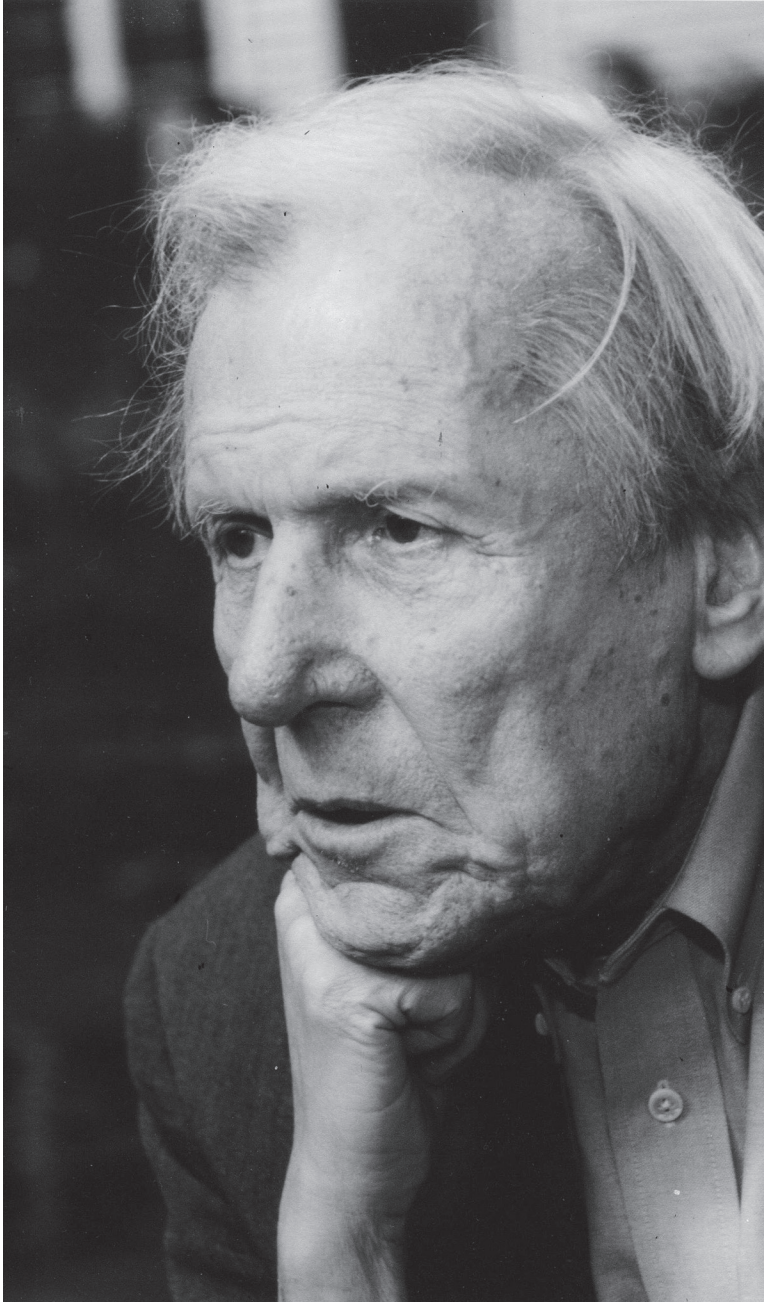
## **Discovering Thomas Berry**

Jane Blewett and Lou Niznik

Jane Blewett founded the EarthCommunity Center in the mid-1980s in Laurel, Maryland. Drawing on the wisdom and vision of Thomas Berry, she offered workshops and retreats in eco-spirituality for many years. Now semi-retired, she continues to educate, network, serve on Boards, study and write in this field. She lives with her husband, Lou Niznik, a video producer and co-believer in the Great Work.



Discovering Thomas Berry,  
the loving person he is,  
his wisdom and vision  
were transformative in the lives of both Lou and me.  
He entered our very “souls” and  
set them on fire to become messengers of the New Cosmology  
and to try to live in an entirely new human/Earth relationship.  
His ongoing presence in our lives is  
gift and blessing beyond compare.  
We love him deeply.



Thomas Berry, photo by Lou Niznik

While teaching philosophy in Rangoon, Burma, 1958-60, Lou Niznik made his first film. After earning a master's degree in communications at New York University (adding to his B.S. in biology and M.A. in theology), he worked at the *Jesuit Missions* magazine in New York and photographed mission work in many countries. He resigned from the Jesuits and priesthood with Vatican permission in 1973. When he and his wife, Jane Blewett, videotaped Thomas Berry in 1984, they were deeply inspired. Lou began videotaping the best teachers of creation spirituality in national and regional conferences and also gathered publicly available material. By 2009, he had collected over 300 video programs and distributed over 12,000 copies to individuals and organizations in several countries.

