

The Priority of a Viable Planet

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Thomas Berry has for many decades seen what is now becoming obvious: a viable planet is the first priority and the master context for all other social changes. We are indebted to this social prophet for awakening so many of us. His book *The Great Work* should be on the read and re-read list of all of us.

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