

Thomas Berry's Spiritual and Scientific Revolution

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Vandana Shiva earned her Ph.D. in the philosophy of physics. Her journey on the road to ecological sustainability started with the Chipko movement in the 1970s when women in the region of the Himalayas protected forests by hugging trees. Ecology and feminism have been inseparable for her. The defense of nature's rights and people's rights came together for her in Earth Democracy - the democracy of all life on Earth, a living democracy which supports and is supported by living culture and living economies. She is the author of numerous books including, *Staying Alive: Women, Ecology and Development*; *Soil Not Oil: Environmental Justice in an Age of Climate Crisis*; *Stolen Harvest: The Hijacking of the Global Food Supply*; *Earth Democracy: Justice, Sustainability, and Peace*; and *Manifestos on the Future of Food and Seed*.

Galileo's scientific revolution was based on the recognition that it is the sun that is the centre of our solar system, not the Earth. Thomas Berry's spiritual and scientific revolution is based on the recognition that the universe story is centered on the Earth and all her creatures, not on the humans alone. And in doing so he has elevated the purpose of our human lives as co-creators with the universe.

