

## What is the New Story?

We believe that the process of evolution including the further evolution of the human species is on-going, that the next step is the further evolution of consciousness, and that this step is urgent and necessary for our survival as a species and for the survival of the planet.

We believe the Earth and all Creation are sacred. Knowing that we are deeply interconnected with all Creation, we urgently seek to be transformed and to be agents of transformation in response to the crises of our time. Recognizing this truth and continuing to be led by the Inner Light and wisdom traditions, we are committed to active participation in this emerging consciousness.

The New Story as explored by Brian Swimme, Thomas Berry, Joanna Macy, and others is a integration of a new cosmology, deep ecology, and a non-visible realm variously named God, "the aliveness," the All-Nourishing Abyss, the Implicate Order, the Light. We also look to the old stories to discover the timeless truths of the wisdom traditions of our and other faiths. Within this framework we seek to answer questions such as:

- ❖ In the context of the New Story, what is God? Light? Reality? Consciousness? The self?
- ❖ What are the habitual patterns of thought and behavior that hold me/us back from experiencing connection to all life on Earth?
- ❖ How do we become agents for the transformation of consciousness?
- ❖ What is the special contribution of our faith traditions to the New Story?
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