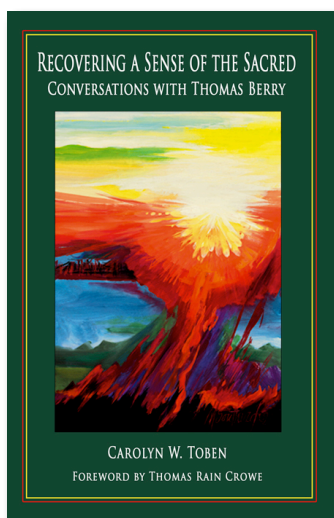


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New Book Release

RECOVERING A SENSE OF THE SACRED: CONVERSATIONS WITH THOMAS BERRY



Imagine sitting across the table from Carl Jung or Teilhard de Chardin and discussing over dinner their seminal thinking on psychology or cosmology. That was the opportunity author Carolyn Toben had with the renowned earth scholar, cultural historian, and eco-theologian, Thomas Berry, author of *Dream of the Earth*, *The Great Work: Our Way into the Future*, and *The Sacred Universe: Earth, Spirituality, and Religion in the Twenty-First Century*.

For ten years, until his death in 2009, Toben shared dinners, road trips, and special occasions with Thomas Berry, engaging in deep conversations about his most profound thoughts on saving the earth and healing the human-earth-divine relationship. From her in-depth notes from these intimate talks, Toben has crafted a poignant memoir, *Recovering a Sense of the Sacred: Conversations with Thomas Berry*.

In it, she interweaves Thomas's foundational ideas with practices and reflections gleaned from her own personal experiences in the natural world. In her introduction, Toben writes, "This is a story of transformation of ourselves and of the earth, for the two are inextricably interwoven. ... It is a story of the struggle to recover a relationship with the earth, the universe, and the soul through a sense of the sacred. It is a love story of learning to see through the eyes of the heart."

Recovering a Sense of the Sacred: Conversations with Thomas Berry has been praised for presenting Thomas Berry's thinking in an understandable way while at the same time, presenting a very personal portrait of the man who worked tirelessly to save our planet. *Last Child in the Woods* author Richard Louv writes: "No thinker in the twentieth or twenty-first century has provided us with as much inspiration and guidance about the relationship between humans and the natural world as Thomas Berry. Carolyn Toben's very personal and eloquent book offers us an opportunity to sit with Thomas and absorb his special wisdom."

Recovering a Sense of the Sacred: Conversations with Thomas Berry (ISBN 978-0988392809) is available from Amazon.com and other major online book retailers. A Kindle edition is also available.

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