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The Routledge International Handbook of Spirituality in Society and the Professions Nov 07 2021 Increasingly, it is being recognized that spirituality, defined here as "a multiform search for a transcendent meaning of life that connects them to all living beings and brings them in touch with God or 'Ultimate Reality,'" is an aspect of almost every sphere and aspect of social life. It appears in humanity's dealings with nature, home and community, healing, economics and business, knowledge, and education. The Routledge International Handbook of Spirituality in Society and the Professions is a stimulating collection that summarizes the most important issues, frameworks, discussions, and problems relating to spiritually inspired activities in different fields of social life. The contributors explore how spirituality is a part of existence and present approaches and models for professionals working in diverse areas. Presented in seven parts, the book provides a full overview of current research and practice. Part II, "Facets of spirituality," explores topics including philosophy, psychology, theology, and culture. Part III, "Nature," looks at ecology, agriculture, cities, and tourism. Part IV, "Home and community," presents chapters on various life stages, disability, gender, and culture. Part V, "Healing," examines medicine, mental and physical health, and ill-health. In Part VI, "Economy, politics, and law," contributors discuss business, leadership and the workplace, peace, and policing. Part VII, "Knowledge and education," includes chapters on science, design, fashion, literature, and the arts. In the final part, "Way forward," the editors look to the future with a chapter on inter-spirituality and the renewal of social practices. Driven by contemporary research and new developments, this Handbook is an innovative and interdisciplinary collection that provides an essential overview of contemporary spirituality and society from an international selection of contributors. The Routledge International Handbook of Spirituality in Society and the Professions offers accessible, diverse, and engaging international research, and its scope will appeal to academics and students of a wide range of subjects, including aging and addiction, psychology, theology, religious studies, sociology, business studies, and philosophy. It will also be an important work for professionals in medical and social services, the clergy, education, business, the arts, religious communities, and politics, and members of organizations looking at the links between spirituality, religion, and society.

Cultivating an Ecological Conscience Apr 19 2020 "[A] superb collection of essays . . . one of the wisest, sanest, most practical, and most trusted voices in the movement to reform the American food system." —Michael Pollan, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *This is Your Mind on Plants* Theologian, academic, and third-generation organic farmer Frederick L. Kirschenmann is a celebrated agricultural thinker who has tirelessly promoted the principles of sustainability for three decades. Cultivating an Ecological Conscience documents Kirschenmann's evolution and his lifelong contributions to the new agrarianism in a collection of his greatest writings on farming, philosophy, and sustainability. Working closely with agricultural economist and editor Constance L. Falk, Kirschenmann recounts his intellectual and spiritual journey. In a unique blend of personal history, philosophical discourse, spiritual ruminations, and practical advice, Kirschenmann interweaves his insights with discussion of contemporary agrarian topics. This collection serves as an invaluable resource to agrarian scholars and introduces readers to an agricultural pioneer whose work has profoundly influenced modern thinking about food. "We're past the moment when agriculture was something we could forget about?in a warming world, there's no more crucial topic, and here's the short course in how to think about it!" —Bill McKibben, author of *Falter*

Spirituality and Sustainability Dec 20 2022 This book aims to examine sustainability and spirituality philosophically with ethics as the balancing force. The goal is to reveal the important intersection between sustainability and spirituality by using spirituality as the invisible guiding hand in the quest for sustainability. The editors and contributors examine old social and economics dilemmas from a new perspective in order to provide alternative approaches to economic and social development. The enclosed contributions cover a broad range of topics such as sustainable development and human happiness, contemporary spirituality, environmental ethics and responsibility, and corporate social responsibility. In addition, the title features real-world case studies and discussion questions that inspire self-reflection and theoretical and empirical deliberation in academic courses and business seminars. Contemporary approaches to economic and social development have failed to address humankind's abiding need for spiritual growth. For material development to be sustainable, spiritual advancement must be seen as an integral part of the human development algorithm. While the policy makers and governments can play their respective role, each one of us has to consciously adopt spirituality and sustainability as a way of life. This book will rely on the spiritual power of individuals to heal themselves and the environment. Featuring interdisciplinary perspectives in areas such as science, marine biology, environmental policy, cultural studies, psychology, philosophy, ecological economics, and ethics, this book will provide extensive insights into the complimentary fields of spirituality, sustainability and ethics.

The Sustainable Soul Jul 03 2021 This is a poignant and inspirational guide for a journey toward ecological spirituality and sustainable culture. Each chapter contains an essay and spiritual practices designed for both group and individualized reflection. **The New Spirituality** Dec 28 2020 Much attention has been given in recent writings about religion to fundamentalism and the 'religious right'. But less attention has been given to their opposite - the emergence of a new generation of progressive religious thinkers and organisations on the 'religious left'. "The New Spirituality" is one of the first books to give a comprehensive and authoritative account of this burgeoning progressive religious movement. It offers a clear and engaging analysis of the cultural roots, key ideas and organisational structures of this new faith, assessing its significance in the changing moral and religious landscape of contemporary western society. Gordon Lynch argues that we are witnessing the rise of a new religious ideology which reveres the natural world, connects religious faith with novel scientific theories, and has a forward-looking agenda for society's transformation. "The New Spirituality" will be essential reading for students attempting to understand the shape of religious belief in the twenty-first century.

Spirituality, Sustainability, and Success Mar 31 2021 This book offers a pragmatic approach to the benefits of spirituality and sustainability for both individual and organizational success. It introduces sustainability and workplace spirituality as contemporary solutions to the challenging organizational environment. The first few chapters introduce the fundamentals of spirituality, workplace spirituality, and sustainability. The author then demonstrates how the three qualities are beneficial in achieving personal and business success. Through the combination of synthesized research summaries and case studies of individuals and organizations, this book offers readers a fresh perspective on the importance of spirituality and sustainability to organizational performance.

The Spirit of Agriculture May 01 2021 A series of fascinating essays looking at the importance of agriculture from a Bahá'í perspective. [Agriculture and Religion: A Necessary Unity](#) Paul Hanley [Agriculture in the World's Religions: An Overview](#) P.J. Stewart [This Vital and Important Matter: A Survey of the Bahá'í Writings on Agriculture](#) Paul Hanley [The Involvement of the Central Figures of the Bahá'í Faith in Agriculture](#) Iraj Poostchi [A Perspective on Food in the Bahá'í Faith](#) Paul Fieldhouse [Rethinking the Management of Small Rural Businesses](#) Michel P. Zahrai [Reinventing the Village](#) Gary Reusche [The Genetic Modification of Crops: A Bahá'í's Perspective](#) Paul Olson [Igi Oko: The Tree Farms at Sapoba, Nigeria circa 1927](#) Richard St Barbe Baker [Strengthening Local Economies and Community Identity: FUNDAEC's Experience](#) Pascal Molineaux [Balancing Science with Inspiration: A Bahá'í Scientist's Struggle to Discover the Hidden Secrets of Restoring Corals and Fish to Degraded Coral Reefs](#) Austin Bowden-Kerby [Gardens for Mongolia: Growing the Capacity of Mongolia's Families](#) The Mongolian Development Centre [Five Project Summaries An Investment for Well-being: Restoring the Agricultural Environment on Bolivia's Altiplano](#) A Tanzanian School Promotes Self-reliance Rural Education in Northern Honduras Ineke Gijsbers [Felin Gelli Rural Training Farm](#) Ineke Gijsbers [EcoAg Service: Farm Apprenticeships For Youth](#) Nancy E. McIntyre [The Garden Terraces of the Shrine of the Báb](#) An Interview with the Architect, Fariborz Sahba

Spirituality and Sustainable Development Nov 19 2022 Looking beyond the materialistic boundary of the conventional development paradigm, this book identifies our spiritual underdevelopment which is being reflected as self-centeredness and greed, as the root cause of conventional development's failure to alleviate poverty and inequality, achieve sustainability and deliver happiness to humanity.

Food futures: ethics, science and culture Sep 17 2022 Food is at the centre of human existence. We eat every day, not only to satisfy our physical needs but also as part of cultural and social interaction. Food choices and markets shape the agricultural landscape and the cities we live in. Whereas what we choose to eat and feed our family is part of who we are, a growing number of actors compete to influence our food habits, through marketing strategies and nutritional advice. And ethical considerations are coupled with every choice over food - whether related to production, distribution, consumption, food waste, policy in general, marketing or advice. Given the variety of implications the 'food problem' entails, the construction of an inclusive society must redirect the concerns about food in the present to the imagination of future alternatives. The search for innovative solutions calls for multidisciplinary critical enquiry - and utopian thinking will be instrumental in that regard. This book brings together work by scholars in a wide range of disciplines addressing many different topics related to food futures. Topics covered include food and literature, food waste, food communication, food policy, corporate social responsibility and public procurement in food supply, responsible research and innovation in food production as well as sustainability and animal ethics and welfare.

Holy Currencies Jan 29 2021 Called a "must read for Christians paralyzed in survival mode," *Holy Currencies* teaches you how your ministry can become sustainable, grow, and thrive. Money is not the only currency your ministry needs. Author Eric H. F. Law shows us how the six blessings of time and place, gracious leadership, relationship, truth, wellness, and money flow through successful missional ministries. And they can flow through your ministry too! Learn how to use these gifts to rejuvenate, recirculate, regenerate, and expand your ministry through Law's insightful stories, instruction, processes, exercises, and activities. Tools in the book help evaluate how your church uses each gift and enables church members to measure and value the six blessings. *Holy Currencies* will push you to think beyond your church's current boundaries and create rich, sustainable missional ministries.

Berkshire Encyclopedia of Sustainability 1/10 Sep 05 2021 *The Spirit of Sustainability* helps readers navigate the moral worlds and ethical concepts, and social and religious practices related to sustainability. In collaboration with the Forum on Religion and Ecology, an established network of leading scholars, it explores a wide range of topics and perspectives, from the promise and problems of approaching sustainability through global and indigenous religions, to major theories in philosophy and environmental ethics, and professional practices and social movements. This volume presents the various goals of sustainability - ecological integrity, economic health, human dignity, fairness to the future, and social justice - and provides a framework for reasoning through many interrelated environmental challenges for both current and future generations.

[Sustainable Agriculture in Print](#) Oct 06 2021

Radical Regeneration Nov 26 2020 • Explores how Sacred Activism--specifically, creative, wise, sacredly inspired action--offers an antidote to the crises facing our world • Reveals how to uncover and sustain joy and how to use it as fuel for continuing Sacred Activism in dangerous times • Includes practical maps of the dark night process and of the four-part path to transfiguration drawn from the secret depths of the mystical traditions Presenting a manual for navigating humanity's collective dark night, Andrew Harvey and Carolyn Baker explore potential antidotes, drawn from mystical traditions and Sacred Activism, to help us find inspiration and take action in the face of the daunting challenges to our world. Offering a deep discussion of our global dark night in terms of the Kali Yuga, the authors examine the dangers of a growing constellation of intractable crises--authoritarianism both in America and abroad, climate change, economic inequality, social upheaval, and spiritual malaise. They then explore the antidotes to these crises: Sacred Activism--specifically, creative, wise, sacredly inspired action--and a profound understanding of our evolutionary ordeal and its potentialities. Examining the power of joy to help enact personal and planetary transformation, they explain how joy, or ananda, is a force all mystical traditions recognize as the essence of the Divine. They reveal how to uncover and sustain joy in ourselves and how to use joy as fuel for continuing Sacred Activism in dangerous times. Drawing on the visionary teachings of mystics such as Pierre Teilhard de Chardin and Sri Aurobindo, the authors show how the global dark night is part of an evolutionary mutation process and how its very intensity makes it the potential seedbed of a new embodied, divine humanity. They offer practical maps of the crises, of the shadows that this global dark night is casting, and of the four-part path to transfiguration drawn from mystical traditions. Sharing a vision of a new and focused global moment of love in action, the authors reveal that apocalypse is not inevitable--if enough people awaken to the extraordinary possibilities of Sacred Activism.

Organizational Transformation for Sustainability Oct 14 2019 During the 21st century organizations will undergo a level of radical and global change that has rarely been seen before. This transformation will come as a result of the environmental, social and economic challenges that now confront organisations in all their activities. But are our understandings and theories of change up to the task of meeting these challenges? Will we be able to develop sustaining visions of how organizations might contribute to the long-term viability of our interdependent global communities? Organizational Transformation for Sustainability: An Integral Metatheory offers some innovative answers to the big questions involved in organizational sustainability and the radical changes that organizations will need to undergo as we move into the third millennium. This new approach comes from the emerging field of integral metatheory. Edwards shows how a "Big Picture" view of organisational transformation can contribute to our understanding of, and search for, organisational sustainability. There are four key themes to the book: i) the need for integrative metatheories for organisational change; ii) the development of a general research method for building metatheory; iii) the description of an integral metatheory for organisational sustainability; and iv) the discussion of the implications of this metatheory for organisational change and social policy regarding sustainability. This book brings a unique and important orienting perspective to these issues.

Religion and Sustainable Agriculture Jun 14 2022 Distinct practices of eating are at the heart of many of the world's faith traditions -- from the Christian Eucharist to Muslim customs of fasting during Ramadan to the vegetarianism and asceticism practiced by some followers of Hinduism and Buddhism. What we eat, how we eat, and whom we eat with can express our core values and religious devotion more clearly than verbal piety. In this wide-ranging collection, eminent scholars, theologians, activists, and lay farmers illuminate how religious beliefs influence and are influenced by the values and practices of sustainable agriculture. Together, they analyze a multitude of agricultural practices for their contributions to healthy, ethical living and environmental justice. Throughout, the contributors address current critical issues, including global trade agreements, indigenous rights to land and seed, and the effects of postcolonialism on farming and industry. Covering indigenous, Buddhist, Hindu, Christian, Muslim, and Jewish perspectives, this groundbreaking volume makes a significant contribution to the study of ethics and agriculture.

[If You believe, you can fly.](#) Aug 04 2021 Sean Cochrane has worked in the energy efficient and sustainable products field for the past twenty years. Over that time, he has gained experience across three continents, building several businesses and a green franchise model in Australia. In 2010 he and his family moved to West Palm Beach in the USA to join forces with United Franchise group, become the president of SuperGreen Solutions and roll out the SuperGreen Solutions Franchise model. Sean plans to continue opening stores in the United States and cementing Master franchise agreements worldwide. He lives with Clare, the love of his life, in Florida in the USA and or in Queensland Australia. Together they work to make the planet a better place through helping others. They continually strive to educate people to become more sustainable thus minimizing pollution. All the while promoting the triple bottom line maxim of People, Planet then Profit.

My Prayer Life Apr 12 2022 *My Prayer Life... The Journey...* In a world of darkness, in a world of tight schedules with everyone trying to remain fruitful in all their endeavours, we forget the very essence of our being. We sometimes forget that we are first spiritual beings and anything spiritual must be prioritized. As food is of great importance to the physical being, so is prayer of great necessity to the spiritual being. There is a need for an awakening in our spirit man. We need to arise and take our place, and this begins with building a sustainable relationship with God. He is ever-present and waiting for you, He wants to help you, He feels your pain, and He is concerned about you. Your busy schedule is not enough reason to slack, your inadequacies are not enough reason to fall short, the burden of life is not enough reason to keep away, your addiction is not a reason to stay back, your weaknesses should not hold you down. This is a journey of consistency, this is a journey of intentionality, this is a journey to building a worthy relationship, and this is the beginning of wholeness. Let's take the ride to prayer sustainability, our lives depend on it...

Sacred Actions Dec 16 2019 A challenge that many pagans and earth-based spiritual practitioners face is how to integrate sustainable living with our everyday lives. By offering a vision of "sacred actions," or the integration of sustainable living with Earth-based spirituality, learn how to combine the three ethics: people care, earth care, and fair share, to execute comprehensive sustainable living through the lens of paganism. Find a wide variety of accessible sustainable living activities, rituals, stories, and tools framed through the neopaganism eightfold Wheel of the Year. Each chapter is tied to one of the eight holidays, offering specific themes that deepen topics, including home and hearth, lawns and gardens, food and nourishment, ritual items and offerings, reducing waste and addressing materialism, and much more. Consider this your manual of personal empowerment through sustainability as a spiritual practice.

The Spiritual Dimension of Business Ethics and Sustainability Management Jul 15 2022 This book discloses the spiritual dimension in business ethics and sustainability management. Spirituality is understood as a multiform search for meaning which connects people with all living beings and God or Ultimate Reality. In this sense, spirituality is a vital source in social and economic life. The volume examines the spiritual orientations to nature and business in different cultural traditions: Christianity, Judaism, Islam, Sufism, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Taoism. It studies how spirituality and ecology can contribute to transforming contemporary management theory and praxis. It discusses new leadership roles and business models that emerge for sustainability in business and shows how entrepreneurship can be inspired by nature and spirituality in a meaningful way.

Crop Protection and Sustainable Agriculture Nov 14 2019 The increase in the world population and changes in welfare have led to an enormously expanding demand for food. In the industrialized world, food surpluses rather than shortages are a problem together with adverse environmental impacts from the overuse of chemicals and excessive exploitation of agricultural land. In the developing world, food production cannot keep up with population growth and the gap between demand and supply is growing. This book explores the theme of sustainable agricultural development in the developing world, with a particular focus on crop protection. Includes chapters on the ecology of food production, on sustainable agriculture and crop protection methods, on the economics of food production and more.

[Spiritual Formation Is...](#) Dec 08 2021 Rod Dempsey and Dave Earley draw on years of experience as pastors, church planters, professors, and transformed believers to equip readers to grow in their spiritual walk with Christ. *Spiritual Formation Is...* challenges believers to grow upward, inward, and outward in their spiritual formation by loving God, loving one another, and loving our neighbors. Written in a down-to-earth, approachable style that invites readers to come as they are, *Spiritual Formation Is...* introduces the principles, philosophy, and practice of sanctification.

[Religion and Sustainable Agriculture](#) Jan 21 2023 Distinct practices of eating are at the heart of many of the world's faith traditions -- from the Christian Eucharist to Muslim customs of fasting during Ramadan to the vegetarianism and asceticism practiced by some followers of Hinduism and Buddhism. What we eat, how we eat, and whom we eat with can express our core values and religious devotion more clearly than verbal piety. In this wide-ranging collection, eminent scholars, theologians, activists, and lay farmers illuminate how religious beliefs influence and are influenced by the values and practices of sustainable agriculture. Together, they analyze a multitude of agricultural practices for their contributions to healthy, ethical living and environmental justice. Throughout, the contributors address current critical issues, including global trade agreements, indigenous rights to land and seed, and the effects of postcolonialism on farming and industry. Covering indigenous, Buddhist, Hindu, Christian, Muslim, and Jewish perspectives, this groundbreaking volume makes a significant contribution to the study of ethics and agriculture.

Going Beyond Jun 02 2021 This volume looks at sustainable protection and sustainable use of cultural and natural heritage, particularly in view of the current challenges of the 21st century. For more than 40 years the World Heritage Convention has regulated the protection of the cultural and natural heritage of humankind, particularly in that heritage shall be protected if it is threatened by modern development. The international community has also adopted sustainability and sustainable development, as objectives to facilitate the protection of cultural and natural heritage. Sustainable heritage protection and use must therefore be preserved in the face of the global challenges it faces and must be perceived in terms of societal, political and corresponding economic paradigms.

Savage Grace Jul 23 2020 In the boldest and most daring book either author has ever written, Andrew Harvey and Carolyn Baker confront us with the life and death reality of the global crisis and the fact that four crucial strategies must be employed not only to survive the dark night, but to inhabit our bodies and our lives with passionate authenticity, honesty, vigilance, community, compassion, and service. These strategies are Reconnection, Resistance, Resilience, and Regeneration. Deep and unprecedented reconnection with self, others, and Earth must be our mission, regardless of the outcome. Distinguishing between problems which have solutions and predicaments which can only be responded to, Harvey and Baker articulate precisely how we have arrived at this unprecedented juncture and offer strategies of resistance against the fundamental enemies of humanity and the Earth. Such a response demands of us something far deeper than what conventional religions and visions of activism call for—nothing less than living and acting from the Sacred Self, both without illusion and totally committed to compassion and justice even, if necessary, in hopeless situations. With Trump, it's as if the Titanic has hit the iceberg. We are the passengers. The only question before us, and before the whole world, is how we stop the ripping of our hull. The original Titanic sunk due to human arrogance. There is still time for us to save ourselves with the power of humility, resistance and renewal. This book offers a compelling and profound pathway for human survival after hitting the iceberg. Jim Garrison, Founder and President of Ubiquity University. A powerful manual for a spiritual revolution! Read it, pray it, reflect on it, and then start acting on it...because the future of the world depends on it. Adam Bucko, co-author of Occupy Spirituality and The New Monasticism

Emotionally Healthy Spirituality Feb 16 2020 What Are You Missing? Peter Scuzzero learned the hard way: you can't be spiritually mature while remaining emotionally immature. Even though Pete was pastor of a rapidly growing church, he did what most people do: avoid conflict in the name of Christianity ignore his anger, sadness, and fear use God to run from God live without boundaries Eventually God awakened him to a biblical integration of emotional health, a profound relationship with Jesus, and the historical practices of contemplative spirituality. It created nothing short of a spiritual revolution, utterly transforming him and his church. In this best-selling book Pete outlines his journey and the signs of emotionally unhealthy spirituality. Then he provides seven biblical, reality-tested ways to break through to the revolutionary life Christ meant for you. Emotionally Healthy Spirituality is presently used in more than twenty-six countries to equip churches in a deep, beneath-the-surface spiritual formation paradigm that truly transforms lives.

Crisis and Opportunity Sep 24 2020 With the decline of family farms and rural communities and the rise of corporate farming and the resulting environmental degradation, American agriculture is in crisis. But this crisis offers the opportunity to rethink agriculture in sustainable terms. Here one of the most eloquent and influential proponents of sustainable agriculture explains what this means. These engaging essays describe what sustainable agriculture is, why it began, and how it can succeed. Together they constitute a clear and compelling vision for rebalancing the ecological, economic, and social dimensions of agriculture to meet the needs of the present without compromising the future. In *Crisis and Opportunity*, John E. Ikerd outlines the consequences of agricultural industrialization, then details the methods that can restore economic viability, ecological soundness, and social responsibility to our agricultural system and thus ensure sustainable agriculture as the foundation of a sustainable food system and a sustainable society.

Religious Agrarianism and the Return of Place Aug 16 2022 Examines religious communities as advocates of environmental stewardship and sustainable agriculture practices. Writing at the interface of religion and nature theory, US religious history, and environmental ethics, Todd LeVasseur presents the case for the emergence of a nascent "religious agrarianism" within certain subsets of Judaism and Christianity in the United States. Adherents of this movement, who share an environmental concern about the modern industrial food economy and a religiously grounded commitment to the values of locality, health, and justice, are creating new models for sustainable agrarian lifeways and practices. LeVasseur explores this greening of US religion through an extensive engagement with the scholarly literature on lived religion, network theory, and grounded theory, as well as through ethnographic case studies of two intentional communities at the vanguard of this movement: Koinonia Farm, an ecumenical Christian lay monastic community, and Hazon, a progressive Jewish environmental group. "The blend of empirical sociology and philosophical/religious ethics is impressive. I found the book not only interesting but valuable for my own scholarship." — Paul B. Thompson, author of *The Agrarian Vision: Sustainability and Environmental Ethics*

Ordinary Mar 11 2022 Radical. Crazy. Transformative and restless. Every word we read these days seems to suggest there's a "next-best-thing," if only we would change our comfortable, compromising lives. In fact, the greatest fear most Christians have is boredom—the sense that they are missing out on the radical life Jesus promised. One thing is certain. No one wants to be "ordinary." Yet pastor and author Michael Horton believes that our attempts to measure our spiritual growth by our experiences, constantly seeking after the next big breakthrough, have left many Christians disillusioned and disappointed. There's nothing wrong with an energetic faith; the danger is that we can burn ourselves out on restless anxieties and unrealistic expectations. What's needed is not another program or a fresh approach to spiritual growth; it's a renewed appreciation for the commonplace. Far from a call to low expectations and passivity, Horton invites readers to recover their sense of joy in the ordinary. He provides a guide to a sustainable discipleship that happens over the long haul—not a quick fix that leaves readers empty with unfulfilled promises. Convicting and ultimately empowering, *Ordinary* is not a call to do less; it's an invitation to experience the elusive joy of the ordinary Christian life.

Religion and Agriculture Oct 18 2022 Religion is a powerful expression of culture that is most obviously expressed in our relationships with nature. As our major meeting point with nature is food, this provides a fertile field for cultivating the wisdom that Professor Falvey concludes is the essence of all sustainability. By bringing sustainability, agriculture, global issues, Buddhism, Christianity and a host of other factors into play, we see that our motivations belie our rhetoric -- in environmental actions through to trade and aid. This open-spirited book contains a wealth of analysis and alternative logics that make it essential to serious readers about nature, the environment, spirituality and religion, Asia and ourselves. Beginning with science and spirituality, the discussion moves from immortality to theology to literal misinterpretations and unifies these themes around unacknowledged Western core values. Shifting to philosophy, ethics, and rights, an ecological argument about our selective 'liberation' of nature is proffered as an introduction to global issues, including traditional values of poor countries and lost traditions in the West. An engrossing hybrid Oriental-Western dialectic allows chapters to be read alone or as part of an accumulating thesis. Thus Buddhist and Christian teachings are applied to agriculture and sustainability -- and they are found to be at one with each other. Whether it is biblical metaphor, karmic logic or enlightened self-interest, the continuous thread of a strong suture stitches a complex set of subjects into a coherent sutra that will vivify the current moribund dialogue between agriculture, science and religion. -- back cover.

Soil and Sacrament Jan 09 2022 Recounts the author's experiences founding a faith-based community garden in rural North Carolina, and emphasizes how growing one's own food can help readers reconnect with the land and divine faith.

Surrender Aug 24 2020 Do you feel overwhelmed, frustrated, and worried, straining under the weight of life's pressures and responsibilities? Do you feel consumed by fear, uncertainty, and anxiety, keeping you from experiencing the fullness you desire in your life? Do you desire to grow spiritually but feel stuck, with no idea how to move forward? *Surrender: The Forgotten Spiritual Discipline* will provide the missing link to conquering these concerns and more, positioning you for the peace, joy, and fulfillment which accompanies a life surrendered to God, through Jesus Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit. This book will use biblical references and real-life examples to teach you: - What surrender is and is not - The benefits surrender offers to followers of Jesus Christ - How to identify and combat adversaries of surrender - How to recognize and overcome obstacles to surrender - How to position yourself for spiritual growth - How to create a lifestyle of sustainable surrender Learn the spiritual discipline of surrender and accept the invitation to walk in alignment with God!

Sociology, Organic Farming, Climate Change and Soil Science Jan 17 2020 Sustainable agriculture is a rapidly growing field aiming at producing food and energy in a sustainable way for humans and their children. Sustainable agriculture is a discipline that addresses current issues such as climate change, increasing food and fuel prices, poor-nation starvation, rich-nation obesity, water pollution, soil erosion, fertility loss, pest control, and biodiversity depletion. Novel, environmentally-friendly solutions are proposed based on integrated knowledge from sciences as diverse as agronomy, soil science, molecular biology, chemistry, toxicology, ecology, economy, and social sciences. Indeed, sustainable agriculture decipher mechanisms of processes that occur from the molecular level to the farming system to the global level at time scales ranging from seconds to centuries. For that, scientists use the system approach that involves studying components and interactions of a whole system to address scientific, economic and social issues. In that respect, sustainable agriculture is not a classical, narrow science. Instead of solving problems using the classical painkiller approach that treats only negative impacts, sustainable agriculture treats problem sources. Because most actual society issues are now intertwined, global, and fast-developing, sustainable agriculture will bring solutions to build a safer world. This book series gathers review articles that analyze current agricultural issues and knowledge, then propose alternative solutions. It will therefore help all scientists, decision-makers, professors, farmers and politicians who wish to build a safe agriculture, energy and food system for future generations.

The Conversion to Sustainable Agriculture Mar 19 2020 With all of the environmental and social problems confronting our food systems today, it is apparent that none of the strategies we have relied on in the past?higher-yielding varieties, increased irrigation, inorganic fertilizers, pest damage reduction?can be counted on to come to the rescue. In fact, these solutions are now part of the problem. It is becoming quite clear that the only way to keep the food crisis from escalating is to promote the conversion processes that will move agriculture to sustainability. Under the editorial guidance of agroecology experts Martha Rosemeyer and the internationally renowned Dr. Stephen R. Gliessman, *The Conversion to Sustainable Agriculture: Principles, Processes, and Practices* establishes a framework for how this conversion can be accomplished and presents case studies from around the world that illustrate how the process is already underway. The book provides a four-stage transition process for achieving sustainability and an in-depth analysis of the global efforts to make farms more energy-efficient and environmentally friendly. An international team of chapter contributors explores ways to lessen dependency on fossil fuels and pesticides, and examines each step in the conversion process. They also describe the process of monitoring change toward sustainable agriculture while integrating social and economic analysis within scientific practices. Serving as both a core textbook for students and a comprehensive reference for agricultural practitioners, this volume is a valuable resource for the change that is needed in our food system now and in the future.

Seeding Your Soul Feb 10 2022 Picture your spiritual landscape. Do you see an orchard rich with the fruits of the spirit or a garden sorely in need of work? The seeds we consciously plant can grow spiritual landscapes of astonishing beauty. How well we nurture and cultivate the seedling plants will determine "how our gardens grow." Dianne R. Costanzo is a spiritual gardener extraordinaire. Through unforgettable life stories, scripture, and brief meditations, she helps us plant seeds of trust, generosity, love, transformation, forgiveness, and healing. Exercises and reading/viewing suggestions guide in nurturing and cultivating these spiritual values in our lives. The emphasis is not on perfection, but on attainable, sustainable growth. Features: Introduction 6 Gospel passages, each with its own "Consideration": Planting Trust, Generosity, Love, Transformation, Forgiveness, Healing Exercises Tools: Books and Movie suggestions Bibliography.

Personal Sustainability Feb 27 2021 Transition to sustainability is stuck and academic research has not resulted in significant change so far. A large void in sustainability research and the understanding of sustainable development is an important reason for this. Personal Sustainability seeks to address this void, opening up a whole cosmos of sustainable development that has so far been largely unexplored. Mainstream academic, economic and political sustainable development concepts and efforts draw on the macro level and tend to address external, collective and global processes. By contrast, the human, individual, intra- and inter-personal aspects on the micro level are often left unaddressed. The authors of *Personal Sustainability* invite the reader on a self-reflecting journey into this unexplored inner cosmos of sustainable development, focusing on subjective, mental, emotional, bodily, spiritual and cultural aspects. Although these are intrinsically human aspects they have been systematically ignored by academia. To establish this new field in sustainability research means to leave the common scientific paths and expand the horizon. Together with authors from cultural studies, philosophy, anthropology, psychology, sociology, psychiatry, aesthetics and economics, and supported by contributions from practitioners, this book portrays different approaches to personal sustainability and reflects on their potentials and pitfalls, paving the way to cultures of sustainability. This book will be of great interest to researchers and students in the field of sustainability and sustainable development, as well as researchers from philosophy, anthropology, psychology, sociology, cultural studies, ethnology, educational research, didactics, aesthetics, economics, business and public administration.

Transition Strategies for Sustainable Community Systems Oct 26 2020 This book presents five critical dimensions on relationships, institutions, production, organisation, and governance from design and systems perspectives for the systematic transition of unstable and vulnerable communities across the world to sustainable community systems. • The first section discusses features of relationships and processes to deep cooperation and trust within a community. • The second section examines institutions within and outside a district to foster synergy across institutions within a district and to minimise negative externalities on local communities within a district. • The third section deals with food production systems that are nature-friendly, resilient, efficient and sustainable. • The fourth section discusses the design of producer organisations that can graduate to become sustainable community enterprise systems. • The fifth section focuses on community governance that can facilitate decentralised, participatory, transparent and democratic local governance systems. This book • offers a fresh perspective on design thinking for optimising internal design consistencies. • provides a systems perspective on building sustainable community systems at the lowest governance unit in different countries, such as Ward/Gram Panchayat/Panchayat Council/Gewong/Union Council/GN. • gives insights into design & systems perspectives towards building sustainable community systems within a district of any country across the world.

Laudato Si' May 21 2020 *Laudato Si'* is Pope Francis' second encyclical which focuses on the theme of the environment. In fact, the Holy Father in his encyclical urges all men and women of good will, the rulers and all the powerful on earth to reflect deeply on the theme of the environment and the care of our planet. This is our common home, we must take care of it and love it - the Holy Father tells us - because its end is also ours.

Sustainable Agriculture Jun 21 2020 There is a lot of confusion in alternative agricultural systems being promoted in India and elsewhere. Though, a large amount of valuable information is generated, it is very much scattered and becomes difficult to the readers to locate them under one roof. Hence, in this book an attempt has been made to compile and present the available information on sustainable agriculture under various chapters. The book is sub-divided into nine chapters which starts with an introductory picture covering the scope, need and meaning of sustainable agriculture. It gives the readers a clean understanding of the definition of the term sustainable and its usage in a broadened horizon. Owing to its systematic, in-depth and critical arrangement of the valuable information, upon completing the book, the reader will have a feeling of an enrichment of his knowledge in the field of sustainable agriculture in its right perspective.

Conscious Food Feb 22 2023 When did growing and eating food cease to be considered sacred? How did food lose its connection with health? Why is our food system out of control? What simple steps can we each take to profoundly change our world as a healthier place for us all? Journalist, author Jim PathFinder Ewing answers these and other questions with his new book, *Conscious Food: Sustainable Growing, Spiritual Eating*. Ewing provides a background on the emergence of agriculture and the declining connection with food as society evolved, particularly during times of war, and scrutinizes today's "conventional" farming that relies upon deadly toxins and unsustainable fossil fuels. The book outlines how modern people can avoid being victims of biocultural evolution and the resultant entropy of declining global and personal health--and instead contribute to the movement toward mindful food choices and better world health, both physically and spiritually. Ewing discusses how society can nurture the unseen Spirit world that permeates plants through adopting nondenominational spiritual understandings, and includes how-to examples for growing organic food and fostering a supportive community and urban agriculture, as well as notes for expanded resources.

Sustainability and Spirituality May 13 2022 Argues that true sustainability must be based in spirituality and looks at religious communities dedicated to the environment. This groundbreaking book explores the inherent interconnectedness of sustainability and spirituality, acknowledging the dependency of one upon the other. John E. Carroll contends that true ecological sustainability, in contrast to the cosmetic attempts at sustainability we see around us, questions our society's fundamental values and is so countercultural that it is resisted by anyone without a spiritual belief in something deeper than efficiency, technology, or economics. Carroll draws on the work of cultural historian and "geologist" Thomas Berry, whose eco-spiritual thought underlies many of the sustainability efforts of communities described in this book, including particular branches of Catholic religious orders and the loosely organized Sisters of the Earth. The writings of Native Americans on spirituality and ecology are also highlighted. These models for sustainability not only represent the tangible link between ecology and spirituality, but also, more importantly, a vision of what could be. John E. Carroll is Professor of Environmental Conservation at the University of New Hampshire. He is the author and editor of many books, including (with coeditor Keith Warner) *Ecology and Religion: Scientists Speak*.

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