

EDITORIAL REMARKS

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The ethics of mankind's relation to the earth has received increasing attention, perhaps since the publication of Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring* in 1962. Population growth, global economic development that places ever-increasing demands on the earth's resources, and concern about environmental degradation in general demand a careful assessment of human impact on the earth. In "Towards a New Church Land Ethic," Mr. Edmund Brown explains a variety of philosophic positions, assesses their merits, and presents a New Church perspective on this topic. I suspect that this is the first such treatment of ethics pertaining to environmental concerns to appear in this journal, and it is very timely.

In so far as everything in the universe images aspects of the Divine Creator in one way or another, we would expect to find expressions of the Divine in nature in the knowledge of the world as developed through scientific enquiry. Efforts to find such images in various aspects of nature have a long history in the New Church. Dr. Gregory Baker adds to that history in "A Dualistic Model of Ultimate Reality and Meaning: Self-similarity in Chaotic Dynamics and Swedenborg."

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