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## SPIRITUALITY AFTER DARWIN

'DARK GREEN' NATURE RELIGION AS A NEW, GLOBAL RELIGIOUS MOVEMENT

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New religions come and go, but some persist and become major global forces. Bron Taylor presents evidence that, especially since Charles Darwin published On the Origin of Species in 1859, a new, global earth religion has been rapidly spreading around the world. Taylor provides a wide variety of examples of new forms of religious (and religionresembling) cultural innovation among those promoting such nature spirituality, from individuals to institutions. By tracking these, Taylor provides an opportunity to consider what such spirituality may portend for the religious and planetary future.

Taylor's research involves both ethnographic and historical methods, and much of it focuses on grassroots environmental movements; their emotional, spiritual, and moral spiritual dimensions; and their environmental, cultural, and political impacts. His books include Dark Green Religion: Nature Spirituality and the Planetary Future (2010) and the award-winning Encyclopedia of Religion and Nature (2005).

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