

## From the Editors.

What role does religion play in shaping our attitude towards the natural world?

In ancient religious traditions, people considered themselves to be an element of nature, rather than separate from it. Animistic religions held the belief that there existed a spirit in every tree, mountain or lake, all of which were to be respected. Hunters and gatherers saw themselves not as owners of the land but as belonging to it, just as the animals they hunted did. As human populations grew and agricultural areas developed, monotheism developed. Simultaneously, power and wealth became more concentrated, which had an effect on respect for nature.

Even so, Judaism, Christianity and Islam went on to challenge earthly forms of power, maintaining there is no god but God, who rules all things. They did see themselves as separate from the natural world, with the duty and power to restrain and control it – though it is interesting to note that ancient words in their creation epics refer to human beings as "earth creatures"! Over time, each of these traditions focused attention on an everlasting future for those who believed. God and soul were separate from earth and body, earthly life less intrinsically important than a life beyond.

Nowadays many people are challenging cosmologies that devalue the natural world. Some are looking to the traditions that honor the sacredness of nature. But others are searching for lost wisdom in the "great religions" that call for a deeper, humbler stance. They are finding spiritual values that impel individuals to take responsibility for an ailing planet. Many of these are expressed in our current issue.

When I look at the night sky and space I am filled with awe and marvel at the greatness and magnificence of the universe. When I'm walking in the midst of nature, in a forest, or on a mountain peak, I feel a sense of sacredness, like the feeling of being in an overpowering presence. Humans act like they are set above nature, when they are only part of it. Our environment forms us, protects us, and destroys us. It is profound beyond our ability to attain with our senses, beautiful beyond words, and complex beyond grasp. I believe that we should relate to it with humility, awe and respect, with as much reverence as believers bring to

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Global climate change is the most important environmental issue facing the planet today. We cannot pour infinite amounts of waste into our atmosphere and oceans and expect no consequences. Humans are careless consumption machines. We have the means and the morals to use our natural resources in an environmentally friendly manner, but not a lot of people seem to understand the importance of that. Communities struggling with unproductive land and contaminated waters are on the verge of an ecological catastrophe. A ruined environment ruins lives and extinguishes hope. I believe that whatever our worldview or spiritual tradition may be, we all share one fragile, beautiful planet, and the duty and privilege of caring for the earth from which we came.

Thank you and enjoy our environment issue of Radix!

Rasha Srouji, Coeditor

their God.

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**About the cover:** The *Radix* editorial team chose "reverence and responsibility" as a subtitle for our 2005 Environment issue. From our various perspectives, these were two attitudes we wanted to encourage in our readership and ourselves when it comes to the planet and its many kinds of inhabitants. Funny, though, so many people (and peoples)--ourselves included--sometimes lack this ecological outlook on a practical level. Whether or not we profess to be religious/spiritual individuals, our attitude toward our resources, our climate, our future, and the future of our kids is often a bit more like a roulette game! Maybe that's OK, and everything will be fine. Climate change won't happen for another billion years. There will always be clean drinking water in MY home-town. It doesn't really matter what I buy or if I recycle. Step right up and spin that wheel. . . if you feel lucky!

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The theme for our next issue is

War & Peace

(with apologies to Tolstoy)

If you are interested in firing a volley, send your submissions to the editors at radix@mail.mcgill.ca

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## Reduce, Reuse, Repair, Recycle, Rethink, Repent, Rejoice

#### Refrain:

People of God, Children of God, Household of God Reduce People of God, Church of God, Disciples of God Reuse People of God, Servants of God, Apostles of God Repair **Reduce, Reuse, Repair, Recycle, Rethink, Repent, Rejoice** 

Everyone is hoppin' in their car to go shoppin'; no one has enough

They're usin' up their debit, stretchin' out their credit, loadin' up with stuff

Nothing fills the void, time's never been better employed than goin' out to shop

Once you're down that road, even when your home is owed, you won't be able to stop

Planet Earth, she's the gang's home turf; she's givin' it the best she's got But you know she's gettin' weary, even kind of teary, when every field becomes a parking lot The water's risin' higher; we're sinkin' in a mire of non-biodegradable trash

The air is smellin' rotten; it seems that we've forgotten, life can't be bought with cash

All around the world, every woman and every girl has got something to say

Bearers of the Word, their voice has gotta be heard if we're to waken to a brighter day

They're speakin' of connection, of spiritual reflection, of inter-relatedness

They're teachin' about love, that heavenly love that will lead us out of this mess

Words by Archdeacon Tai Tuatagaloa-Matalavea and Robert Bergner; music by Robert Beraner.

Robert is our Anglican Rep. Archdeacon Tuatagaloa-Matalavea is the Anglican Observer at the United Nations.

This song was performed by an international chorus of women at the 13th meeting of the Anglican Consultative Council in Nottingham during the summer of 2005.



## A Buddhist "Treetise" for the Environment

## In Thailand, some trees have been ordained as Buddhist priests. (What's the catch?)

Ancient trees of full virtue have been wrapped in saffron and welcomed into the sangha by Thai Buddhist monks. This innovative protest has protected them and the surrounding forest from imminent rape by the forestry machine.

## Is this a case of religion co-opted by environmentalism for political expedience?

The conventional notion of environment implies a dualism (the D word) between inside and outside, self and environment. The environmental movement tries to build an ecological understanding of the environment. By definition, this involves recognizing the relation between humans and the environment as an *interrelationship*, whereby the harm we do to nature is inexorably revisited upon ourselves. By integrating humans into and with nature, ecology works a sort of non-dualism on our way of life. In fact, Buddhist notions of inter-connectivity and dependent arising find perfect articulation through the language of ecology. In turn, Buddhism is a perfect champion for environmentalism. Nature is Non-Dual.

## Shouldn't Buddhists be more concerned about the non-duality of the duality and non-duality of nature?

If it is true that people are ultimately one with the environment, it is nevertheless equally true that we live distinct and free-willed, autonomous of nature. Mahayana Buddhists must reconcile this duality; we must both be distinct beings and also at one with nature.

I can devise a number of ways of imagining this second order non-duality. For me, it's about creating relationships with all living things. Hence the long tradition of ordaining trees. We breathe the oxygen produced by our planet's trees. We and the trees are two, but in the exchange of oxygen and carbondioxide, our relationship is consummated between us as a wholeness. We are like two sides of a coin: each side distinct, but intractably related one to the other. When we recognize the relationship between ourselves and a tree, we recognize the essential trick to the oneness of self and nature--that we must exist as separate to be considered whole. Although Thai Buddhists ordaining trees likely do not practice Mahayana, it seems a case could be made for tree ordinations in East Asia.

#### Trevor Fraser

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## Creation Sings

Prior to becoming Catholic I had not much interest in the environment. For whatever reason I considered it merely the passive outer context in which I negotiated my personal salvation. I basically held a form of the Cartesian dualism that considered "the flesh" to be of negligible worth and fundamentally severed from the spirit.

My own train of thought was summarily scandalized when someone explained to me the Catholic belief in the Eucharist, wherein Christ is said to become "really" present in the offering of wine and bread. I suppose this to be a rather shocking belief for non-Christians. It certainly shocked me.

One commentator has argued, "Why balk at the gnat of the Eucharist, when you have swallowed the camel of the incarnation?" Indeed, the primary "scandal" in Christianity is that the Messiah has come as God in the flesh, Jesus Christ. Once one accepts this, the Eucharist is a possible conclusion, since it would appear that Jesus himself founded the ritual; "this is my body... do this in remembrance of me."

The incarnation therefore "forever hallows the flesh." Creation itself has been "infected" with a kind of good infection of a redeemed creation that is unstained by the fall by the historical presence of God-in-flesh in the person of Jesus.

Surely, this is the crux of the Christian faith. Yet for many it is hard to believe in a Christ who is still present, hidden in a wafer of bread or cup of wine. It seems too miraculous, or improbable. However those who do accept the miracle of water into wine, or wine into blood, do well to consider the quotidian miracle that turns water into grapes on the vine.

It certainly is something of a mystery that lets the particular dance of light, soil, and water transform itself into fruits and vegetables of innumerable variety. The mystery of life itself continues to fascinate thinkers and technicians of science. We are discovering (or re-discovering) the delicate interrelationship between human life and the plant and animal life that we call the "wild." While some may wish we could "overcome" nature itself, I think it is rather warlike and inhuman to imagine the total subjugation of nature.

Instead, I am fascinated in uncovering the ways in which humanity is intrinsically married to the well-being of the "environment." On one level, it marks the end of the dichotomy between civilization and nature when civilization predicates itself on a type of harmony with the natural order. Our very flesh comes from the earth and returns to it eventually. It is through the lens of the Catholic faith that I take some joy in considering the mysteriously mundane links. I think of Saint Francis and his words with the animals, or the elves in *The Lord of the Rings* whispering a strange sweet story so that the trees themselves awake from their slumber--just as God whispered a particular "Word" that could awaken the Dead Man.

Jeffrey Derman

Jeffrey is a year 3 law student and a recalcitrant gardener.

Something has gone horribly wrong with the "developed" world.

Humans do not have the best track record when it comes to keeping the environment in good condition. While there are cultures which appreciate what they have access to in their region and take as little as they need from the earth, western society, the socalled "developed world," thrives on abusing the resources that are available. Land, water, trees, and anything beneath the earth's surface are exploited to the utmost extent. Tracts of

Call to Arms. One Atheist's View.

land, after their use has expired, are discarded and abandoned, and flourishing, untarnished areas become the next target.

Our culture seems to be afraid of nature. We pave over everything and kill everything that frightens us. We live in enormous houses and can go entire days without actually being outside: from garage to car to parking garage to work and back. We are constantly complaining about the weather and how it mistreats us, as though it were a spiteful enemy. We treat nature as if we are constantly at war with it.

As an atheist I have a problem with this western development view of the earth. I believe that death is the end of a human's body and mind,

and that there is no continuing spirit which separates and lives on. I think, then, that what happens in this life is of incredible importance, for we are leaving the world for the next generations and we want things to be in order before we no longer have any influence over its state. This earth is also, from my point of view, all we get, and we should try to treat this as our one time chance.

Unfortunately, there is an almost overwhelming amount of work to be done in order that there will still be something to give to future humans. This includes ending our dependence on fossil fuels and lowering the amount of waste we produce. The largest obstacle may be, however, changing our entire point of view--everything isn't ours; we are merely borrowing it from future generations. We fear the natural world as an enemy, which we constantly try to control and conquer, but cannot. This attitude also must change, as we must live together with the earth, not as angry inhabitants. If we don't change our treatment and view of the earth, there may not be any resources remaining for the next generation, or an earth that anyone wants to live on.

Amanda Unruh Amanda is our atheist rep.



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## 'Tis The Season

The change of the seasons always has a way of making me feel absolutely invigorated. I never really knew why until I read C.S. Lewis' The Screwtape Letters. I've lived in the same part of Canada almost all my life, and I've seen the same streets covered in snow (or fallen leaves or budding flowers or green grass) many times over. Granted, the colours of autumn, the freshness of the first winter snowfall, the budding of spring and the warmth of summer are certainly wonderful, but what makes them so exhilarating every single year? What makes a season special when it isn't unique?

The answer hit me across the face when I read *The Screwtape Let-*

ters. It is rhythm--the balance of pattern and novelty--which I love. Like steadfast friendships, the smell of my Grandmother's cooking, or a new song by a favourite band, the seasons of nature are simultaneously familiar and fresh. Lewis writes of how God has made both variety and stability pleasurable to us and of how "He has contrived to gratify both tastes together on the very world He has made, by that union of change and permanence which we call Rhythm."

Lewis points out that the same rhythm is present in the Christian liturgical year. We "change from a fast to a feast, but it is the same feast as before," he writes. The Church year has its own cycle, which begins with Advent (a time to wait, to recall the expectation of the Messiah and to anticipate the time when He will come again), and is immediately followed by the joyous Christmas season (not just Christmas Day!). Perhaps the best example of the fast-to-feast pattern is the transition from Lent to Easter. During the 40 days of Lent, Catholics are called to fast, reflect and repent in order to prepare for Easter and to become better Christians. The Lenten fast ends as the

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The whistles of the winds of the world

Are not the colours of the trees in fall, letting down long locks of reds and yellows. They are strong and grandiose,

Not very much like dirt, the footing for feet who need brown to sigh, who need stumps and stones to throw arms wide.

Snow, hard soft powder ice white and yellow and postcarding peaks

Young and old do come and to find a field of gold or a sea of emeralds

or something to make their tender hearts leap up.

The voice of His makes the cedars speak.

Laughing like a child he comes to pray deep in green enclaves of goodness.

Sweet honey is the beaver's architecturally flawless dam.

Thankful for the trees

For green paper

For the wood that warms Victorian rooms

The great swirl of wild

Of untouched

Of stillness

He is grandfatherly in his carefree smile. His rocking chair chuckle.

Know the Great Gift that sits outside rain soaked window panes.

Alex Eidman

Alex is a U0 student writing from a Jewish perspective. He is currently concerned with jumping rope to Michael Jackson's "Thriller," and not so much with what he will be doing with his life.

Easter feast begins, and during the weeks of the Easter season we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and the new life that He brings

Each liturgical period--a change from the one that preceded it and yet the same as it was the previous year--has its own flavour and its own focus, like the seasons of the natural world. Perhaps this is one reason why I never tire of the Church's celebrations. Every Easter is a new experience, even though I have heard all of the scriptural readings and hymns before, as my faith deepens and I am drawn to different parts of the celebration. Yet, my own familiarity with the season places it within its context, giving comfort and a sense of harmony.

I find myself in awe of a Creator who fulfills me mysteriously and deeply, within both the natural and spiritual worlds, for (as Lewis writes), "He gives [us] the seasons, each season different yet every year the same, so that spring is always felt as a novelty yet always as the recurrence of an immemorial theme."

Tara McElroy Tara is on of our Catholic reps.



Photography by Kalanga Joffres.

## The Pollution of the Purifying Ganga

The city of Banaras wakes before the sun and drowsily makes its way to the banks of the Ganga to bathe, to make offerings to the sacrosanct river, to fill vessels with her holy water for the home, and to brush teeth. The first time I immersed myself in her icy folds, clutching onto a heavy metal chain so as not to be dragged off by the current, and eager to wash away my overwhelming stack of sin, I felt refreshed, invigorated, and hours later. . . unbearably ill.

Approximately 300 million gallons of waste are unloaded into the Ganga every day, polluting her waters with sewage, garbage, food remnants, and bodily remains. The latest water samples accumulated in Banaras reveal fecal coliform counts of roughly 50,000 bacteria per 100 milliliters of water, overwhelmingly higher than the standard for safe river bathing, let alone suitable drinking water. It is estimated that one-third of India's deaths, and 80% of its health-related problems, can be attributed to the water-borne diseases resultant of this contamination. Regrettably, I only found the time to gather these stats from my trusty *Lonely Planet* once I was confined to a hospital bed in New Delhi.

Fecal coliform bacteria or not, the Ganga is venerated by Hindus as a nurturing Mother, a Goddess who graciously descended from the celestial realm to forgive, embrace, ritually cleanse, and grant salvation to her faithful devotees. A single drop of Ganga water is said to relieve one of transgressions accumulated over multiple lifetimes, and her banks are the most desirable place to die; the Mother Ganga purifies the dead and carries them to heaven.

Does the tangible pollution of the river, one might ask, have any bearing on the belief that the Ganga is, within the Hindu framewwork of ritual purity and pollution, purifying in her very essence? The answer is that the river does not simultaneously function as a natural, organic entity and a "supernatural" one. As posits author Diana Eck, "the natural is the religious. . . [for] the river does not stand for, or point toward, anything greater, beyond itself; it is part of a living sacred geography that Hindus hold in common." The Hindu veneration of the elements, which compose an animate sacred landscape, including mountains, trees, and bodies of water, is age-old. The Ganga, then, unlike the temple image, need not undergo the *pratistha* rite whereby divinity is installed; she is primordially divine, sacred, auspicious, and pure. She cannot be separated from this divinity, and is thus necessarily a primary vehicle of purification; the physical pollution of her waters is, thereby, hollow and artificial.

This does not mean that the current condition of the river is of no consequence to the nation, but rather that the Hindu conception



of sacred geography must be incorporated by any project which seeks to clean, lastingly, the Ganga. Veer Bhadra Mishra, founder of the Sankat Mochan Foundation, which began in Banaras in 1982 and is attempting to sanitize the water, seeks to do just this; his approach stresses that human action, and not the sacred river, is responsible. Rather than call the Ganga "dirty," and imply that she is no longer holy and pure, Mishra loudly proclaims: "We are allowing our Mother to be defiled."

Hillary Brenhouse

Hillary is a Joint Honors Philosophy/Religious Studies student who has an unnatural passion for semicolons

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# Religion and Culture

**Note from the editors:** Many of the perspectives presented in this issue of Radix indicate the need to take action. We think a great way to link religion and culture is through social activism. This page includes ways in which you might consider living out your faith-inspired environmental concern right here at McGill.

## Building Community in an Age of Disconnection

For most of my life I have felt great sadness and pain flowing from the destruction of communities and ecosystems around the world. I carried with this pain a determination and a deep-rooted commitment to halt this destruction and in its place to create alternatives that will sustain ecosystems and communities for generations yet to come. For as long as I can remember I have felt the purpose of my own life intricately bound to the resistance of destruction and the creation of life-sustaining alternatives. I have felt well-suited to this purpose because I was born near the roots of this destruction with the awareness, privilege, and power to change it. Every day I learn more to sharpen and deepen my analysis of the roots and the shape of destructive forces at work around me, and every day I work to borrow and build the resources and ideas from which to create life-sustaining alternatives.

I have long believed that the destruction of communities and ecosystems around the world is rooted in the all-consuming lifestyles of privileged populations like those in North America, where I have lived all my life. I believe that poverty, starvation, biodiversityloss, genocide, climate change, war, pollution and almost all other forms of oppression stem from the lifestyles of privileged populations and that a massive lifestyle change or social change is needed to end all of these forms of oppression and destruction. The fundamental question of my life has been, "How can we create and sustain radical social change in privileged populations?"

For the first time in my life, through the Montreal Urban Community Sustainment (MUCS) Project, I have begun to find answers to this question.

#### What is MUCS?

The MUCS Project is dedicated to building a sustainable community through the creation of an affordable, co-operative home, a community centre, and collective businesses for Montreal students and residents.

The goals of the MUCS Project are: (1) to provide people with the collective resources and tools they need to improve their lives and the world, and (2) to do so through the creation of a "sustainment," a tangible, physical definition of progress towards sustainability.

Keep up to date with *Rethink McGill*, a campus initiative involving the McGill community in the *four* Rs: reduce, reuse, recycle, but first of all, rethink. In accord with its Environment Policy implementation, *Rethink McGill* encourages students to get involved with forums that envision new ways of doing things at McGill. Check them out at http://www.mcgill.ca/rethink/.

The objectives of the MUCS Project are: (1) to create a diverse and compassionate community of 200 Montreal students and residents, (2) to build an affordable, cooperative living space to house this community, (3) to integrate spaces for a community center and collective businesses into the design of the project, and (4) to design and construct the building as a model of ecological efficiency in the urban environment

#### What are the roots of the MUCS project?

The MUCS Project is rooted in the idea of creating and communicating an alternative lifestyle that meets the true hopes and needs of privileged populations, as

well as the true hopes and needs of currently oppressed and marginalized populations. MUCS is committed to the city, because it is in urban areas that people are closest to their collective potential for social change and simultaneously most aware of hopes and needs that are not being met in their own lives or in the many lives around them. The MUCS vision springs from the belief that partial and dispa-

rate alternatives that meet only some hopes and needs will only ever addup to partial and disparate social change. It is only when partial solutions come together and begin to meet a more holistic set of hopes and needs that sustained social change becomes possible.

#### How can you get involved in the MUCS project?

As a young project with an ambitious and long-term vision we are always in need of guidance, people-power, financial support, and technical expertise. We would love to hear from you about stories, resources, and ideas that relate to the work of the MUCS Project; whether it's a story about

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