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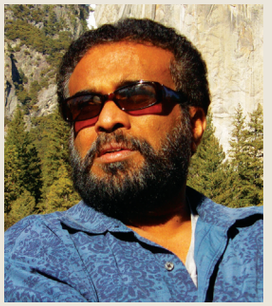


Lithosphere – A Destructive Creator

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Rayappa A. Kasi, from A. Kattupadi, Vellore, is a Catholic priest, has authored three books on ecology and environment. His latest work, *"Lithosphere – A Destructive Creator"* is a book to change the way we see our Planet Earth. His list of 7 Wonders of Lithosphere and The Ten Commandments of Lithosphere, definitely spring out from his religious upbringing in his native village A. Kattupadi and at the same time they are ethical outcome of the exploitation of natural resources of Lithosphere. Author warns the people who live in northeastern part of Tamil Nadu, India that they are facing an impending catastrophe of Lithosphere: *desertification.* There is no sand in the river, water is wasted in rice cultivation, mountains are stripped, and forests are hacked down mercilessly. *No doubt, Vellore records some of the highest temperatures in the subcontinent, which is the first symptom of desertification.* Unless we act boldly and quickly, reframing our lifestyle and follow sustainable management of natural resources, we are in grave danger of crossing a point of no return within the next ten years. *That is not much! Is it?*

Lithosphere - A Destructive Creator is a dazzling voyage of discovery showing how our ancient, battered planet endlessly recycles itself. Rayappa A. Kasi illuminates the world we know, and enriches our understanding of its past and future. Enjoy this remarkable book, which is eloquent, scientifically accurate on Lithosphere that sparkles with life, clarity, and intelligence. Fr. Lawrence Varam, SDB. Rector, College of Agriculture, Sagyathottam.

This book is important and timely. We look at the world in a different way and Rayappa A. Kasi provides a tour of the high ground and the hot spots. This book offers a fresh and accurate perspective on the most profound question in science: What is inside the Earth? How does Earth work? Fr. Chinnappa, OMI, Rector, Perambakkam.

Rayappa A. Kasi takes us on a fascinating journey through the deep history of our habitable planet and deep into the Lithosphere; in the process he unravels all the mysterious forces that run the planet. For those of us interested in our cosmic heritage, this book is a must-read. Fr. M. Johnson, Vellore Diocese.

This book makes it possible for readers of all ages to follow the development of the Earth, from the creation of our solar system, 4.5 billion years ago to the most recent changes in the Earth's physical structure. The book is elegant, engaging, amazing, sometimes preposterous but always true and laced throughput with the spice of firsthand experience. Rayappa A. Kasi is a fascinating story teller! Fr. Christian, Tuticorin Diocese.

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