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Presentation

This issue of VOICES, a double issue corresponding to the second and third quarter of 2014, was solicited already in January as a normal number. At that time we chose a topic that as yet had not been addressed by EATWOT: DEEP ECOLOGY: an in-depth ecology without further determination, which fortunately had long figured as one of our concerns. However although "deep ecology" was still a stranger to our home, nevertheless we decided to welcome and receive her with our traditional family warmth because of her relation to Liberation. So this issue was finally developed as "Deep Ecology, Spirituality and Liberation." This was back in January.

In fact what made it come true was the immediate response of the authors which was every bit as enthusiastic as ours. This made us realized the possibility of converting this number into a double issue of over 400 pages, Latin America, Europe and Asia have participated extensively; we note the absence of Africa, despite all invitations and requests that we made. The large number of pages in this issue, moreover, is due to its multi-lingual character, as has become a frequent feature in VOICES (four languages are used in this issue, with an occasional article in three.)

We find as a constantly re-appearing theme the fact that it is the new cosmology, the new cosmic story that science is opening up to us which is transforming our consciousness of humanity. It is not just a mater of information, data, science...; it is, above all, a new awareness, a renewed sensitivity, a deeper and more earthy and cosmic spirituality. That's why we talk about "deep ecology". We welcome it and are very interested and desire to make it our theme of theological reflection, just as we have already done, theologically speaking, with "simple ecology".

November 9, 2014, marks 100 years since the birth of THOMAS BERRY, considered to be the top eco- theologian of our time -- the pioneer who's sharp sense (when eco-theological intuitions were still very rare) found a new path for theology, the return-home path to our *oikos* (=home) our ecological niche,

We dedicate this issue to THOMAS BERRY, in homage and gratitude for the road he opened for us. The first two articles in this volume refer to BERRY.

As in past years (four years already), the last issue of VOICES of each year is dedicated to the Latin American MINGA of Theological Journals of Theology, organized by EATWOT of Latin America. The involved Latin American journals publish the articles in print format, during the year, at the end of which, VOICES does a digital publication. It is an initiative of the Latin American Theological Commission of EATWOT (or ASETT, as it is popularly called in Latin America). We are pleased to remain faithful to this which, after five years, we consider a solid Latin American tradition.

However, contravening this year-end cycle, the following MINGA, already the fifth, is advancing its publication to March 2015. This is motivated because it will be dedicated to the memory and critical evaluation of Teilhard de Chardin, whose 60 death anniversary will fall on 10 April 2015. "Teilhard de Chardin today, and from the South" is the theme of our MINGA. As is easy to see, this is in explicit fidelity to the spirit of EATWOT.

We continue expecting issues of VOICES produced by the EATWOT regions of Asia, Africa and North America . We hope to see them without fail in 2015.

Meanwhile whatever be the case, EATWOT will continue its service promoting, hosting and publishing the *VOICES* of the various Souths, by which we maintain our contact and communion with our readers.

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