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Mary Evelyn Tucker is a senior lecturer and research scholar at Yale University, where she has appointments in the School of Forestry and Environmental Studies, the Divinity School, the Department of Religious Studies, and the Center for Bioethics. Tucker teaches in the joint MA program in religion and ecology and directs the Forum on Religion and Ecology at Yale with her husband, John Grim. Her area of study is Asian religions. Her concern for the growing environmental crisis, especially in Asia, led her to organize, with Grim, a series of ten conferences on World Religions and Ecology at the Center for the Study of World Religions at Harvard (1995–98). Together they are series editors for the ten volumes from the conferences distributed by Harvard University Press. After the conference series, she and Grim founded the Forum on Religion and Ecology at a culminating conference at the UN in 1998. Tucker and Grim studied world religions with Thomas Berry and worked closely with him for some thirty years. She edited several of Berry's books: the *Great Work*, *Evening Thoughts*, and the *Sacred Universe*. To bring Berry's work forward, she has also worked closely with evolutionary philosopher Brian Thomas Swimme for some twenty-five years. They have collaborated together on the *Journey of the Universe* project. Tucker has been involved with the Earth Charter since its inception. She served on the International Earth Charter Drafting Committee from 1997–2000 and is a member of the Earth Charter International Council. She received a BA in English and history (*cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa) from Trinity College, an MA in English from SUNY—Fredonia, an MA in the history of religions from Fordham University, and a PhD in the history of religions from Columbia University.



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