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## **Orthodoxy and the Environment: A Life of Wonder**

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“For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now.”

(Romans 8:22)

In a recent talk on salvation, Bishop Kallistos Ware spoke of four aspects of salvation: personal, organic, communal, and cosmic. In speaking of the cosmic dimension of salvation he quoted from a prayer at the time of earthquakes: “The earth, although without words, yet groans and cries aloud, ‘Why all you people, do you pollute me with so many evils?’” His Grace went on to give a definition of man as “the one who can give thanks.” A Christian is a person who gives thanks, whose mode of being is that of being thankful. It is this attitude of thankfulness that enables us to be transformed from a polluter of the earth to one who takes care of the earth. It is not possible for one with a eucharistic attitude to treat poorly the gifts one has been given. ([περισσότερα...](#))