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Science, Spirituality and a Sustainable Future

In what ways does the Anthropocene, Earth's present geological epoch, mark a decline in ecosystem function despite the best efforts of scientists? What is the connection between this decline and widespread ecoanxiety, ecoguilt, and ecogrief? Ecologist Matt Orr describes how spiritual practices have evolved in response to historical ecological disruptions and explores how contemporary spirituality practices may be changing similarly in response to our current environmental crisis. He argues that spiritual evolution may be necessary to improve environmental and human prospects.

Matt Orr is Associate Professor of Biology at Oregon State University. He studies terrestrial and restoration ecology in forest, field, and stream habitats.

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