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The Center for Reflection on the Second Law got started in March 1980. An issue has gone out every month since then. The metaphor of the Second Law was chosen because it was much in the news at the time and because it seemed to be the most urgent message on morality the Earth has established. For if useful things are rendered less useful when they are used, and if the amount of earthstuff is limited, then wise use of it is a moral edict of primary importance. And we found ourselves in the very best of company, in the company of the EEBGs, the environmentalists/ecologists/bioregionalists/greens, those who have accepted the moral imperative and are working to establish life styles appropriate to it.

We have now incorporated the Center in North Carolina as a non-profit organization and are applying for tax exemption.

Over the years we have assembled a thick file of commentary. Most of the rest of this issue is devoted to that.

"Your piece and suggestions concerning the need to take the young person beneath the oak tree and lay out the importance of the universe worked its way right into the center of my thinking and here is the result of my own attempt." Brian Swimme, Oakland, CA. This letter was accompanied by the first draft of The Universe is a Green Dragon, since published by Bear Press, Santa Fee, NM, \$8.95. Highly recommended.

"Is the green platform one that can only appeal to intellectuals, ecologists, mystics, etc., or will it speak to the needs of the poor and middle-class North Carolinians?" Boyd Holiday, Greensboro, NC.

"I...was profoundly moved by what you had to say about the emerging new paradigm. It all fits with the Zen view of the Earth and man's relation to it...." Ven. Phillip Kapleau, Zen Master and author of the Three Pillars of Zen. Rochester, NY.

"Keep up the very good work," Al Fritsch, S.J., Appalachia-Science in the Public Interest, Livingston, KY.

"I believe that your discovering me and I you through your letter illustrates my point, that there are a whole lot of people out there with this new belief structure who are working a quiet revolution that will profoundly affect the way the humans relate to nature...." Lester Milbrath, author of Environmentalists: Vanquard of the New Society. Buffalo, NY.

"Thanks for your report on the "Green" conference in St. Paul." Joe Holland, The Center of Concern, Washington, DC.

"Your newsletter inspired a sermon in Brooklyn", Rev. Finley Schaefer, pastor, Park Slope Methodist Church, Brooklyn, NY.

"From the day you invited Sister Evelyn and me into your home to share with your brother Thomas, I have been deeply changed in my perspectives regarding life, religion, and interdependence." Sister Consilia Karli, New Jersey.

"I hope you are continuing to go on the lecture circuit," Rev. David Hyman, Greenville, SC.

"Please add my name to your list," Jane Blewett, Center of Concern, Washington, DC.

"Keep the wires humming," John Papworth, Fourth World News, London, England.

"Please consider this a letter of confirmation-of-interest in Bioregionalism and your Center's activities." Ralph Steele, Eastern Carolina University, Greenville, NC.

"Much of your philosophy appears to be similar to mine," Wayne Williams, botanist and Director, Black Apple Institute, Sonoma, CA.

"I am writing to ask if you would put these addresses on the mailing list for your newsletters.... We are both admirers of your brother and enjoy the thoughts in your newsletters." Bruce Bochte, Oakland, CA.

"In closing, let me say that I enjoy reading your "Circulars" better than other weeklies or monthlies. Keep the good work going." Nicholas Georgescu-Roegen, Vanderbilt University, author of The Entropy Law and the Economic Process, Harvard University Press.

"Thanks for continuing to send me the excellent letters you put out from the Center. You put a great deal of exceptional thought onto one page." David Haenke, Ozark Area Community Congress, Missouri, and author of Ecological Politics and Bioregionalism. New Life Farm, Drury, Missouri, 65638.

"Your last CFRSL newsletter that begins 'One of the things I would really like to do is get inside the heads of some of the young people I know....' is one of the best short think pieces I've read in some time." Peter Berg, Planet Drum Foundation, San Francisco.

"Keep up the good work", Hazel Henderson, Gainesville, FL, TV producer, futurist and author, Creating Alternative Futures.

"Please keep me on your mailing list," Charlene Spretnak, author Green Politics, Berkeley, CA.

"I just read Circular No. 31, and am really impressed. Are you still in existence? Do you have more information? Can you put me on your mailing list? ....What is the Second Law?" Shairn Michels. Myrtle Creek, OR.

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November 26, 1985 7:30 p.m. A discussion of Thomas Berry's essay "Economics and Religion", and the Second Draft of the Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Economics. Leaders are Richard Sylla, Clay Stalnaker, and Charles Mulholland.

January, 1986 The beginning of a series on "Growth and Progress - What does it mean?"  
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I hate to do it, but I have to — ask for contributions. The mailing list has grown to nearly 500 and it keeps growing. Please send some small amount in the enclosed envelope to help with expenses. Thank you.