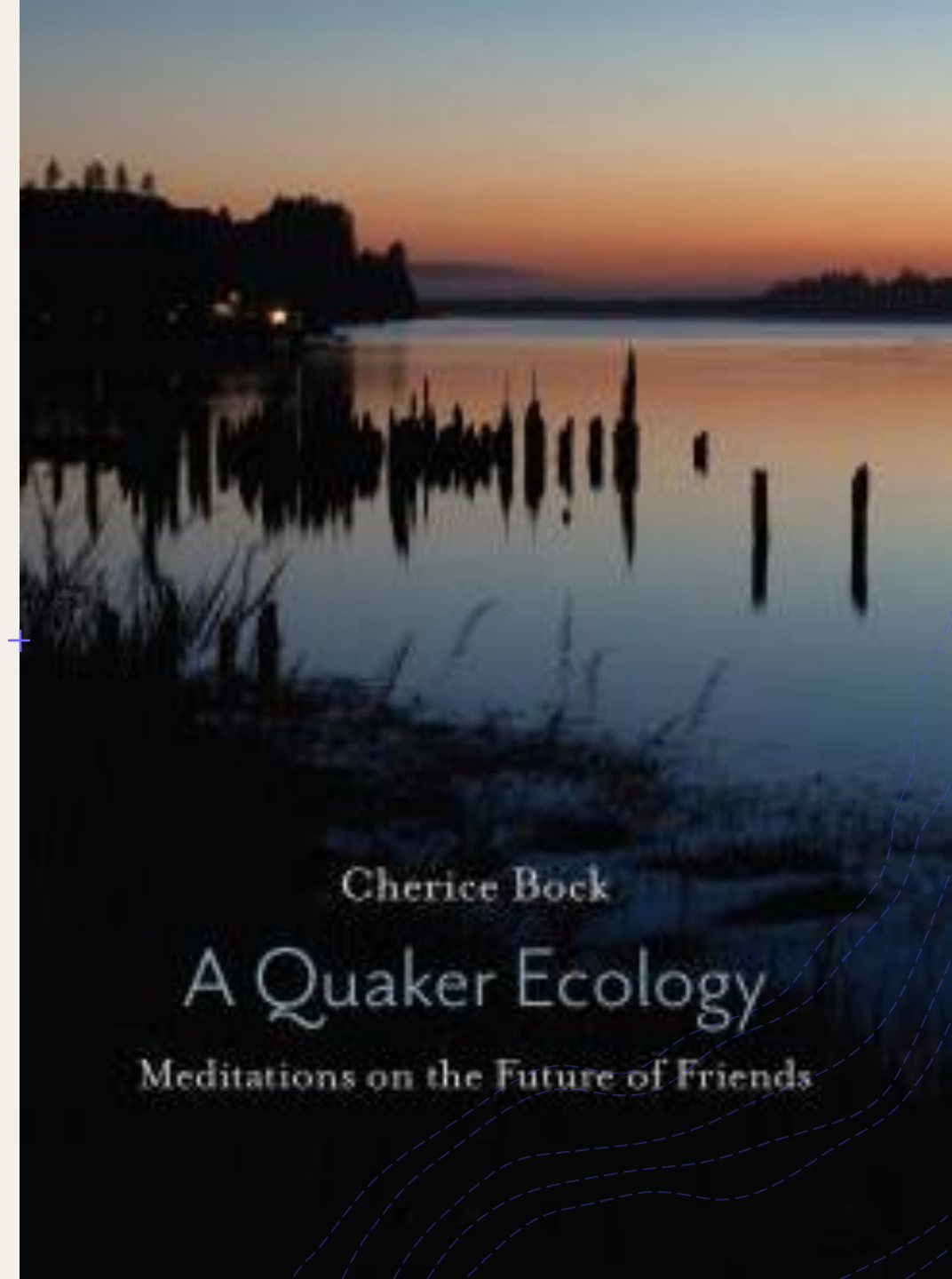


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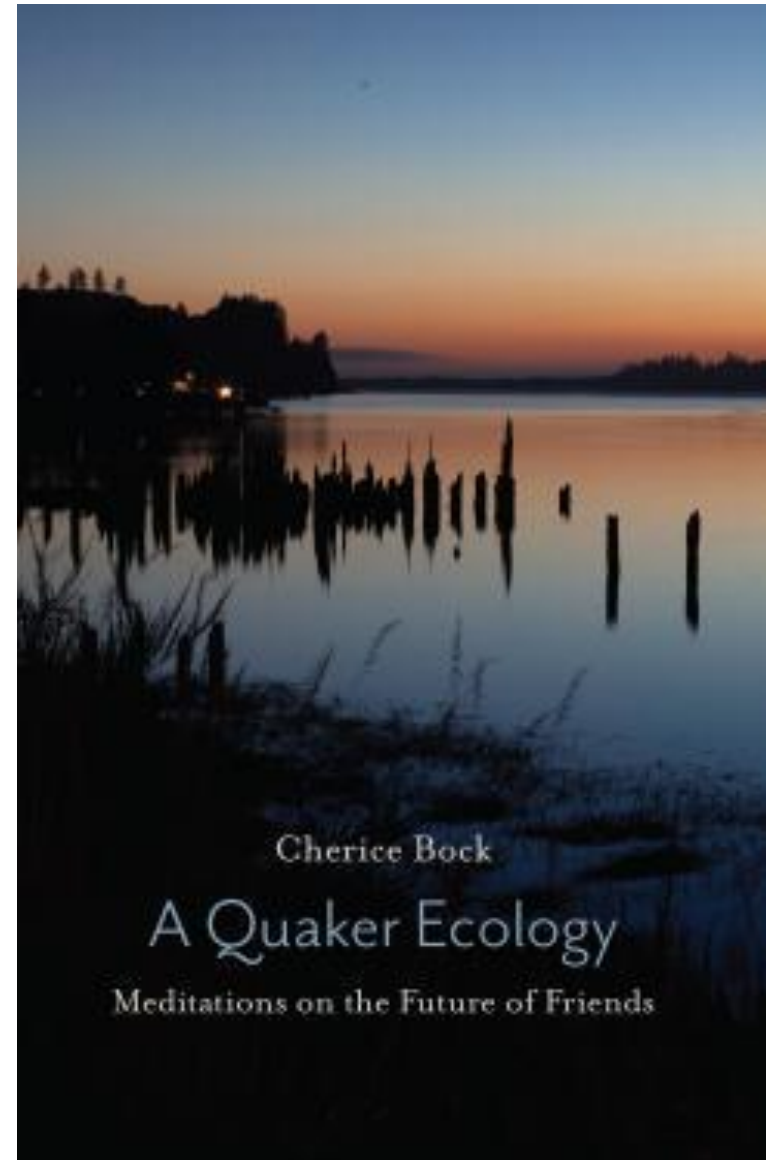
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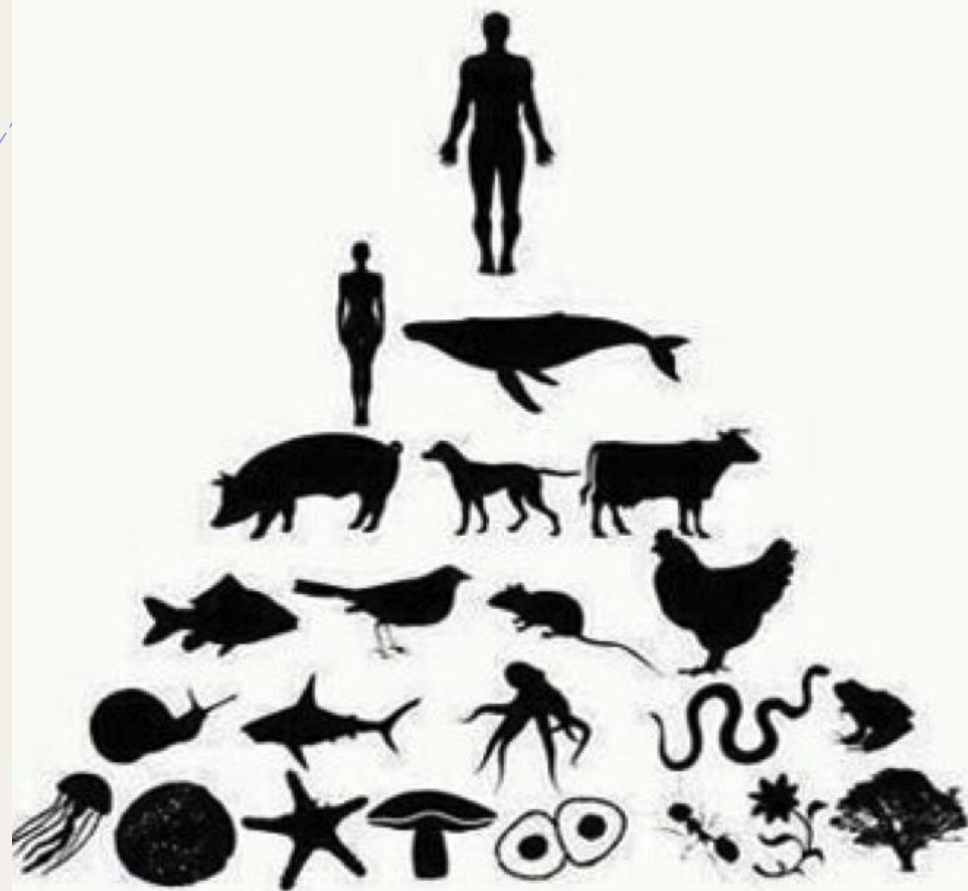
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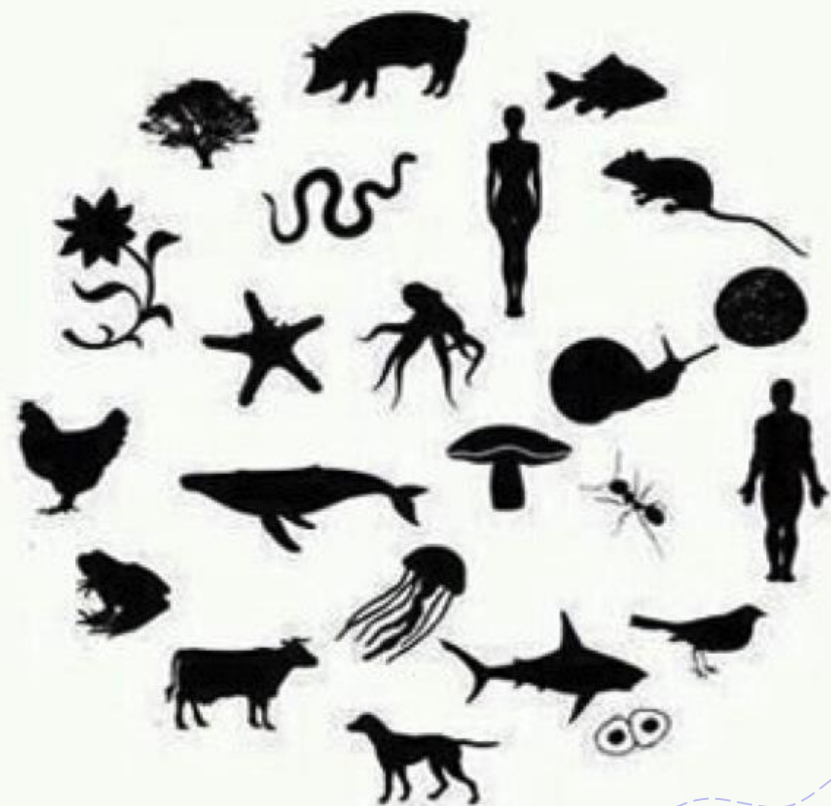
Twenty-First Century Quaker Faithfulness: An Eco-Reformation

- My background
- Does Quakerism need to continue?
- If so, might we become something like the radical Eco-Reformation?
- Mark 8, seeing partially but need further healing
- Moving from "ego" to "eco"

EGO



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Quakers, Ecology, and the Light

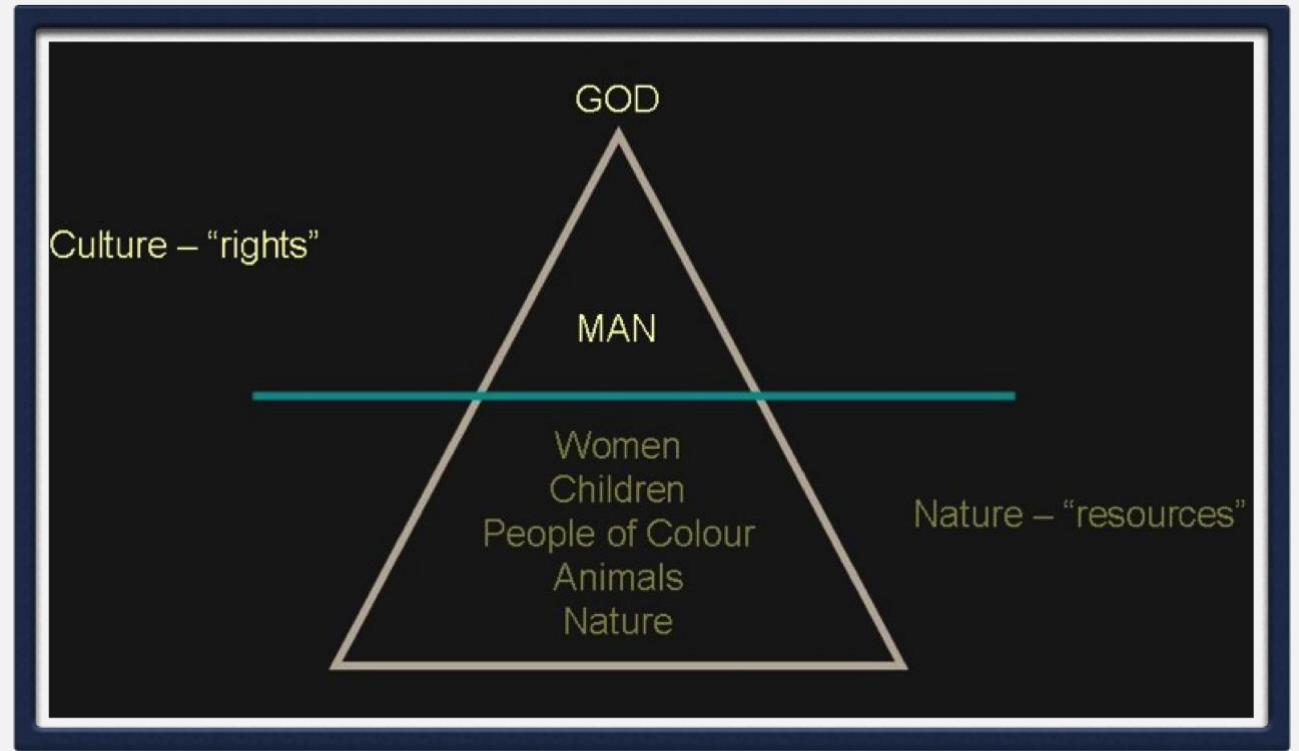
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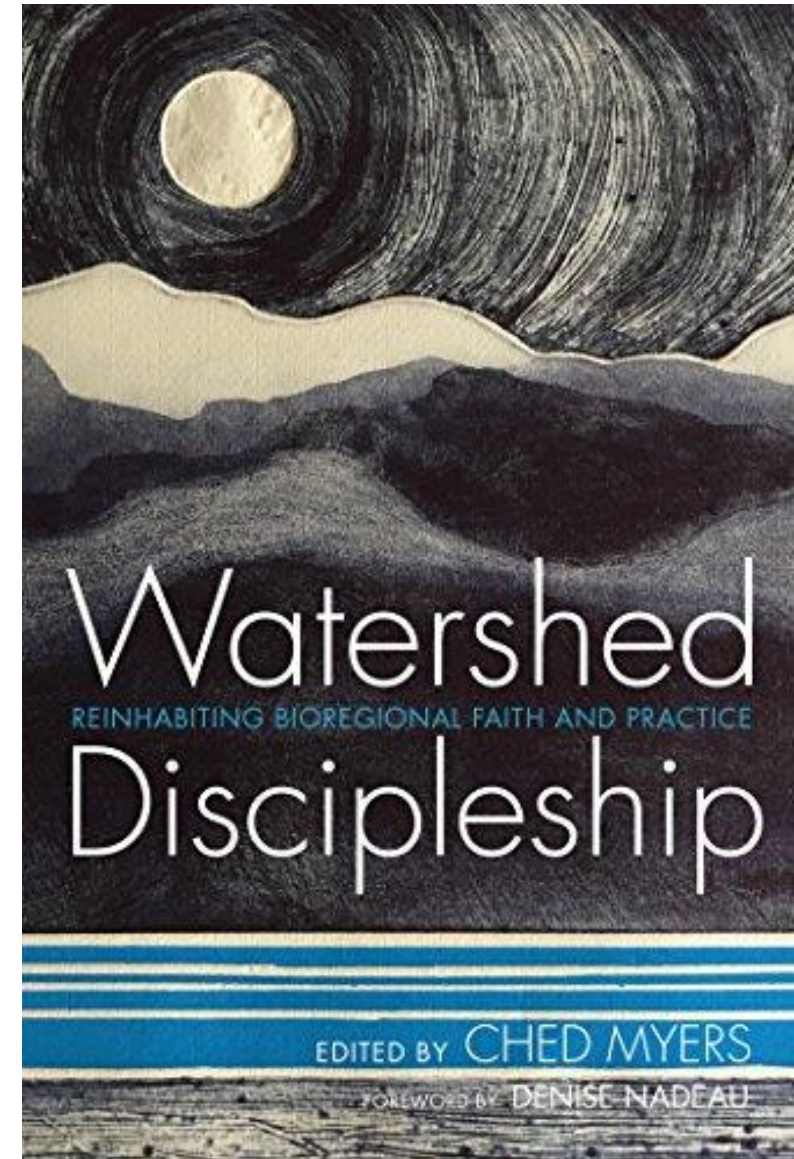
- Inward Light
- John 1
- Starting point for Quaker ecotheology

Incarnation and a Quaker Ecotheology of Light



- Greek philosophy impact
- Dualistic hierarchy of spirit/mind over matter/body
- Great Chain of Being
- BUT: incarnation is Spirit actively inhabiting matter
- Light as source of energy and life

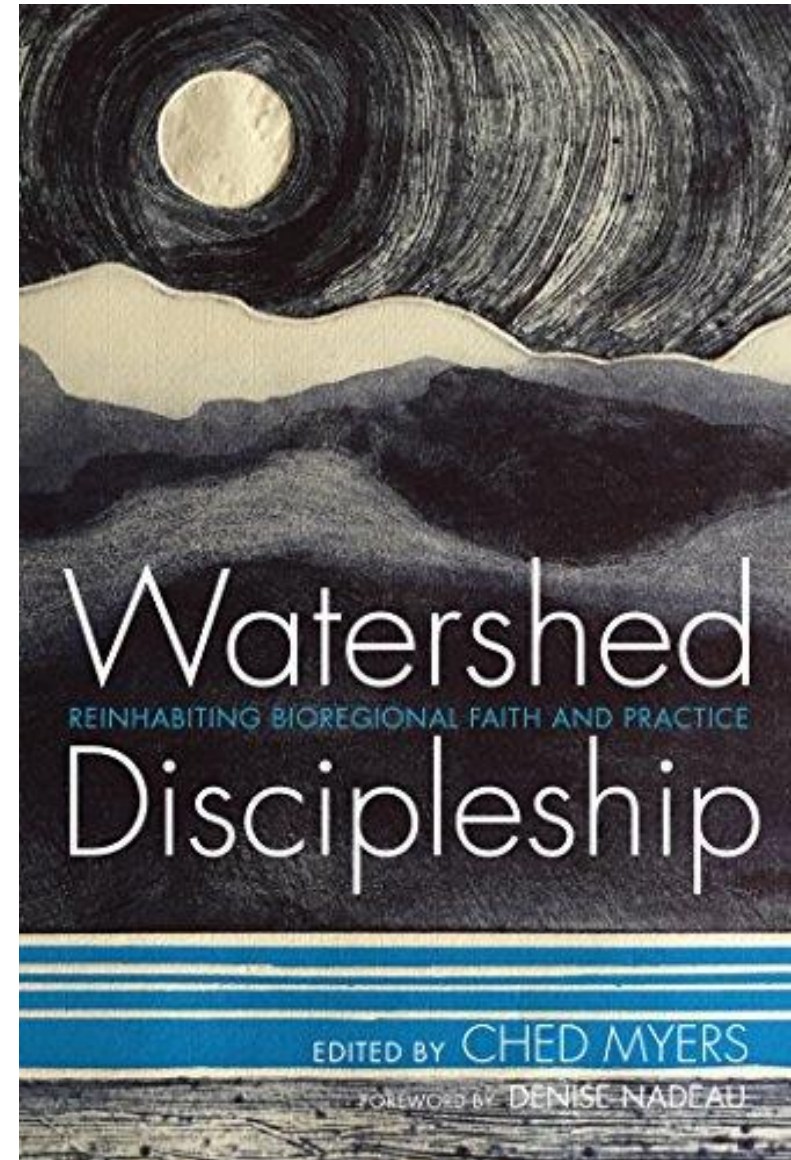
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Watershed Discipleship: Repentance, Re-membering, and Reinhabiting

- A basin of relations
- Do to others downstream
- Book of created nature
- Romans 8, creation groans with us in labor pains to birth the new creation





Watershed Discipleship: Repentance, Re-membering, and Reinhabiting

- Shalom community: people, God, land
- Doctrine of Discovery
- My family and our impact as white settler Quakers
- Becoming members again of the community of all life

“I Can’t Breathe”: *Ruach*, a Pandemic, and Environmental Justice

- August 2020
- Ruach = Spirit, wind, breath, air (atmosphere)
- Environmental justice, public health, racism
- Woolman
- Most US Quakers as white moderates



A Quaker Ecology: Our Bodies as Fractals of Hope

- Body of Christ, Romans 12
- "Bodies" at different scales, like fractals
 - Complete
 - Unique
 - Part of a whole
- Participants in ecosystems
- Importance of collaboration
- Hope: doing my piece of the work



Where do we go from here?

- Inward, internal work
- Building community trust and resilience
- Healing structural harms to people, habitat
 - Disrupt
 - Love
- Individual actions necessary but NOT SUFFICIENT



Where do we go from here?

- Neighborhood climate resilience
- Change laws and policies
- Refuse to cooperate with unjust and unsustainable economic systems – this requires collaboration
- Partner with / follow the lead of those working on environmental justice issues



Does Quakerism need to continue? How?

Can we make the transition to
an Eco-Reformation?

Can Quakerism be like a nurse
log out of which we can all
grow in new and meaningful
directions?

