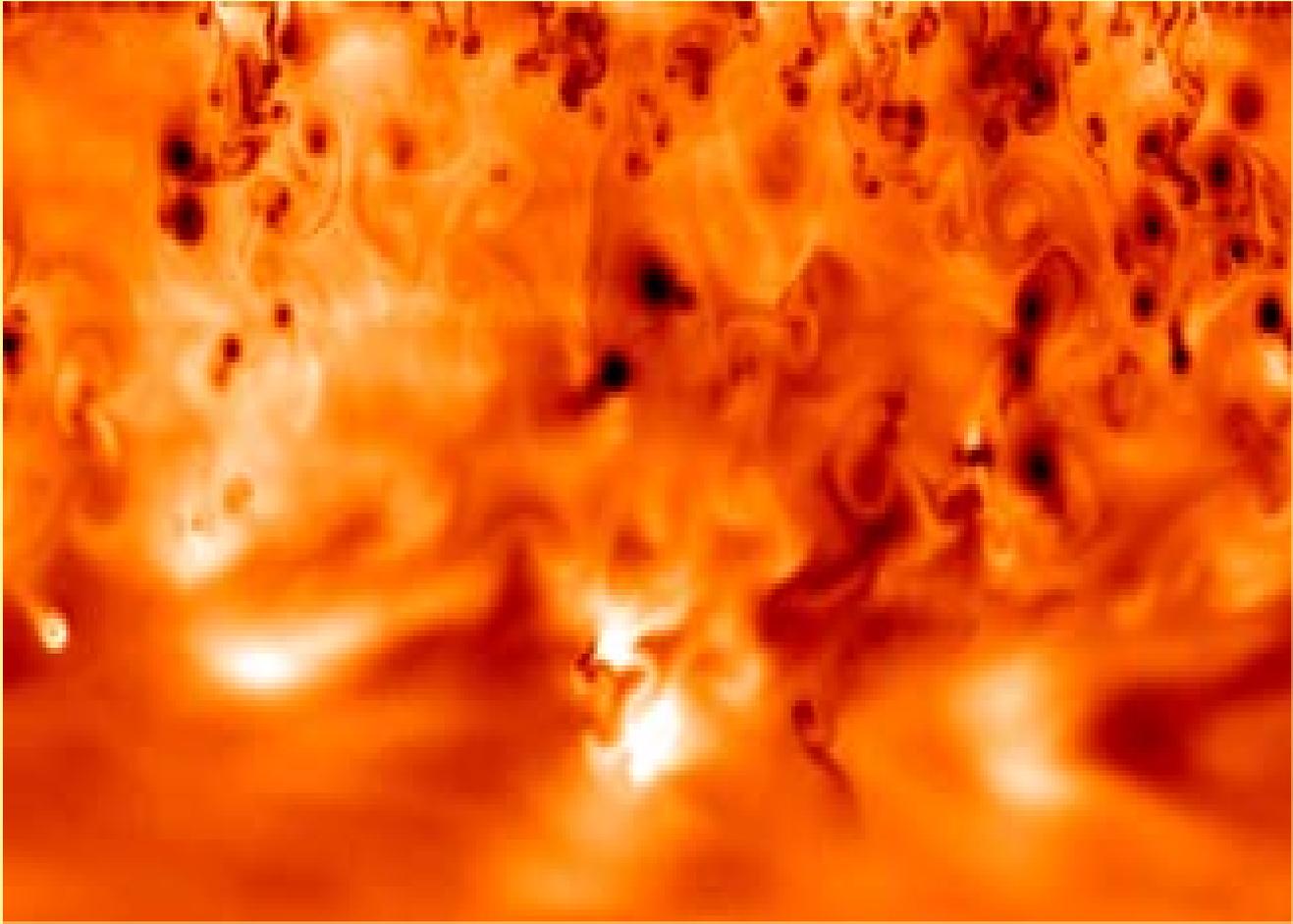


# The New Story of Creation

You have come from the energy  
and the power that has brought  
the universe into being  
the beginning of the Universe  
is also your beginning.

You were born from the fire  
that created the stars  
that fire is alive in you

B.Swimme



# **What is Cosmology?**

**What does it mean to be a human in the cosmos?**

**The most urgent question of our time.**

**We need to find an answer to this question.**

**To come home in the Cosmos, our way home.**

# **The need for a New Story of Creation**

**A sense of identity is a major problem for our many.**

**Have I an important, unique role to play?**

**The New Story as told by Th. and Br. Swimme offer an answer to this vital questions.**

**This Story assures us that we can make an unique contribution to the universe by creative use of our and talents.**

**One problem of our present culture: the fundamental story, the biblical Story of Creation which gave meaning to many is not accepted by society at large any more.**

**This Creation Story in Genesis Chapter 1, tells how the world was made in seven consecutive (Gen 1: 2-4a) days.**

**The chapter tells how humankind arrived on the scene (Gen 1:26-31) and the world came to be is no longer adequate or effective in the light of modern science.**



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- **We need a modern comprehensive myth or story to account for the emergence of the world and our place and role in it.**
- **The New Story (Th. Berry and B. Swimme) in the light of scientific knowledge has given us a credible and acceptable story.**
- **This story is the context within which all other stories of origin find their fulfilment. Now we have a historical and scientific account of the origins of the universe, planet Earth or our own unique habitat.**

**At the beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> century we have become used to a new picture of the Earth, as a single, beautiful, blue-green planet shared by all living creatures.**

**This new understanding of the formation of our universe and our earth must now become the largest possible context for our global, national and individual lives. It must become the foundation of all meaning.**

**This story or myth attempts to answer the ultimate questions which humankind have always posed and wrestled with since *Homo sapiens* emerged on the planet.**



**The Earth: the new sacred Icon of our time**

**Where do we come from?**

**Where are we now?**

**What are we to do?**

**How are we to live our lives today?**

**What is our destiny?**

**What does the future hold for us?**

**We have no language yet to name and describe the cosmic experience.**

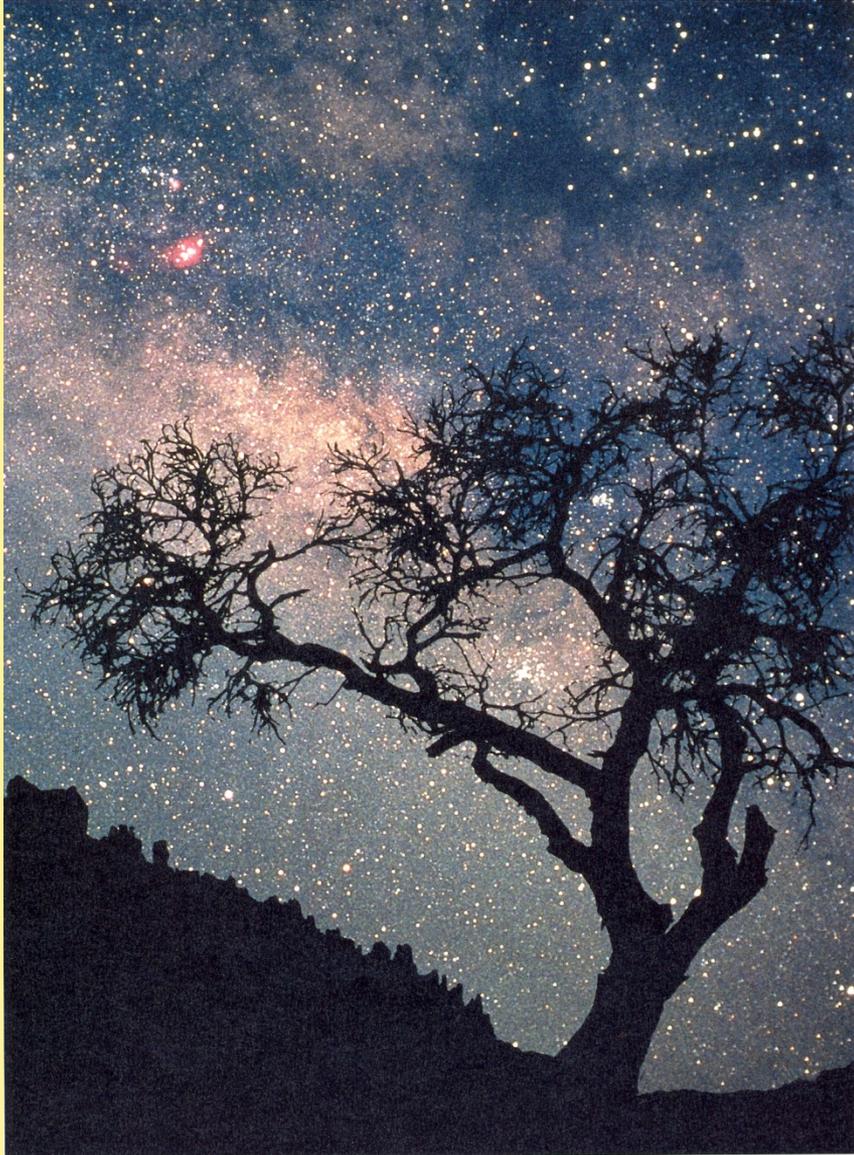
**Cosmology is not only science, but wisdom.**

**Cosmology transforms the human person and is the entrance to the experience of the Divine, to God.**

**Br. Swimme**

# **We need a new Story**

- **We are in an impasse:**
- **The old story ( Genesis story) does not work anymore.**
- **The scientific story has brought us in the ecological crisis of our present moment.**
- **Now there seems to be a coming together of the religious and the scientific story. We also discover that the core of the story many still live is money and economic growth.**
- **Where is the story that can guide us?**



**I look up at your  
heavens, made by your  
fingers...**

**Ah, what is man that  
you could spare a  
thought for him, the  
son of man that you  
care for him**

**PS 8, 3-4.**

# **Moving forward to a New Story**

**“We need to connect with the Dynamic Force behind the Universe and how through it all came into being.**

**It is that same power – that after so many ages- has made us aware of our place in the universe.**

**If we open ourselves to that power, that Wisdom and that process we can look with new hope to the future of the human.”**

**Thomas Berry in “The New Story” in  
Dream of the Earth**



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