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“The supreme need of our times brings about a healing of the Earth through a mutually enhancing human presence to the Earth community.”

—Thomas Berry, *The Dream of the Earth*

Introduction

This brochure identifies a significant body of recently published books and journals on religion and ecology. While by no means exhaustive, it highlights some of the best materials available to scholars and students, religious leaders and lay persons, environmentalists and journalists. In addition to this published material, the Forum on Religion and Ecology’s research website (<http://environment.harvard.edu/religion>) provides numerous resources regarding the topic of religion and ecology. Many sections also include extensive annotated bibliographies for individuals interested in furthering their knowledge of the field.

Revisoning Human-Earth Relations

The enormous challenges and multiple dimensions of our current environmental crisis have created seemingly insoluble problems of global proportions. In response to these challenges, there is a growing recognition of a need for major changes in human-Earth relations. Thus multireligious and multidisciplinary efforts are necessary for comprehensive resolutions to our environmental problems.

To this end, the Forum on Religion and Ecology (FORE) brings together religious studies with academic and activist discourses on the environment. The Forum recognizes that the engagement of the world’s religions is critical to effective environmental policies for two reasons: first, religions provide direction for developing mutually enhancing human-Earth relations and second, they present distinctive ethics of respect for nature and for future generations. The Forum thus proposes that religious perspectives and environmental ethics can make important contributions to the revisoning of human-Earth relations.

History of the Forum

The Forum arose out of a series of ten groundbreaking conferences on Religions of the World and Ecology that were held at the Harvard Divinity School Center for the Study of World Religions (CSWR) from May 1996 to July 1998. The series explored the diverse manner in which religious traditions view nature, construct symbol systems, and engage in ritual practices relating humans to nature.

Three culminating conferences in the autumn of 1998 brought the world’s religious traditions into dialogue with four other key disciplines concerned with the environment: science, economics, education, and public policy. At the request of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), a press conference and a symposium reporting the findings of the conferences were held at the United Nations (UN) in October of 1998. It was at the UN press conference that the ongoing Forum on Religion and Ecology was announced. Following this, the American Museum of Natural History hosted a conference that highlighted the need for religious involvement in environmental issues.

Forum Goals

Since the initial Harvard conference series, the Forum's main goal is to establish religion and ecology as an academic area of study and research in universities, colleges, and seminaries. Such study can provide significant contributions to environmental policies in many parts of the world. In pursuit of these goals, the Forum is focusing on three key areas: research, education, and outreach.

Research

The Forum supports cutting-edge research in the field of religion and ecology by promoting publishing projects, organizing scholarly conferences, and expanding its network of international scholars.

Education

The Forum identifies curricular resources, disseminates print and video materials, hosts workshops for teachers, provides a speakers list, and develops innovative approaches to the topic of religion and ecology for congregations and local communities. Much of this information is available on the Forum's website.

Outreach

The Forum has two types of outreach programs. The first is the ongoing dialogue it maintains with scholars, religious leaders, laypersons, environmentalists, and various international organizations so as to build effective networks for informing both environmental policies and practices. As part of this outreach effort, the Forum is working in conjunction with the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), the Council for a Parliament of the World's Religions, the Worldwatch Institute, the Earth Charter Initiative, and the Center for Respect of Life and Environment (CRLE).

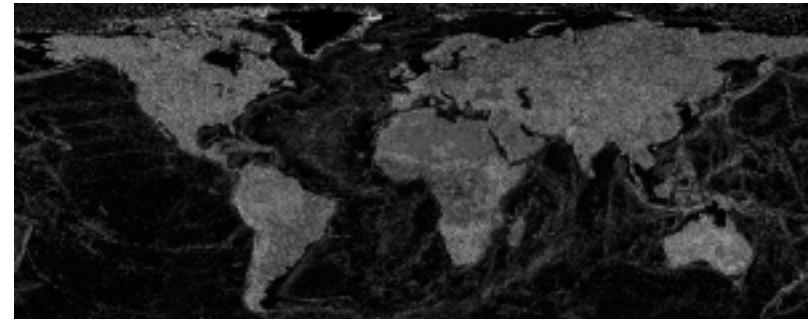
The Forum's second outreach program is its website (<http://environment.harvard.edu/religion>), hosted by the Harvard University Center for the Environment. Available in eight languages this is the most comprehensive website in the world on religion and ecology. The site provides introductory essays, annotated bibliographies, and selected sacred texts for ten major world religions. In addition to various teaching materials, the site also provides major environmental statements and examples of religiously based environmental grassroots projects from around the world. In an effort to promote the interactive engagement between various disciplines, the site also provides sections on science, economics, ethics, education, and public policy.

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Religions of the World and Ecology Series

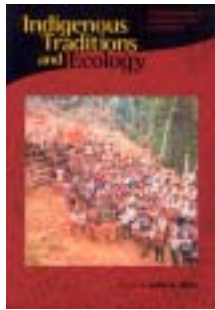
The Religions of the World and Ecology series, published by the Harvard Divinity School's Center for the Study of World Religions (CSWR) and distributed by Harvard University Press, is the result of a three-year research project conducted at the Center between 1996–1998. The project, directed by Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Grim in cooperation with various area specialists, involved the direct participation and collaboration of some eight hundred scholars, religious leaders, and environmental specialists from around the world in a series of academic conferences at CSWR. Culminating conferences were held at the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the United Nations (UN), and the American Museum of Natural History.

The conferences upon which the series is based were cosponsored by the CSWR, Bucknell University, and the Center for Respect of Life and Environment (CRLE) of the Humane Society of the United States.

The conferences and the publication of the series have been made possible through the generous support of the following foundations and individuals: the V. Kann Rasmussen Foundation, Germeshausen Foundation, Aga Khan Trust for Culture, Association of Shinto Shrines, Nathan Cummings Foundation, Dharam Hinduja Indic Research Center at Columbia University, Harvard Buddhist Studies Forum, Harvard Divinity School Center for the Study of Values in Public Life, Jain Academic Foundation of North America, Laurance Rockefeller, Albert and Vera List Endowment, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, Surdna Foundation, Theological Education to Meet the Environmental Challenge, and Winslow Foundation.

Further information on the Religions of the World and Ecology conference series may be found at: <http://www.hds.harvard.edu/cswr/ecology/>

For more information on books in this series, see the publication section of the Forum's website at: http://environment.harvard.edu/religion/publications/books/book_series/index.html



Indigenous Traditions and Ecology: The Interbeing of Cosmology and Community

Edited by John Grim

"The book contains excellent discussions of the continuing exploitation of indigenous peoples in terms of environmental racism as exemplified by the proposed disposal of nuclear wastes on indigenous reservations. It covers ecological, religious, and political issues in a striking way. Brilliant and exemplary!"

—David Kinsley, McMaster University

A new perspective on indigenous religions and the environment emerges from this collection. The authors, a diverse group of indigenous and non-native scholars and environmental activists, address compelling and urgent questions facing indigenous communities as they struggle with threats to their own sovereignty, increased market and media globalization, and the conservation of endangered bioregions. Drawing attention to the pressures threatening indigenous peoples and ways of life, this volume describes modes of resistance and regeneration by which communities maintain a spiritual balance with larger cosmological forces while creatively accommodating current environmental, social, economic, and political changes.

John Grim is Professor of Religion at Bucknell University.

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Hinduism and Ecology: The Intersection of Earth, Sky, and Water

Edited by Christopher Key Chapple
and Mary Evelyn Tucker

"The editors, Chapple and Tucker, and their authors have provided a magnificent book, with the summary message that reinforces the statement that spiritual living and ecological practice go together."

—Anantanarayanan Raman, The University of Sydney

The role of the multifaceted Hindu tradition is explored with regard to the development of greater ecological awareness in India. The twenty-two contributors ask how traditional concepts of nature in the classical texts and traditions might inspire or impede an eco-friendly attitude among modern Hindus. Furthermore, they describe some grassroots approaches to environmental protection. They look to Gandhian principles of minimal consumption, self-reliance, simplicity, and sustainability. In addition, they explore forests and sacred groves in texts, traditions, and practices and review the political and religious controversies surrounding India's sacred riverine systems.

Christopher Key Chapple is Professor of Theological Studies and Director of Asian and Pacific Studies at Loyola Marymount University.

Mary Evelyn Tucker is Professor of Religion at Bucknell University.

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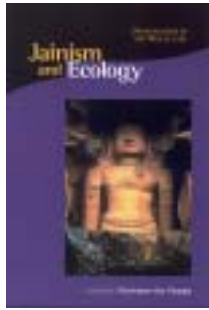
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Jainism and Ecology: Nonviolence in the Web of Life

Edited by Christopher Key Chapple

"The contributors to Chapple's elegantly edited volume lead pragmatically toward a defining light at the end of humanity's common tunnel. This is an exhilarating book, a must read for all who are concerned about the fate of the Earth and the twenty-first century."

—Michael Tobias, Ecologist, Author, Filmmaker

The 2500-year-old tradition of Jainism, which emphasizes nonviolence as the only true path leading to liberation, offers a worldview seemingly compatible with the goals of environmental activism. Can Jainism adopt a sociocentric environmentalism without compromising its own ascetic principles and spiritual tradition? How does traditional Jain cosmology view the natural world? How might a Jain ethical system respond to decisions regarding the development of dams, the proliferation of automobiles, overcrowding due to overpopulation, or the protection of individual animal species? Is it possible for Jain environmental activism to address traditional concerns for individual self-purification and the contemporary dilemmas regarding ecosystem degradation? Authors in this volume reflect the dynamic nature of the Jain faith and its willingness to engage modern social issues.

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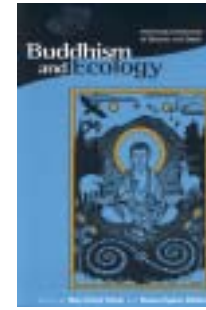
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Buddhism and Ecology: The Interconnection of Dharma and Deeds

Edited by Mary Evelyn Tucker
and Duncan Ryuken Williams

"Buddhism and Ecology is a stimulating and challenging discussion of a vital topic. Its value to engaged Buddhism lies in the questions it raises, the thinking it provokes, and the light it sheds on the ecological aspects of diverse Buddhist traditions."

—Lewis Woods, *Turning Wheel*

Buddhism's teaching of the interrelatedness of all life forms may be critical to the recovery of human reciprocity with nature. In this work, twenty religionists and environmentalists examine Buddhism's understanding of the intricate web of life. In noting the cultural diversity of Buddhism, the volume highlights aspects of the tradition that may help formulate an effective environmental ethics. Articles cite examples of socially engaged Buddhist projects to protect the environment in Asia and the United States. The authors also explore theoretical and methodological issues and analyze the prospects and problems of using Buddhism as an environmental resource in both theory and practice.

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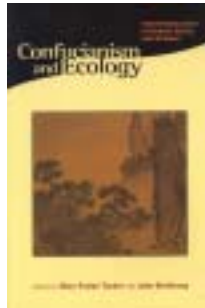
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Confucianism and Ecology: The Interrelation of Heaven, Earth, and Humans

Edited by Mary Evelyn Tucker
and John Berthrong

"This book has enormous value. Confucianism is one of the richest but most neglected sources of ecological insight, and it should be as important to cross-cultural discussions of ecological thought as Buddhism and Native American religions."

—David Landis Barnhill, University of Wisconsin

Confucianism demonstrates a remarkable wealth of resources for rethinking human-Earth relations. This volume includes sixteen essays that address the ecological crisis and the question of Confucianism from three perspectives: the historical perspective describes Confucianism's views of nature, social ethics, and cosmology, which may shed light on contemporary problems; a dialogical approach links Confucianism to other philosophical and religious traditions; an examination of engaged Confucianism looks at its involvement in concrete ecological issues.

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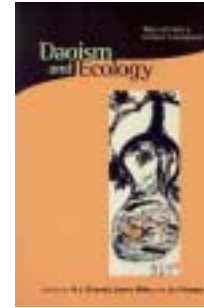
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Daoism and Ecology: Ways Within a Cosmic Landscape

Edited by N. J. Girardot,
James Miller, and Liu Xiaogan

"A significant addition to the field of Daoist Studies, successfully educating readers in the richness and particularity of Daoist traditions and relating this to ecological concerns."

—Judith A. Berling, Graduate Theological Union

Until now, no single work has been devoted to both a scholarly understanding of the complexities of the Daoist tradition and a critical exploration of its contribution to recent environmental concerns. The authors in this volume consider the intersection of Daoism and ecology, looking at the theoretical and historical implications associated with a Daoist approach to the environment. They also analyze perspectives found in Daoist religious texts and within the larger Chinese cultural context in order to delineate key issues found in the classical texts. Through these analyses, they assess the applicability of modern-day Daoist thought and practice in China and the West with respect to the contemporary ecological situation.

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Judaism and Ecology: Created World and Revealed Word

Edited by Hava Tirosh-Samuelsan

Jewish ecological discourse has shown that Judaism harbors deep concern for the well-being of the natural world. However, the movement has not articulated a Jewish theology of nature, nor has it submitted the sources of Judaism to a systematic, philosophical examination. This volume contributes to the nascent discourse on Judaism and ecology by clarifying diverse conceptions of nature in Jewish thought and by using the insights of Judaism to formulate a constructive Jewish theology of nature. The twenty-one contributors consider the Bible and rabbinic literature, examine the relationship between the doctrine of creation and the doctrine of revelation in the context of natural law, and wrestle with questions of nature and morality. They also examine nature in the Jewish mystical tradition, and face the challenges to Jewish environmental activism caused by the tension between the secular nature of environmental discourse and Jewish religious commitments.

Hava Tirosh-Samuelsan is Associate Professor of History at Arizona State University.

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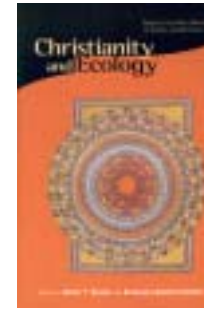
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Christianity and Ecology: Seeking the Well-Being of Earth and Humans

Edited by Dieter T. Hessel
and Rosemary Radford Ruether

"... by far the richest most diverse, theologically sophisticated, ecologically informed, and innovative body of writings on Christianity and ecology that I have yet come across."

—John F. Haught, Georgetown University

What can Christian traditions contribute to the struggle to secure the future well-being of the Earth? Increasing numbers of Christian theologians and ethicists are responding to the environmental challenge as the world gets hotter, stormier, more unequal, crowded, violent, and less biodiverse. This collaborative volume announces that an ecological reformation—reorienting Christian theology and ethics toward environmental justice—is prominent on the ecumenical agenda. The authors, who represent a broad mix of Catholic, Protestant, and Orthodox scholars, explore problematic themes that contribute to ecological neglect or abuse and offer constructive insight into and responsive imperatives for ecologically just and socially responsible living.

Dieter T. Hessel is Director of the Program on Ecology, Justice, and Faith and Co-Director of Theological Education to Meet the Environmental Challenge (TEMEC).

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Islam and Ecology: A Bestowed Trust

Edited by Richard C. Foltz,
Frederick M. Denny, and Azizan Baharuddin

Islam is the religion of over one billion people and is practiced in virtually every country on this planet. The articulation of an Islamic environmental ethic in contemporary terms is all the more urgent because Western-style conservation efforts do not fit all cultural and philosophical traditions. This volume outlines the Islamic view of the cosmic order and reviews the ways an Islamic worldview can be interpreted, reassessed, and applied to such environmental problems as pollution and water scarcity. Sections on social justice and on issues of sustainability and development examine the history and roots of the current environmental crisis; the broader context of women's rights of equal access to both natural and social resources; and the interconnectedness of environmental protection and the alleviation of human poverty.

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Cosmology and Ecology Mary Evelyn Tucker and John A. Grim

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Islam and Ecology Fazlun Khalid with Joanne O'Brien

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Additional Asian Studies and Ecology Resources

J. Baird Callicott, and Roger T. Ames, eds. *Nature in Asian Traditions of Thought: Essays in Environmental Philosophy*. Albany, N.Y.: State University of New York Press, 1989.

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Stephanie Kaza, and Kenneth Kraft, eds. *Dharma Rain: Sources of Buddhist Environmentalism*. Boston: Shambhala, 2000.

Lance E. Nelson, ed. *Purifying the Earthly Body of God: Religion and Ecology in Hindu India*. Albany, N.Y.: State University of New York Press, 1998.

Helaine Selin, ed. *Nature Across Cultures: Views of Nature and the Environment in Non-Western Cultures*. Lancaster, U.K.: Kluwer Academic Publishers, 2003.



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**“Religion and Ecology:
 Can the Climate Change?”**

Edited by Mary Evelyn Tucker
 and John Grim

The Forum on Religion and Ecology commissioned special papers bringing together scholars of the world's religious traditions with representatives from the disciplines of science, public policy, and ethics. Articles in this volume identify symbolic, scriptural, and ethical dimensions of particular religious traditions; focus on religiously-oriented relationships to the natural world; and examine how these traditions speak to one of the most pressing environmental issues of our time, global climate change.

Contributors Include: Mary Evelyn Tucker, John Grim, George Rupp, Michael McElroy, Donald Brown, J. Baird Callicott, Hava Tirosh-Samuelson, Sallie McFague, S. Nomanul Haq, Vasudha Narayanan, Christopher Key Chapple, Donald Swearer, Tu Weiming, James Miller, Jack Forbes, and Bill McKibben.

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**Worldviews:
 Environment, Culture, Religion**

Edited by Clare Palmer

Worldviews: Environment, Culture, Religion is a peer-reviewed academic journal that explores the environmental understandings, perceptions, and practices of a wide range of different cultures and religious traditions. *Worldviews* adopts an interdisciplinary approach, drawing on contributions from various fields including: anthropology, environmental studies, geography, philosophy, religious studies, sociology, and theology.

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Edited by Mary Evelyn Tucker and
 Richard M. Clugston

The Forum on Religion and Ecology copublished, with the Center for Respect of Life and Environment (CRLE), a journal containing a brief overview and short summary papers from the Harvard Divinity School Religions of the World and Ecology conference series held at the Center for the Study of World Religions (1996–1998). The conference series was directed by Mary Evelyn Tucker and John Grim with the cooperation of various area specialists. These papers suggest that the world's religions can make significant contributions to a more comprehensive environmental ethic.

Contributors Include: Mary Evelyn Tucker, John Grim, Daniel Fink, Dieter Hessel, Frederick Denny, Christopher Key Chapple, Donald Swearer, James Miller, and Rosemarie Bernard.

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Articles are available online at the Forum on Religion and Ecology website as overview papers for each of the religious traditions. To view these papers, visit the main page (<http://environment.harvard.edu/religion>) and click on a specific religious tradition. The first page you see under each tradition duplicates the *Earth Ethics* article for that tradition.

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Earth and Faith:
A Book of Reflection for Action

Edited by Libby Bassett,
 John Brinkman, and Kusumita Pederson

The Interfaith Partnership for the Environment of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) published this eighty-page book on the world's religions and ecology for congregational discussions and services. This book provides a brief overview of contemporary environmental issues and examines the efforts of the United Nations (UN) in addressing these important situations. Through the use of primary religious texts, it provides a unified religious theme of human responsibility for protecting the natural world.

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**Worldwatch Paper 164
Invoking the Spirit:
Religion and Spirituality in
the Quest for a Sustainable World**

Gary Gardner

A powerful pro-environmental coalition may be emerging worldwide as religious people and institutions begin to partner with advocates of sustainable development. The past decade saw a small but growing number of meetings, advocacy initiatives, educational programs, and lobbying efforts by the two communities, who long had kept each other at arm's length.

In *Worldwatch Paper 164: Invoking the Spirit*, Worldwatch Research Director, Gary Gardner, states that in learning to work together, the two groups must overcome mutual misperceptions and divergent worldviews that have historically kept them apart. He writes that secular environmentalists worry about the checkered history of religious involvement in societal affairs. Religious institutions, on the other hand, may have perspectives on the role of women, the nature of truth, and the moral place of human beings in the natural order that sometimes diverge from those of environmentalists.

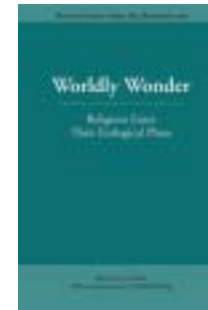
Though misperceptions and misunderstandings between the two communities persist, engagement is growing. To further collaboration, religious people and institutions would do well to leverage their influence in favor of sustainability, and environmentalists would gain by appealing to the public at an emotional/spiritual level. With these steps, a new ethics encompassing humans, the divine, and nature can help usher in a just and sustainable civilization.

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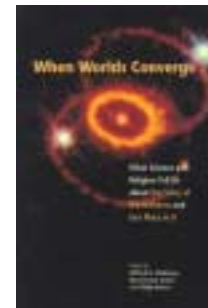
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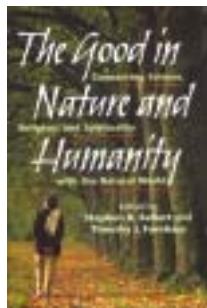
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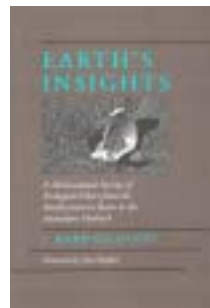
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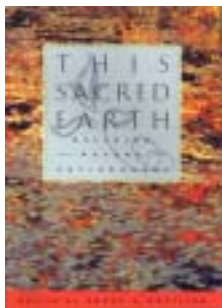
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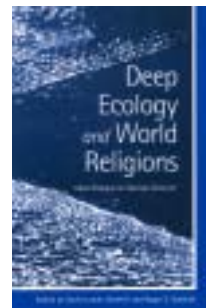
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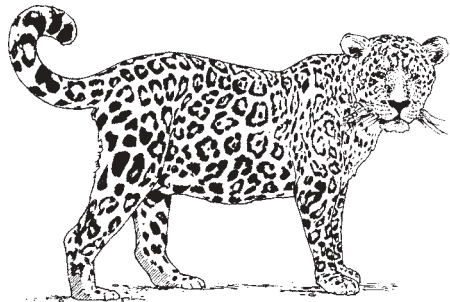


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