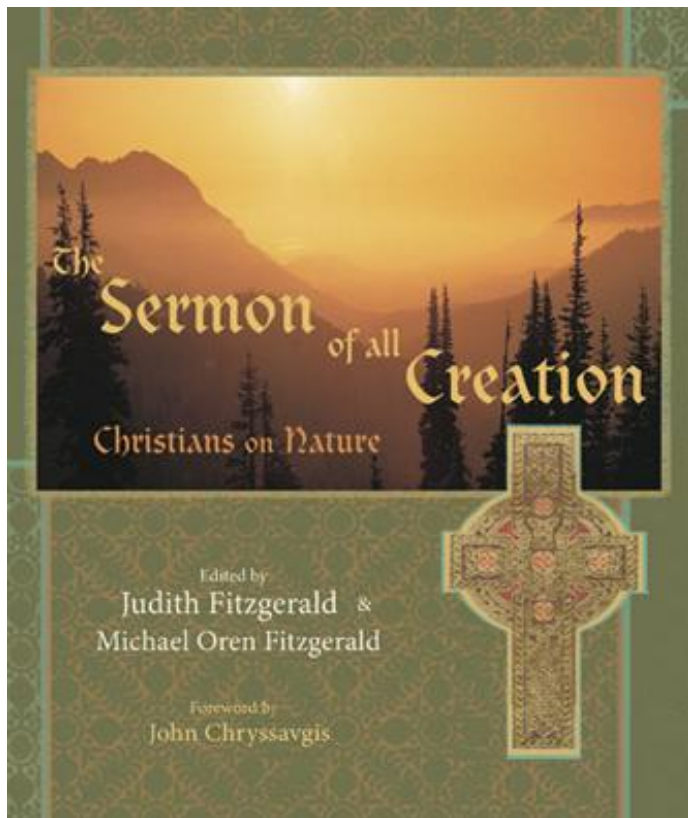


# *The Sermon of All Creation: Christians on Nature* Merit Award Winner of the 2005 Midwest Independent Publishers Association Award for Religion and Philosophy



With an increasing sense of urgency as we enter the 21st century, we face a mounting environmental crisis. With a profound vision of the sacred quality of creation, this collection of beautiful photographs of the natural world includes:

- ❖ Commentaries by a host of Christian sages of all denominations and includes;
- ❖ Over 100 color photographs of beautiful nature scenes including deserts, islands, and fields; and

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## *A few words from the introduction*

"This collection of inspired writings is not a systematic or exhaustive treatise on the Christian perspective toward creation; nor is it a complete explanation of how and why we have forgotten our spiritual responsibility toward creation. [This book] is intended to provide keys for Christians of every denomination—as well as spiritual seekers of all faiths—to build the necessary resolve to protect the treasures of our natural world. We pray that this sermon of all creation will help bring about this change of heart." —**Michael Oren Fitzgerald**

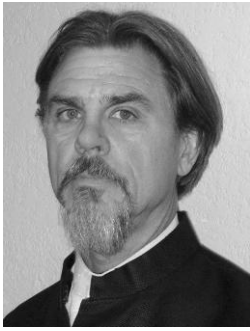
## *What has been said about The Sermon of All Creation?*

"Editors Judith Fitzgerald and Michael Oren Fitzgerald have assembled a fine collection of quotations from Christian saints, writers, and philosophers on the glories and wonders of the natural world. These are accompanied by breathtakingly beautiful photographs of nature. As John Chryssavgis points out in the foreword, environmental ethics is where life, spirituality, and politics coincide. The time is ripe for all believers to reverence the earth and to do it with love, joy, compassion, and kindness."  
— **Spirituality & Health** magazine

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## About the co-editor, Michael Oren Fitzgerald



Michael Fitzgerald has written and edited numerous publications on world religions, predominantly American Indian spirituality. Mr. Fitzgerald has taught Religious Traditions of the North American Indians in the Indiana University Continuing Studies Department at Bloomington, Indiana. He is a licensed attorney and holds a Doctor of Jurisprudence, cum laude, from Indiana University. Michael is an adopted son of the late Thomas Yellowtail, one of the most honored American Indian spiritual leaders of the last century, and was also adopted into the Crow tribe by Yellowtail. Michael and his wife, Judith, have attended sacred rites of many American Indian tribes and have spent extended periods of time visiting traditional cultures and attending sacred ceremonies throughout the world.

They have an adult son and live in Bloomington, Indiana. The Fitzgerald family has also deeded 342 acres located in both Santa Fe, New Mexico and Bloomington, Indiana into permanent conservation easements to prevent any future development. He has also edited with his wife, Judith, *Indian Spirit* (World Wisdom, 2003) and *Christian Spirit* (World Wisdom, 2004).

## About the co-editor and designer, Judith Fitzgerald

Readers of *The Sermon of All Creation* will immediately see that this book represents a masterpiece of design. Judith Fitzgerald, who is also co-editor, is the primary designer of *The Sermon of All Creation*. She is a graduate of Indiana University. Judy is an artisan, a calligrapher, and a graphic designer. She recently collaborated with her husband, Michael Oren Fitzgerald, on the successful inspirational quote books, *Indian Spirit*, (Bloomington, 2003) and *Christian Spirit* (Bloomington, 2004).



## About the author of the foreword



Reverend John Chryssavgis is Professor of Theology and former Dean at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology. He is the author of several books and numerous articles on Orthodox spirituality, including *Ascent to Heaven* (1989), *The Desert is Alive* (1994), *The Way of the Fathers* (1998), and *Soul Mending: The Art of Spiritual Direction* (2000). Rev. Chryssavgis is also the author of *In the Heart of the Desert: The Spirituality of the Desert Fathers and Mothers* (World Wisdom, 2003).

## A few words from the foreword

“It may be tempting, though surely misleading, to imagine the current environmental crisis as a recent phenomenon...It may be equally convenient, though clearly incorrect, to believe that the contemporary response to the environmental crisis is historically unprecedented. Those who received inspiration from the holiness of the uncreated Divine have always perceived insights into the wholeness of the created cosmos. Across traditions and cultures, these sages have both recognized and reflected on the harmony of heaven and earth, struggling—albeit imperfectly and incompletely—to retain the connections between a flower in the fields, a ray of sunlight, and the glory of God...”—**Father John Chryssavgis**

