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Using the theology of Karl Rahner, Edwards combines both contemporary cosmological perspectives and theological responses to contemporary ecological crisis into a theology. This cosmos is created, sustained, and empowered by God in whom it has its unity. Human persons are the self-consciousness of the cosmos, which reaches its supreme self-transcendence in Jesus who is also God's self-communication to the cosmos. This theology "supports a social ethics which combines care for the Earth with solidarity for the poor of the Earth" and "commits us to seeing economic oppression, sexism and racism as intrinsically inter-related with the violation of our planet." Highly recommended for seminary and academic libraries.

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