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Signs of disintegration of life have become conspicuous in today's world in the ever louder groans of subjugated humans and of our violated earth. The profit driven market economy and related development pursuits have led to the displacement of marginalized people and their blatant exclusion from the benefits of progress. Global capitalism marked by greed leads to colonization of the powerless sections of society. The overt and covert violence inherent in the domination-subjugation mode of hierarchical dealings in human relationships that mark class, caste, gender and racial differences find expression also in the violent conquest of the earth and its resources. The ecological devastation and environmental pollution leading to the unpredictable climatic changes and natural calamities are the obvious manifestations of the corruption of human relationships with each other and the earth. In this context, laying the axe at the roots of this system of greed and destruction becomes imperative if we are to save human life and life of nature from irreversible damage. The nexus between the social structures of human domination and sin and the violation of the earth needs to be laid bare. Conversely, we need to acknowledge and affirm the life-sustaining commitment on the part of the poor, particularly the indigenous peoples, in upholding bio-diversity and harmonious living with nature. Life is a network of inter-connected and inter-dependent relationships. A prophetic task of the hour is commitment to an inclusive and integral growth of human beings in partnership with the rest of creation. Human initiatives and movements promoting the cause of justice, peace and ecological sustainability go a long way in safeguarding the integrity of life. Recognizing and promoting this is crucial for all who are committed to the universal responsibility of defending life.

Kemdirim PROTUS, *Earth Reading of Jn. 9:6-7; Implications for Sustainable Development in the Niger Delta, Nigeria.*

Kochurani ABRAHAM, *De-Gendering: Towards a New Relationality Among Humans and With the Earth.*

Érico João HAMMES, *Peace Among Religions as Basis for Peace Among People.*

Marcelo BARROS, *Building Religious and Cultural Peace through Principles of Islamic-Christian Dialogue.*

José Maria VIGIL, *The Theology of Religious Pluralism As Political Urgency.*