

Conclusion: The Paradigm Shift at a Glance

Machine Era	Green (Sheen) Era
Modern era	Postmodern era
Industrial revolution	Environmental revolution
Large-scale technologies	Intermediate and small technologies
Enlightenment	Ecological era
Atoms are inert	Atoms are patterns of relations
Earth is inert	Earth (Gaia) lives
Things are soulless	Things live by a principle of animation (soul)
Learn by objectivity	Learn by participation and creativity
Outer work	Inner work
Things are determined	Chaos, spontaneity, freedom are everywhere in the universe
Universe as machine	Universe as mystery
Laws of universe are eternal and absolute	Laws of universe are habits that are evolving
God is Supreme Lawgiver	God plays in the universe
God is out there (theism)	God is in all things and all things are in God (panentheism)

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God does not exist (atheism)	God's presence is experienced by all (mysticism)
Anthropocentric	Cosmological
Begins with doubt	Begins with wonder
All reality and experience are secularized	All reality and experience are sacred
Efficiency counts	Beauty counts and is a divine name
Looks to Earth for its <i>resources</i>	Looks to Earth for its <i>sources</i>
Rationality reigns (no myths)	Big myths abound, including those of evil, of possible healing, and of sacred origins
God is male	God can be imaged as female as well as male, and in other ways too
Patriarchal, hierarchical	Partnership, interconnection
Pursuit of knowledge	Pursuit of wisdom
Quest for the historical Jesus	Quest for the Cosmic Christ
Sentimentalizing of Jesus in Jesusolatry	Jesus is a prophet who liberates by interfering with injustice
The art of war machinery	The arts of living fully
Dry	Wet
Jobs (if you can get them)	Work for all (relates to the Great Work of the universe)
The universe is a machine, the worker serves the machine.	The universe is a sacrament, the worker is a priest or a midwife to a graced universe