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3 On cosmology as formal research object, see Tucker and Grim 2001. 4 See the Forum on Religion and Ecology Web site (<http://www.religionandecology.org>). Environmental ethics is the discipline in philosophy that studies the moral relationship of human beings to, and also the value and moral status of, the environment and its non-human contents. This entry covers: (1) the challenge of environmental ethics to the virtue ethics, to support contemporary environmental concerns; (5) the preservation of biodiversity as an ethical goal; (6) the broader concerns of some thinkers with wilderness, the built environment and the politics of poverty; (7) the ethics of sustainability and climate change, and (8) some directions for possible future developments of the discipline. 1. Introduction: The Challenge of Environmental Ethics. 2. The Early Development of Environmental Ethics. 3. Environmental Ethics and Politics. 3.1 Deep Ecology.