Essay #1 REL 351E  Spring 2006

1. Our readings have taken a variety of approaches to developing an environmental ethic. In part the differences are related to whether an approach is predominantly scientific, religious, or a combination of both. In conversation with at least three of our readings, discuss which kind of approach appeals most to you and why.

2. One common theme in a number of readings has been the issue of how language comes into play in science and religion. Using perspectives drawn from at least three of our readings, discuss what you see as similarities and differences in the ways science and religion employ language.