

“The universe is **not** a collection of objects, but a **communion** of subjects.”

Thomas Berry



“The world around us is also within. We are an expression of it; it is an expression of us. **We are made of it; we eat, drink and breathe it.**

Earth is bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh. This is not ‘environment’ so much as the Holy mystery of creation, made for and by all earth’s creatures together.”

Larry Rasmussen

The Eagle Nebula star-birthing region 7,000 light-years from Earth. The giant pillars of hydrogen gas and dust are light-years in length and so dense that interior gas contracts gravitationally to form new stars.

UNUSUAL ANIMALS

GREATER FLAMINGO

The Greater Flamingo performs spectacular group courtship displays, involving synchronized wing-raising and ritualized preening. Pigments in the algae and crustaceans it eats are what give the flamingo its distinctive pink plumage.

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