

Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, St. Francis of Assisi and François Cheng at St. Maur des Fossés (94) France, from September 29 to October 20/ 2011

By his presence in the world, St. Francis of Assisi (1181-1225) fulfilled a Christian ideal by combining Christianity's supernatural drive with life's infinite enthusiasm.

The Christianity of Teilhard offers unrivaled maturity like that of St. Francis. What is supernatural in it does not overwhelm what is natural, nor suppress it. Just the opposite, it welcomes the flavors and perfumes of life as well as the beauty of the world.

Teilhard and St. Francis respect nature's forces and desire without affecting their respective intensity. Respectful of life, down to its humblest forms, they welcome all of humanity without exclusions and reach to the farthest limits of creation while remaining open to the fraternity of Man.

Like Teilhard, the Franco-Chinese poet calligrapher François Cheng of the French Academy, shows a thirst to know, love and admire, "without neglecting the suffering of the world which he carries in himself"...

The relation from Man to Man encompasses the relation of Man to Nature. That is its fundamental character, but it is threatened these days It is not only in its biologic, economic and aesthetic concerns. Its links extend as well to ethical and, necessarily, ecologic considerations. **The rights of Man suffer if the relation of Man to Nature do not encompass all living creatures.**

Those three towering figures, St. Francis of Assisi, Teilhard de Chardin and François Cheng invite us to research these themes at the Conference-Exhibit-Debate, on the theme :

Building The Earth Together

which will take place from September 29 to October 20 2011 at the Mairie and at the Lycée Teilhard de Chardin, at St. Maur des Fossés (94), modeled after our previous meetings held at the Mairie du XVIe arrondissement de Paris, in October 2010 and at the Collège of Tivoli at Bordeaux in April 2011.

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