

Brown, Peter G. **Right relationship: building a whole earth economy**, by Peter G. Brown and Geoffrey Garver with Keith Helmuth, Robert Howell, and Steve Szeghi. Berrett-Koehler, 2009. 216p bibl index ISBN 9781576757628 pbk, \$16.95

Brown (school of environment, McGill Univ.) and Garver (environmental consultant) are inspired by the Quaker principle of living in "right relationship with all creation." They pose five questions, which are also chapter titles, to define this relationship: "What is the economy for?" "How does it work?" "How big is too big?" "What's fair?" "How can it best be governed?" This book adds an ethical perspective to the oft-considered goal of reconciling economics with sustainability. In the chapter on governance, they suggest a four-part global government that would establish and enforce rules for all nations and citizens of the world. Brown and Garver see the attainment of this right relationship as a four-step process. It starts with a change in the way people see their lives unfolding, continues through the development of models, programs, and techniques by all involved, and a commitment by individuals to change the way they live on the earth; and culminates in a social movement of nonviolent action that would bring about social and economic reform on a large scale. **Summing Up:** Recommended. ★★ General readers, students of all levels, and practitioners.—*M. Morgan-Davie, Utica College*

