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The Bioregional Paradigm

We shall not cease from exploration
And the end of all our exploring
Will be to arrive where we started
And know the place for the first time.

T. S. Eliot, “Little Gidding”

A region holds the power to sustain and join disparate people: old ground charged with common wholeness and forces of long-growing life. All people are within regions as a condition of existence, and regions condition all people within them.

Peter Berg, “Amble Toward Continent Congress”