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The Good Earth: Introduction to Earth Science

5th Edition

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A major change in this edition of *The Good Earth: Introduction to Earth Science* is the addition of eight new chapter introductions, six written by guest authors. Chapters 1, 2, 5, 8, 10, 12, 13, and 15 all feature new introductions. Our guest authors discuss human explorations of space, the controversy over a new interval of geologic time, the study of dangerous landslides, one state's challenge with managing its groundwater, the potential human consequences of sea level rise, and the explanation of why our hottest and coldest temperatures are not recorded in the middle of the day and night.

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Changes to McConnell, The Good Earth: Introduction to Earth Science, 5e

There are many structural changes evident in this edition. The e-text is now easily used on mobile devices as well as tablets and PCs.

Additional updates to this edition include:

- Many photos have been updated and changed to be more current and better illustrate concepts
- Revisions to selected checkpoint questions throughout the chapters
- New tables featuring more recent data
- References and discussions have been updated to include:
 - More complete descriptions of geo-scientific ways of thinking and habits of mind, dwarf planets, and the expansion of the universe
 - Additional concepts related to the characteristics of complex systems and the Earth as a system
 - More data and discussion related to extra-solar planets, dwarf planets, and the expansion of the universe
 - Updated statistics related to energy use in the US.
 - Updates on changes to sea ice extent in the Arctic and the impacts on local and global ecosystems
 - Expanded discussion of global sea level changes and temperature changes
 - Additional information relate to global carbon emissions and how they compare to the past
 - Discussion of projections from recent climate models and implications for future climates
- Figures have been updated and/or replaced throughout the text to better illustrate key concepts and to provide updated data.

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