

SUMMARY: *The betrayed environment.* – The A. believes that the more than thirty-year-long commitment of Giuseppe Barbieri to defend the landscape and the environment has not been vain as proved by the incentives it has provoked in the field of geographic research, as well as its application in local territorial politics. In a wider sense, the reflections of Giuseppe Barbieri invest the ethical problem of the man-nature relationship and the unitary and global vision of the environment, the latter intended to be meant as a value and a resource, as one of the determining and most important factors of development.

Treasuring the teachings of the Master and bearing in mind the enormous amount of scientific writings and documents, the A. dwells on the planetary extent of the ecological crisis and on its vast implications, beginning with climatic changes. From the most recent researches it is clear that the prevention of disasters inevitably depends on controlling the actions of man on the environment, with absolute priority being given to the conservation of the forests and the biodiversity, and the containment of the emissions of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. However it is surprising to note that despite the numerous and qualified studies that reach us from research Institutes of world-wide renown some scholars, even amongst Italian geographers, are still convinced that these famous scientists are really impostors or delirious men.