

A Spiritual Narrative for the 21st Century

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MORNING CONVERSATION I:

THE EMERGENCE OF A NEW SPIRITUAL NARRATIVE BASED ON UNITY



Barbara Marx Hubbard (Setting the Context)

Barbara Marx Hubbard (1929) has been called "the voice for conscious evolution of our time" by Deepak Chopra and is the subject of Neale Donald Walsch's book "The Mother of Invention." A prolific author, visionary, social innovator, evolutionary thinker and educator, she is co-founder and president of the Foundation for Conscious Evolution. She is the producer and narrator of the award-winning documentary series entitled Humanity Ascending: A New Way through Together and partnered with The Shift Network as a global ambassador for the conscious evolution movement; a shift from evolution by chance towards evolution by choice. Along with Shift, she launched the "Agents of Conscious Evolution" training and formed a global team to co-produce a global multi-media event entitled, "Birth 2012: Co-Creating a Planetary Shift in Time" on Dec. 22, 2012 - a historic, turning-point event; awakening the social, spiritual, scientific, and technological potential of humanity. Read more:

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Pir Zia Inayat Khan (Discussant)

Pir Zia Inayat-Khan is a scholar and teacher of Sufism in the lineage of his grandfather, Hazrat Inayat Khan. He is the president and spiritual leader of the Sufi Order International and founder of Seven Pillars House of Wisdom. He established the Suluk Academy, a school of contemplative study with branches in the United States and Europe. Pir Zia holds a doctoral degree in Religion from Duke University, is a recipient of the U Thant Peace award, and is a Lindisfarne Fellow. His anthology A Pearl in Wine: Essays on the Life, Music, and Sufism of Hazrat Inayat Khan was published in 2001, and his book Saracen Chivalry; Counsels on Valor, Generosity and the Mystical Quest was published in November, 2012.

Sraddhalu Ranade (Discussant)

Scientist, educator and preeminent intellectual on the teachings of the late Indian sage, Sri Aurobindo. Resident scholar at the Sri Aurobindo Ashram in Pondicherry, India. International speaker on Vedic philosophy and ecology, integral education, science and spirituality, spiritual evolution and Yoga, as well as organizational management and self-development. He has authored a book on integral education and produced several DVDs on the aforementioned themes.



Sharon Salzberg (Discussant)

Sharon Salzberg is cofounder of the Insight Meditation Society (IMS) in Barre, Massachusetts. She has been a student of meditation since 1971, guiding meditation retreats worldwide since 1974. Sharon's latest book is the New York Times Best Seller, *Real Happiness: The Power of Meditation: A 28-Day Program*, published by Workman Publishing. She is a regular contributor to The Huffington Post and is also the author of several other books including *The Force of Kindness* (2005), *Faith: Trusting Your Own Deepest Experience* (2002), and *Lovingkindness: The Revolutionary Art of Happiness* (1995). For

more information about Sharon, please visit: www.SharonSalzberg.com

Fr. Michael Holleran (Discussant)

Fr. Michael K. Holleran was raised Roman Catholic, and educated by the Jesuits. He was a Jesuit himself for five years, during his studies at Fordham University, where he majored in Philosophy and Classical Languages. Upon graduation, he joined the 900-year-old silent contemplative monastic Order, the Carthusians, where he spent 22 years, twelve in Vermont in the USA (where he was ordained a priest), 7 at the Mother House in France, the Grande Chartreuse (subject of the documentary, "Into Great Silence"), and 3 in England. In 1994, he left the Order to work as a parish priest in the Archdiocese of New York, where he currently serves at the church of Notre Dame at Columbia University. He also began sitting with his longtime friend and mentor, Roshi Robert Kennedy, SJ, and received dharma transmission from him in 2009 as a sensei in the White Plum Asanga of the Zen tradition. He was given the Dharma name "Koryu" or "Dragon of Light". He now heads Dragon's Eye Zendo at the church of St. Francis of Assisi in New York City. He also studied Kundalini and other Arhatic yoga techniques with a Filipino master for 8 years. Fr. Michael's happiness is to show others the way to happiness through the great contemplative traditions of the world, all leading to the experience of Oneness, Wisdom and Universal Compassion.



Mary Evelyn Tucker (Discussant)

Mary Evelyn Tucker, PhD is a Senior Lecturer and Senior Research Scholar at Yale University where she has appointments in the School of Forestry & Environmental Studies as well as the Divinity School. She is a co-founder and co-director with John Grim of the Forum on Religion and Ecology. Together they organized a series of ten conferences on World Religions and Ecology at the Center for the Study of World Religions at Harvard Divinity School. They are series editors for the ten volumes from the conferences distributed by Harvard University Press. She is also Research Associate at the Reischauer Institute of Japanese Studies at Harvard. In 2011 Tucker

completed the *Journey of the Universe* with Brian Swimme, which includes a book from Yale University Press, a film on PBS, and an educational series of interviews. She is also the author

of *Worldly Wonder: Religions Enter Their Ecological Phase* (Open Court Press, 2003), *Moral and Spiritual Cultivation in Japanese Neo-Confucianism* (SUNY, 1989) and *The Philosophy of Qi* (Columbia University Press, 2007). Read more: <http://environment.yale.edu/profile/tucker/>



Dena Merriam (Facilitator)

Dena Merriam began working in the interfaith movement in the late 1990s when she served as vice chair of the Millennium World Peace Summit of Religious and Spiritual Leaders held at the United Nations in New York. She subsequently convened a meeting of women religious and spiritual leaders at the Palais des Nations in Geneva and from that gathering founded the Global Peace Initiative of Women (GPIW) in 2002, an organization chaired by a multi-faith group of women spiritual leaders. The mission of this organization is to enable women to facilitate healing and reconciliation in areas of conflict and post-conflict, and to bring spiritual resources to help address critical global problems. Since its founding, GPIW has been working on programs in many different countries around the world including in Israel/Palestine, Iraq, Sudan, Afghanistan and Cambodia. GPIW also developed, in partnership with the United Nations, a global leadership program for young community leaders. GPIW's work in the area of peace-building has expanded to include fostering new models of development, inclusive and sustainable, and to changing attitudes toward the environment, regaining the sense of awe, respect and reverence for earth and her life systems. Ms. Merriam's work at GPIW has been devoted to creating a global platform for religious and spiritual leaders and to engaging their leadership more actively on the world stage. For over 35 years, Dena Merriam has been a student of Paramahansa Yogananda and a practitioner of Kriya Yoga meditation.

MORNING CONVERSATION II:

EMBRACING A SACRED EARTH COMMUNITY NARRATIVE

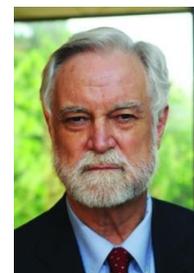


David Korten (Setting the Context)

Co-founder and board chair of YES! Magazine, co-chair of the New Economy Working Group, founder and president of the Living Economies Forum [formerly People-Centered Development Forum (PCDForum)], which is my organizational base, and a member of the Club of Rome. I am also a founding board member emeritus of the Business Alliance for Local Living Economies (BALLE). My books include *Agenda for a New Economy: From Phantom Wealth to Real Wealth*, *The Great Turning: From Empire to Earth Community*, and the international best seller *When Corporations Rule the World*. Read more: <http://www.davidkorten.org/davids-story>

Robert Nadeau (Discussant)

Robert Nadeau is a full professor of environmental science and public policy at George Mason University. An intensely interdisciplinary scholar, Nadeau has attempted throughout his career to bridge the knowledge gap between what British physicist and novelist C. P. termed the two-cultures of humanists-social scientists and scientists-engineers. Nadeau created and directed four academic departments and programs that specialize in interdisciplinary studies and has published nine books that cover a wide variety of subject fields on both sides of



the two-culture divide. His most recently published books, *The Wealth of Nature* (Oxford University Press, 2003) and *The Environmental Endgame* (Rutgers University Press, 2006), make the case that there is no basis in mainstream economic theory, in the neoclassical economic paradigm, for realistically assessing the environmental costs of economic activities and internalizing these costs in pricing systems. Nadeau argues that resolving the problem of global warming will require the rapid development and implementation of an environmentally responsible economic theory and a fundamental restructuring of the present system of international government. In 2006, Nadeau created the Global Environmental Network Center at George Mason University and served as its director.

Rev. Ed Bacon (Discussant)



The Rev. J. Edwin Bacon Jr. is the rector of All Saints Church in Pasadena, California, a 4,000-member, multiethnic, urban Episcopal parish with a reputation for energetic worship, a radically inclusive spirit and a progressive peace and justice agenda. Rev. Bacon's energies focus on leadership in anxious times, peacemaking, interfaith relations, articulating the Christian faith in nonbigoted ways and integrating family, faith and work systems. He is a passionate advocate for peace and justice in the community, the nation and the world, and All Saints Church is actively engaged in such peace and justice issues as economic justice, resistance to war, ending the death penalty and supporting equal rights for gays and lesbians. Rev. Bacon works with Oprah Winfrey in both radio and television and has been honored several times for his peace and interfaith work: in 2005 by the Islamic Center of Southern California and in 2006 by the ACLU of Southern California, the Islamic Shura Council and Rainbow/PUSH Coalition. In 2007, he was honored by the Pasadena NAACP and the ACLU Pasadena-Foothill Chapter. His book, *8 Habits of Love*, addresses the need to move from toxic to generative narratives as a way of overcoming fear-based living.

Read more: <http://www.oprah.com/contributor/rev-ed-bacon> and <http://www.8habitsoflove.com/>



Bill Twist (Discussant)

Bill has been the president of The Pachamama Alliance since 1996. Prior to The Pachamama Alliance, Bill had an extensive background in business having worked in the management consulting, equipment leasing and financial services industries since 1970. Bill has an undergraduate degree in engineering and a masters degree in business administration.

Tom Goldtooth (Discussant)

As Executive Director of the Indigenous Environmental Network, Tom Goldtooth has built an organization of 250 indigenous communities focused on climate justice, energy, toxics, water, globalization and trade, and sustainable development. A prominent spokesman on environmental justice issues, he was honored in 2010 by the Sierra Club and the NAACP as a "Green Hero of Color." He co-produced an award winning documentary film, *Drumbeat For Mother Earth*, which details the effects of bio-accumulative chemicals on indigenous communities. Goldtooth has guided the growth of the Indigenous Environmental Network from a national to a continental to a global alliance. He has represented the rights of native peoples at the international level through UN treaty making bodies and conventions on persistent organic pollutants, global warming, biodiversity protection, mineral extraction, and water resources.





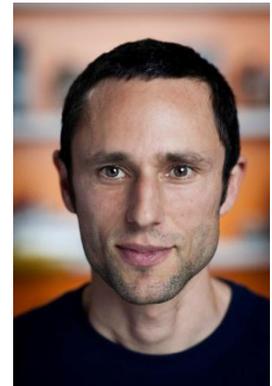
Rev. Diane Berke (Facilitator)

Diane Berke is the Founder and Spiritual Director of One Spirit Learning Alliance and One Spirit Interfaith Seminary in New York City. Ordained as an interfaith minister in 1988, she has been a widely respected pioneer in interfaith/interspiritual ministry education and was the 2012 recipient of the Huston Smith Interfaith Educator Award. Diane is on the core faculty of the Institute for Sacred Activism and is a founding member of the Contemplative Alliance.

SPECIAL REMARKS:

Charles Eisenstein (Discussant)

Charles Eisenstein is a teacher, speaker, and writer focusing on themes of civilization, consciousness, money, and human cultural evolution. He is the author of "Sacred Economics" His writings on the web magazine Reality Sandwich have generated a vast online following; he speaks frequently at conferences and other events, and gives numerous interviews on radio and podcasts. Writing in Ode magazine's "25 Intelligent Optimists" issue, David Korten (author of When Corporations Rule the World) called Eisenstein "one of the up-and-coming great minds of our time." Eisenstein graduated from Yale University in 1989 with a degree in Mathematics and Philosophy, and spent the next ten years as a Chinese-English translator. He currently lives in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania and serves on the faculty of Goddard College.



Angel Kyodo Williams (Discussant)



Dubbed "the most vocal and most intriguing African-American Buddhist in America," by Library Journal, Rev. angel Kyodo williams is a maverick spiritual teacher, master trainer and author.

She is Founder of Center for Transformative Change. Trained in the Zen tradition, by the time she was 30, she published her first book, the critically acclaimed, *Being Black: Zen and the Art of Living with Fearlessness and Grace*. The book was hailed as "a classic" by Buddhist teacher Jack Kornfield, and "an act of love" by Pulitzer Prize winner, Alice Walker.

Rev. angel has been thinking about the intersection of spirituality and social change for over 20 years. Recognizing the need for a non-triggering term to describe the emerging pockets of work that united and unified the theory of change--inner with the outer, personal with social--she applied the phrase "transformative social change" to what was routinely called "this work." Today, that phrase is used to describe the approach, the process, the field, itself, and ideally, the outcome. Her new book, *Enough: Sufficiency from Stuff to Spirit*, is on the horizon.

AFTERNOON CONVERSATION I:

CAN THIS NARRATIVE BECOME THE BASIS FOR A MOVEMENT THAT RE-SHAPES THE SOCIAL & ECONOMIC FIELD? WHAT IS EMERGING?

Adam Bucko (Setting the Context)

Adam Bucko is an activist and spiritual director to many of New York City's homeless youth. He grew up in Poland during the totalitarian regime and spent his early years exploring the

anarchist youth movement as a force for social and political change. At the age of 17, Adam immigrated to America where his desire to find his path towards a meaningful life led him to monasteries in the US and India. His life-defining experience took place in India, where on his way to a Himalayan hermitage, he met a homeless child who lived on the streets of Delhi. This brief encounter led him to the “Ashram of the Poor” where he began his work with homeless youth. After returning to the US, he worked on the streets of various American cities with young people struggling against homelessness and prostitution. He eventually co-founded The Reciprocity Foundation, an award winning nonprofit dedicated to transforming the lives of New York City's homeless youth. In addition to his work with homeless youth, Adam established HAB, an ecumenical and inter-spiritual “new monastic” fellowship for young people which offers formation in radical spirituality and sacred activism. He collaborates with spiritual leaders across religious traditions and mentors young people, helping them discover a spiritual life in the 21st century and how to live deeply from the heart in service of compassion and justice. Adam is a recipient of several awards and his work has been featured by ABC News, CBS, NBC, New York Daily News, National Catholic Reporter, Ode Magazine, Yoga International Magazine and Sojourner Magazine.



Ven. Bhikkhu Bodhi (Discussant)

Bhikkhu Bodhi is an American Buddhist monk from New York City. Born in Brooklyn, New York, in 1944, he obtained a BA in philosophy from Brooklyn College (1966) and a PhD in philosophy from Claremont Graduate School (1972). Drawn to Buddhism in his early 20s, after completing his university studies he traveled to Sri Lanka, where he received novice ordination in 1972 and full ordination in 1973, both under the late Ven. Ananda Maitreya, the leading Sri Lankan scholar-monk of recent times. He was appointed editor of the Buddhist Publication Society (in Sri Lanka) in 1984 and its president in 1988. Ven. Bodhi has many important publications to his credit, either as author, translator, or editor, including *the Buddha — A Translation of the Majjhima Nikaya* (co-translated with Ven. Bhikkhu Nanamoli (1995), *The Connected Discourses of the Buddha — a New Translation of the Samyutta Nikaya* (2000), and *In the Buddha's Words* (2005). In May 2000 he gave the keynote address at the United Nations on its first official celebration of Vesak (the day of the Buddha's birth, enlightenment, and passing away). He returned to the U.S. in 2002. He currently resides at Chuang Yen Monastery and teaches there and at Bodhi Monastery. He is currently the chairman of Yin Shun Foundation, and serves as the chairperson for Buddhist Global Relief.

Majora Carter (Discussant)

Majora Carter founded Sustainable South Bronx in 2001 — when very few people were even talking about "sustainability," and even fewer in places like the South Bronx. By 2003, she coined the term "Green the Ghetto" as she pioneered one of the nation's first urban green-collar job training and placement systems. Her organization spearheaded new policies and legislation that fueled demand for those jobs, improved the lives of New Yorkers, and served as a model for the nation. Majora's 2006 TEDtalk was one of the first six presentations to launch that groundbreaking website. Since 2008, her consulting company has been exporting climate adaptation, urban micro-agribusiness, and leadership development strategies for business, state and local governments, federal agencies, foundations, universities, and economically underperforming communities. She is probably the only person to receive an award from John Podesta's Center for American Progress, and a Liberty Medal for Lifetime Achievement from Rupert Murdoch's



New York Post. Fast Company magazine listed her as one of the 100 Most Creative People in Business; The New York Times described her as "The Green Power Broker"; and the Ashoka Foundation's Changemakers.org recently dubbed Majora "The Prophet of Local." Majora is the host of the public radio series The Promised Land, and has earned a long list of awards and honorary degrees, including a MacArthur "genius" fellowship.



Clay Williams (Discussant)

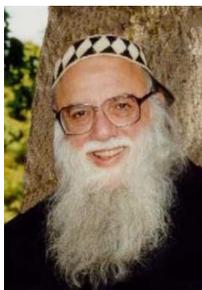
Clay Williams is a computer scientist and theologian. His scientific interests include artificial intelligence, combinatorial optimization, computational biology, and software engineering. A unifying thread across these disparate fields is complex adaptive systems research, which helps uncover deep connections between seemingly unrelated biological, physical, and social systems. Complex systems thinking is also the starting point for his post-theistic theological explorations. In late 2012, Clay helped found Living Christ Sangha, which is a community at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church in NYC. The Sangha is informed by both Buddhism and Christianity, and meets every Sunday afternoon to practice mindfulness meditation. Read more: <http://claywilliams.net/about/>

Swami Omkarananda (Discussant)

Swami Omkarananda is the Spiritual Director of the Sivananda Yoga Vedanta Center in Los Angeles. Originally from Australia, she moved to the UK over 40 years ago as a newly qualified doctor over 40 years ago and she worked as a psychiatrist in the NHS. Eighteen years later, she became involved in yoga, gave up paid work and moved to live in an urban ashram in UK. She joined the International Sivananda organization in 2004 and moved to California, where she managed the Grass Valley ashram for three years. She moved to Los Angeles in 2008 and became a Swami in 2011. She is passionate about building interfaith community, networking, Vedanta, Vedic ecology, permaculture and helping people to develop spiritually.



Rabbi Arthur Waskow (Discussant)



Rabbi Arthur Waskow founded (1983) and directs The Shalom Center <http://www.theshalomcenter.org> Beginning in 1969 with writing the original Freedom Seder and continuing with his seminal work in a dozen books on Jewish thought and practice, he has been a leader of the movement for Jewish renewal. He taught at the Reconstructionist Rabb. Coll. (1982-1989) and in the religion departments at Swarthmore, Vassar, and other colleges. Waskow pioneered in the development of Eco-Judaism through the Green Menorah organizing project of The Shalom Center; through the Interfaith Freedom Seder for the Earth; and through several books including Down-to-Earth Judaism and Torah of the Earth: 4,000 Years of Ecology in Jewish Thought. As part of his work on Abrahamic interfaith relations, he co-founded The Tent of Abraham, Hagar, & Sarah and is the co-author of The Tent of Abraham (Beacon). He is a member of the organizing committee of the US Council of Elders, a member of the stewardship committee of the Green Hevra (a network of Jewish environmental organizations), and a member of the coordinating committee of Interfaith Moral Action on Climate.

Mirabai Bush (Facilitator)

Mirabai Bush is Senior Fellow and the founding Director of the Center on Contemplative Mind in Society. She has led contemplative trainings for social justice activists, teaches compassion

practices at the Smith College School of Social Work, helped to create Search Inside Yourself at Google, and directed the Contemplative Practice Fellowships to explore such practices in academic courses. Mirabai formerly directed the Seva Foundation Guatemala Project, which supported sustainable agriculture and integrated community development. She is co-author, with Ram Dass, of *Compassion in Action: Setting Out on the Path of Service*, and editor of *Contemplation Nation: How Ancient Practices Are Changing the Way We Live*. Her spiritual studies include vipassana and Zen meditation; bhakti yoga with Neemkaroli Baba; and studies with Tibetan lamas Kalu Rinpoche, Chogyam Trungpa Rinpoche, Kyabje Gehlek Rinpoche, Tsoknyi Rinpoche, and others. She was a student of aikido master Kanai Sensei for five years.



Read more: <http://transform.transformativchange.org/2012/09/mirabai-bush-compassionate-action/>

OPEN DIALOGUE



Acharya Judy Lief (Discussant)

Judy Lief was a close student of the Tibetan Buddhist teacher, Chögyam Trungpa Rinpoche, who empowered her as a teacher in the Buddhist and Shambhala traditions. His son and lineage successor Sakyong Mipham rinpoche, gave her the title of Acharya, or "senior teacher." From 1980-1985, Judy was the Dean of Naropa Institute (now Naropa University) and continues to serve on its Board of Trustees. She has edited many works by Chögyam Trungpa, published by Shambhala Publications and Vajradhatu Publications. Judy has worked for many years in the field of end of life care, offering workshops for health professionals, caregivers, and people facing life-threatening illness. Her book, *Making Friends with Death: A Buddhist Guide to Encountering Mortality* has been translated into several languages. She is a member of the Madison-Deane Initiative, a Vermont-based organization dedicated to improving the the way society views and cares for the dying. Judy also offers annual programs in Bali, focused on arts and healing, under the auspices of Bali Awake (baliawake.com). Read more: <http://www.shambhala.org/teachers/acharya/jlief.php>

Bob Toth (Discussant)

Robert Toth served as Executive Director of the Merton Institute for Contemplative Living in Louisville, Kentucky from 1998 to 2010. He is currently engaged in several projects related to advancing the contemplative movement and improving the human condition. These include The Contemplative Alliance; the American Education Think Tank; and the National Leadership Congress. He is the co-editor of *Bridges to Contemplative Living*, a popular series designed for small group dialogue. He received his A.B in Classics and M.A. in Education degrees from John Carroll University; taught English in secondary schools for six years; and worked in healthcare administration for twenty-two years before joining the Merton Institute.



Dr. Hyun Kyung (Discussant)

Dr. Chung is a professor of Inter-faith Engagement at Union Theological Seminary in New York City. She is a Korean Eco-Feminist (Salimist), Christian scholar-activist, writer, and international



lecturer, who has been working with different faith communities around the world. As a councilor of International Interfaith Peace Council, she traveled many conflicting areas such as Chiapa, Mexico, Cambodia, Northern Ireland, Israel, Palestine, etc., to participate in the peace-making activities. She is a co-founder of Jo Gak Bo, a dialogue and reconciliation institute between North and South Korean women. Dr. Chung is also a Buddhist Dharma teacher from a Korean Zen lineage. Her teaching and research interest includes Christian Buddhist Dialogue, Zen Meditation, Feminist Liberation Theology, Inter-Spiritual Peace-

Making and Healing, Eco-Feminism and Earth Spirituality, Mysticism and Revolutionary Changes. She tries to synthesize the wisdom from people's movements, spiritual traditions, critical academic analysis, and the world of the arts in her work.

Eddie Stern (Facilitator)

Eddie Stern has been practicing yoga and immersing himself in the Hindu philosophical traditions since 1987. He began teaching yoga in New York in 1989, and opened Ashtanga Yoga New York under the blessings and guidance of Sri K. Pattabhi Jois in 1993. He is the founder of New York's first Vedicly established Hindu temple, the Broome Street Ganesha Temple, and co-founded Namarupa, Categories of Indian Thought, in 2003, a philosophical journal published twice a year. The charitable yoga outreach program of his yoga school currently serves communities in the five boroughs that benefit



from the practices of yoga that otherwise would be difficult for them to receive, including homeless veterans, disabled adults, Down Syndrome, Lupus, hypertension and violence prevention groups. He created a series of thirteen videos for Deepak Chopra's YouTube channel in 2012 that highlights this work, and from this series, called Urban Yogis, arose a program that trains young adults in South Jamaica, Queens, in both the practice and teaching of yoga, and mentors them as they transition into teaching yoga to high school students in the troubled public schools in their communities. The program also leads free yoga classes in the Baisley Projects playground, a well known center of the Queens drug trade in the 90's. Eddie also serves on the board of Project Air, a program that brings yoga, counseling and nutritional support to women and children survivors of the Rwandan genocide, who were raped and infected with AIDS during the 1994 genocide. He served for eleven years on the board of Bent On Learning, a not-for-profit that currently brings yoga and meditation to 3,500 public school children per week, and is currently the New York project manager for the Sonima Health and Wellness Foundation, a program that implements and studies the effect of best practices of health and wellness on public school children. He has published four books on his teacher and Ashtanga Yoga.

Read more: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/eddie-stern/flawed-yoga-studies- b_1078981.html



Saturday, June 22nd

MORNING WORKING GROUPS:

GROUP I (MORGAN LIBRARY) : UNIFYING SPIRITUAL NARRATIVE



Tiokasin Ghosthorse (Beginning the Conversation)

Tiokasin Ghosthorse is from the Cheyenne River Lakota (Sioux) Nation of South Dakota and the bands of Itazipco/Mnicoujou and Oglala. He is the host of First Voices Indigenous Radio on WBAI NY - Pacifica Radio. Tiokasin has been described as “a spiritual agitator, natural rights organizer, Indigenous thinking process educator and a community activator.” One reviewer called him “a cultural resonator in the key of life.”

Tiokasin has had a long history in Indigenous rights activism and advocacy. He spoke, as a teenager, at the United Nations in Geneva, Switzerland. Ever since his UN work, he has been actively educating people who live on Turtle Island (North America) and overseas about the importance of living with each other and with Mother Earth.

He is a survivor of the “Reign of Terror” from 1972 to 1976 on the Pine Ridge, Rosebud and Cheyenne River Lakota Reservations, and the U.S. Bureau of Indian Affairs Boarding and Church Missionary School systems designed to “kill the Indian and save the man.”

Tiokasin Ghosthorse is also a master musician and one of the great exponents of the ancient red cedar Lakota flute, and plays traditional and contemporary music, using both Indigenous and European instruments. He has been a major figure in preserving and reviving the cedar wood flute tradition and has combined “spoken word” and music in performances since childhood. Tiokasin performs worldwide and has been featured at the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine, Lincoln Center, Madison Square Garden, the Metropolitan Museum of Art and at the United Nations as well as at numerous universities and concert venues.

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Rev. Diane Berke (Facilitator)

Diane holds a Master’s Degree in sociology from the University of Pennsylvania, a Master’s Degree in psychology from Yale University, and a Ph.D. in therapeutic counseling. She was co-founder and Senior Minister of the Interfaith Fellowship and is well-versed in the world’s spiritual traditions, psychology, and the Course in Miracles. Ordained as an Interfaith minister in 1988,

Diane became a leading figure in Interfaith education, serving as dean and faculty member at The New Seminary for ten years before becoming its Director from 1998 to 2002. She lives her practice by reaching for love rather than fear, and choosing the path of forgiveness whenever given the opportunity. Diane's ability to hold space in the classroom prompted one student to describe Diane with the statement, "In addition to her intelligence and a heart filled with love and compassion, her presence allows a place for students to confront and heal their wounds, to ground themselves deeply within their spiritual practice, to develop spiritual integrity, and to know their calling to serve God and humanity." Diane has an ability to create an extraordinarily rich learning environment in both classes and private sessions. A psychotherapist and spiritual counselor in private practice for over 25 years, as well as an inspiring teacher for over 20 years, Diane has authored many articles and several books including *Love Always Answers* and *The Gentle Smile*.



GROUP 2 (SHINNYO-EN CENTER) : CREATING A LIFE SERVING ECONOMY



Peter Brown (Beginning the conversation)

Peter G Brown is a Professor at McGill University the author of *Restoring the Public Trust: A Fresh Vision for Progressive Government in America*, and *Ethics, Economics, and International Relations: Transparent Sovereignty in the Commonwealth of Life*, co-author of *Right Relationship: Building a Whole Earth Economy* and several other books. Professor Brown's teaching, research, and service are concerned with ethics, governance, and the protection of the environment. Professor Brown has served as a consultant/advisor to numerous organizations, including the Aspen Institute for Humanistic Studies, the Ford Foundation, Bard College, among several others.

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Leah Hunt-Hendriks (Beginning the conversation)

Leah Hunt-Hendrix is a doctoral candidate at Princeton University in the Religion, Ethics, and Politics program. Her research is in political theory and intellectual history, with a focus on social movements and the construction of solidarity. She is an advisor to the Sister Fund, and is on the board of Free Speech for People, an organization dedicated to restraining the

overextension of corporate power and the role of money in politics. She was born in New York City, and has lived in Egypt, Syria and the West Bank. Her current passion is building community-based economic alternatives on the ground that can serve as beacons for a more just and sustainable economy.

Bob Massie (Beginning the conversation)

Bob Massie is the President and CEO of the New Economics Institute. An ordained Episcopal minister, he received his B.A. from Princeton University, M.A. from Yale Divinity School, and doctorate from Harvard Business School. From 1989 to 1996 he taught at Harvard Divinity School, where he served as the director of the Project on Business, Values, and the Economy. His 1998 book, *Loosing the Bonds: The United States and South Africa in the Apartheid Years*, won the Lionel Gelber prize for the best book on international relations in the world. He was the Democratic nominee for lieutenant governor of Massachusetts in 1994 and a candidate for the United States Senate in 2011.



During his career he has created or led three ground-breaking sustainability organizations, serving as the president of Ceres (the largest coalition of investors and environmental groups in the United States), the co-founder and first chair of the Global Reporting Initiative, and the initiator of the Investor Network on Climate Risk, which currently has over 100 members with combined assets of over \$10 trillion. His autobiography, *A Song in the Night: A Memoir of Resilience*, has just been published by Nan A. Talese/Doubleday.



David Korten (Facilitator)

Co-founder and board chair of YES! Magazine, co-chair of the New Economy Working Group, founder and president of the Living Economies Forum [formerly People-Centered Development Forum (PCDForum)], which is my organizational base, and a member of the Club of Rome. I am also a founding board member emeritus of the Business Alliance for Local Living Economies (BALLE). My books include *Agenda for a New Economy: From Phantom Wealth to Real Wealth*, *The Great Turning: From Empire to Earth Community*, and the international best seller *When Corporations Rule the World*. Read more: <http://www.davidkorten.org/davids-story>

AFTERNOON WORKING GROUPS:

GROUP I (NORTH PARLOR): THE TEMPLE OF UNDERSTANDING: FAITH TRADITIONS, ACTION FOR OUR EARTH AND PARADIGM CHANGE

Sr. Joan Kirby (Beginning the conversation and facilitation)

Joan Kirby, a Religious of the Sacred Heart, represents the Temple of Understanding at the United Nations where she continues to develop educational interfaith programs for people of different faith traditions. In collaboration with Auburn Theological Seminary she designed a program of immersion in Seven Different Religious Traditions. In partnership with the Tibet Center, a program called Masters of Meditation was presented in 2000. Sister Joan is a member of the Assembly of the Parliament of World's Religions and the Monastic Interreligious Dialogue. At the UN she is active on the NGO



Committee for Human Rights and has worked with the DPI/NGO Conference Planning committee.

Sr. Joan chaired the DPI/NGO Conference in 2008, and then chaired the DPI/NGO Executive Committee in 2009 and then became President of the Committee of Religious NGOs at the United Nations. During her time as leader of the RNGOs, a tri-partite Forum was established by the Mission of the Philippines, bringing together Member States, UN Agency Staff and Religious NGOs in an unprecedented alliance at the UN. This led the way for the inclusion of RNGOs in UN major events. In addition, Sr. Joan served on the Steering Committee of the Proposal for a Decade of Inter-Religious Dialogue collaborating with hundreds of religious leaders throughout the world to advocate for a Decade of Dialogue. During her time at the UN she was invited to attend meetings and present papers in China, Malaysia, Taiwan, Korea, Indonesia, London and Geneva. For many years, Sr. Joan has been a student of Zen Buddhism with Roshi Robert Kennedy. She has a keen interest in all different Religious Traditions.

Grove Harris (Beginning the conversation and facilitation)



Grove Harris consults, speaks, and writes on religious diversity and freedom in America, the interfaith movement and environmental activism. She serves as a Representative to the United Nations for the Temple of Understanding, and manages the Interfaith Consortium for Ecological Civilization. She was the Program Director for the 2009 Parliament of the World's Religions, in Melbourne, Australia, and the Managing Director for the Pluralism Project at Harvard University. She is the Regional Coordinator for the New England Maritimes region of the American Academy of

Religion. Her Master of Divinity degree from Harvard (1996) incorporated studies of organizational development and business management into the study of religion and ethics. She is a Wiccan Priestess and blogs on the Huffington Post. Her passions include composting as a spiritual practice and urban bicycling. Her website is www.groveharris.org.

GROUP 2 (SOUTH PARLOR): SPIRITUALITY & SCIENCE: THE SCIENCE OF UNITY

J.J. Hurtak (Beginning the conversation)

James J. Hurtak, Ph.D., Ph.D., M.Th., is Founder and President of The Academy for Future Science, a United Nations NGO (non-government organization) associated with ECOSOC (The Economic and Social Council) and DPI (Department of Public Information). He is a social scientist, futurist, remote sensing and space law specialist. He is author of *The Keys of Enoch®* and over fifteen other books including one he co-authored with physicist, Russell Targ entitled *End of Suffering*. Recently he was a speaker at the United Nations Rio + 20 Conference on Sustainable Development (2012), as well as a presenter at the UN World Summit for Sustainable Development (Johannesburg, 2002). He was also a speaker at the United Nations 60th Annual DPI/NGO Conference on Climate Change, New York (2007) where he introduced new methods of water purification for developing countries.



He has earned two PhDs, one from the University of California, and one from the University of Minnesota. He has spoken at major universities in Europe, South Africa, South America and

the United States, and has spoken before the Russian Academy of Science and the Chinese Academy of Science. He was a speaker at the Quantum Mind Conference (2007) at the University of Salzburg, Austria hosted by Stuart Hameroff and the Center for Consciousness Studies and the Parliament of the World's Religions (1999, 2004, and 2009). His most recent papers (2013) include *Examining the Existence of the Multiverse* and *Universal Scaling Laws in Quantum Theory and Cosmology* co-written with physicist, Dr. Elizabeth Rauscher and Dr. Desiree Hurtak. He is also well known for his work on space law including his paper entitled *The Openness Principle in Multilateral Agreements for Space Exploration* published by the University of Mississippi's National Center for Remote Sensing, Air and Space Law (2009). He is also a Regent of the International Space Development Authority, working with former astronauts on the environment of Outer Space.

Desiree Hurtak (Beginning the conversation)



Desiree Hurtak, Ph.D. MS. Sc. is the Co-Founder of The Academy for Future Science, an International NGO associated with ECOSOC and DPI at the United Nations, working for environmental sustainability and cultural unity. She is a social scientist and author of several books and papers, as well as an award winning graphic film producer. She has also participated and created many films on consciousness development. She has a Masters of Social Science Degree from Syracuse University and a Ph.D. from New School University, specializing in the area of Environmental Public Policy.

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Loch Kelly (Beginning the conversation)

Loch Kelly, MDiv., LCSW, is a graduate of Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary, where he was awarded a fellowship to study Buddhist meditation in Sri Lanka from 1981-2 in both the monasteries and at the University in Kandy. He has also studied the non-dual traditions of Dzogchen with Tulku Ugyen Rinpoche in Nepal and Advaita in India. Loch spent 10 years establishing homeless shelters and community lunch programs and worked in outpatient mental health in Brooklyn, New York.



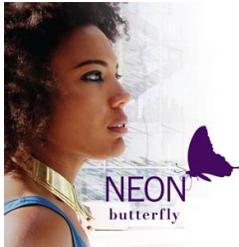
He has also served as the Coordinator of Counseling as well as Interfaith Chaplain for Union Theological Seminary. In addition to having practiced as a non-dual psychotherapist, Loch served on the New York Insight Teachers Council and was invited to teach meditation by Mingyur Rinpoche. Having been asked by Adyashanti in 2004 to share the Dharma and teach the direct path to recognizing our true nature, Loch now offers Evenings of Inquiry and Retreats and gives pointing-out instruction.



Kurt Johnson (Facilitator)

Dr. Kurt Johnson is co-author of a current book on spirituality, science and the globalizing epoch, *The Coming Interspiritual Age* (Namaste Publishers, 2013). He has worked in science and spirituality for over 40 years. As a Christian monk he founded (with Br. Wayne Teasdale) InterSpiritual Dialogue (www.isdna.org) for discussion of contemplative experience across traditions. He serves on the Steering Committee of The Contemplative Alliance (www.gpiw.org) and works closely with the Interfaith and Integral communities worldwide (www.thecominginterspiritualage.com and www.onespiritinterfaith.org). Kurt's PhD is in evolution, ecology, systematics and comparative biology. Associated with the American Museum of Natural History (30 yrs.) he published widely in peer-reviewed journal and popular periodicals. He coauthored the bestselling popular science book *Nabokov's Blues* (2000) and was a coauthor the 2011 Harvard DNA sequence study vindicating Vladimir Nabokov's views of evolution. He is currently completing another book, for Yale University Press, about Nabokov's science and art entitled: *Fine Lines: Nabokov's Art and Science*.

GROUP 3 (SHINNYO-EN CENTER): FINDING COMMON LANGUAGE – SHIFTING THE COLLECTIVE MIND



Abigail Allen (Beginning the conversation)

Abby Allen, Founder, Neon Butterfly Branding & Marketing

A native New Yorker, yoga teacher and Buddhist practitioner, Abby Allen has worked in the advertising and marketing industries for over 12 years on billion dollar brands like Olay, Listerine, L'Oreal and Aunt Jemima. She's launched countless campaigns across everything from print to social media and has had a crazy, creative inspiring ride along the way! She recently left her advertising job to fall head first into serving the world by developing brand strategies, identities and marketing platforms for non-profit organizations and small businesses that are "doing good." So Neon Butterfly was born--a branding and marketing company whose mission is to help people who are helping people and the planet. Because she believes marketing matters as much for saving the world as it does for selling peanut butter, (which she loves to eat in copious amounts).

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Ibrahim Abdul-Matin (Beginning the conversation)

For over a decade Ibrahim Abdul-Matin has been a passionate voice for the planet and its people. He is a consultant with The Frontier Project, the author of *Green Deen: What Islam Teaches About Protecting the Planet* and contributor to *All-American: 45 American Men On Being Muslim*. Ibrahim is a former sustainability policy advisor to New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg and former Outward Bound instructor. In 2002 he helped to found the Brooklyn Academy for Science and the Environment while working . Ibrahim has blogged since 2004 as the Brooklyn Bedouin and has appeared on FOX News, ABC News' "This Week," and the Brian Lehrer Show and on WNYC's nationally syndicated show *The Takeaway*. His writing has appeared in PCMag.com, The Washington Post, CNN.com, The Daily Beast, and GOOD Magazine. In 2013 Ibrahim was honored by NBC's *TheGrio.com* as one of 100 African Americans Making history today.

CONCLUDING SESSION (SHINNYO-EN CENTER): BUILDING A MOVEMENT & CONCLUDING

Myra Jackson (Beginning the conversation)

Myra Jackson is a Wisdom Council Member of the Gaiafield Project. She is described as a Mystic, Embodied Envisioner and Evocateur of the Sacred who is well-rooted in various ancient spiritual, indigenous and tantric lineages (Vajrayana). Myra devotes her time in service to organizations focused on creating the spaces for an awakened humanity and a public policy that supports human values of caring, sharing, love and compassion. Educated as an engineer, Myra found that her early training in electrical theory and design informed her spiritual life. <http://www.Gaiafield.net>



Michael Nagler (Beginning the conversation)

Michael Nagler is Professor Emeritus of Classics and Comparative Literature at UC Berkeley, where he has taught since 1966, and where he founded the Peace and Conflict Studies Program in which he still teaches the upper-division nonviolence course as well as meditation and other courses. Prof. Nagler has spoken and written widely for campus, religious, public and special interest groups on the subject of peace and nonviolence for many years, especially since 9/11. He has consulted for the U.S. Institute of Peace and many other organizations and is President of the board of METTA: Center for Nonviolence Education and of PeaceWorkers, and on numerous other boards, and has recently co-founded Educators For Nonviolence (info@efnv.org). He has worked on nonviolent intervention since the 1970's and served on the Interim Steering Committee of the Nonviolent Peaceforce. In addition to his many articles on peace and spirituality, he is the author of *America Without Violence* (Island Press, 1982), *The Upanishads* (with Sri Eknath Easwaran, Nilgiri Press, 1987) and most recently *The Search for a Nonviolent Future* (Inner Ocean Publishing) which won the 2002 American Book Award and is being used in many courses as well as reading groups around the country (Italian translation appeared in 2005; pending in Korean and Arabic). Michael Nagler is a student of Sri Eknath Easwaran, Founder of the Blue Mountain Center of Meditation, and has lived at the Center's ashram in Marin County since 1970.



Dena Merriam (Facilitator)

Dena Merriam began working in the interfaith movement in the late 1990s when she served as vice chair of the Millennium World Peace Summit of Religious and Spiritual Leaders held at the United Nations in New York. She subsequently convened a meeting of women religious and spiritual leaders at the Palais des Nations in Geneva and from that gathering founded the Global Peace Initiative of Women (GPIW) in 2002, an organization chaired by a multi-faith group of women spiritual leaders. The mission of this organization is to enable women to facilitate healing and reconciliation in areas of conflict and post-conflict, and to bring spiritual resources to help address critical global problems. Since its founding, GPIW has been working on programs in many different countries around the world including in Israel/Palestine, Iraq, Sudan, Afghanistan and Cambodia. GPIW also developed, in partnership with the United Nations, a global leadership program for young community leaders.

GPIW's work in the area of peace-building has expanded to include fostering new models of development, inclusive and sustainable, and to changing attitudes toward the environment, regaining the sense of awe, respect and reverence for earth and her life systems. Ms. Merriam's work at GPIW has been devoted to creating a global platform for religious and spiritual leaders and to engaging their leadership more actively on the world stage. For over 35 years, Dena Merriam has been a student of Paramahansa Yogananda and a practitioner of Kriya Yoga meditation.



Angel Kyodo Williams (Facilitator)

Dubbed "the most vocal and most intriguing African-American Buddhist in America," by Library Journal, Rev. angel Kyodo williams is a maverick spiritual teacher, master trainer and author.

She is Founder of Center for Transformative Change. Trained in the Zen tradition, by the time she was 30, she published her first book, the critically acclaimed, *Being Black: Zen and the Art of Living with Fearlessness and Grace*. The book was hailed as "a classic" by Buddhist teacher Jack Kornfield,

and "an act of love" by Pulitzer Prize winner, Alice Walker.

Rev. angel has been thinking about the intersection of spirituality and social change for over 20 years. Recognizing the need for a non-triggering term to describe the emerging pockets of work that united and unified the theory of change--inner with the outer, personal with social--she applied the phrase "transformative social change" to what was routinely called "this work."

Today, that phrase is used to describe the approach, the process, the field, itself, and ideally, the outcome. Her new book, *Enough: Sufficiency from Stuff to Spirit*, is on the horizon.