



Emerging Ecology Worldview Salon

Workshop Report
April 30, 2017

The Worldview salon on April 30, 2017 concluded with a participatory workshop aimed at identifying the key elements of responsible action in the 21st Century. First, individuals prepared their own lists, then pairs melded their lists together – see Page 2. At the end, a Plenary Product was culled from the pairs' lists by discerning common threads among the three lists.

Final Product

A responsible person will:

1. Use inclusive approaches to problem solving, welcome differing approaches and use respectful language that has a goal of caring for all.
2. Cultivate empathy in relationships with different ages and cultures to build social structures that respect everyone.
3. Consciously interact with the natural world.
4. Embody guidelines and programs that enhance the Planet's long-range habitability.
5. Develop one's own guidance system that ensures logic, reflection, learning and internal peace.
6. Complete universal education with logic as a required test for graduation.
7. Contribute to society by mentoring, teaching or via public life.
8. Know that life's plans are not straight lines and revel in this as a celebration of life.

Workshop participants included: Bill Bingham, Elaine Stover, Joe Saldarini, Nelson Stover, Steve Barnes and Tom Duckwall.

Pair Reports

The group divided into three groups. Individuals in the teams shared their personal lists and developed the following three lists. Together, these provided the grist for the work of the final plenary session.

Note: Numbers in () indicate the item in the final report in which this element was included.

Group A – A responsible person will:

1. Set conditions for truth telling (6)
2. Require we be highly informed about the world (6)
3. Use Einstein's test for insanity (5)
4. Cultivate empathy (2)
5. Think critically about our place on Earth and in society (5)
6. Develop a standard for measuring our carbon footprint applicable to all societal elements (4)
7. Use an inclusive approach to problem solving (1)

Group B – A responsible person will:

1. Welcome the differences among people and seek to turn all to the larger group's advantage (1)
2. Have a "good" education and continue learning (6)
3. Build on the opportunities offered by others (8)
4. Study, reflect and develop their own guidance system (5)
5. Engage from time to time in the community's public life (7)
6. Interact frequently with the Earth (soil) (3)
7. Mentor and teach – formally or informally (7)
8. Have personal relationships with different cultures and ages (2)

Group C – A responsible person will:

1. Speak with respect and care for all – use inclusive language (1)
2. Relate positively to the natural world (wetlands and all species) (3)
3. Keep Earth habitable (4)
4. Find internal peace – before acting (5)
5. Build social structures that respect all (2)
6. Affirm challenges and frustrations as opportunities (8)
7. Make informed decisions from accurate information (6)
8. Willingly contribute to social overhead (7)