

Deep Ecology and the Conservation of Nature

Friday 10th
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7 - 9pm



An Evening of Film, Music, and Poetry with John Seed

Author, musician, film-maker, and long-term rainforest activist and, with Joanna Macy, creator of the Council of All Beings www.rainforestinfo.org.au

Deep ecology is a philosophy of nature that sees that underlying the environmental crisis is a psychological or spiritual disease stemming from the illusion of separation between humans and the rest of the natural world.

This blight of separation plagues modern humanity and is the underlying root of the ecological crisis of our times; the culturally-conditioned, competitive, isolated self is the engine of the 6th extinction spasm currently unfolding around us. Arne Naess, Emeritus Professor of Philosophy of Oslo University who coined the term "deep ecology", said that "ecological ideas are not enough"; we need "ecological identity, ecological self". Naess says that this is to be brought about through community therapies, "healing our relations to a widest community, that of all living beings".

In this seminar, John Seed (www.rainforestinfo.org.au/deep-eco/johnseed.htm) includes music, poetry, and short films in exploring this illusion of separation and how we can move beyond it. Films include *Earth Spirit Action & Reweaving Shiva's Robes*



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