

# Islands in a Chaotic World

- Building strong connections for uncertain times -

**Deep Ecology Working Conference**

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As we proceed into third millennium, we realize we have reached a point where the choices we make determine where following generations will have a life worth living. The future of all life on Earth is in our hands.

Collapse and dissolution now threaten all social structures and ecological systems on which complex life forms depend. Accelerating and devastating climate changes along with resource wars, spiraling poverty, and the poisoning of oceans, rivers and soil: this chaos is as terrifying as it is hard to believe.

Will Earth allow us one more 'dance' so we can design a decent life for all and a sustainable future? Or is our only hope a meager, private attempt at survival as long as we can?

We all are living systems, interdependent and mutually belonging in the web of life. In every decision and action, we affect each other reciprocally in ripples of causality we cannot see or measure. Along with self-reflexive consciousness comes intention, i.e. the capacity to choose.

In this time of chaos, we need islands where our intention can be clarified and strengthened. There we can remember who we are and how far we have traveled together. We learn to cherish our evolutionary achievement of conscious interconnectedness. On those islands, we can help each other to know the power of our solidarity and creativity.

On our journey in uncertain times, the challenge is on every level: We need our cognitive ability to understand the causal relationships. We need our compassion and vitality to keep our inspiration fresh. We need to perceive our role in the Great Turning, guided by insight into the dependent co-arising of all things, and always the courage to act.

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The conference ends: Saturday, June 12, 2010 (after lunch about 1.30 pm)

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