

What Does Indigenous Wisdom Offer the New Story?


The next meeting of the New Story Group is Monday, February 27, from 7:00 to 9:00pm on Zoom. Come at 6:30pm for fellowship. Newcomers are always welcome!

To participate in this event [click this link](#) or call 1-646-558-8656 and provide the Meeting ID 875 6881 1869 and passcode 101225.

Our program on Indigenous wisdom is based on readings from *RESTORING THE KINSHIP WORLDVIEW: Indigenous voices introduce 28 precepts for rebalancing life on planet earth* by Wahinkpe Topa (Four Arrows) and Darcia Narvaez, Ph.D. (North Atlantic Books, 2022). We will read aloud and discuss precepts chosen by members of the group.

“Indigenous worldviews, and the knowledge they confer, are critical for human survival and the wellbeing of future generations. Editors Wahinkpe Topa (Four Arrows) and Darcia Narvaez present 28 powerful excerpted passages from Indigenous leaders, including Mourning Dove, Robin Wall Kimmerer, Winona LaDuke, and Xiuhtezcatl Martinez. Accompanied by the editors’ own analyses, each chapter reflects the wisdom of Indigenous worldview precepts.” [Amazon Review]

For more information and list of resources, please visit the New Story [web page here](#). To be placed on the email list for New Story News and notices of future meetings contact Cornelia Parkes new-story@fmcquaker.org.



**BRIAN SWIMME FREE BOOK LAUNCH ON THURS.,
FEB. 23, 7:00 to 8:30 PM ET to celebrate his new
book, COSMOGENESIS. REGISTRATION REQUIRED!**

[Click here to register!](#)

Harvard Divinity School Offering

The Program for the Evolution of Spirituality is delighted to now welcome registrants for our "Indigenous Religious Traditions" working group. [Click here for more information](#).

Making Space for Indigenous Voices: Sharing Our Stories with the World

Waubgeshig Rice and Host Christine Luckasavitch. Wednesday, March 29, 11:00am PDT (Check for EST or EDT closer to date) Zoom event. Free (by donation). [Register here](#).

What Stories Does the Land Hold? is a conversation series co-presented by the [Center for Humans and Nature](#) and [The New School at Commonweal](#) as part of the Center's Questions for a Resilient Future Series. Across the world, Indigenous people share something in common: a connection to land and their Ancestral territories. This series of conversations spotlights a collection of Indigenous voices telling the stories of the land and its stories, connecting us to each other and to all of our relations.

Possible themes for future New Story meetings

Can you add books and videos or topics to this list?

Perception

[Temple Grandin: Society Is Failing Visual Thinkers, and That Hurts Us All](#)

The New York Times Opinion, January 9, 2023, [available here](#).

Ms. Grandin is a professor of animal science at Colorado State University and the author of "Visual Thinking: The Hidden Gifts of People Who Think in Pictures, Patterns and Abstractions."

[How Attention Works: Finding Your Way in a World Full of Distraction](#)

by Stefan Van Der Stigchel and Danny Guinan | Mar 12, 2019

"The visual attention system is efficient, Van der Stigchel writes, because it doesn't waste energy processing every scrap of visual data it receives; it gathers only relevant information. We focus on one snippet of information and assume that everything else is stable and consistent with past experience; that's why most people miss even the most glaring continuity errors in films. If an object doesn't meet our expectations, chances are we won't see it." [Amazon Review]

Ecological Civilization

[What Is Ecological Civilization? Crisis, Hope, and the Future of the Planet](#)

by Philip Clayton and Wm. Andrew Schwartz | Sep 8, 2019

"This book explores the idea of ecological civilization by asking eight key questions about it and drawing answers from relational philosophies, the ecological sciences, systems thinking and network theory, and the world's religious and spiritual traditions. It concludes that a genuinely ecological civilization is not a utopian ideal, but a practical way to live. To recognize this, and to begin to take steps to establish it, is the foundation for realistic hope." [Amazon Review]

[A Living Earth Economy for an Ecological Civilization](#)

by David Korten | [This presentation](#) was delivered on January 30, 2017, at the 20th annual [International Week](#), hosted by the [Global Education Program](#) at the University of Alberta in Edmonton. A printable PDF version is available [HERE](#).

Korten offers an approach that seeks transformation at the most fundamental levels: a shift in values that promotes life over money and promotes the common good. Korten's demands for

reform, going back to his early work, *When Corporations Rule the World*, break so radically with the current world order that they can only be interpreted as a call for civilizational change. [Philip Clayton, *What is Ecological Civilization?* p. 77]

Climate Action

[XR Boston Stages State House Sit-In](#), Demands Governor Healey Ban New Fossil Fuel Infrastructure (February 10, 2023)



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