

Cultivating Ecological Wisdom

Perceiving, Thinking, &
Acting with Earth in
Mind, Heart, & Soul

Facilitated by Mark Hathaway
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Course Description

Arne Naess once described his deep ecology as an *ecosophia*, or ecological wisdom: "All 'sophical' insight should be directly relevant for action" and involve a "conscious change of attitude towards the conditions of life in the ecosphere." Ecological wisdom consists of the diverse modes of consciousness and perception—along with the knowledge, skills, and emotional intelligence—needed to bring forth an ecologically sustainable, spirituality fulfilling, and socially just human presence on Earth.

During this workshop, a variety of experiential exercises and practices will be employed to help participants to reflect on and deepen their own experience of ecological wisdom. As well, the facilitator will present a number of key ideas from his research drawing on scientific, spiritual, and psychological perspectives to enrich the group's reflections. In the process, we will attempt to more clearly describe the experience of ecological wisdom, the way it affects both our consciousness and actions, and the transformative learning that has been most helpful in educating, cultivating, and nourishing it in our own lives.

Facilitator: Mark Hathaway

Mark is an adult educator and the co-author (with Leonardo Boff) of the award-winning book *The Tao of Liberation: Exploring the Ecology of Transformation* (Orbis Books, 2009).

Mark has extensive experience as a facilitator, eco-justice advocate, and researcher in Latin America & Canada. He is engaged in doctoral studies at the University of Toronto where his teaching and research focuses on adult transformative learning and ecological worldviews.



Mark Hathaway is an engaging and passionate speaker [whose] powerful message of hope is grounded in the understanding that although we are living in a period of crisis, this time can also be a moment of turning. – Judi McCallum

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