

New Story News for April 2022

Why Wars? Why Climate Destruction? Why Ukraine?

At the next meeting of the New Story Group on April 25 at 7:00pm, we will look for answers to these questions in the theory of Collective Trauma as presented by William Ury and Thomas Hübl. [William Ury](#), co-founder of Harvard's Program on Negotiation, has over the decades helped war-ravaged societies overcome their collective trauma to reach common goals of peace and prosperity. [Thomas Hübl](#) is a spiritual teacher, founder of The Academy of Inner Science, and author of *Healing Collective Trauma: A Process for Integrating Our Intergenerational and Cultural Wounds*.¹ We will watch Ury and Hübl in an episode of the [Collective Trauma Online Summit](#).

The number of organizations offering New Story programs is growing! Here is a sample of eleven (11) offerings that you may be interested in pursuing. And one event that's for fun. Why? Because...It's SPRING and we need to get away from our screens. And because environmental sustainability begins locally.

Earth Literacies

- **Herman Greene** will lead a four-week course sponsored by [Earth Literacies](#) on April 19, April 26, May 3, and May 10, 2022, on Zoom, at 10 am to noon Pacific (1 pm to 3 pm NYC time). The title of the course is *Living in Transapocalyptic Times - Thomas Berry's Ecozoic Vision the Basics: Why it Matters More Than Ever*.
Transapocalyptic means we are living in the ending of the world as we know it, but it is not the end of the world. How do we live effectively in a world that is both falling apart and bringing forth something new? What will that new be?

Herman Greene, JD, MA, MDiv, DMin is founder and president of the [Center for Ecozoic Studies](#) in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, the Thomas Berry Scholar-in-Residence of the Earth Law Center, and is co-author and co-editor of *Earth Law: Emerging Ecocentric Law—A Guide for Practitioners*

6th Annual Jerry's Pond Clean Up, Earth Day Celebration and More!

- Sunday, April 24, from 1:30—5:00pm: A great festival and you can see and hear all the amazing things that are taking place in the Alewife area! [See flyer](#).

¹ By coincidence on April 25, Hübl is offering a workshop on "Trauma and the Path of the Soul on Earth" organized by the International Institute of Process-Oriented Psychology and Psychotraumatology, Moscow, Russia, in English and Russian

Join [Friends of Jerry's Pond](#) for our sixth annual Earth Day Festival (aka "PondFest!"), co-sponsored this year by [IQHQ](#), [Alewife Study Group](#), [Mass Audubon](#), [Green Cambridge](#), [Just-A-Start](#) and [Devine Native Planting](#).

We're planning art-making activities, invasives wrangling, native garden weeding, a bit of clean-up, Audubon wildlife handling, entertainment by Bengali dancers, a honk band, and an ice cream truck! We'll have tabling with updates on IQHQ's reopening of the pond to public access, a proposed "EcoCenter," plans for Community Garden, and other great proposals.



Jerry's Pond, also known as "Jerry's Pit," has been fenced-in and overgrown since 1961. *Courtesy Photo/Joyce Doherty*



IQHQ, the owner of Jerry's Pit in North Cambridge, announced its intention to remediate and restore the land as open space for public use. *Courtesy Rendering/IQHQ*

Extinction Rebellion

- Friday, April 22 [**Freedom From Fossil Fuels Tour**](#) This Earth Day join Extinction Rebellion Boston as we kick off our No New Fossil Fuel Infrastructure Campaign with our Freedom from Fossil Fuels Tour. We must act now! The latest IPCC report states that climate change is happening so rapidly that it could overwhelm the ability to adapt. In Massachusetts and New England our government, influenced by the methane gas and manufacturer industries, is continuing to build new fossil fuel infrastructure in climate justice communities and moving too slowly on transitioning to renewable energy.
- **Red Rebels** in the news. See [The Boston Scope for March 27, 2022](#)

Orion Magazine

- **"The Language of Trees: A Conversation with Alison Hawthorne Deming and Kathleen Dean Moore"** Tuesday, April 26, 2:00 - 3:15 EDT. [Register here](#).

We're partnering with the Forest School at the Yale School of the Environment to present the third event in a series to celebrate our latest anthology, *Old Growth*. "The Language of Trees" will feature a conversation between Alison Hawthorne Deming, author of *Zoologies: On Animals and the Human Spirit*, and Kathleen Dean Moore, author of *Earth's Wild Music: Celebrating and Defending the Songs of the Natural World*.

The event will foster a dialogue around the language of trees: how they communicate with one another, and how their futures are shaped by the language with which humans describe them. Moderating the event is **Mary Evelyn Tucker**, co-author of *Journey of the Universe* and co-founder of Yale's Forum on Religion and Ecology.

Harvard Divinity School

- "Inaugural Ecological Spiritualities Conference" Wednesday-Saturday, April 27-30, 2022

The theme of our inaugural conference will be "Ecological Spiritualities." Presentations and workshops will explore the evolution of earth-based spiritual traditions and highlight innovative spiritual practices that are emerging in response to the painful realities of climate change, mass extinction, biodiversity loss, and the disruption of local and global ecosystems. [Click here for program details and to register.](#)

Deeptime Network

To see Deeptime Network sponsored events, courses, and professional development programs, [click here](#). ENJOY!!

- [Essential Teachings of Creation Spirituality](#)

Matthew Fox's fascinating lecture, offered on the Deeptime Network, on March 30, 2022, covers the significant contribution of medieval Creation Spirituality mystics to the New Cosmology movement today. Matthew Fox's life work has been to uncover essential teachings of the creation spirituality tradition, a tradition often trampled on, condemned, and almost forgotten due to agendas of empire-building in the name of religion. Yet these teachings, long ignored, have contributed to the New Cosmology movement today and can awaken the very consciousness we need for creating a flourishing future for our planet.

- "Finding our Home in the Cosmic Story" by **Dr. Sarbmeet Kanwal**. [Blog March 21, 2022.](#)

Brian Swimme has said, "The universe is a glorious outpouring of being." Since all being is evoked through allurement, one can say that the universe is a glorious flow of allurement. The beings that emerge along the way help move and channel this sacred river of allurement that first gushed out from the great flaring forth at the beginning of time.

Yale Forum on Religion and Ecology

- "Religions and Ecology: Restoring the Earth Community" with **Mary Evelyn Tucker** and **John Grimm** and others. Starts April 1. [Enroll here.](#)
- Enroll in these free courses from Yale University and Coursera to understand the ecological teachings and practices of religious traditions across the planet.

1. [Introduction to Religions and Ecology](#)
2. [Indigenous Religions and Ecology](#)
(representatives from each continent)
3. [South Asian Religions and Ecology](#)
(Hinduism, Jainism, Buddhism, Sikhism, Baha'i Faith)
4. [East Asian Religions and Ecology](#)
(Confucianism, Daoism, Buddhism, Shinto)
5. [Western Religions and Ecology](#)
(Judaism, Christianity, Islam)

These Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) explore the ecological dimensions of the world's religions. Developed over the course of several years, they draw on a rich variety of lectures, videos, readings, and interviews with scholars, religious leaders, and environmental practitioners from around the world. They highlight religious ideas and practices inspiring ecojustice movements in response to the challenges of the climate emergency, biodiversity loss, and pollution. Accessible to a general audience

Findhorn Foundation

- [Creating Findhorn Where You Are](#)

A new online workshop that shares practices, rituals, and spiritual deepening to create the magic of Findhorn wherever you are in the world. An eight-week online journey from July 12 to August 30, 2022.

- [Spirit of Iona: Wisdom of the Celtic World for Our Time](#)

Be inspired by stories and traditions of the Celtic festivals in this year-long online retreat, embracing the mystical, magical, and healing message of the sacred Isle of Iona. This course, with Katherine Collis and others, explores and celebrates the Celtic festivals through the year. May 1, 2022, through May 30, 2023.

Upaya Institute and Zen Center

- [Joanna Macy and Our World](#)

Upaya Zen Center welcomes beloved Buddhist author and visionary activist/scholar, Joanna Macy, to address our Socially Engaged Buddhist Training Program, along with the extended Upaya world community. With her will be close colleagues Stephanie Kaza and Wendy Johnson. This online, donation-based session takes place on Sunday, May 15, 2022, 12:00 to 2:30pm EDT.

House of Beautiful Business

- “How to make sense of this beautiful moment?” a conversation with Charles Eisenstein and Bayo Akomolafe.

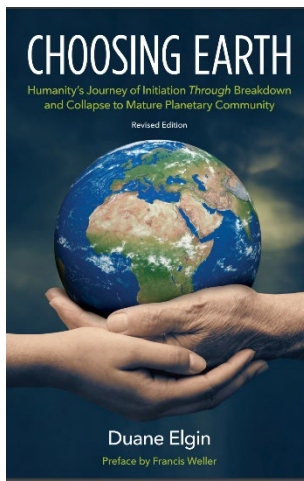
Watch philosophers (and best friends) Bayo Akomolafe and Charles Eisenstein tell the story of how our world cracked open—and elaborate on what we can do about it. Bayo and Charles’ conversation was recorded as part of Concrete Love, the signature gathering of [House of Beautiful Business](#) that took place in November, 2021, in Lisbon and online [here](#). Chapters may be viewed individually.

Quotes:

Seeking a technology of humility

The times are urgent; let us slow down.

Choosing Earth Project



- [Here](#) is a link to the PDF version of Duane Elgin’s latest book, *Choosing Earth: Humanity’s Journey of Initiation Through Breakdown and Collapse to Mature Planetary Community*, also available as an eBook and in print. Elgin brilliantly draws our vision into, and then beyond these tragedies of our own making, presenting collapse as an integral part of our rite of passage if humanity is to grow into conscious relationship with life.
- *Facing Adversity: Choosing Earth, Choosing Life* is a 70-minute documentary featuring Duane Elgin and others that explores the speed, depth and magnitude of our growing planetary crisis, and the opportunity we have to meet this crisis consciously – with eyes and hearts wide open. Find the film [here](#).

The Purpose Guide Institute (PGI)

- “Climate Change as Spiritual Practice: Transforming Anxiety into Empowerment” with Joanna Macy and Jonathan Gustin. Tuesday, May 10, 3:00- 5:00pm EDT

Join in this sacred council with Joanna Macy, author of *Active Hope*, and [PGI](#) Founder Jonathan Gustin, to discover your authentic place in the world and to offer your soul-level purpose as a gift of service to life in this time. Register [here](#).