

Living Like the Earth is Sacred

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<p>Opening: Each of us that encountered Thomas are finding our own ways to turn his inspiration into action. This presentation overlays Thomas’ words onto my experiences as shown in pictures.</p>	<p>Rational Objective: Convey some practical implications of Thomas’ wisdom and writings.</p>	<p>Existential Aim: “Wow, this includes me; I’m on the cutting edge of history.”</p>	<p>Closing: I look forward to each of you as we work together in the task of giving practical form and long-term viability to the Ecozoic Era that Thomas has helped us envision.</p>
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A. Thomas’ Foundational Wisdom	B. Imagination’s Big Leap	C. Four Transformative Institutions	D. Fresh Operational Paradigms
<p>1. Appreciating the numinous In sunsets The human is integral with the Earth</p>	<p>5. We live in an Emerging Universe, For 14 billion years and still today</p>	<p>9. Educational From silo thinking to systems thinking in a big context</p>	<p>13. Language Patterns From static to systemic, Descriptive to metaphorical</p>
<p>2. “At the species level...in a time-developmental context ..” On-going emergence</p>	<p>6. Among a Communion of Subjects, Where every entity has dignity, creativity and rights</p>	<p>10. Religious From rehearsing old stories To seeing the sacred in all beings within an emerging reality</p>	<p>14. Personal Growth From consciousness to corporateness</p>
<p>3. “... Through Story and shared dream experience.” Cosmology – the big story</p>	<p>7. Where each can Experience At-one-ness and Each can directly relate to All</p>	<p>11. Economic From an extractive consumption To building mutually enhancing relationships</p>	<p>15. Lifestyle Patterns From stuff to significance</p>
<p>4. Four Institutions Toward restoring the relationship between the human and non- human modes of being</p>	<p>8. All Participate in Shaping Tomorrow. Actively or passively</p>	<p>12. Political From power of a few humans to participation of all beings</p>	<p>16. Worldviews in action From Forest to Farm to Factory to Formations</p>

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This presentation focuses on discerning the practical implications of two major themes in Thomas’ writings within the context of the four institutions on which his attention centered. Thomas has often been quoted as saying, “The historical mission of our time is to reinvent the human – at the species level ... “. He also focused on the epic qualities of the evolutionary story of the emerging Universe. Thomas highlighted four institutions – economic, educational, political and religious – in which major changes are required.

In the interrelated global society of the 21st Century, these themes and foci of Thomas’ work provide clues for new forms of social interaction and personal development. This presentation builds on Thomas’ work and provides strategic clues for people interested in giving institutional form to his spiritual insights. This requires that attention be given both to the individual and to the social dimensions of these changes occurring both in the external situation on Planet Earth and within the consciousness of individuals and society as a whole. From the individual perspective, Thomas’ work provides a framework for seeing and interacting with the natural world as a mode of revelation of the divine presence in the cosmos. Relative to institutional perspectives, Thomas’ understanding of the patterns of the Universe provides fresh clues for organizing and managing organizations. Combined, the principles of Thomas’ work provide a foundation for creative actions by future generations as they work to build mutually enhancing relationships between the human and non-human worlds.

This presentation is available as a YouTube Video at https://youtu.be/siW_aL0wUus. Additional information is available on the Emerging Ecology website at www.EmergingEcology.org.