

Our way back home

"Modernity [has] failed: it has become a threat to the survival of life on our planet. Consumption...the insatiable hunger of modernity is built-in: no amount of re-shuffling the deck...can change this. But...there is also...a different sort of hunger – a yearning for spiritual depth and renewal. Our sense of an overwhelming loss of wholeness, meaning and authenticity drives a new impulse."

"The crisis of modernity...is a failure of vision in which our disembodied life-world has lost its "place" in existence. We no longer see ourselves within the webs and cycles of nature. The loss of a direct relationship to the world terminates a once universal human understanding of our oneness with the natural world...[an] intimacy with the world as the immanent basis of spirituality."

"This understanding is an essential and irreplaceable foundation of human health and meaningfulness. Only if these ties are re-established can spirituality that matters return."

"Modernity takes us ever further from home...and denies any homecoming. [A] new spiritual dimension...could lead us back. What bars our way is our failure to put an end to reigning institutions and illusions. We must allow ourselves to see what has happened to us...the origins of this disaster...[and] that it is not impossible to bring disaster to a halt - to imagine and strike out in new directions - by embracing spirit in its earth-based reality...to make our way to what still awaits all around us – to find our way back home."1

1 Zerzan. J.(2008)Twilight of the machines.Feral House. Port Townsend. WA