

Changing Human Activities from a Technozoic to an Ecozoic Age

Techno-Industrial Age	Ecological Age	Ecozoic Age
<p>Economic Systems Multinational corporation. Assume scarcity. Competition. Limitless economic growth. Economic “development.” No accounting of nature.</p>	<p>Community-based economies. Assume interdependence. Cooperation and competition. Limits to growth. Steady state, sustainability. Economics based on ecology.</p>	<p>Economics as a religious issue. Everything has intrinsic value.</p>
<p>Technology Addiction to fossil fuel. Profit-driven technologies. Waster overload. Exploitation, consumerism.</p>	<p>Reliance on renewables. Appropriate technologies. Recycling, reusing. Protect and restore ecosystems.</p>	<p>Is it good for the whole community of Life? Biomimicry.</p>
<p>Political Systems Nation-state sovereignty. Centralized national authority. Patriarchal oligarchies. Cultural homogeneity. National security focus. Militarism.</p>	<p>Multinational federations. Decentralized bioregions Egalitarian democracies Pluralistic societies. Human and environment focus. Commitment to nonviolence.</p>	<p>Planetary Socialism. Rights originate where existence originates.</p>
<p>Education & Research Specialized Disciplines “Value-free knowledge” Science/humanities split</p>	<p>Integrative disciplines Unconscious values explicated Unified worldview</p>	<p>All subjects taught within context of Universe Story</p>
<p>Role of the Human Conquest of nature. Dominion, control. Heroic individualism. Exploitation and management. Anthropocentric.</p>	<p>Living as part of nature. Co-evolution, symbiosis. Ecological consciousness. Stewardship, restoration. Biocentric or Ecocentric. Nature has intrinsic value.</p>	<p>Participate in the present emerging spirituality. The individual is key: Discover the Source, Beingness within. In order to connect to the Sacredness Beingness of Earth/Universe</p>
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<p>From Ralph Metzner, Green Psychology & Thomas Berry, Dream of the Earth</p>		
		<p>To celebrate & be the self-reflective consciousness of the Universe.</p>

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Theology & Religion

Nature as background.
Nature as demonic.
Transcendent divinity.
Creation as fallen, corrupt.
Monotheism.

Animism.
Nature as sacred.
Immanent Divinity.
Creation spirituality.
Polytheism, panentheism.

Meta-religious age.
Intimacy with all subjects.
New Identity—I am
Earth/Universe.

Human Social Relations

Sexism, patriarchy.
Racism, ethnocentrism.
Hierarchies of class.

Ecofeminism.
Mutculturalism, diversity.
Social ecology, ecojustice.

Establishing a mutually
enhancing Earth/Human
relationship.

Scientific Paradigms

Mechanomorphic.
Universe as machine.
Earth as inert matter.
Life as random chemistry.
Determinism.
Atomism.

Organismic.
Universe as process or story.
Gaia: Earth as supper-organism.
Life as autopoiesis.
Chaos: nonlinear dynamics
Holism and system theory.

History of Universe as our
creation story not tied to any one
cultural tradition...but instead
gathers every human group into
its meanings.

Human Relationship to Land

Land use: farming, herding.
Competing for territory.
Owning “real estate.”
Natural Resource.

Dwelling in place.
Reinhabiting the bioregion.
Natural world is a community of
mutually supporting life systems.

Land ethic: thinking like
a mountain.
A new Mystique of the land,
including Earth as an
interrelated, irreversible process,
and progress includes the
natural/human.
Interrelated systems of
bioregions, not a group of
nations.

Agriculture

Monoculture farming.
Agribusiness, factory farms
Chemical fertilizers and
pesticides.
Vulnerable high-yield hybrids.

Poly and permaculture.
Family farms.
Organic farming.
Biological pest control.
Preservation of genetic diversity.

Community supported
agriculture.