

## DAILY SUMMARY: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

OUR FOCUS: Change the Story: Change the Future

### KEYNOTE HIGHLIGHTS | David Korten

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#### Our Collective Challenge:

- As a species, we have to take ourselves to a place we've never been before. None of us has the answer; or the path. We have to find it together.
- We need to view our current "problems" as symptoms and learn to look further upstream and determine that system failure creating it and work to fix that. Today's environmental and social crises are signals (symptoms) of a global system that is failing
- What if we managed our cities based on people's sense of satisfaction with their lives? It would fundamentally shift what we do and shift our priorities.
- We must heal ourselves so we can heal the earth that sustains us

#### Creating a New Vision of the Future by Changing Our Story

- To address the challenges our species and our globe are facing we need to break out of the stories that separate us from our purpose. More than any other species, humans live by our cultural stories and beliefs. The choice of our story chooses our future.
- If we can get our story right, we can live in balance with each other and our natural world. If we chose wrong, as a species we have the capacity to be infinitely self-destructive. "We may be the first species to choose our own self-extinction" – Matthew Fox

#### Our Current Reality: 3 Statistics that Illustrate the Context for Creating Cities of Tomorrow

1. **Our Global Footprint** – Our global consumption is currently 1.7 times the capacity for the earth to sustain our collective survival
2. **Inequality** – According to OXFAM, the 8 wealthiest individuals have wealth that is equivalent to 50% of the rest of the world (3.7 billion people). The imbalance between haves and have-nots is getting worse at an accelerated rate. We are now experiencing a greater level of inequality than any time in human experience.
3. **Climate Change & Extreme Weather Events** – Storms, floods and droughts etc. rendering larger portions of our earth inhabitable while our population continues to grow. By 2100 our population is projected to increase by 50%.

#### Choosing Our Story

- What is the collective story that we want to live into? **The Sacred Money & Markets Story** or the **Sacred Life & Living Earth Story**?
- **The Sacred Money Economy & Markets Story** – Money is wealth; the earth is a source of resources; the earth belongs to us; growing consumption grows happiness; poverty is a result of laziness; we all do best when we seek to maximize our individual wealth.

- **The Sacred Life & Living Earth Story** – Money has no external value; poverty is the consequence of a lack of equal opportunity and signal/symptom of the failure of our economic system; community creates and maintains the conditions of self-sufficiency. Life can exist only in communities of organisms that self-organize to maintain the conditions essential to their own existence. GDP encourages the monetizing of relationships.

### Framing Our Path Forward

- We need to envision cities of the future within a frame of:
  - Thinking in terms of bio-regions
  - Thinking in terms of the relationship between urban AND rural and how they relate to each other
  - Re-thinking the Concept of Global Corporations – There’s a difference between small & medium local businesses and global corporations that are disconnected from local communities. Corporations should be created only to serve a public purpose.

### Words of Wisdom

- We will prosper in the pursuit of life or will perish in the pursuit of money. The choice is ours.
- We as people, have the right, the means and the power. We are the ones we have been waiting for. The time is now. The window of opportunity is closing.

## LEARNING WALL HIGHLIGHTS:

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### Narratives

- To change the story, we need to plant the seeds of different ideas.
- Urban and rural – need to overcome artificial divides and harmful narratives about “the other”
- To have the most clear, captured story it is important to explain the process.

### Going Deeper

- Must include indigenous knowledge, wisdom & practice into co-creation.
- What does spiritual abundance really mean?

- In moments of stress we drop the pretense and become human beings.

### AHA Moments

- How do we share and diffuse the concept of the “living community” in our community? (particularly when the communities may not “buy-in” to the paradigm)
- How can I heal myself, others, places as contribution to healing the earth?
- How do I measure intangibles:
  - in ways that matter?
  - In ways that honour the work?
  - In ways that are culturally relevant

## SOCIAL MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS:

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**Holly Nimmons** @HollyNimmons – #CCI2017 participants...look down? What do you see? Just a rug? Interconnections, relationships?

**Felicia Ochs** @FeliciaOchs – Is there a way to have #CCI2017 groups SHARE their spine stories? The ones I’m hearing are SO good! Please!

**Marilyn Hamilton** @integralcity Story spine babes...open eyes, ears, mouths = ♥ connecting small passions to big change.

**Darcel Moro** @darcelmoro How can an individual make change with their personal story? We must rebuild community and relationships #CCI2017