

~ Syllabus ~  
**Apocalypse Now! Course Outline**  
**(Grid Form)**

**Fall 2010**

[ Guest presenters' dates are subject to change.  
 Initial reading/video assignments (first three class sessions)  
 will be announced prior to the beginning of class on September  
 7. Subsequent readings/videos will be generated as the needs of  
 our in-class community evolve. ]

<p><b><u>September 7</u></b></p> <p><b>Gratitude</b></p> <p><b>&amp;</b></p> <p><b>The Earth as Sacred</b></p>	<p>1</p>	<p>Welcome. Opening the circle of directions for the course.</p> <p>Ritual Gratitude.</p> <p>Course Basics, including Mini-Lecture re TGT/UnR &amp; Call to Gaia.</p> <p>Introductions: (1) What motivated me to take this course? and (2) How do I believe it relates to my call to religious leadership?</p> <p>The Earth as Sacred.</p> <p>Videos re Earth beauty.</p> <p>Open Sentences re love for earth &amp; humankind joy in living.</p> <p>Memory from childhood/youth</p> <p>Ritual closure.</p> <p><b>Assignments:</b></p> <p>Gratitude for next class _____</p> <p>Gratitude Practice for the week and Earth connection-replenishment practice (beyond self &amp; body): The need to create a ground of gratitude and self affirmation up against the abyss and chaos.</p> <p>Reading and videos . . .</p>
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		<p>Two paragraphs: (1) Your current assessment of our global reality. (2) Your understanding of your call to religious leadership relative to paragraph one.</p> <p>Systems Thinking: Meadows, Caprof, Macy, Spellmeyer and others.</p>
<p><b><u>September 14</u></b></p> <p><b>Gratitude</b></p> <p><b>&amp;</b></p> <p><b>Systems Thinking</b></p> <p><b>Part I</b></p>	2	<p>Ritual Gratitude.</p> <p>Report on Gratitude Practice from the week. (Small Group/Large Group)</p> <p>Establishing Grounds for Trust: What do you require? What do we covenant together (based on what principles, beliefs, practices, aspirations, hopes)?</p> <p>Reading of student paragraphs. (To the large group. Discussed in small group.)</p> <p>Mirror Walk (Trust Walk)</p> <p>Systems Thinking, Part I (Intro mini-lecture &amp; Video[s])</p> <p>Ritual closure.</p> <p>Assignments:</p> <p>Gratitude for next class.</p> <p>Gratitude Practice for the week.</p> <p>Reading and Videos (Systems): Meadows, Caprof, Macy, Spellmeyer &amp; others.</p>
<p><b><u>September 21</u></b></p> <p><b>Systems Thinking</b></p> <p><b>Part II</b></p>	3	<p>Ritual Gratitude.</p> <p>Systems Thinking, Part II</p> <p>Meadows, Caprof, Macy, Spellmeyer &amp; Others.</p> <p>Ritual closure.</p>

		<p>Assignments:</p> <p>Gratitude for next class.</p> <p><b>Engagement</b> Practice for the week: Finding ways to engage on behalf of the Planet and Its/Her generous body and multiple life forms.</p> <p>Readings and Videos (The Great Turning/Unraveling: Korten's <i>The Great Turning</i> (Online Reader); McKibben (Eaarth, Chapters 1 – 4)</p>
<p><u><b>September 29</b></u></p> <p><b>Systems, (conclusion)</b></p> <p><b>The Unraveling</b></p> <p><b>&amp;</b></p> <p><b>Honoring Our Pain for the World</b></p>	4	<p>Ritual Gratitude.</p> <p>Systems, conclusion.</p> <p>Climate Change/Unraveling: McKibben's <i>Eaarth</i>. Dyer's <i>Climate Wars</i>.</p> <p>Ritual closure.</p> <p>Assignments:</p> <p>Gratitude for next class.</p> <p>Engagement Practice for the week.</p> <p>Reading and Videos: Macy (<i>Coming Back to Life</i>, Chapters 1 – 4);</p>
<p><u><b>October 5</b></u></p>	5	<p>Guest Presenter: Joanna Macy</p> <p>Ritual closure.</p> <p>Assignments:</p> <p>Gratitude for next class.</p> <p>Engagement Practice for the week.</p> <p>Reading and Videos.</p>

<p><b><u>October 12</u></b></p> <p><b>The Unraveling</b></p>	<p>6</p>	<p>Ritual Gratitude.</p> <p>Unraveling: Land, Sea &amp; Air. (Including Animals)</p> <p>Ritual closure.</p> <p>Assignments:</p> <p>Gratitude for next class.</p> <p>Engagement Practice for the week.</p> <p>Reading and Videos.</p>
<p><b><u>October 19</u></b></p> <p><b>The Unraveling</b></p>	<p>7</p>	<p>Ritual Gratitude.</p> <p>Unraveling: Economics (in systems). Corporations.</p> <p>Ritual closure.</p> <p>Assignments:</p> <p>Gratitude for next class.</p> <p>Engagement Practice for the week.</p> <p>Reading and Videos:</p>
<p><b><u>October 26</u></b></p>	<p>--</p>	<p>Reading Week</p>
<p><b><u>November 2</u></b></p> <p><b>The Unraveling</b></p>	<p>8</p>	<p>Ritual Gratitude.</p> <p>Unraveling: Social/Population. Military.</p> <p>Ritual closure.</p> <p>Assignments:</p> <p>Gratitude for next class.</p>

		<p>Engagement Practice for the week.</p> <p>Reading and Videos:</p>
<p><b><u>November 9</u></b></p> <p><b>Archetypes Part I</b></p>	9	<p>Ritual Gratitude.</p> <p>Archetype of the Apocalypse, I.</p>
<p><b><u>November 16</u></b></p> <p><b>Archetypes Part II</b></p> <p><b>&amp;</b></p> <p><b>Seeing with New Eyes.</b></p>	10	<p>Ritual Gratitude.</p> <p>Archetype of the Apocalypse, II.</p> <p>The Great Turning: Joanna Macy's work.</p> <p>[Guest Presenter (date not finalized): Julia Whitty, author of <i>Deep Blue Home</i>.]</p> <p>Ritual closure.</p> <p>Assignments:</p> <p>Gratitude for next class.</p> <p>Engagement Practice for the week.</p> <p>Reading and Videos:</p>
<p><b><u>November 23</u></b></p> <p><b>Seeing with New Eyes.</b></p>	11	<p>Ritual Gratitude.</p> <p>[Guest Presenter: Rebecca Solnit, not confirmed]</p> <p>The Great Turning. Blessed Unrest.</p> <p>Ritual closure.</p> <p>Assignments:</p>

		<p>Gratitude for next class.</p> <p>Engagement Practice for the week.</p> <p>Reading and Videos:</p>
<p><b><u>November 30</u></b></p> <p><b>Seeing with New Eyes.</b></p>	12	<p>Ritual Gratitude.</p> <p>[Guest Presenter: Miki Kashtan, Bay Area Non-violent communications co-founder. Miki will present, but the date is not yet set.]</p> <p>The Great Turning. David Korten, Eisler, Jones.</p> <p>Ritual closure.</p> <p>Assignments:</p> <p>Gratitude for next class.</p> <p>Engagement Practice for the week.</p> <p>Reading/Videos &amp; Projects Work:</p>
<p><b><u>December 7</u></b></p> <p><b>Seeing with New Eyes.</b></p>	13	<p>Ritual Gratitude.</p> <p>Indigenous, Alternative Visions.</p> <p>Four – Six Projects presented</p> <p>Ritual closure.</p> <p>Assignments:</p> <p>Gratitude for next class.</p> <p>Engagement Practice for the week.</p> <p>Projects work.</p>

<p><b><u>December 14</u></b></p> <p><b>Going Forth.</b></p>	<p>14 (Last)</p>	<p>Ritual Gratitude.</p> <p>Four – Six Projects Presented.</p> <p>Work in the world: Local, national, global.</p>
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