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THE OXFORD SYMPOSIUM **“Change the Dream”**



Where on Earth are we going? What on Earth can we do about it?

An audio visual presentation by world leading thinkers including:

Archbishop Desmond Tutu, mathematical cosmologist Brian Swimm, philosopher Thomas Berry, Professor David Ulansey, environmentalist Paul Hawken, Rainforest Action Network's Randy Hayes, activist Julia Butterfly-Hill and others.

Solutions to a growing crisis Your part in it and how it will affect you

According to a majority of the world's experts the overwhelming evidence is that modern society is heading for a catastrophe. Leading scientists say that the sudden expansion of humanity's ability to harvest the common bounty of our planet for short term gain is now damaging the fragile web of life. The process is accelerated by technology and the concentration of wealth. The detailed and disturbing evidence is increasingly covered in the quality media.

It is as if we are in a dream, sleepwalking towards oblivion in a popular culture where the slumber is encouraged by managed news, spin doctors, celebrity culture and other forms of distraction. The dream is based on a distorted world view which assumes that plundering the Earth appears reasonable or intelligent. We all participate in this dream whether we like it or not.

Indigenous people of Ecuador who live in earth-honouring ways have urged us to "change the dream of the north" for the benefit of all life. Not that modern society should revert to a primitive existence, but that we could learn to live in harmony with the natural abundance of the earth. The symposium brings a positive message that this is possible. Using video clips from some of the world's most respected thinkers, along with inspiring short films and group interaction, we present radical insights into where we are going and what we can do about it.

If you are ready to be disturbed, inspired and infused with the potential for new ways, we invite you to the next symposium. You will develop insight into the nature of our time and the reason we have arrived where we are now. You will reacquire the understanding that every one of us can make a difference. You will learn of an "emerging dream" that sees that all humanity's critical concerns are related ("there are no single issues"). And that if we "Change the Dream" the solutions will follow through our growing ability to create global community and the consequent flowering of human ingenuity and creativity.

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SATURDAY 26 MAY 2007 10AM TO 5.30PM

Tickets: £35 (concessions £25) Lunch included

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