

## LEXICON FOR THE ECO-MIND

*If we wish to renew our solidarity with the sensuous earth, then we shall have to learn to speak in some new ways . . . to speak more in accordance with our animal senses.*

—David Abram, *The Spell of the Sensuous*

<b>FROM</b> staying within the limits of nature	<b>TO</b> aligning with nature
<b>FROM</b> economies of waste and destruction	<b>TO</b> economies enhancing life
<b>FROM</b> freedom as —get out of my way!	<b>TO</b> freedom as power in a Living Democracy
<b>FROM</b> privately held government	<b>TO</b> publicly accountable government
<b>FROM</b> one-rule economies, leading inexorably to unfair concentration	<b>TO</b> economies kept open and fair via democratically chosen rules
<b>FROM</b> free market as the free rein of corporations monopolizing power	<b>TO</b> free market as the freedom of all to participate in the market
<b>FROM</b> the assumption of scarcity of goods and goodness	<b>TO</b> the premise of possibility
<b>FROM</b> debating the goodness <i>of</i> human nature	<b>TO</b> recognizing the goodness <i>in</i> human nature to be tapped for positive ends
<b>FROM</b> overcoming human nature	<b>TO</b> aligning societies' rules with human nature—the good, the bad, and the ugly
<b>FROM</b> separateness in which we're either givers or receivers	<b>TO</b> connectedness in which we're always both
<b>FROM</b> the blame game	<b>TO</b> the assumption of mutual accountability
<b>FROM</b> nature as merely divisible property	<b>TO</b> nature as a commons in our common care
<b>FROM</b> power as control	<b>TO</b> power as our capacity to co-create
<b>FROM</b> random acts of sanity	<b>TO</b> conscious acts building our democratic power
<b>FROM</b> democracy as only a structure of government (Thin Democracy)	<b>TO</b> democracy as a rewarding way of life (Living Democracy)
<b>FROM</b> citizenship as simply the act of voting	<b>TO</b> citizenship as the satisfying lifelong practice of the arts of democracy
<b>FROM</b> calling on others to become better people	<b>TO</b> encouraging and enabling oneself and others to be more creative and courageous
<b>FROM</b> paralyzing despair	<b>TO</b> honest hope