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December 13, 14, 15 1991

THE CONTEXT FOR HUMAN SURVIVAL
Living the New Consciousness

IDEAS FOR AN ECO-VILLAGE

This seventh conference by CFRSL seeks to address the real problems of how humankind can get its economic behavior and its social organization aligned with its spiritual orientation and its ecological obligations.

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THEME

For some time the conviction has been growing that our society is entrapped in a giant conspiracy aimed at the ruination of water, air, soil, wildlife, forests - just everything of worth. If it can be turned into exchange value then it must be turned into exchange value. But the ferocity of exploitation does not stop at the non-human. People are exploited with the same ruthlessness as is the earth. The recent uproar over the condition of education of the children of this country has failed to bring down criticism on the exploiters because they manage to be invisible to the critics. But the conspiracy aimed at subverting the minds of the children into the minds of mindless consumers is so blatant and so merciless it ought soon to become evident even to the throngs of shoppers in the shopping malls doing the bidding of the corporations.

Escape from industry's entrapment is what we are going to be talking about in this conference. How do we rescue our water and air, soil, wildlife and forests and our children and ourselves from this rush toward ruin?

That is what we are going to gather and talk about. We must find ways to live that let the earth live also.

There can be no decent human life unless there is a wholesome context in which that life can be pursued. Just because we have lived a long time while ignoring the context of life does not mean we can keep on doing it. It is plain we cannot.

So how do we go about changing?

Most everybody who thinks about this very much seems to favor small self-reliant communities. For urban areas, a measure of self-reliance can be found in neighborhoods, John Papworth's Fourth World. Thomas talks about the Eco-village, a place where the society takes care of its needs. Others talk about bioregions and their self-sustaining possibilities. There are experiments going on in several places, at least three going on in North Carolina. These will be discussed as well as some in other parts of the country and the world. Original ideas will occur.

The point is, solutions must be found. We have to escape entrapment. Necessity is the mother of invention. Come and talk with us. Something might happen. There will be good people and we always have a good time.
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We have to figure out new ways to live
because
unless we do there won't be any way to live.
The earth cannot sustain the forest and species loss, ozone layer depletion, soil loss, water and air pollution, toxic poisoning. Nor can we tolerate the continued exploitation of people.

We know major change is necessary even now, but progress toward gaining acceptance for even the idea of change is going awfully slow. Maybe that is because real solutions to the difficulties are not being produced.

The Conference at Camp New Hope will consider what the changes might consist of. Let us discuss ideas already in practice and not yet in practice. How might villagers and neighborhoods be organized and how might economic behavior be altered so we can survive and flourish in a sustainable natural world?

Several established thinkers on this subject will be at the conference:

Speakers and resource persons
JOHN ARTELEY, Community resident
THOMAS BERRY, Geologist, Author
CARMEN ELLIOTT, Artist, Teacher
JIM GORMAN, Meditator, monk
JOHANNA HAYMORE, Movement, dance
ZACH RALSTON, Naturalist, gardener
JURI RAUSO, Biodome resident

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Camp New Hope is located on NC 86 north of Chapel Hill on 165 acres of rolling pinewood and hardwood forest. This retreat/conference center has two fresh water lakes and recreation facilities. An excellent kitchen staff provides delicious meals.

Camp New Hope is 2.5 miles north from I-40 exit #266 and 3.5 miles south from I-85 exit # 165.

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plus $70 Bed & all meals
or $40 Camping & meals
Single session $10

Meals Only
Breakfast $5.00
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Dinner $7.00

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