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

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