



Our Thriving World Community VISION

We envision a human world that works for all, grounded in reverence for all life and recognition of humanity's natural, inherent, irrevocable place in the Web of Life on Earth.

In this world we recognize and protect clean air and water as essential for the survival and thriving of all life, including our own. Anything we call "food" directly contributes to our health and comes from regenerative practices that restore and sustain the soil, pollinators, and the greater ecosystem. We build our homes and other structures from non-toxic, sustainably sourced materials, and design them for comfort, beauty, and function. We prohibit substances that are known to harm human and other life from entering our environment, and we approve new substances only after they demonstrate their benign impact on people, animals, plants, and the ecosystem.

It's part of our everyday life to spend time moving our bodies, being still, playing, resting, and sleeping, as well as connecting and creating (aka working). We're at ease with and value many forms and sources of welcome, consenting touch like hugs, sitting side-by-side, holding hands, snuggling, and social dancing (without having to be romantic partners).

We learn from the earliest age, from everyone around us, how to navigate and resolve misunderstandings, disagreements, upsets, and conflicts in ways that repair and build trust, shared reality, and effective solutions that honor everyone involved. When we find ourselves in over our head with a challenge, skilled help is readily available and we don't hesitate to use it. As a result, the everyday "bumps" that are part of being human together are beautiful opportunities for greater understanding and growth, and we recognize and value them as such.

We realize we're not going to personally enjoy everyone we meet. We also recognize that every person is a unique world, a "culture of one," with inherent value, worth, perspectives, wisdom, and innovation to contribute. We also know that we all do better when we consider and care about the impact we have on others, and find ways to thrive together that don't interfere with anyone else's thriving.

As a result, even when we don't want to spend any time with someone, we still include them in our greater human community and want them to thrive. We don't have to put anyone down to feel good about ourselves, and when someone doesn't enjoy us enough to want to spend time with us, we don't tell ourselves we've been "rejected." (We might feel sad about it, though.)

We deeply respect each person's right and responsibility to figure out what helps them thrive, and what diminishes their thriving. autonomy and personal power. We support each other in spending our attention, time, and energy on the things that bring us alive – that nourish and inspire us, even when it's not very convenient. Because we consider the impact

on others when making choices about how to support our own well-being, we're able to balance and co-create both personal and collective thriving.

We think of work as creativity and contribution, and get enormous fulfillment from having what we do contribute something positive to everyone who's affected by it. We don't make or sell things just to make money off of people. We make and sell things to make a positive difference for everyone on all sides of that exchange. When everything is about contributing to our own and others' thriving, and our thriving matters just as much as anyone else's, there's simply no incentive to trick or cheat or try to create addictions in other people in order to get money out of them.

In our world, the only currency that really matters is thriving, and we already have that – it's how we define wealth and success.

Because we understand what creates real thriving for ourselves, when we spend our attention, time, energy, or money on something, it actually does nourish our thriving. As a result, we rarely experience any sort of addiction. We also enjoy vibrant physical health throughout our entire lifespan, because the food we eat actually helps our bodies thrive, our relationships work, our work makes a difference in the world, and of course we know that we matter because we're always being considered. So, we don't experience any chronic stress, and we don't experience much illness or other debilitation as we age.

In our cherished relationships, we enjoy genuinely knowing and delighting in each other.

Since we know how to navigate and resolve relationship challenges, and we respect each other's unique worlds, and we deeply value self-awareness, and we're already thriving ... when we feel romantically attracted to someone, we're able to see them for who they really are. We don't need them to save us, we don't unconsciously hope they'll heal our past wounds, and we already feel whole, lovable, and worthy, so there's no need to try to make that relationship fit into a romantic or life-partner box. We can let it grow and discover who the other person really is, and what our "we" is like, and from that clear Seeing of those realities, we can choose what kind of relationship we want to be in. As a result, romantic relationships are deeply satisfying, and we don't spend much time in any kind of relationship that turns out to not work very well for us.

We often know moments of awe, expansion, and transcendence when we experience and embrace our sense of connection with Something greater than ourselves. This is often accompanied by a sense of flow, when our everyday sense of time dissolves. We experience a profound sense of gratitude, meaning, and joy,

Together, we're building a *Thriving World Community* that embodies reverence for and connection with Life, and unwavering belief in humanity's ability to heal, evolve, and thrive.

We hope you're inspired and moved to join us.