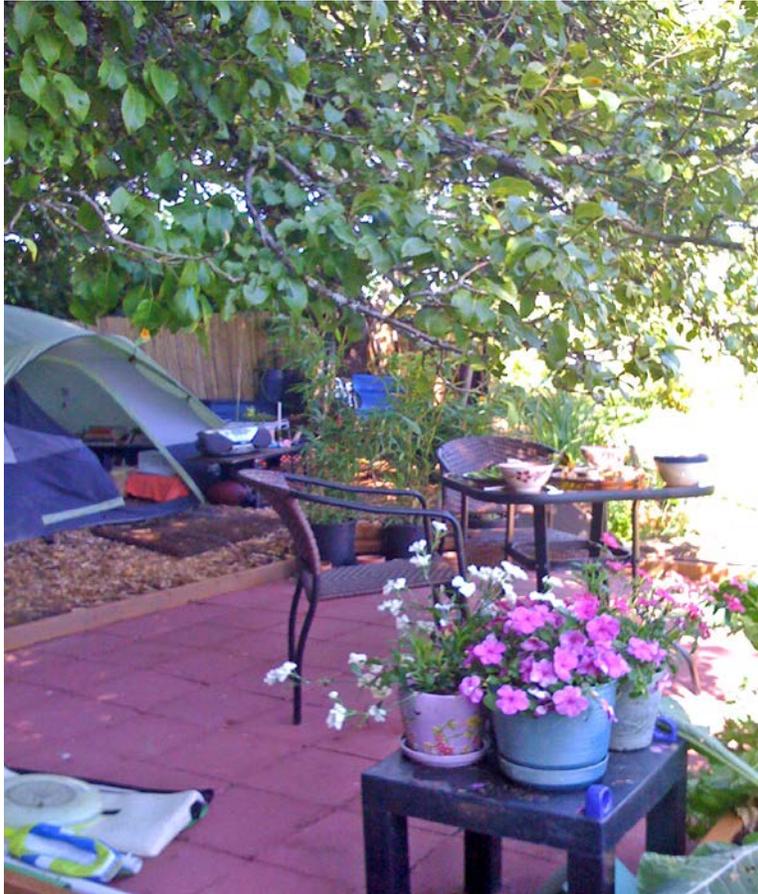


HOME!



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My greatest, most deeply felt, most earnestly pressing desire right now is to return Home! Home is a familiar space-time-scene I distinctly remember but have never actually been to. Home is a warm, comfortable, sentimentally accepting, mutual-feeling exchange I have glimpsed but have never actually lived with.

Home is a situationing in which I am surrounded by people with whom I have domestic, reciprocal, life-long kinship commitments and with whom I can identify as being greater, more inclusive extensions of my 'centering reference.' These greater extended inclusions of my 'autonomous focusing' begin with my immediate family, those with whom I am procreating; then move out to my clan, tribe, nation, species, genus, class, etc. These categories, describing the bodily extensions-inclusions of my 'independent awareness,' are not arbitrarily decided; each is a reflection of and a constituent to the specific domain into which each is embedded: family-dwelling; clan-hamlet; tribe-village; nation-bioregion; species, genus, class, etc.-planet. The combined totality of I and all I's bodily inclusions/extensions, embedded within the corresponding domains in which they co-activate, co-influence, and co-generate, constitutes the entire greater context that is my Home.

Home is the living context wherein 'Self' can most readily Self-actualize by coming face-to-face with its most veridical personal projection/reflection. Home is a Self-chosen destiny. Returning Home is a rediscovery that is both necessary and frightful. Somehow, I and I have strayed too far away; we have become so Individuated that we have lost or ignored our identification and connection with our Roots and thus the basis for any culminating wholeness. Returning to Roots is an essential pre-requisite for a home-coming.

But I'm not even quite sure where my Roots originate, so returning Home will not be easy. I know I have a grandmother who was born in Allemagne and another that traced a family-tree back to Wales. My two grandfathers were both orphans, so their family trees have been recently ruptured – I think one may be from Scotland. Given all this ancestral information, I still only have a vague recollection of my Roots. To know that they are just 'somewhere in Europe' doesn't leave me with much assurance, especially since I don't feel particularly European.

I feel American – and I use that term in its strictly pre- United States understanding, for I don't feel very much a part of the United States either. I feel connected to America, this land, Turtle Island to be exact; and to be even more exact, to

a particular region of Turtle Island: Cascadia. I believe that after the seventh generation of immigration comes a genetic transmutation to offspring whereby they are more attuned to and encoded with the vibration of their new land than the old motherland, whose influence begins to fade. The paradox is: I am biologically rooted in Europe but psychically rooted in America. Oddly, I feel more solidarity identification with my Maya brothers in Chiapas than I do with the European-descended, middle-class consumers in my own neighborhood.

Returning Home becomes dimensionally complicated within this background: I can't return to Europe but neither have I fully lived in America. Some say the Earth is being star-seeded; that is, people with Roots outside this solar system have been coming to Earth to influence her transition. With all the possibilities in mind, I really have no clear certainty as to where my Roots are. Perhaps I need to grow my own Roots and claim my autonomously-focusing-centering-reference-independent-awareness-seed as my point of origin.

To resolve this dilemma, so that I can return Home, I will proceed with two courses of action: 1) I will continue shedding the acquired conditioning that is the accumulation of many temporary identities, installed to cope with an ever-changing, shiftless, rootless context; that is, I will continue to turn inside so as to be able to clearly distinguish and discriminate what is truly 'I' and what are spurious temporal masks that we have been wearing; and 2) I will begin right where I am, at this provenance intersection of space-time, to nurture the Roots I can be sure about – those right under my feet. Given the uncertainty of my source-roots, not knowing for sure my origin, I will only be able to return Home if I begin to recreate it right here and now. Then, Home will not be nostalgia I somehow distinctly remember, but rather a life I am living and experiencing right in the present moment.

Reworking the polarity: To make Home for myself I will employ two complementarily opposing strategies: Creation and Manifestation. These are really two aspects of the same intention-movement, though Creation has been given the most publicity these days. I see Creation as an outward-moving force; there may not be an actual goal but there is always the desire to manufacture an expression externally that began as an internal impulse-movement. Manifestation is quite the opposite: during Manifestation, no external force is projected. Manifestation is the seasonal cycle for withdrawing from action, and instead for being openly receptive to the feedback information provided by previous projections. The Manifestation phase gives the desired intention a chance to create autopoietically itself, to have a life of its own. Manifestation non-action is like the careful watching of the Midwife. Combined, Creation and Manifestation are two aspects of the movement required to bring an intention into being.

Creation is associated with novelty – directed, linear, spontaneous, open, projected, desired, self-expressive, self-rewarding, self-identifying, individually motivated action.

Manifestation is associated with tradition – receptive, cyclical, absorbing, nurturing, holistic, trans-boundary, trans-definition, trans-purpose, cooperative, collective acceptance.

Each phase is required in harmonious proportion to successfully will an intention into being.

My intention is to go Home! To get there I will create the conditions and context so that Home can manifest itself. The context will be a particular place with a particular group of people. More specifically, Home will be rooted in a particular piece of land, a very definite space-time scene, a unique domain that I can rightly ‘possess’ and call my own. The particular group of people will be the community of biological entities currently residing on the particular piece of land, as well as the community of associates that co-create with me the setting, those that become invited, and those who find their way there serendipitously. Together we will share a mutual-feeling exchange that we can salubriously call Home.

It is difficult for me to imagine possessing a piece of land since the ‘me’ that is doing the ‘possessing’ will soon be gone and the land will live on and on; possession is really just a token, symbolic gesture. Nevertheless, I have come to accept that if I am going to securely establish Home in this day and age, so that it may perpetuate Itself, I must however begrudgingly enter the possession game-charade.

The possession game-charade is a highly competitive affair that seeks to winnow out ‘winners’ and ‘losers,’ providing the potential for bringing out the worst in human nature: greed, envy, avariciousness, deception, cheating, theft, misrepresentation, hubris, lying, power-thirsting, etc. These unfortunate consequences result from the game being played from an *egocentric* perspective, a temporary condition where ultimate identity is derived from the possessions being possessed. Having become convinced that the Home I want requires participating in the possession game-charade, I must guard myself against its unpleasant side-effects by initiating activity from an other-than-egocentric perspective: *ecocentric* and/or *biocentric* and/or *organicentric* and/or *communicentric*. In other words, my motivation for securing a land-base for Home must not come from just a personally fulfilling desire, but must be motivated by a desire to provide a home for *all* the people who will be living there. In that way, I can bypass the unpleasant side-effects by focusing on the needs of my greater, more extensive/inclusive Self. I will create and provide Home not just for my own self-indulgence, but for the more comprehensive needs and well-being of my family and clan

and tribe, etc. Then I will not seek identity and reassurance with the possessions but rather with the larger cycles of evolutionary growth with which I am participating.

Once resolved with my motivations, I can confidently proceed with the process of securing a piece of land on which I and my family and clan and tribe can establish a domain and begin to spread roots and flourish.

Now it's time to get (semi-) practical. Securing a piece of land will occur within an established economic system and with the collusion of real people who have a vested interest in that economic system and its procedures. The best thing I can do at the moment is to draw up a game-plan; the game-plan will provide a comprehensive strategy and will attempt to anticipate expected challenges and opportunities along the way. The game-plan will be split into two divergent approaches: a 'systems' approach and, for educational contrast, a 'non-systems' approach. It is intuited that each of these will be appropriate at various stages of the procurement process.

Systems approach:

- 1) View the process in its holistic entirety from inception to culmination
- 2) Allow for alternating cycles of advance and withdraw so that the movement towards the goal resembles a spiral
- 3) Set a firm intention including a clear articulation of values that will guide the process
- 4) Establish a collaborative 'core group' – three individuals at first, with a diversity of skills and potentials
- 5) Adopt a flexible stance that can respond to new challenges and/or opportunities as they arise
- 6) Develop numerous, open, co-active information channels that can be used as feedback loops to direct the priorities of the core-group in an ever-changing context
- 7) Seek to maintain activity in a state of 'dynamic equilibrium,' far from stasis, on the border with chaos and thus novelty
- 8) Develop a sensitivity for apprehending 'bifurcation points,' and learn how to apply positive feedback at these points to push the procurement system into new potentials

- 9) Use divination tools when a bifurcation point is perceived
- 10) Form alliances with other systems including larger, more inclusive systems up to but not limited to Gaia herself
- 11) Once a desired piece of land is identified, begin rituals to develop a relationship with the particular Spirit of that land
- 12) Develop a comprehensive visual map of systems within systems and objectives within objectives that can be referred to from time to time to maintain a holistic perspective
- 13) The systems approach will use the tools of Manifestation, creating and thus providing the conditions and context for the land-base to appear of its own accord

Non-systems approach:

- 1) Develop a list of intermediate steps with a linear time-line for their completion; focus on preliminary goals and after each is achieved move on to the next one
- 2) Segregate the activity into distinct modules that can be approached on their own; once all the modules are achieved the goal will be achieved
- 3) Establish a hierarchy of decision-makers
- 4) Incorporate as a non-profit organization and cautiously enter the non-systems world of contemporary business and economics
- 5) Develop price-benefit-ratio tables to rationally analyze comparative advantages of particular pieces of property and to direct investment strategies
- 6) Strive for stability within the corporation using negative feedback loops to ameliorate unexpected changes so that the corporation can persist
- 7) Form relationships with potential investor-entities by presenting a comprehensive business plan that they can relate to
- 8) Initiate relationships with city and county councils that are hierarchical, regulation bound, linear-thinking organizations

- 9) Reduce the enormous complexities of the task to a few simple guidelines and propositions
- 10) Eliminate any uncertainty or doubt by continually referring back to the established plans and procedures
- 11) Rely on time-tested techniques used by other corporations to obtain land
- 12) Get a good 'job' and invest surpluses until enough capital has been accumulated for a down payment (?)
- 13) The non-systems approach will use the tools of Creation, where an outwardly projected force is applied to accomplish specific goals within the framework of a projected plan