



A New Ecomorality

Part 1



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Notwithstanding the social and economic dimensions of a life sustaining civilization, its ecological and environmental dimensions acquire a very special character in sustainability. Traditional ways of understanding nature are not very valuable any longer.

Given the challenges we are facing today, we all must aim at a new way of understanding nature, natural law, and all living beings. They play a fundamental role in both our material and spiritual transformation. In the past, the emphasis has been to pay particular attention to the linkages between the state of nature and our material wealth and betterment. Today, it is also important to link the state of nature to our processes of spiritual transformation as well. It is in this sense that we are introducing the idea of a **New Eco-Morality**.

At the core of this **New Eco-Morality** is the view that destroying nature not only has material consequences -including global warming and ozone layer depletion—but has immense implications in our spiritual transformation.

A **New Eco-Morality** is founded on several important spiritual laws we must not violate, as the violation of these laws is having grave consequences

in the establishment of a better future. Examples of these laws are:

- a) *the law of interdependence,*
- b) *the law of equal intelligence,*
- c) *the law of karma, and*
- d) *the law self-identity.*

Let me only say a few words to illustrate.

The law of interdependence states that we are completely interdependent of each other as human beings, interdependent of other living beings, and interdependent with nature. The ultimate expression of this law is that we are also indivisible. Only our intellect gives us the impression we are separate and divisible. In fact, this is intimately connected to a life long correlation: between the quality of the external environment and the quality of our inner environment.

The law of equal intelligence states that everyone and everything is a depository of equal intelligence. There is not a hierarchy of intelligence in creation and thus, humans are not more intelligent than nature. The genetic code of nature is essential for us to achieve higher levels of human transformation. Thus, subjugating nature, or exploiting nature, constitutes violations of this law.

The law of karma states that all that exists has causes and conditions and that there is a very intimate connection between causes and effects. This has also been called the law of infinite balances through all the material and spiritual manifestation of life. It is essential to gain positive karma through positive action, thoughts and intentions. It is essential that we approach nature in positive ways.

The law of self identity states that there is nothing to be wasted. Everyone and everything has a mission and are part of an Organized Order. Thus, we need to understand that the existence of nature has a free standing value and that those values given by the economic markets should not govern all we do.