

Editorial

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Humans are the only species, to my knowledge, that create epistemologies, ontologies and cosmologies. That is, only humans philosophize. We have little or no evidence of any other species that creates such descriptions of the universe or of itself. Philosophy is inherent, I suspect, in any self-aware species.

Every person interacts with the universe from some personal epistemology, ontology and cosmology, whether they know it or not. In this age, it is fashionable to disclaim any philosophical stance.

As the readers of the *Trumpeter* are aware, last year Arne Naess and Bill Devall, two of ecosophy's founders and champions died. We put out a call for papers to celebrate their lives and their work. Instead of the usual festschrift, we called for papers that illuminated Arne and Bill as human beings, with all their brilliance and many of their foibles.

Ecosophy is not a philosophical position that can be understood, in the abstract. I suspect that no other philosophy can be understood, in the abstract, either. Each of us must live our philosophical ideas, whether we can verbalize them or not.

These essays illuminate Arne and Bill as human beings trying to live their philosophies. They were exemplary humans, but human nonetheless. For it is from their humanity that their lives emerged. Please enjoy these wonderful gems that light up their lives and ours.

Disclaimer:

This is a disagreeable task for me, that has consumed far too much of my time over the past nine months.

In the last issue we published two reviews of the book “Integral Ecology” by Mark A. Schroll and Kate MacDowell. We had requested Schroll to write a review. Given the size and complexity of the book, Schroll enlisted the help of MacDowell and Robert Greenway to help him create, what was to be a large integrated review integrating their three points of view.

Robert Greenway was unable to meet the original deadline and several requested extensions. After many months of emails, I finally had to inform Dr. Schroll that we would go to press without the review. Dr. Schroll then requested a further very small extension. Greenway, in an attempt to comply with this final deadline, sent Schroll multiple files granting his permission that these could be quoted from at his discretion.

Greenway upon reading Schroll’s published review has now repudiated his permission. Dr. Greenway emailed his concerns and requested that the material be removed from publication. Since the issue was, by then, online, I could not do so. I did agree to publish the following comments by Dr. Greenway:

“I read Mark Schroll's review of Integral Ecology yesterday, for the first time. It carries several quotes from me -- bits and pieces of e-mail's I had sent to Mark over a considerable period of time -- and it is done without my knowledge or permission.

Because these quotes do not accurately represent my viewpoints, and because they were used without my permission, and because they are harmful to my reputation, I wish them removed from any further publication, or at the very least juxtaposed with a notice that they appear out of context, without my permission, and that they do not accurately represent my viewpoints.”

From the Trumpeter’s perspective, the disagreement between Dr. Schroll and Robert Greenway is now concluded.