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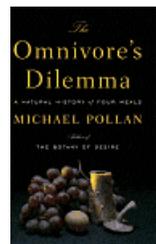
Suggested Readings from the Portfolio Advisory Board

In this edition of our quarterly newsletter, the Portfolio Advisory Board offers reviews of three books related to sustainability and the global paradigm: how it is currently and how it can change.



Amid the Alien Corn?

If you are interested in the phenomena of growing obesity and diabetes, overproduction of food and low prices to the growers, high-energy intensive agriculture, two books may be right for you. *Raising Less Corn, More Hell* by George Pyle, (Perseus Books Group, 2005) and *The Omnivore's Dilemma* by Michael Pollan, (The Penguin Press, 2006) are enlightening books about corn and its role in industrial agriculture.



Pyle and Pollan, in very different styles, describe a cycle whereby farmers feel pinched by low prices and the pressure to produce more, and the connection to grain-fed meat and the interest in ethanol for energy. They offer ideas for alternatives.

– Margaret Weber,
Coordinator of Corporate Responsibility



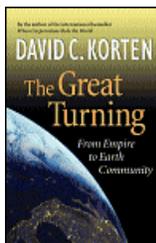
Human Governance in an Ever Changing Environment

Wild Law: A Manifesto for Earth Justice by Cullinan Cormac, (Green Books in association with The Gaia Foundation Devon, UK 2003)

With the issue of global warming and the degradation of Earth, Cullinan Cormac makes a very compelling case for the need to create a whole new philosophy of human governance. He states: “If laws are to be effective they need to recognize the inherent nature of the subject matter with which they are concerned. This means that a governance system must to some extent reflect, or at least correspond with, the qualities of that which it is seeking to regulate.” Therefore our laws and governance structures would have to be flexible and adaptable because one of the essential characteristics of the environment is that it is constantly changing.

“We live right relationships with Earth Community.”

– General Chapter '04



Live in Right Relationship with Earth Community

The Great Turning: From Empire to Earth Community by David Korten (BK Currents 2006).

How can we turn 6.5 billion people from Empire, which organizes by dominance and means fortune for the few and misery for the many, to Earth Community, which organizes by partnership and shares resources for the good of all?

In *The Great Turning: From Empire to Earth Community* (2006), David Korten offers a blueprint for the great work of our day. The choice for Earth Community begins when we break the silence, end our isolation, and change the stories by which we define ourselves. Korten assures us that tens of millions of people are already doing this; every contribution we make shifts the balance; and each one of us can do no more than our personal best.

We were made for these times when our task is to transform our planetary crisis into an Earth Community grounded in the values of community, caring and cooperation.

– Judy Byron, OP, Chair,
Corporate Responsibility Committee

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