

New book: Restoring the Kinship Worldview

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Hi, Louise,

Could you please share this with the listserv?

Here is an announcement of our new book: [*Restoring the Kinship Worldview: Indigenous Voices Introduce 28 Precepts for Rebalancing Life on Planet Earth*](#)

Restoring the Kinship Worldview addresses the potentially impending environmental apocalypse with the idea that Indigenous worldviews are essential to humanity's continuation. That, in order to survive, we must shift toward a more connected relationship with each other and the Earth.

With years of research and experience in Indigenous scholarship and activism, authors Wahinkpe Topa (Four Arrows) and Darcia Narvaez recognize that the original Indigenous understanding of the world, one that guided us for 99% of human history, offers the most pivotal way to restore balance to life on Earth.

In this book, they have put together 28 powerful worldview precepts from various Indigenous leaders. Accompanied by the editors' own analyses, each chapter reflects the wisdom of Indigenous worldviews such as:

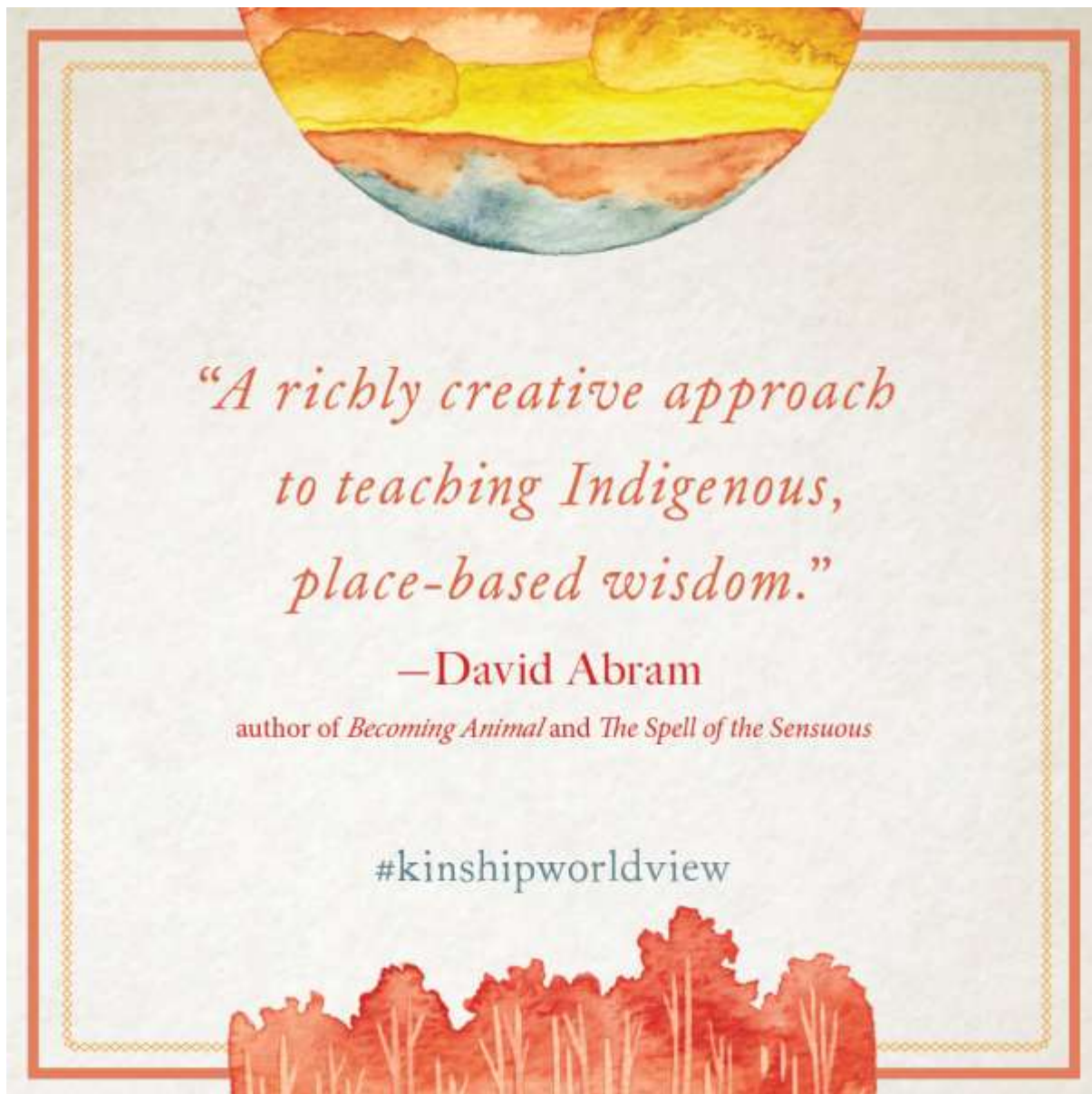
- Egalitarian rule versus hierarchical governance
- A fearless trust in the universe, instead of a fear-based culture
- Emphasizing generosity and the greater good instead of pursuing selfish goals and for personal gain
- The laws of nature as the highest rules for living

Effectively tying each precept to the crises we face today, *Restoring the Kinship Worldview* is a salve for our times, a nourishment for our collective, and a holistic orientation that will lead us away from extinction toward an integrated, sustainable future.

Wahinkpe Topa (Four Arrows), aka Don Trent Jacobs, Ph.D., Ed.D., is internationally respected for his research and publications about Indigenous worldviews. Formerly Dean of Education at Oglala Lakota College and tenured Associate Professor of Education at Northern Arizona University, he is currently a professor with Fielding Graduate University. Selected as one of 27 "Visionaries in Education," he is the author of 21 books, half of which are about Indigenous worldview applications for education, sustainability, wellness, and justice.

Darcia Narvaez, PhD, MDiv, is Professor Emerita of Psychology at the University of Notre Dame. Her earlier careers include professional musician, business owner, classroom music teacher, classroom Spanish teacher, and seminarian, among others. She is a fellow of the American Psychological Association, the American Educational Research Association and the American Association for the Advancement of Science and former editor of the *Journal of Moral Education*. Narvaez has written numerous publications, including more than 20 books. She has given presentations, lectures and workshops in 23 countries and currently blogs for *Psychology Today*. She is also the founder and host of *EvolvedNest.org*.

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“Humans have a particular ecological niche, a role as the custodial species of this earth. We must return our species to this niche within the next decade, or perish. This book is a perfect place to start.”

— TYSON YUNKAPORTA, author of *Sand Talk*, senior research fellow at Deacon University, woodcarver, and poet

“Restoring the Kinship Worldview provides a much-needed and well-stocked medicine cabinet to begin healing how we think and talk about the suffering of our planet and its struggling inhabitants. Open your mind and heart to its multi-Indigenous balms that are administered through the psalms of elders and a dialogue that leaves us ready to begin anew”

— HILLARY KEENEY, PhD, and BRADFORD KEENEY, PhD, founders of Sacred Ecstatics

“This expansive, deep, and thoroughly researched work offers a rich exploration of Native American Indigenous knowledge that could help reorient our dominant culture toward a regenerative way of living on the Earth. Covering an unusually broad range of topics—from gender roles to restorative justice, and from sacred competition to mutual dependence—it provides insights into the practices that have enabled Indigenous communities to live in harmony with each other and the nonhuman world for millennia.”

— JEREMY LENT, author of *The Patterning Instinct* and *The Web of Meaning*

“A glorious prism of voices calling out to us to imagine a more inclusive and sustainable way of being. I ache for the kind of world that is invoked within these pages.”

— HILLARY S. WEBB, PhD, cultural anthropologist at Goddard College, author of *Yanantin and Masintin in the Andean World*

“This book is like brilliant sunlight from the past that reaches us now and illuminates our way forward. It’s Indigenous wisdom and more.”

— PETER H. KAHN JR., PhD, professor of psychology, University of Washington; author of *Technological Nature*

“Whether one is a long-time champion of Indigenous rights and social justice, a lover of the deep wisdom and aesthetics of natural cultures, or a neophyte seeking just the right orientation to this field and to our hosts on this continent, this is just the right book for you.”

— TOM COOPER, PhD, professor of ethics and visual and media arts, Emerson College; author of *A Time Before Deception*

“Darcia Narvaez and *Four Arrows* have gathered an inspiring pastiche of wise Native American voices woven together by their own insightful and heartfelt dialogues to gift us with an invaluable bundle of tenets and templates for the urgent project of decolonizing and rewilding our minds and communities.”

— BILL PLOTKIN, PhD, author of *Soulcraft*, *Wild Mind*, and *The Journey of Soul Initiation*

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BOOKS:

[Restoring the Kinship Worldview](#) (North Atlantic)

[Indigenous Sustainable Wisdom: First Nation Know-How for Global Flourishing](#) (Peter Lang)

[Basic Needs, Wellbeing and Morality: Fulfilling Human Potential](#) (Palgrave-Macmillan)

[Embodied Morality: Protectionism, Engagement and Imagination](#) (Palgrave-Macmillan)

[Neurobiology and the Development of Human Morality: Evolution, Culture and Wisdom](#) (winner of the 2017 Expanded Reason Award and the 2015 APA William James Book Award)

[Evolution, Early Experience and Human Development](#) (OUP)

[Ancestral Landscapes in Human Evolution](#) (OUP)

[Young Child Flourishing: Evolution, Family & Society](#) (OUP)

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