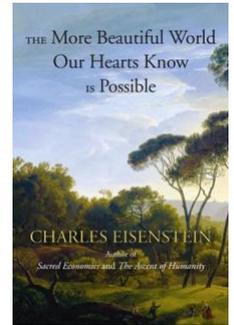


The More Beautiful World Our Hearts Know Is Possible
by Charles Eisenstein (2013b)

Eisenstein warns that we often project our modern self onto ancients and miss how they truly experienced the connectedness of the parts of their life.



“This is not merely an enlightened understanding that no person can be truly healthy if his family, village, or ecosystem is not healthy; it is a broader definition of self that includes family, village, and ecosystem. It is an understanding written into such spiritual teachings as the hermetic principle “As above, so below,” the Taoist concept of an internal universe embodying all the relationships that exist externally, and the Buddhist teachings of karma— that anything you do to the world, you do to yourself— and the unreality of the self.” (2013b, p. 155)

He calls the connectedness among us ‘interbeing’ and powerfully advances examples with studies he cites from both science and psychology.

I feel like one reviewer of this book who said that reading him is like ‘remembering’. To me, Eisenstein is one of the most important authors I have read.

In *Climate: A New Story* (Eisenstein, 2018) outlines 18 policies and changes that he believes are necessary over the next couple of decades ...

1. *land regeneration for young farmers as major philanthropy*
2. *global moratorium on logging, drilling, mining on remaining*
3. *expand land refuges*
4. *expand and add ocean marine reserves*
5. *ban ocean drift nets and bottom trawling*
6. *ban disposable plastic bags and beverage containers*
7. *reconstitute the world rather than new development and cancel debt that would be commensurate with such things as cancelled logging*
8. *promote reforestation*

9. *establish an eco-core to address youth unemployment*
10. *change regulations to help denser living, tiny homes, composting, and gardens*
11. *re-introduce and protect keystone species*
12. *water restoration and reduce dams and levies*
13. *re-localize the food system and replace free-trade treaties with fair-trade treaties*
14. *institute a negative interest financial system*
15. *apply pollution taxes to companies*
16. *impose deposit system for manufactured goods*
17. *turn away from pesticides; we need insects*
18. *de-militarize society*

Other books by Charles Eisenstein: *The Ascent of Humanity* (Eisenstein, 2013a), *Climate: A New Story* (Eisenstein, 2018), *Sacred Economics* (Eisenstein, 2021).

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