

Right Relationship Viewing Guide

Do Now: What do you think “right relationship” with the earth and each other means? What would this look like? How will we know if we are in it?

With the Earth	With Each Other
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Global emissions would decrease - Endangered species’ populations would increase - Sea levels would revert back to normal - The Earth’s temperature would revert back to what it was 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Russia/Ukraine war would stop - Gender wage gap would be eradicated - Gay marriage would be legalised worldwide - Labor exploitation would stop - Suicide rates would decrease worldwide

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 - b) What do you think they imagine a “right relationship” with the earth to be?

Clip 1: [BBC \(news clip\)](#) (4:40 total)

<p><u>Current relationship with the earth:</u> Something to be exploited and used, having nature bend to the will of humanity.</p> <p><u>How they imagine a “right relationship:</u> To treat nature as equal, for it to have the same rights as any person, to view it as a part of us.</p>
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Clip 2: [Peter Brown \(author of *Right Relationship*\)](#) (3:15 total)

<p><u>Current relationship with the earth:</u> Prospects of life are declining, severe climate changes, substantial loss of species - all at the hands of the current economic system</p> <p><u>How they imagine a “right relationship:</u> The need to assume the obligation to ‘tread lightly on the Earth,’ living in communities that have integrity, resilience and beauty</p>

Clip 3: [Adrienne Maree Brown \(writer/organizer\)](#) (skip to 3:30-9:35) (6 min total)

<p><u>Current relationship with the earth:</u> A purposeful disconnection from nature, a belief that we are more powerful than other species and the earth itself, a complicity in systems that work against our long term survival</p>

How they imagine a “right relationship: To look to nature and how it exists and coexists with problems and challenges and use that to help us imagine new systems that further deeper relationships with the planet

Clip 4: [Corrina Gould \(Ohlone organizer/Sogorea Te founder\)](#) (skip to [4:26-5:55 & 10:29-13:11](#)) (4 min total)

Current relationship with the earth: Homelessness and hunger rife through the Bay. Water scarcity, drastic change of landscape and environment. Humans are disconnected and distant from the natural earth.

How they imagine a “right relationship: Embracing the fact that everyone has the capacity to deepen their relationship with the land and acting upon it, being good guests and hosts of the land, and having reciprocity with the natural land around us

- 2) After watching, talk with your group about what you listened to/watched. Are there common themes/answers that come up? Do you agree or disagree with particular authors/thinkers? Why or why not?

They all said similar things about the current relationship with the Earth, and how humans have assumed power and authority over the Earth and all other living things that we share it with. There is a complete disconnect that we enforce, and the only way to change and heal the damage done to the Earth is to break down that barrier and reconvene. I really liked the first video and how the woman spoke about it - it was really interesting and powerful. And I loved Adrienne Maree Brown’s piece too. She had such a deft way of speaking and explaining and weaving so many different systems and ideas and concepts that are all interconnected but in a way that you might not think about at first glance.

- 3) FINAL GROUP PRODUCT: After watching each of these people and talking with your group, re-answer this question *as a group* – what does your group think “right relationship” looks and feels like?

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With the Earth	With Each Other
<ul style="list-style-type: none">- A deeper connection and respect for the Earth- No longer relying on fossil fuels- Sustainability as the norm- The economy helping the Earth	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Having more patience with people, being kinder- Strengthening community- Dismantling systems of oppression

<p>instead of harming it</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Working on reversing the effects of climate change as a planet	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Placing importance on people and not corporations- Having accountability for people's actions
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<p>I think the right relationship with the earth means to respect the earth just as you would a person and to treat it kindly.</p> <p>I also think it means to care for the earth because the earth is dependent on this world to do right by it and to keep it healthy and safe because that will also benefit us as humans too.</p> <p>Reducing trash waist.</p>	<p>I think having the right relationship with each other means to be kind just as human beings and to treat others how you want to be treated.</p> <p>Doing more social activity instead of social activity. Especially after the pandemic and that distance created between each other for a really long time.</p>

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Current relationship with the earth: The dynamic is humans over mother nature but really we are made up of a lot of the same things and elements. Because of this we are both being damaged as living creatures.

How they imagine a “right relationship” :Not blocking out the earth and nature and having more acknowledgment of this land that this earth is on, that we are on and appreciating that as well. Lastly just finding a way to come back to an equal dynamic instead of a separate one.

Clip 2: [Peter Brown \(author of *Right Relationship*\)](#) (3:15 total)

Current relationship with the earth: That the economy is a part of the earth system and not against it. The prospects on earth are declining, very substantial loss of species and climate change. There is a profound disrespect for our earth.

How they imagine a "right relationship: Living in communities that have integrity within our natural communities."Building a whole earth economy".

Clip 3: [Adrienne Maree Brown \(writer/organizer\) \(skip to 3:30-9:35\)](#) (6 min total)

Current relationship with the earth: we build our world structures the same way that nature and creatures build there's. There is a wall where change won't happen anymore. These superior things such as white men and people,certain genders,etc. This world is scared of being changed.

How they imagine a "right" relationship: getting in the battle of seeing beyond what is right now and imagine what it would look like to have a completely different relationship with justice. Just imagination can get you a long way and imagining systems that look more peaceful for this society. We are one with nature.

Clip 4: [Corrina Gould \(Ohlone organizer/Sogorea Te founder\) \(skip to 4:26-5:55 & 10:29-13:11\)](#) (4 min total)

Current relationship with the earth: thousands of people without homes and with so much hunger. Imagining the connection to ancestors and the way that they lived and the natures state during their time. Everyone for the most part had a home. It was a very agricultural time and water was accessible. Now humans have gotten away with not being connected to the land.

How they imagine a "right relationship": knowing who's land we are on currently and giving land back to create an arbor on someone else's territory. Lands that have been created by indigenous people need to be appreciated. Thinking about what it means and how it means to be good guests of people's lands. Thinking and imagining what this world will look like 7 generations forward. Before planting something or taking up land how will that benefit these next upcoming generations especially for the youth.

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I agree with this common theme of this huge disconnection between people and mother earth and that we both rely on each other and that treating the two living aspects affects our society majorly in a really bad, dangerous way. In clip 3 I feel like I kind of disagree with what the woman said about how hundreds or thousands of years ago everyone had homes and people never went hungry and I disagree.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - getting rid of this imaginary wall between Mother Nature and humans - Acknowledging the land we are using and profiting off of - “Building a whole earth economy” - Imagine a world beyond just right now and think about what our world looks like 7 generations from now and let those generations guide our actions right now that affects our world. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Getting rid of the narrative that only white men,certain genders,groups,etc are superior -letting the future youth generations impact how we act now -listening to our elders and ancestors' worlds and practices.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Take public transportation ● Do not litter ● Recycle ● Using reusables (reusable shower caps, cups, utensils) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Being polite ● Minding your business ● Speaking kindly about each other ● Treat people with dignity and respect ● Teach and learn from each other

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Current relationship with the earth: Nobody cares about the earth, and the people who truly did care (indigenous) have been diminished, colonized, and wiped out by white europeans. Humans see themselves as the dominant species

How they imagine a “right relationship: A dualistic balance (reference of yin and yang) and to see ourselves as a part of nature.

Clip 2: [Peter Brown \(author of *Right Relationship*\)](#) (3:15 total)

Current relationship with the earth:
The economy is disrespecting the life of nature.

How they imagine a “right relationship:
The economy should be working under nature and not against it.

Clip 3: [Adrienne Maree Brown \(writer/organizer\) \(skip to 3:30-9:35\)](#) (6 min total)

Current relationship with the earth:

People are scared of being changed, we are all complicit in systems that work against our long-term survival. All these systems were made up by someone (imagination), they aren't true.

How they imagine a "right" relationship:

The changes people make need to become clear. Checking if our actions align with our values. Bees, mushrooms, we can look at how they solve problems and challenges.

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Current relationship with the earth:

We see lots of people without homes, who are hungry, without fresh water. Whereas back then homelessness wasn't even a concept, and you could still drink creek water without a filter. The reason why this changed was because people that knew how to properly care for the land have been wiped out by colonizers.

How they imagine a "right relationship:

Land Acknowledgement **and** Land back.

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- The people in the videos are very passionate about the world and people
- Not only did the people claim that we are abusing the earth, but they gave direct evidence of it to
- A lot of the negatives that are happening to earth right now are bouncing off of colonization that happened to the indigenous

I agree with everything they are saying about what's happening to the world - Because I believe that most of the negative things that are happening to the world depend on

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Cleaning up litter, trash that is already there● Instead of denying the indigenous, let them take the lead and teach us how to care for the earth● Less building and more planting● Recycling more● Use cars less - use public transportation● Stop overpopulating (stop having kids)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Stop violence● Make drugs less accessible● Stop fighting over land and authority (wars)● Treat everyone with dignity and respect, especially PoC● Stop Colonialism

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<p><u>Current relationship with the earth:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● a feeling of separation from the earth and humans ● A vast scale of using earth's resources ● The earth being seen as something to be conquered ● thinking we are the rationally thinking masters and the earth being nothing but a resource ● we see ourselves as better / superior than everything that came before us <p><u>How they imagine a “right relationship:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Seeing ourselves as a part of the earth ● The earth and its other children having rights in our system / society

Clip 2: [Peter Brown \(author of *Right Relationship*\)](#) (3:15 total)

Current relationship with the earth:

- The economy is killing the life on earth
- it is built for exploiting the earth
- we are running down the earth with the way we live and have our economy

How they imagine a “right relationship:

- the economy should be part of the earth
- The economy has to be built around the earth and its needs
- It means living in communities that are strong and natural
- We need to view the world in a different way than we are currently existing

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Current relationship with the earth:

- Dominating nature
- acting if nature's rules don't affect us,
- the supremacy we put up are taking us further from nature
- the holding of power takes us from nature
- humans are set on what things should or shouldn't happen
- humans try to take themselves from nature by putting up a wall and to break them down it has to start with change in our thoughts and actions
- we are working in systems that are working to actively make our lives worse in the long run
- Supremacy isn't true it's the imagination of people and we could have a system that

How they imagine a “right relationship:

- we are not separate from nature
- things changing is the only fundamental truth
- taking inspiration / going back to nature to find ways to benefit us and our race
- Living cooperatively as a whole
- going before and looking at communities that prospered with the earth like bees and fungus

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Current relationship with the earth:

- not having a connection with the land
- There is a homelessness crisis , a hunger crisis and a problem with everyone having fresh water (250 years ago you could drink from any river) this is because we aren't treating the earth as we should be

How they imagine a “right relationship:

- going back to living closer to the land
- having a connection to the land
- knowing how to care for the land and what it provides and what is enough to sustain it
- take working together to replenish and grow the land back to healthy state
- remembering you are a guest on the land of indigenous american people

2) After watching, talk with your group about what you listened to/watched. Are there common themes/answers that come up? Do you agree or disagree with particular authors/thinkers? Why or why not?

Have a deeper connection to nature was a common theme. The need to go back to a time when we were closer to nature was something someone at my table said. What I thought was that the systems we have in place that are meant to keep us down and harm us for money power and such are also actively harming the earth and all the other creatures and things on it.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Standing up when we see injustices being done on the earth● Seeing ourselves as apart of the earth	<p>need</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Helping people who are less fortunate than you / taking away the things in our system that makes thing unfair and unliveable
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