



One World

A SENSRI workshop integrating inner and outer aspects of life, creating One World for the benefit of humanity and the environment

You may have a strong desire to create a better environmental situation in the world, a more harmonious culture. You may also have a passion for understanding and digging deeper into your own relationship to the world. By world, we mean both its inner and outer aspects, that sensory boundary where we find our self and the world simultaneously, intertwined, and sometimes inseparable. While we usually think in terms of two worlds, the inner and outer, at times each of us has had the experience that in fact these “two worlds” are not separated.

This experience actually is ONE WORLD.

Beginning with this simple statement, it is our firm belief and experience that a new approach to environmentalism and human understanding is possible. For the past eight years, SENSRI has existed as an organization dedicated to developing a deeper understanding of these principles and serving as a starting point for such a new approach to understanding perception, experience and meaning.

Our present environmental and societal challenges are the direct result of a world- view that is fixed and inflexible. Those processes that are solely concerned with an end product (and this usually means things), and ignore the destructive activities that occur in producing them, often yield unexpected problems for human beings and other aspects of nature. Unfortunately, most of the so-called “solutions” to our environmental issues are simply the same type of thinking, resulting in “new solutions” whose problems we have failed to recognize. There must be a way to create true and more meaningful solutions to these problems.

This five-day retreat is focused on developing perceptual awareness and an understanding the relationship between our self and the world, integrating our "inner" and "outer" experiences into *One World*. Participants will learn to recognize and develop their perceptive and conceptual skills to cultivate a truly constructive and deeper experience of the self/world.



This introductory session of *One World* is for high school students during the winter school vacation. Through a series of direct encounters with the natural world, opportunities for reflection, readings, group discussions and interactions, we will begin to identify the foundational

elements necessary for changing “the world.” By drawing on the rich experiences of the past and learning to be consciously present, we will develop the necessary capacities to help create a future life and environment that all of us can embrace.



The daily schedule will include experiences of pristine environments in nature (hikes, snowshoeing and sledding as weather permits), discussions, artistic activities, and presentations on various topics related to the new environmental aesthetic. Students will also develop a more sensitive awareness of and integration into their environment, and will gain an introduction to both historical and truly new approaches to environmental technology. The goal of this course is to give you an experience of the hopeful possibilities that lie ahead if each of us strives individually and together to create a truly new environmental consciousness.



Location - Our home base will be a large, comfortable lodge in the High Peaks region of the Adirondack Mountains in Keene Valley, NY.

Accommodations: Shared rooms with shared baths and full kitchen facilities.

Dates: January, 2008: Wednesday the 2nd through Sunday the 6th

Cost: \$350 per person includes tuition, room and board (some scholarship aid is available - please inquire)

Program Leaders: SENSRI researchers Michael D'Aleo and Tim Scherbatskoy



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For a description and photos of the *One World* workshop in January 2007 link to our web site at:

<http://www.sensri.org/recent.html>

To read the essay *The New Environmental Aesthetic* link to:

<http://www.sensri.org/new-environment.html>

SENSRI

Our mission is to promote research, education and the exchange of ideas growing out of applications of science based on human perception and experience. By developing new and deeper capacities of sensing and thinking, we can create a scientific understanding and practical applications that result in creative environmental technology, in harmony with nature, meeting human needs.

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