Agenda for May Meeting

INTENTION. We convene a meeting to explore the emerging concept of “the Adjacent Possible”, an idea that shares space in both western Complex Adaptive Systems science, and the Native science of sensual participation in the natural world. The Adjacent Possible is that which can arise next, given what is Actual now. The greater order of nature faces the onrushing juggernaut of a global economy that has unleashed the Anthropocene with global warming, ocean acidification, an avalanche of extinction events, and rising human conflict. We must seek to adapt in order to survive. *Can we together co-create a group process that combines the timeless knowledge of the past, the unstoppable creative invention of appropriate technology, and the idea of the adjacent possible in order to help us find a way to survive in an unknowable future?*

As soon as there were modems able to exchange Word files between computers, the World Wide Web--lurking in the adjacent possible--came to exist, and changed the world. Like a map of the past and future told in story by their grandmothers to generations of Native children, the Adjacent Possible tells the story of the evolution of humanity into its adjacent possible starting 2.6 million years ago with Australopithecus.

Our hope at this meeting is that ancient stories of survival and the 2.6 million- year- old processes of human co-creatvity can be invoked to help groups of us together find new pathways to the future, even though at present we cannot entirely foresee what is to come.