

## **Cherry-picking in Eden: Why one can't "be natural" from within an ideology of fragmentation.**

We often talk about natural-birthing, or unnatural birthing, schools that are "more natural" and others that are "more conventional", even "more natural food" or "more natural materials" ...these things are now constantly in popular culture and are the focus of many brands and industries, although they would not like to be called that.

The main problem is this:-

*"When we try to pick out anything by itself, we find it hitched to everything else in the Universe."* - John Muir

The naturalist John Muir knew instinctively that what he was seeing in nature was something that humans were absolutely an integral part of, more than integral, there is no divide to call something a "part", in fact it's Oneness. So this is the difficulty at the heart of the "natural" champagne. What happens is that people in the society want to live in it and cherry-pick the aspects of nature they like and let the rest go. For example, it's fine to have sex without contraception with a partner you want to have children with but it is not acceptable to have sex with a person you don't want to have children with without contraception. This may seem obvious but if we look at it closely we can see how mad it actually is. The body naturally wants to procreate and so we find each other and there is sexual connection...this is all nature knows. However for the human there is a pre-thinking about children and/or the possibility of sexually transmitted disease, also about monogamy and partnership and about being "responsible" or not. All nature knows is "sexual contact". So even the believed "choice" to not use contraception is not "natural", it is just as unnatural as contraception because there are so many ideological parameters surrounding it. The same is true of healing...how is it possible for any one individual to be "well" when everyone they are connected to is not? We are only cells in a larger body.

The point is that one can't cherry-pick...Eden or nature is totally open, cherry-picking is like living as a poor person in a time of great bounty. The very attempt to isolate something as "natural" makes it unnatural and "deficient". Of course there is a transitioning process going on, the whole realization of there being something that is more natural as differentiated from total insanity, does point out that humans are aware that they are fooling themselves and that nature is behind everything. But this is taking a very long time to come into realization and for its full to be impact felt.

I wrote 4 articles in the section of this website called "the back to nature project" in which I tried to offer a possible picture of "nature's blueprint" or simply nature's society - a society that would potentially deliver the human into a natural way of communing with their surroundings and with each other as part of this transition movement. However the expression, while being as close to nature as I can feel, is therefore also radical from the point of view of most people living in today's modern westernized moralistic and judgmental society. From this perspective these ideas are poppycock. While they may well be poppycock, I do feel that what is natural has to be seen as a whole, one can't birth children in a natural way and then expect there to be natural children, or do natural agriculture and not have a social expression which is

equally open and free as is the method of agriculture...nothing works in isolation. Masanobu Fukuoka (<http://www.onestrawrevolution.net>) expressed this:-

*“Unless people become natural-people, there can neither be natural farming, nor natural food.”*

A truly natural society does not see any divide between anything, so it is only models of society that incorporate everything imaginable into their picture that can ever really be considered as moving towards a natural connection. Nature is being prevented within us, resisted. A re-discovery of it is always about letting go of the known and dissolving in the Unknown without any tension. It is living like this and from this without rules but allowing natural-order to live through us that allows for a natural society to form without any intention what-so-ever.

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