



## STUDY CIRCLE

### Nature: Science and the Sacred

Meets Tuesday Evenings from 7:30 to 9:00 pm  
1407 Chapala Street, Santa Barbara

*"If we want to stop pathological behavior, pollution, destruction, violence, discontent, and exploitation, if we want to share real things, communicate meaningfully, live in harmony with the biosphere, and nurture the world around us, we have to recognize our true Nature: The Nature within us, the Wilderness that still lays deep in our heart, and the Nature and the Wilderness that are still around us, the biosphere, at the edges of the wastelands we've created and in between the cracks in the asphalt and the concrete we've coated the living Earth with, and that they are actually the same." – David B. Lauterwasser*

### JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2020 TOPICS

*Be sure to check <http://www.worldculture.org> for more information and for suggested readings*

#### **Jan 7           The Mystery of Nature**

*Discussion will be based on: "Reclaiming the Honorable Harvest", a TED talk by plant ecologist Robin Kimmerer, and a clip from the National Geographic video "Before Time and Space."*

#### **Jan 14          Soil, Soul, Society**

*Discussion will focus on the chapter on "Soil, Soul, Society" from "You Are therefore I Am" by Satish Kumar, founder of Schumacher College and Resurgence & Ecologist magazine.*

#### **Jan 21          The Impact of Technology on Nature**

*Discussion will focus around an essay by David B. Lauterwasser on the problems associated with the third industrial revolution.*

#### **Jan 28          The Secret Wisdom of Nature**

*"Our Role in Nature", a chapter in Peter Wohlleben's book, "The Secret Wisdom of Nature" will be discussed. Wohlleben is also the author of "The Hidden Life of Trees".*

#### **Feb 4           Science and Indigenous Wisdom**

*Themes from Robin Kimmerer's book "Braiding Sweetgrass" will be discussed.*

#### **Feb 11          The Intelligence of Animals**

*Discussion will focus on the fascinating and often overlooked intelligence of animals.*

#### **Feb 18          Science and Nature**

*Discussion will focus on two articles by Vandana Shiva: "Science and Politics in the Green Revolution" and "The Seed and the Earth".*

#### **Feb 25          Deep Ecology**

*An article on "The Ecology of Wisdom" by Arne Naess will be the focus of discussion.*