

## GESTALT OF THE DIALOGUE

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We cannot talk about greening  
without talking about peace  
We cannot talk about peace  
without talking about justice  
We cannot talk about justice  
without addressing injustice  
We cannot speak of injustice with integrity  
without talking about the problems of injustice  
such as race and poverty, exploitation  
and so on.

We cannot talk about the problems  
without talking about indifference to suffering  
We cannot talk about indifference to suffering  
without examining the labyrinth of violence  
We cannot speak of violence  
without talking about hatred  
We cannot talk about hatred  
without talking about fear  
We cannot talk about fear  
without addressing the mutuality of vulnerability  
and the given condition of relatedness.

We cannot talk about greening of the planet  
without talking about egocentricity and greed  
We cannot speak honestly of this awareness  
without acknowledging the bitter fruit of arrogance  
without recognizing the healing significance of humility  
and compassion.

No talking of self  
without talking *with* otherness  
No speaking of where we should be  
without embracing where we are  
No words about the play upon the world stage  
without coming to terms  
with the global village players  
No emotional exchange with our players  
without an emotional attachment  
to the playing field  
No meeting here with our masks on  
no falling into the fatality of silence  
For it is paramount that we speak of greening  
and short of extinction  
that we talk of peace.



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