



Cormac Cullinan: Embodying Wild Law:

Aligning Legal Systems and Personal Ethics with the Laws and Rights of Nature



Cormac Cullinan is an environmental lawyer, activist, author, and advocate for the rights of nature. Cormac takes a wider lens in this insightful and motivating session of embodiment from the concept of the human body to embodiment, to include celestial bodies, such as Earth and the body politic (referring to nations of people within states). Be inspired with information about the momentum of a global movement focused on legal recognition of nature.

TOP EMBODIMENT TIP: Go into nature and look at it as a community of life, thinking about relating to other living beings.

Evolution of the Universe:

- **Three themes** that govern the evolution of the universe are **1. differentiation or diversity; 2. self-forming into wholes - recognizing being as having agency, and 3. communion (aspects that keep everything together).**
- The principles apply to everything and are embodied in the structure of matter.
- Humans have created systems for governing human behavior that are based on a fundamental misunderstanding about how the universe works.
- We must work simultaneously- changing our bodies, practices, and ethics with the outer dimensions of society.

Systems Change:

- Legal systems around the world are starting to recognize other beings are legal subjects.
- Earth jurisprudence seeks to align human laws while contributing to the health and flourishing community of life.
- **We need to take personal responsibility for aligning ourselves with the greater jurisprudence.**
- **We can write our own laws to live by in the form of personal ethics, and if we decide to move in a particular direction no one can stop us.**
- One essential step to bring a new health-oriented body politic is to reclaim our wildness (our sensitivity, responsiveness & the creative, living force that flows through the universe).

Skillful Ways of Living:

- We can begin to work with other people to build new systems, strengthening indigenous cultures based on respect, humility, and gratitude for Mother Earth.
- Healthy bodies, like healthy ecosystems, need flow - we can strengthen the bonds of connection by seeking intimacy with nature as well as with other people. An attitude of humility is important when relating to nature & other beings.

Resources:

- ❖ **Books:** [Exploring Wild Law: The Philosophy of Earth Jurisprudence](#) **Website:** [Wild Law Institute](#)
- ❖ **References:** [The Universe Story](#) by Brian Swimme and Thomas Berry, [David Attenborough Film on Netflix: Life on Earth](#), [Harmony with Nature Program of the United Nations](#), [Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature](#)



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