

Ecocivilization: Making a World that Works for All

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A bold, practical vision for humanity's future

As climate chaos, inequality, and social fragmentation intensify, humanity faces an imminent choice: continue with a system built on extraction and endless growth, or reimagine civilization itself.

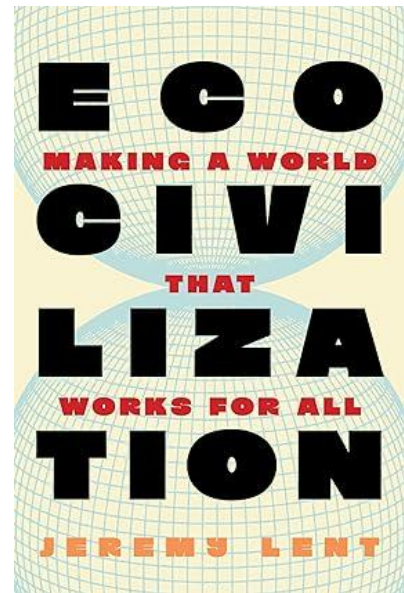
Leading thinker Jeremy Lent offers that reimagination: an ecocivilization, grounded in proven design principles of ecosystems and in humankind's evolved inclination toward justice, mutuality, and dignity.

The book doesn't merely diagnose what's broken. It reveals how our current civilization—designed for exploitation, accumulation, and elite power—is functioning exactly as it was intended. In its place, *Ecocivilization* charts a radical yet feasible alternative.

Lent lays out a world that's both hopeful and practicable:

- Technology reconfigured to empower people rather than entrench centralized power.
- Cities designed around wellbeing, community, and balance with nature.
- Democracy reinvented so regular citizens—rather than oligarchs—shape collective destiny.
- Corporations legally restructured to serve life and people, not just profit.
- Enforceable Rights of Nature legislation protecting all of Earth's sentient beings.

Backed by years of research, *Ecocivilization* goes beyond critique to articulate a coherent, achievable vision for humanity's next chapter. It is both a roadmap and a manifesto—a call to imagine, and build, a better future on a regenerated Earth.



Selected Advance Praise for *Ecocivilization*

“We need to think big—the crisis we're in demands nothing less. And this book does just that. It will fire your imagination.”

— **Bill McKibben**, author, *The End of Nature*, co-founder of 350.org and Third Act

“This powerful book charts a visionary course. Read it and join the crew.”

— **Kate Raworth**, author, *Doughnut Economics*

“A breathtaking account of the why, what, and how of ecocivilisation. As the darkness descends, Jeremy has shone a beautiful light towards the other world that is possible.”

— **Dr Gail Bradbrook**, Co-founder Extinction Rebellion

“All is not lost, and there are more islands of coherence in this apparently dying civilization than you might expect. I am committed to Ecocivilization.”

— **Douglas Rushkoff**, author, *Team Human*

“This is a masterpiece equal to none in holding a well-constructed mirror to us as one human family. The beauty and power of the narrative woven here is a treat everyone must not miss.”

— **Mamphela Ramphele**, ex-chair, Club of Rome; anti-apartheid leader

“A stratospheric accomplishment that is simultaneously entirely down to earth.”

— **Jon Kabat-Zinn**, founder of MBSR, author, *Full Catastrophe Living* and *Coming to Our Senses*

“A brilliant and deeply necessary book, *Ecocivilization* lays the groundwork for a new chapter in humanity's story. Urgent and compelling, Lent's vision, eloquence, and unflinching moral clarity have never been more essential.”

— **Caroline Lucas**, former Leader, Green Party of England and Wales

“This is an inspiring and tremendously hopeful book, needed more than ever in our current dark times.”

— **Fritjof Capra**, author of *The Web of Life*, coauthor of *The Systems View of Life*

“An amazing, passionate book that takes us through our past, present, and most importantly, the future we can, and must, create.”

— **Riane Eisler**, author, *The Chalice and the Blade*, *The Real Wealth of Nations*, and *Nurturing Our Humanity*

“Mandatory reading for whoever is concerned with the future of humanity on Earth.”

— **Carlos Alvarez Pereira**, Secretary General, The Club of Rome

About the Author

Jeremy Lent, described by *Guardian* journalist George Monbiot as “one of the greatest thinkers of our age,” is an author and speaker whose work investigates the underlying causes of our civilization’s existential crisis, and explores pathways toward a life-affirming future.



His award-winning book, [The Patterning Instinct: A Cultural History of Humanity’s Search for Meaning](#), examines the way humans have made meaning from the cosmos from hunter-gatherer times to the present day. His more recent award-winning [The Web of Meaning: Integrating Science and Traditional Wisdom to Find Our Place in the Universe](#) offers a solid foundation for an integrative worldview that could lead humanity to a sustainable, flourishing future. He is the founder and host of the [Deep Transformation Network](#), an online global community of over 5,000 members exploring pathways toward a life-affirming future on a regenerated Earth.

Lent has written extensively about the vision and specifics of an ecological civilization, and is a founding member of the [Ecocivilization Coalition](#), a worldwide alliance of changemakers coming together to act as a transformation catalyst in service of this potential future. He is president of the Coalition’s parent, the Institute for Ecological Civilization, and is a board member on the executive committee of the [Global Compassion Coalition](#).

His upcoming book, [Ecocivilization: Making a World that Works for All](#), will be published by Melville House in May 2026. The book lays out the potential for a fundamentally different world system—an ecocivilization based on life-affirming principles rather than principles of extraction, exploitation, and wealth accumulation. It demonstrates the specifics of an alternative, positive future available for humanity, weaving together the groundbreaking work of visionary leaders, thinkers, and communities around the world.

Lent is recognized as a leading authority on the theme of an ecological civilization. He has published numerous articles on this and related topics since 2018, in media such as Open Democracy, Salon, Common Dreams, Counterpunch, Alternet, Kosmos Journal, and YES! Magazine, where his article [headlined an issue](#) featuring ecological civilization. He has contributed several chapters on the topic to book-length anthologies exploring positive futures, as well as journal articles.

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