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"As a member of Project NatureConnect's <u>life-experience accreditation program</u>, I am attracted to sit on this hill with Sandy, gazing out at the vast expanse of nature before me. It's heartfelt and I can't help but feel humbled.

For so long, I have believed that I have a good understanding of the world around me. While loving my now-activated pristine truth as it liberates my natural power and integrity, I sense just how restricted I have been.

It is not simply a lack of knowledge that has kept me blind - it was my inability to see beyond the artificiality and bias of the language I have been taught to use. The words we learn to speak are not nature's grandeur, but rather human-made artifacts that excessively conquer or

obscure the unifying essence of personal and global life. That's what's breaking our world and me. That's mental illness.

Nowhere else but Project NatureConnect have I found where pristine truth's evidence-based relations remedy the source of this catastrophe and grants are awarded to further this critical necessity.

By invoking Pristine Truth in a natural area, I am able to use words that strip away the undue artificialities that hold me back. I, instead, wonderfully connect with the essence of the world's therapeutic balance, love and beauty. It is Nature's and my love to live that I can feel this and any instant.

This has immunized me to my anxiety and the disorders it creates in me and my children. As I apply the power of my 54 senses, I enjoy and can share the awe-inspiring truths of nature's self-correcting ways.

It's wonderful that I can let this newfound practice guide me through my every twist and turn, knowing that I am not simply a passive observer, but a supportive participant in Nature's love to survive and grow its self-correcting ways around, in and as me."



What significant events made Project NatureConnect and West Coast University create this program?

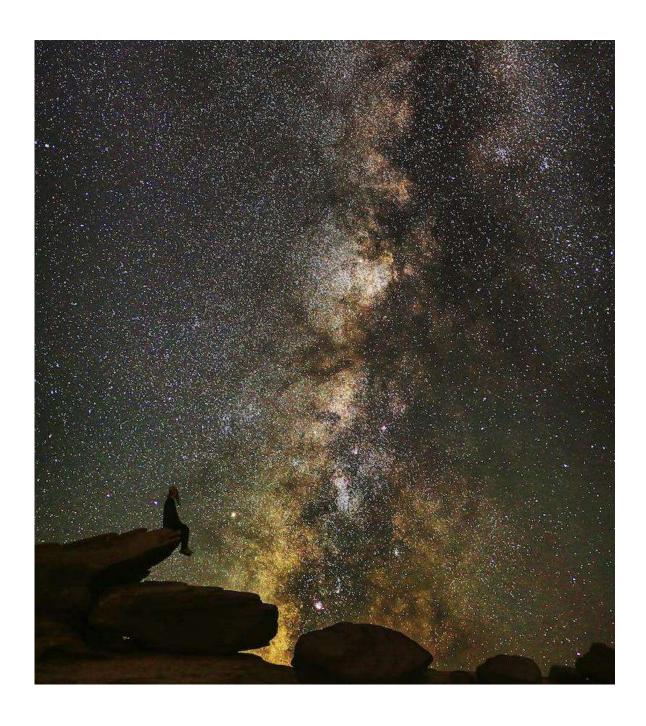
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On the first Earth Day in 1970, a groundbreaking realization struck humanity like a bolt of lightning. It became undeniably clear that our beloved planet and its precious inhabitants were facing a severe deficit in resources and entering bankruptcy due to our excessiveness. The life of Mother Earth, our ever-generous provider, had been relentlessly drained by our abuse and resulting insatiable wants, leaving her worn and weary.

But this realization paled in comparison to the earth-shattering truth that was unveiled on that fateful day. Society's deeply ingrained belief that the entire universe's "steady state" revolved around us humans, and that everything operated in a predictable, mechanical manner was revealed to be *nothing more than a scientific fallacy*.

Our egocentric human view had blinded us to this astounding reality: Nature, in all its grandeur, was a living masterpiece that was attractively beginning itself, moment by moment, like a Big Bang fertilized seed that continually loved and created its own life's, space and time, balanced survival moment by moment.

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The core of Nature's genius was at the helm, orchestrating the most spectacular show in existence - the Big Bang, before, then, and its continuing life now.

This cosmic event, far from a random explosion, was an irresistible attraction, an awe-inspiring celebration, as, since before forever, Nature wordlessly has loved to create the time and space to grow its longing to live and dance that love into being.

With this newfound awareness, the world collectively realized the urgency of change. No longer could we ignore the warning signs of our planet's exhaustion. The time had come to realign our actions with Nature's intelligence, to heal the wounds we had inflicted upon our ever-giving mother and each other.

And so, Earth Day became more than a symbolic date on our humanity-centered calendar. It marked the beginning of a new, evidence-based, space-time chapter, a pledge to nurture and protect our global home and family. Together, we vowed to replenish the resources we had taken, to cultivate sustainable practices that honored the delicate balance of our ecosystems.

Regrettably, because we ignore the misguided cause and pristine truth remedy to this crisis, our abusive relations, overconsumption and recklessness have driven us to 80% over-depletion of Earth's life in 2022. We have neglected our responsibility to protect the environment and our lack of concern and proper tools has resulted in massive devastation.

Two years before Earth Day, 1970, Project NatureConnect had already established its Expedition Education program. Its goal was to create a USA coast-to-coast travel and camping program that sought nature's teachings and self-correcting ways.

It would deepen our understanding of Nature's elaborate workings and help us incorporate them into our education, counseling and relationship practices.

We dedicated ourselves to establishing 54-sense natural area contacts that let Nature scientifically share with us the self-evident things we needed to know to stop being excessive and reverse our suicidal deterioration around and in us.

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Our expeditions awakened the dormant reverence within us, a reminder that we were members of this exquisite blue orb suspended in the vastness of space, not custodians of it.

In the years that followed our expeditions flourished through their self-developed methods and materials. Along with expanded choices, folks thrived in harmony with nature, ever-mindful of our interconnectedness with the universe. Our actions resonated across time and space, weaving a story of redemption, resilience, and hope.

This innovative journey would forever alter our student's perception of the world around and in them. Led by the visionary minds behind Project NatureConnect, they unraveled the mysteries of the cosmos through an unconventional approach — making time and space for nature itself to become the teacher via its direct contact with our 54 natural senses in natural areas. That's exactly the same as how Nature *wordlessly* functions in natural areas using a myriad of senses *except literacy*.

As the group ventured deep into the heart of Mother Earth's breathtaking landscapes, they found themselves immersed in a world where every leaf, every breeze, and every creature held valuable natural attraction lessons. Each day brought new opportunities for discovery and enlightenment, as they participated firsthand in the delicate balance that exists within our natural environment and our body, mind and spirit.



Under the canopy of ancient trees, they observed the intricate play between the sun and the shadows it cast, deciphering the language of light and time. By immersing themselves in the vibrant melodies of the forest, they sensed the harmonious rhythm that permeates all living things as it composes the cosmic symphony.

With their fingertips grazing the softness of moss-covered stones, they connected with the wisdom of ages past, and still present, where the secrets of space-time whispered their truths. By standing barefoot upon the fertile soil, they embraced the timeless energy that flows through the veins of the Earth and us, unlocking the secrets of existence itself.

Through the eyes of a curious child, they marveled at the vastness of the starry sky, tracing the constellations with their fingers, as if weaving their own celestial tapestry. Nature had become their science and guide, revealing the profound interconnections between the celestial bodies and the very core of their being.



For 16 years, at each year's end, as each new group bid farewell to the majestic wilderness that had nurtured their growth, they carried with them a newfound knowledge – a symbiotic pristine truth relationship with the natural world, where the exploration of life was not confined to textbooks and laboratories but experienced firsthand, in the embrace of nature.

That truth fit into and extended the then-emerging field of Ecopsychology. It was and continues to be a cosmic spectacle, where each breath we take is imbued with the raw energy and facts of the universe, pulsating throughout us.

These revolutionary explorers had become both students and teachers, united in their commitment to nurturing the symbiotic 54-sense bond between humanity and Earth.

Decades later, their legacy lives on, as, online and in local natural areas, each new student discovers the transformative power of nature. This perpetuates the teachings that nature offers to those who are willing to listen.

As Applied Ecopsychology, distant learning, Project NatureConnect continues to ignite the flame of curiosity, paving the way for future adventurers to immerse themselves in the dance of space-time, forging an unbreakable bond between humankind and the great web of life.



About West Coast University

During Project NatureConnect's 57-year application of Pristine Truth, in 2004 West Coast University (WCU) recognized and filled the need for unempowered people, internationally, to gain recognition and strength for skills they learned from their life experiences since formal education was unavailable to them.

In a world where education had failed to reach all corners of society, West Coast University (WCU) emerged as a beacon of hope.

Recognizing that knowledge is not confined to the four walls of a classroom, WCU made a groundbreaking decision. No longer would the path to recognition be limited to indoor classrooms, for there existed a vast ocean of wisdom to be explored beyond those confines through life experiences in it.

In 2005, with open minds and daring spirits, WCU further embarked on a revolutionary mission: to award degrees to those who had sought enlightenment while intimately connected with nature. Project NatureConnect students, explorers at heart, had spent countless time wandering through enchanted forests, traversing majestic mountains, and across mystical waters. Each step, each breath, a lesson learned, a self-evident truth uncovered.

No longer would their experiences and voices be disregarded. As already had several other Universities, WCU acknowledged the depth of wisdom woven into the fabric of these students'

souls, born from the space-time continuum they called Nature's life. Now, outside the hallowed halls of academia, WCU degrees would be bestowed upon these brave seekers of truth who were not on expeditions. Instead, through online training in local natural areas, WCU recognized the unconventional yet credible, undeniable education participants received at Project NatureConnect.



The bond between humans and the natural world had always existed, an ancient attraction and love to live connection often forgotten in the rush of modern life and its mismanagement of our natural resources. But WCU, with its visionary stance, had become a new catalyst for rekindling this primordial alliance. They saw the profound value in nature's classroom, where every rustle of leaves, every drop of rain, held a message waiting to be heard.

As the years have passed, WCU has become a special place for those yearning to break free from the constraints of traditional education. People from all walks of life find solace and healing within its personal skill and nature-connected degree training, their hearts uplifted by the knowledge that their unorthodox encounters and loves in the great outdoors hold equal worth to any textbook or lecture.

And so, in the year 2005, a new chapter was written in the annals of academia. West Coast University, opened its arms to those who dared to learn beyond the limited, human-centered boundaries set by society. From that moment on, a new wave of recognition and strength surged through interested, but unempowered individuals, as their truths and lessons learned from nature's classroom were celebrated and shared.

In its online presence today, WCU diplomas bearing witness to each student's remarkable nature-reconnecting journey adorn its website, a testament to the power of nature-connected education while its PNC-accredited courses provide academic and CEU credits when needed.

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