

“Pricing Nature”

TWO OF THE WORLD’S LEADING ENVIRONMENTALISTS –

SATISH KUMAR AND CHARLES EISENSTEIN

IN CONVERSATION AT BURGH HOUSE, NEW END SQUARE, HAMPSTEAD NW3 1LT

11 JANUARY 2013; 6.30pm – 7.30pm food & wine; 7.30pm – pm talk and Q&A

TICKETS: £12 full price; £8 concessions

BOOKING: www.gaiafoundation.org

Two leading environmental charities – The Resurgence Trust and The Gaia Foundation – are jointly organising an event with two key environmentalists – Satish Kumar and Charles Eisenstein in conversation in Hampstead on 11 January. The evening will provide a fascinating look at the price we put on nature.

Satish Kumar is a former Jain monk and long-term peace and environmental activist. He is also editor-in-chief of *Resurgence & Ecologist* magazine.

Charles Eisenstein is a teacher, speaker and writer focusing on themes of civilization, consciousness, money and human cultural evolution. He is the author of *Sacred Economics* and other books. His article in the January/February 2013 issue of *Resurgence & Ecologist*, examines the value of nature.

Charles Eisenstein says: “It is surely a good thing to align money with ecology, but we must do that without reducing ecology to money. Nature to commodity, the infinite to the finite, the sacred to the profane, quality to quantity, and the world into a pile of instrumental stuff. Detaching financial incentives from the doctrine of value frees us to apply them flexibly on a case-by-case basis that fully recognises their social context.”

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Satish Kumar adds: "It is not rocket science to know that you cannot have unlimited economic growth on a finite planet, yet politicians, business leaders and policymakers appear unable to comprehend this simple fact. We may now have to learn from Nature. In Nature, everything moves in cycles: cycles of time, cycles of life and, of course, a cycle of seasons. Things begin, things grow, things decay and then begin again. This simple and obvious reality must now be placed at the centre of our thinking. Rather than a growth economy, we have to think in terms of a cyclical economy."

Tickets for the evening can be obtained via www.gaiafoundation.org.

This talk marks the first in a programme of events both organisations are organising in 2013. The next will take place on 9 February 2013 when Satish Kumar will be in conversation with Vandana Shiva.

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Notes to Editors:

1. For further information about Resurgence and the Ecologist visit www.resurgence.org.
2. *Resurgence & Ecologist* is currently published six times a year, at £4.95 an issue and is also available online. For individual copies or membership (6 issues a year) visit www.resurgence.org.
3. Resurgence and the Ecologist are published by The Resurgence Trust (no.1120414) an educational charity registered at Ford House, Hartland, Bideford, Devon, EX39 6EE, UK.
4. The Gaia Foundation is passionate about regenerating cultural and biological diversity and restoring a respectful relationship with the Earth. Together with long-term partners in Africa, South America, Asia and Europe, it works with local communities to secure land, seed, food and water sovereignty. By reviving indigenous knowledge and protecting sacred natural site, local self-governance is strengthened. This enables communities to become more resilient to climate change and the industrial processes which have caused the many crises we now face. For further information, please visit www.gaiafoundation.org.
5. A light buffet and wine will be provided at Gaia House, 18 Well Walk, NW3 1LD from 6.30pm. The talk will then take place over the road at Burgh House at 7.30pm.