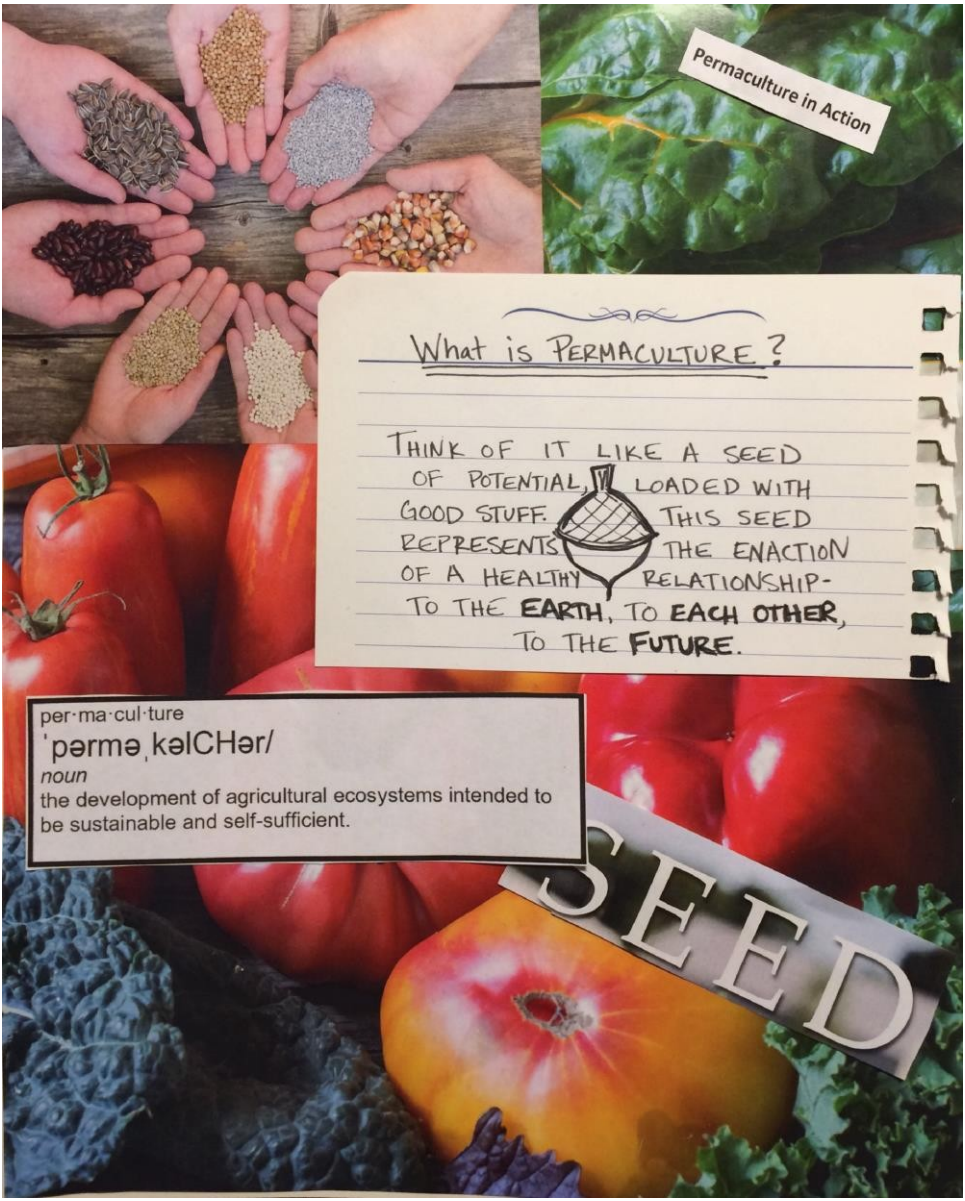
GLORIOUS DEBRIS

ISSUE 1

"TO CHERISH WHAT REMAINS
OF THE EARTH AND TO
FOSTER ITS RENEWAL IS
OUR ONLY LEGITIMATE
HOPE OF SURVIVAL."
(WENDELL BERRY)


Permaculture in Action
What is PERMACULTURE?
THINK OF IT LIKE A SEED OF POTENTIAL, LOADED WITH GOOD STUFF. THIS SEED REPRESENTS THE ENACTION OF A HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP- TO THE EARTH, TO EACH OTHER, TO THE FUTURE.
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noun
the development of agricultural ecosystems intended to be sustainable and self-sufficient.
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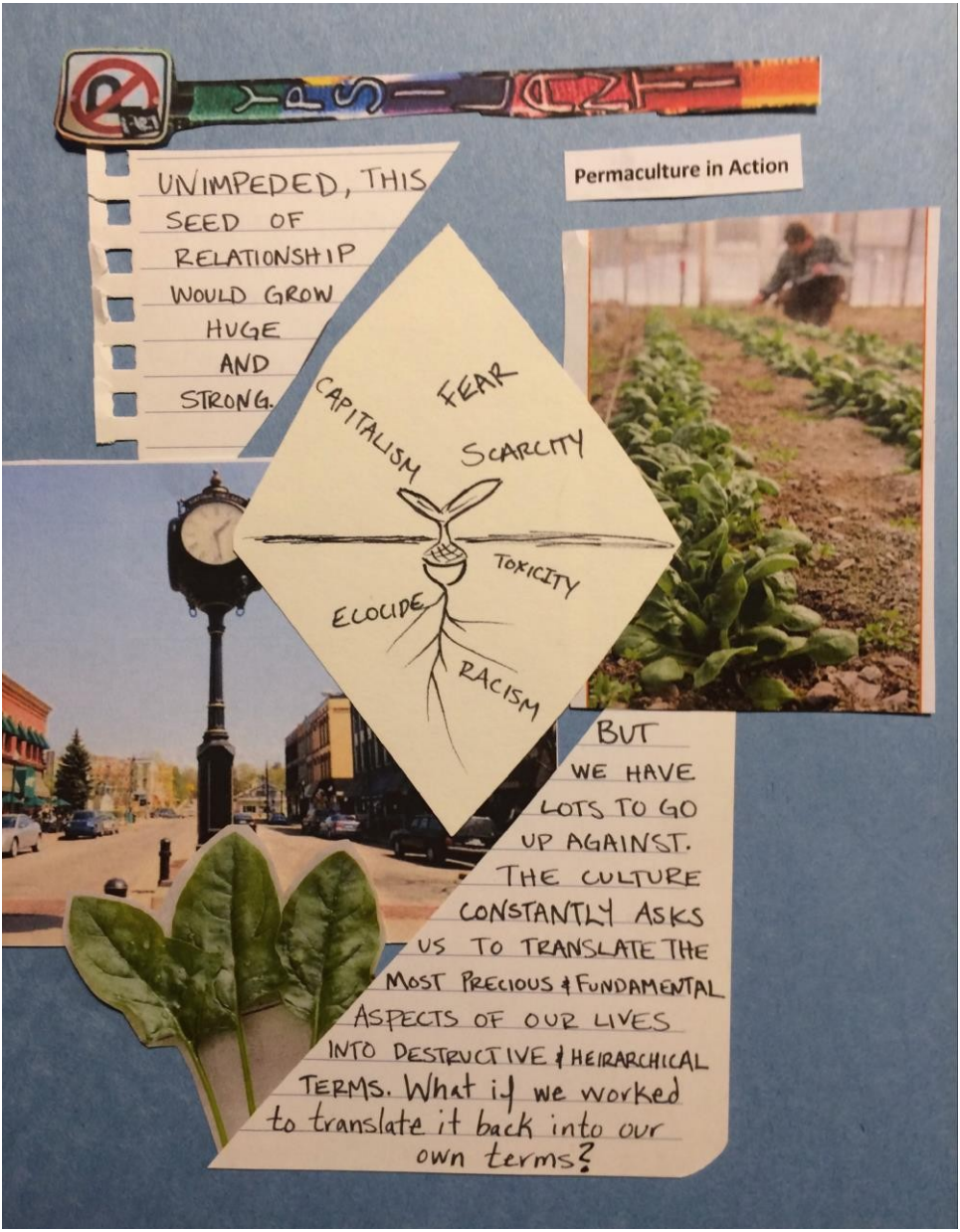
UNIMPEDED, THIS SEED OF RELATIONSHIP WOULD GROW HUGE AND STRONG.
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CAPITALISM
FEAR
SCARCITY
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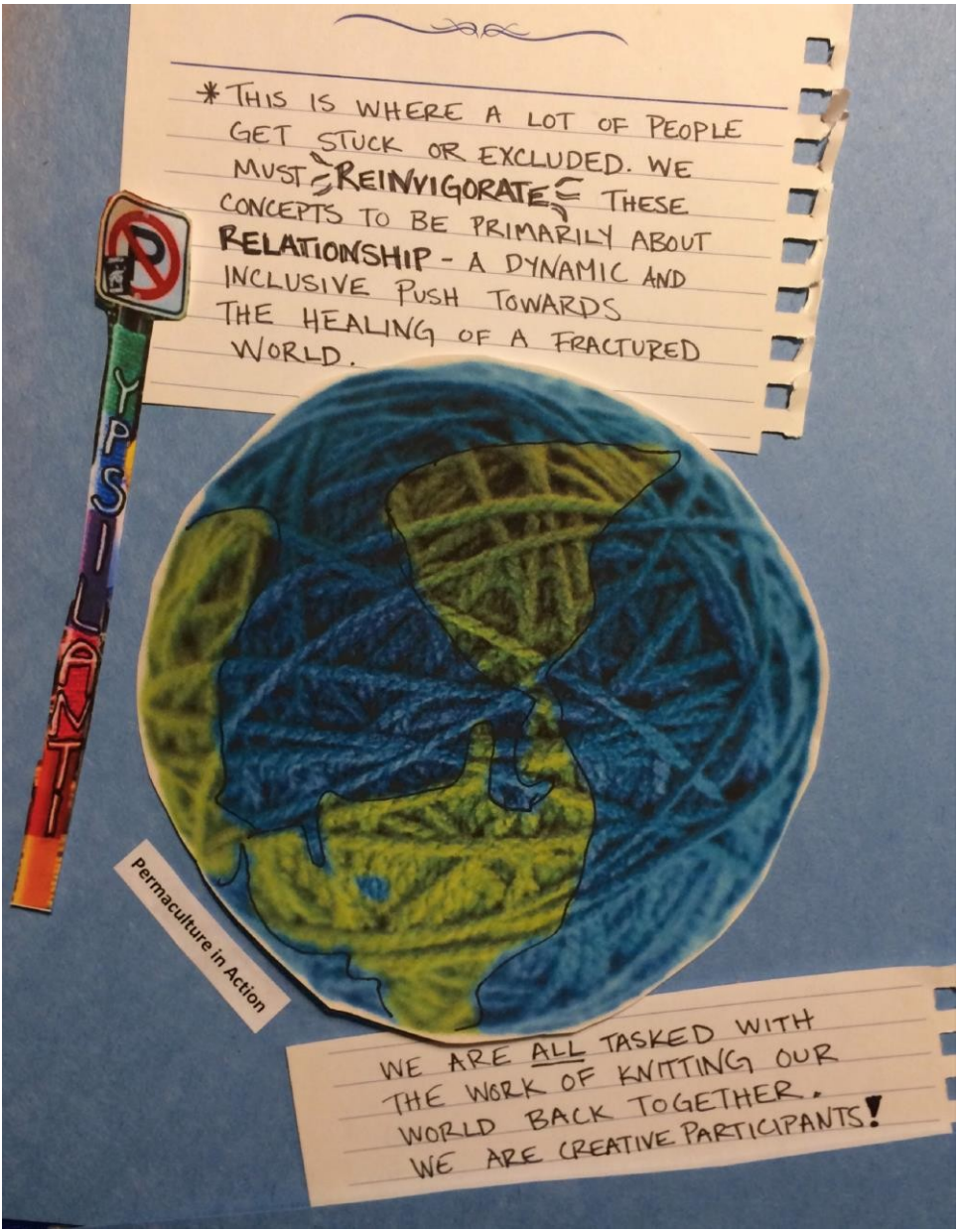
RACISM
BUT WE HAVE LOTS TO GO UP AGAINST. THE CULTURE CONSTANTLY ASKS US TO TRANSLATE THE MOST PRECIOUS & FUNDAMENTAL ASPECTS OF OUR LIVES INTO DESTRUCTIVE & HEIRARCHICAL TERMS. What if we worked to translate it back into our own terms?


*THIS IS WHERE A LOT OF PEOPLE GET STUCK OR EXCLUDED. WE MUST REINVIGORATE THESE CONCEPTS TO BE PRIMARILY ABOUT RELATIONSHIP - A DYNAMIC AND INCLUSIVE PUSH TOWARDS THE HEALING OF A FRACTURED WORLD.
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WE ARE ALL TASKED WITH THE WORK OF KNITTING OUR WORLD BACK TOGETHER. WE ARE CREATIVE PARTICIPANTS!

Permaculture Principles

1. **Observe and Interact** – "Beauty is in the mind of the beholder"
   By taking the time to engage with nature we can design solutions that suit our particular situation.

2. **Catch and Store Energy** – "Make hay while the sun shines"
   By developing systems that collect resources when they are abundant, we can use them in times of need.

1. WORK TO BANISH DISEMPOWERING MINDSETS.

DON'T FALL INTO THE PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAP THAT SAYS THAT IF YOU CAN'T MEET SOME IDEALISED VISION THERE ISN'T A POINT. ON THE CONTRARY! YOU HELP TO INFORM THE MISSION! YOUR EXPERIENCE IS WHAT WE NEED.

Remember that anything you do - any energy you put towards growing this seed - is 100% more progress than not at all.

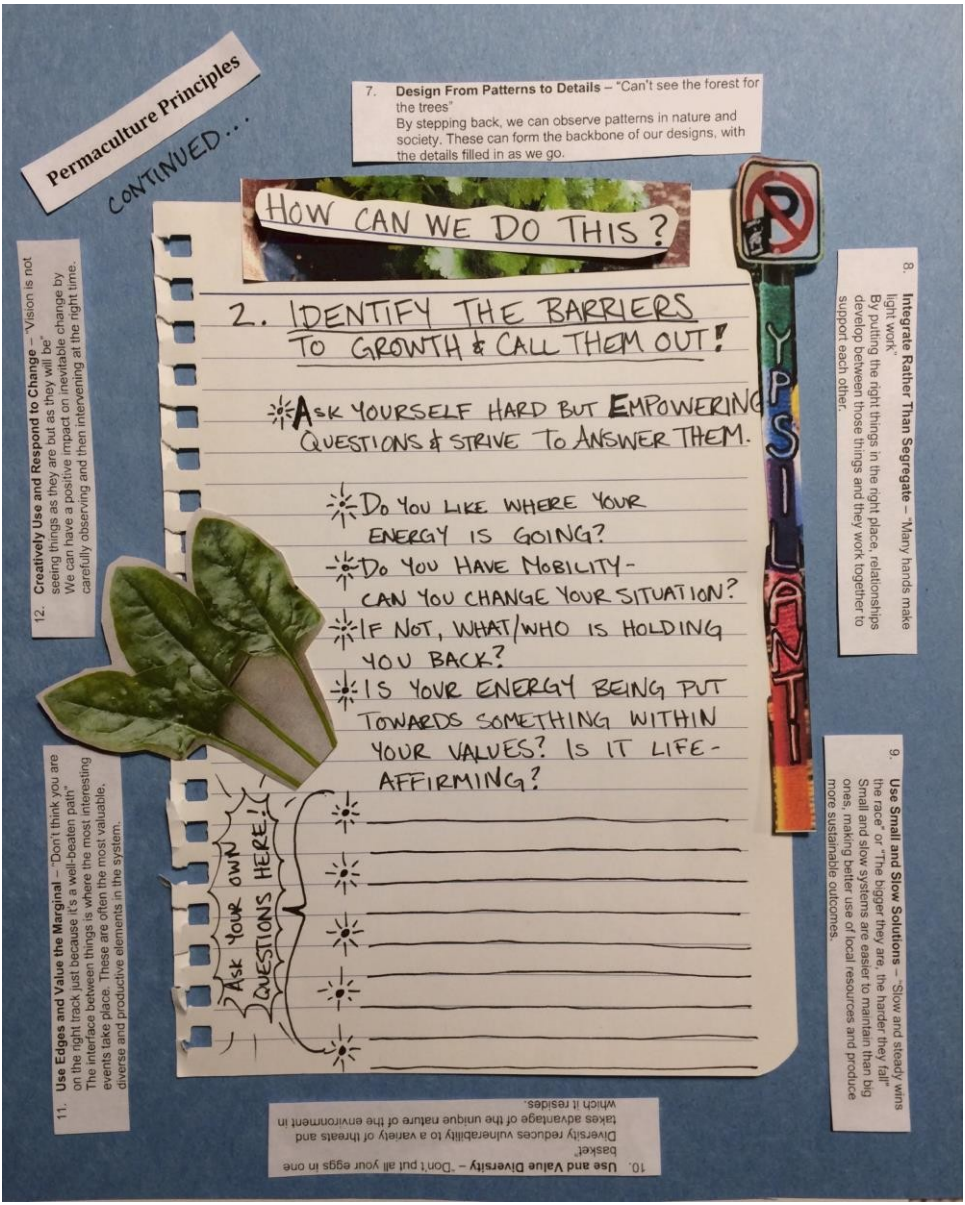
THIS SHIFT IN MINDSET IS **PART OF THE RESISTANCE** IN FACT, IT'S FOUNDATIONAL.

3. **Obtain a yield** – "You can't work on an empty stomach"
   Ensure that you are getting truly useful rewards as part of the working you are doing.

4. **Apply Self Regulation and Accept Feedback** – "The sins of the fathers are visited on the children of the seventh generation"
   We need to discourage inappropriate activity to ensure that systems can continue to function well. Negative feedback is often slow to emerge.

5. **Use and Value Renewable Resources and Services** – "Let nature take its course"
   Make the best use of nature's abundance to reduce our consumptive behavior and dependence on non-renewable resources.

6. **Produce No Waste** – "Waste not, want not" or "A stitch in time saves nine"
   By valuing and making use of all the resources that are available to us, nothing goes to waste.


Permaculture Principles
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7. Design From Patterns to Details – "Can't see the forest for the trees"
By stepping back, we can observe patterns in nature and society. These can form the backbone of our designs, with the details filled in as we go.
HOW CAN WE DO THIS?
2. IDENTIFY THE BARRIERS TO GROWTH & CALL THEM OUT!
ASK YOURSELF HARD BUT EMPOWERING QUESTIONS & STRIVE TO ANSWER THEM.
DO YOU LIKE WHERE YOUR ENERGY IS GOING?
DO YOU HAVE MOBILITY- CAN YOU CHANGE YOUR SITUATION?
IF NOT, WHAT/WHO IS HOLDING YOU BACK?
IS YOUR ENERGY BEING PUT TOWARDS SOMETHING WITHIN YOUR VALUES? IS IT LIFE-AFFIRMING?
ASK YOUR OWN QUESTIONS HERE!
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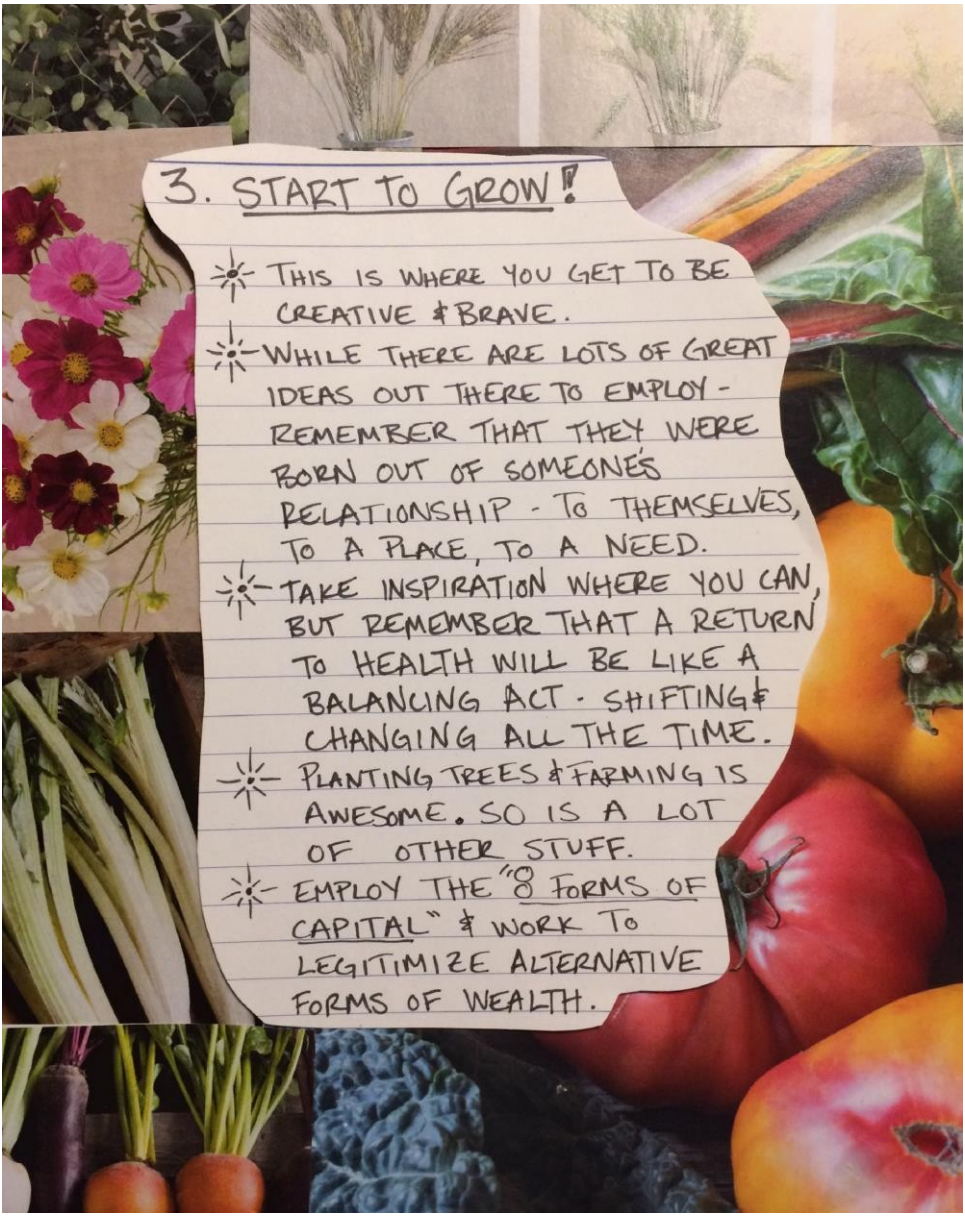
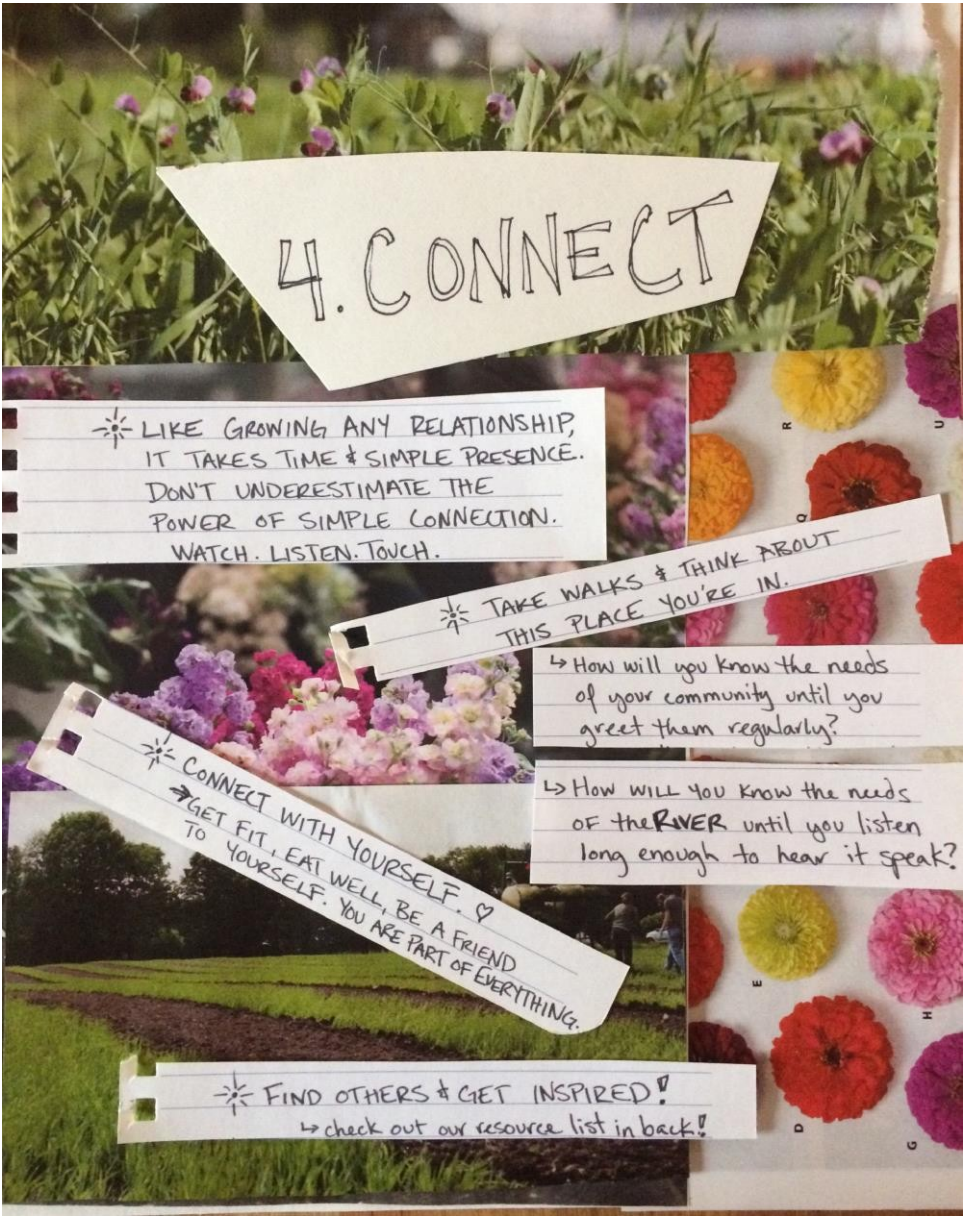
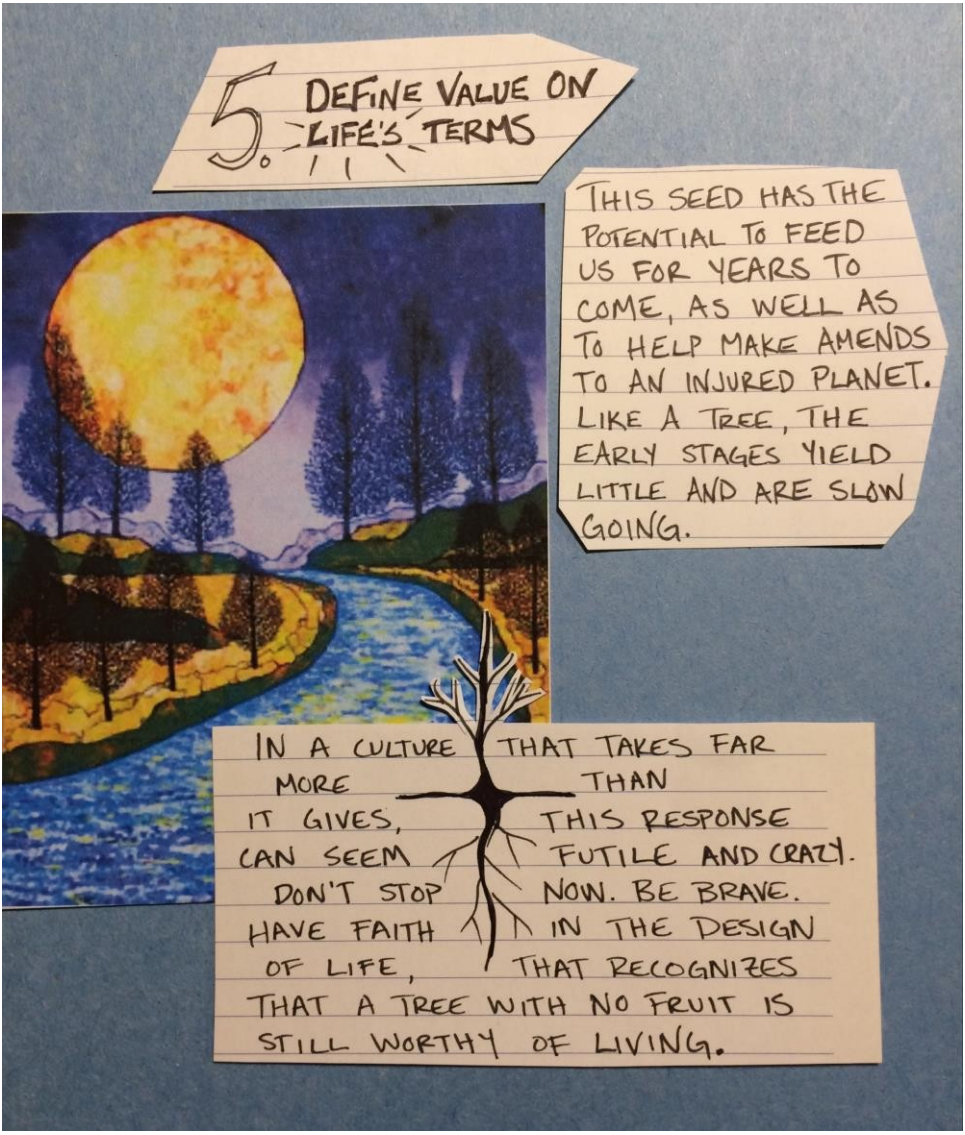
12. Creatively Use and Respond to Change – "Vision is not seeing things as they are but as they will be"
We can have a positive impact on inevitable change by carefully observing and then intervening at the right time.
8. Integrate Rather Than Segregate – "Many hands make light work"
By putting the right things in the right place, relationships develop between those things and they work together to support each other.
11. Use Edges and Value the Marginal – "Don't think you are on the right track just because it's a well-beaten path"
The interface between things is where the most interesting events take place. These are often the most valuable, diverse and productive elements in the system.
10. Use and Value Diversity – "Don't put all your eggs in one basket"
Diversity reduces vulnerability to a variety of threats and takes advantage of the unique nature of the environment in which it resides.
9. Use Small and Slow Solutions – "Slow and steady wins the race" or "The bigger they are, the harder they fall"
Small and slow systems are easier to maintain than big ones, making better use of local resources and produce more sustainable outcomes.


3. START TO GROW!
THIS IS WHERE YOU GET TO BE CREATIVE & BRAVE.
WHILE THERE ARE LOTS OF GREAT IDEAS OUT THERE TO EMPLOY - REMEMBER THAT THEY WERE BORN OUT OF SOMEONE'S RELATIONSHIP - TO THEMSELVES, TO A PLACE, TO A NEED.
TAKE INSPIRATION WHERE YOU CAN, BUT REMEMBER THAT A RETURN TO HEALTH WILL BE LIKE A BALANCING ACT - SHIFTING & CHANGING ALL THE TIME.
PLANTING TREES & FARMING IS AWESOME. SO IS A LOT OF OTHER STUFF.
EMPLOY THE "8 FORMS OF CAPITAL" & WORK TO LEGITIMIZE ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF WEALTH.


4. CONNECT
LIKE GROWING ANY RELATIONSHIP, IT TAKES TIME & SIMPLE PRESENCE. DON'T UNDERESTIMATE THE POWER OF SIMPLE CONNECTION. WATCH. LISTEN. TOUCH.
TAKE WALKS & THINK ABOUT THIS PLACE YOU'RE IN.
↳ How will you know the needs of your community until you greet them regularly?
↳ How will you know the needs of the RIVER until you listen long enough to hear it speak?
CONNECT WITH YOURSELF. ♡
GET FIT, EAT WELL, BE A FRIEND TO YOURSELF. YOU ARE PART OF EVERYTHING.
FIND OTHERS & GET INSPIRED!
↳ check out our resource list in back!


5. DEFINE VALUE ON LIFE'S TERMS
THIS SEED HAS THE POTENTIAL TO FEED US FOR YEARS TO COME, AS WELL AS TO HELP MAKE AMENDS TO AN INJURED PLANET. LIKE A TREE, THE EARLY STAGES YIELD LITTLE AND ARE SLOW GOING.
IN A CULTURE THAT TAKES FAR MORE THAN IT GIVES, THIS RESPONSE CAN SEEM FUTILE AND CRAZY. DON'T STOP NOW. BE BRAVE. HAVE FAITH IN THE DESIGN OF LIFE, THAT RECOGNIZES THAT A TREE WITH NO FRUIT IS STILL WORTHY OF LIVING.

"EVERY ONE OF US IS CALLED UPON, PERHAPS MANY TIMES, TO START A NEW LIFE. A FRIGHTENING DIAGNOSIS, A MARRIAGE, A MOVE, LOSS OF A JOB... AND ONWARD FULL-TILT WE GO, PITCHED AND WRECKED AND ABSURDLY RESOLUTE, DRIVEN IN SPITE OF EVERYTHING TO MAKE GOOD ON A NEW SHORE. TO BE HOPEFUL, TO EMBRACE ONE POSSIBILITY AFTER ANOTHER -
THAT IS SURELY THE BASIC INSTINCT... CRYING OUT: HIGH TIDE! TIME TO MOVE OUT INTO THE GLORIOUS DEBRIS.
TIME TO TAKE THIS LIFE FOR WHAT IT IS." (BARBARA KINGSOLVER)
Eight Forms of Capital
http://www.appleseedpermaculture.com/8-forms-of-capital/
Capital
Currency
Social Capital
Connections
Material Capital
Materials; "natural" resources
Financial Capital
Money
Living Capital
Carbon, Nitrogen, Water
Intellectual Capital
Ideas, Knowledge
Experiential Capital
Action
Spiritual Capital
Prayer, Intention, Faith, Karma
Cultural Capital
Song, Story, Ritual

RESOURCES

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