

David Loy

Ecodharma: Buddhist teachings for the ecological crises

Aug. 31 – Sept. 2, 2024

9am - 4pm, all three days

White Heron Meditation Center 6615 Bay Laurel Place, Avila Beach, CA

White Heron Sangha is pleased to sponsor a threeday non-residential retreat with David Robert Loy.

David Loy is a professor, writer, and Zen teacher in the Sanbo Zen tradition of Japanese Zen Buddhism. He lectures nationally and internationally on various topics, focusing primarily on the encounter between Buddhism and modernity and what each can learn from the other.

Humanity today faces its greatest challenge ever: an environmental catastrophe that threatens civilization as we know it, complicated by many other social, economic, and political problems. What do Buddhist traditions provide that can help us address these crises? And is our predicament also a challenge to how we understand and practice Buddhism? Although Buddhism originated long ago, its teachings offer important personal and social/ecological insights into our present situation.

In this retreat we will explore those implications together, combining meditation, talks, and group discussions. These will help us deal with our own grief and empower us to respond appropriately in these difficult times.

"You can hold back from the sufferings of the world, that is something you are free to do... but perhaps this very holding back is the one suffering you could have avoided." –Franz Kafka



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