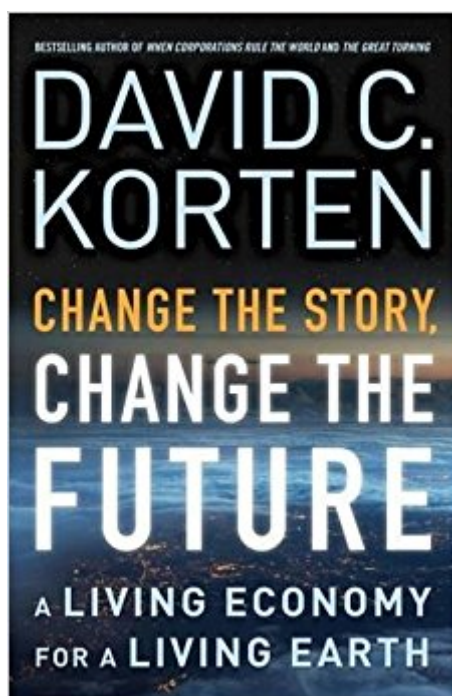


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Change The Story, Change The Future: A Living Economy For A Living Earth



Synopsis

We humans live by stories, says David Korten, and the stories that now govern our society set us on a path to certain self-destruction. In this profound new book, Korten shares the results of his search for a story that reflects the fullness of human knowledge and understanding and provides a guide to action adequate to the needs of our time. Korten calls our current story Sacred Money and Markets. Money, it tells us, is the measure of all worth and the source of all happiness. Earth is simply a source of raw materials. Inequality and environmental destruction are unfortunate but unavoidable. Although many recognize that this story promotes bad ethics, bad science, and bad economics, it will remain our guiding story until replaced by one that aligns with our deepest understanding of the universe and our relationship to it. To guide our path to a viable human future, Korten offers a Sacred Life and Living Earth story grounded in a cosmology that affirms we are living beings born of a living Earth itself born of a living universe. Our health and well-being depend on an economy that works in partnership with the processes by which Earth's community of life maintains the conditions of its own existence – and ours. Offering a hopeful vision, Korten lays out the transformative impact adopting this story will have on every aspect of human life and society.

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"One of the most thought-provoking analyses of the shifts in Western ideals and modern society now available under one cover." — Sister Joan Chittister, OSB, Executive Director, Benetvision, and author of *A Passion for Life*

Every society is governed by stories — overarching cultural frameworks that determine what people value and how they understand and relate to the world and each other. Bestselling author David Korten argues that our current political, economic, and environmental crisis can be traced to fatal flaws in our current stories, and offers a new one that promises a better future.

Korten is a prophetic seer who calls us to a great paradigm-shift that if heeded could enable our civilization to survive. Calling us to set aside the several thousand year emphasis on "Sacred Money and Markets" to "Sacred Life and Living Earth" the author shows us the new direction in which the winds of time are blowing. Amidst the stonewalling and heel-digging of so many, who are trying to recreate an idealized past in the future, even in the crumbling collapse of systems and nations, Korten sounds a note of creative hope for a new and transformed future. He offers few steps on how to get there, but the positive image toward which we can work may spark many from cynical despair to creative thought and action. I am encouraging all my retired and active clergy colleagues and all my friends to get, read, and begin to live out of Korten's new paradigm.

Having long taught David C. Korten's *THE GREAT TURNING: FROM EMPIRE TO EARTH COMMUNITY* in my *Writing about Human Frontiers* college course, I am eager now to add *CHANGE THE STORY, CHANGE THE FUTURE* to my syllabus — because it even more explicitly and persuasively establishes that maintaining Earth's viability is our sacred duty.

Not only is David Korten hitting all of the most important topics - not just one theme, but a whole, multi-faceted presentation of some of the most important topics threatening the survival of life on earth - but I was constantly astonished at the literary quality of his writing. Korten is up there with Teilhard de Chardin, Bertrand Russell, and Noam Chomsky - this is a must read - and tell your friends.

Korten always has relevant and important things to say. I've read many of his books.

This is a deeply felt plea to all mankind to look at the world with a totally different perspective...respect for all aspects of life on this planet, and finding ways to curtail our past insults (mining and drilling for oil). I wish that everyone would read it and absorb its full impact.

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You really can't argue with the thesis. I go around giving talks on the future of food and how we must change the paradigm. As a farmer I/We try to live in the transition. Our approach is build it and they will come. I was hoping for more how to do it. We need a revolution in the middle...a person who can bring us to the public media stage ...at this point in our evolution it will take money! A contradiction!!!

Very thought provoking and disturbing account. Must read for everyone if we are to have a future.

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