



Narratives

The Narratives we construct tell us how we understand Ourselves.

Some explain how our ecologically connected World works.

Most imply who we believe we are to One Another.

Narratives bookmark what we think we're a part of;

what we're doing here.

Narratives set the rules for recognizing and connecting the dots.

They codify belief, entwine the imaginary, provide pathways for fantasy.

Narratives define what's real.

They discourage thinking and doing some things;

while giving permission for thinking and doing other things.

We're a Reasoning Social Creature.

We use Narratives to justify everything we do.

Because we're also fragile — our choices entail survival or failure.

A Master Narrative legitimizes Minor Narratives that branch from it;

dismissing explanations that contradict;

in turn, the approved Minor Narratives elaborate the Master Narrative,
contributing to its claim of legitimacy.

After millennia of Hierarchy, Alienation and War,

it would be wise for us as a Species to deconstruct our Master Narrative.

The License to use violence

has led to a World armed with Nuclear Weaponry;

The Right to take as much as you can get

has resulted in gross economic inequity, starvation, global migration;

Permission to exploit the Planet as though Earth were an Object

enabled the tragic beginning of the Anthropocene.

The Pathway that the Self-as-Separate Master Narrative has taken us down,
has reached its logical end.