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Lessons and Love Stories from the Womb

A First Monday talk and discussion led by .O and Scott Gilbert

Accustomed to think of the world of nature as an arena of fierce struggle where only the strong survive, we project that paradigm into the social world of human relationships. “It’s a dog-eat-dog world,” for example. Indeed, perhaps we see the world of nature as a constant competitive struggle because we enshrine the fierce “self-actualized” individual as the crowning achievement of Western civilization. This paradigm is both false and destructive. A close look at human development from the very beginnings of sperm and egg, reveals a carefully balanced story of cooperative interaction and transformation aided by an entire ecosystem of biomes and processes. As we awaken to the revelations of modern biology, we can see that love is at the heart of our creation, and that cooperation in community is both an old and new way of framing human society.

Join Scott Gilbert and .O in an adventure into the heart of human development — the lessons it suggests and the questions it invites.

Scott Gilbert, Ph.D., is an internationally acclaimed developmental biologist and professor emeritus at Swarthmore. Last year, Scott was invited to present a lecture to His Holiness the Dalai Lama and around 3,000 Buddhist monks concerning the embryonic origin of bodies and how concepts of animal development might resonate with Buddhist philosophies of co-dependent origination. He is the co-author of *Fear, Wonder, and Science in the New Age of Reproductive Biotechnology*, a newly published book for the general public on fertility, infertility, and human development.

.O pursues a lifelong ministry of witness to the elemental power of love. She strives to identify and remove the blocks to its free flow among all beings perpetuated by a domination, power-over paradigm that denies our deep interdependence.

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