



The Ecology of Spiritual Development (1990)

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	The importance of the ecology: PERSONHOOD	The conditions of the ecology: RELATIONSHIPS	Motive of the ecology: SPIRITUAL BEING (Image of God)
<i>Key words</i>	INTEGRATION wholeness unity	BALANCE interaction interdependency	FULFILLMENT perfection maturity
<i>Explanation</i>	All aspects of the human being affect all other aspects. They must be disciplined together.	The key balance to be achieved: self/others process/content knowledge/action experience/reflection	The <u>essence</u> of person is <u>spiritual</u> . All other aspects (physical, emotional, mental, social, etc.) are supportive of the spiritual.
<i>Scripture</i>	EPHESIANS 4:12, 13 ... that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. (NIV).	Colossians 4:12 ... wrestling in prayer for you, that you may stand firm in all the will of God, mature and fully measured (NIV).	Matthew 5:48 Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect (NAS).
<i>Comment</i>	You can't have an integrated community (body) without integrated persons.	Standing firm, in this context of dynamic wrestling, suggests powerful tensions in balance.	Staggering request. Surely our Lord had a plan to make this ideal realistic, or he wouldn't have said it.