



## EARTHSPIRIT RISING

A Conference Celebrating  
Earth As Teacher

A WEEKEND WITH  
SOCIAL PSYCHOLOGIST DIARMUID O'MURCHU  
AND NATURALIST CONNIE BARLOW



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### CONNIE BARLOW



Connie Barlow brings a naturalists' love of life and practical engagement with the world in all her endeavors. As a science writer, she celebrates the awe and delight evoked by Earth's grand evolutionary story. In her four books, and as a contributing writer for *Wild Earth* magazine, she brings a "deep time" perspective to deep ecology. A leader in the "Epic of Evolution" movement, Connie draws her inspiration from Thomas Berry, Brian Swimme, Rachel Carson, Loren Eiseley, Annie Dillard, Aldo Leopold, Julian Huxley, and many others who have been guided by the immense journey of cosmos and life. She has developed an educational website ([www.thegreatstory.org](http://www.thegreatstory.org)) that posts evolutionary parables, metareligious essays, timelines, ritual scripts, children's programs, and significant syntheses of science from a community of contributors. For the past two years, Connie and her husband, Michael Dowd, have been itinerant evolutionary teachers, sharing the evolutionary story throughout North America.

*"Since the beginning of early humans' first relations with the natural world, Earth has been sharing her wisdom with us. For the past forty years, since Rachel Carson's Silent Spring, Earth has been teaching us ecology. We have put that knowledge to practical use in detecting and diminishing pollution and in striving for ecological integrity. As well, we have nurtured renewed intimacy with the Earth Community through diverse forms of ecospirituality. Now Earth is awakening us to the time dimensional teachings of evolution. We are learning to experience oak and squirrel, hill and creek, with deep-time eyes. Intimacy expands to include the whole cosmos, which is no longer our surroundings but our source. Finally, we know who we truly are. Finally, we begin to discern our individual and collective callings." —Connie Barlow*