**Reconsider website narrative and elements**

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**Homepage**

Two questions on black and grey backgrounds:

What World Do We Want to Live In?

What Kind of Life Do You Want to Create?

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**Discover an Opportunity to Live a More Dynamic and Meaningful Life**

**Reconsider:** Moves Energy

Creates Opportunities for Connecting

Supports Conscious Evolution

Deepens Experience of Life

Provides Opportunities for Collaboration and Creation

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**Vision**

**We envision a world** in which all people and communities can challenge and **break free** from stories that no longer serve us. We believe that solutions to contemporary challenges will emerge from a place of curiosity, love and connection.

Through inspiration, **conscious reflection**, and collaboration, we **take responsibility** for the world **we are manifesting**, and we can discover and create new possibilities for the lives and the society we desire to build.

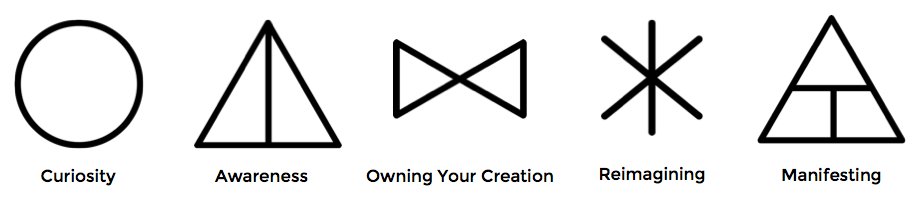
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**What We Do** 

**Reconsider Life:**

**Reconsider Life** is a workshop designed to re-engage you with life. Through interactive exercises and personal exploration, you are taken on a journey that ultimately leaves you experiencing life as a Creator. You will learn to see beliefs and patterns that hold you back in work and relationships as well as a path to transforming the story of your life.

**Reconsider Life** is a 2-3 day workshop  
experienced in 5 movements:



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**Disturbing the Peace**

The *Disturbing the Peace* workshop—an extension of the documentary of the same name—is an **experiential** process to transform participants into disturbers of the status quo within themselves, to **enhance** their relationships with others, and to change the environments in which they exist—and ultimately society—for the better.

This workshop experience **challenges** us all to understand the narratives we live within, to **look at our current roles** in society, and to decide what role we will play to create a more humane, just and **peaceful world**, for all. It all starts with our **willingness** to disturb the “peace” of the status quo.

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**In Your Community**

Bring Reconsider or the Disturbing the Peace workshop to your community. We would love to hear from you. Please fill out the brief form here (link to In Your Community page:

**ABOUT US Page:**

Mission: Our mission is to cultivate awareness, stir responsibility, and inspire collaboration to make our world more dynamic, connected, and alive.

Reconsider is an organization that inspires innovation, encourages creativity, stirs responsibility, and forms community in an effort to make our world more dynamic, connected, and inspiring.

We believe that the first step in forming a new world resides in taking time to reconsider what we are valuing, what choices we are making, and what worldview we are creating from.

We develop media and workshops that catalyze reflection, dialogue, and action around how we are in relationship to life and what we want to create while we are here.

What do we believe?

We believe that the root of all societal and environmental issues we face today is our sense of separation, and our experience of life happening to us.

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**Stephen Apkon** is a filmmaker and social entrepreneur and the Co-Founder of Reconsider. He is the Founder and former Executive Director of the Jacob Burns Film Center, a non-profit film and education center located in Pleasantville, NY. Opened in 2001, the JBFC has become one of the premier film institutions in the United States, with a Board of Directors that includes Steven Spielberg and Ron Howard, among others.  In his 15 years running this organization, he led development campaigns raising more than $100 million and has overseen the creation of groundbreaking education programs focused on literacy. He continues to serve on its Board of Directors.

He is an award-winning Director and Producer of *Disturbing the Peace,* as well Producer of *Presenting Princess Shaw*, *I’m Carolyn Parker*, and *Enlistment Days*, and Executive Producer of *Planetary*. He is the author of *The Age of the Image: Redefining Literacy in a World of Screens*, published by Farrar, Straus & Giroux in April 2013 – foreword by Martin Scorsese.  Stephen is a graduate of Georgetown University and received an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School in 1986. In 2012 he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Humane Letters from Pace University.

**Marcina Hale** is a Co-Founder of Reconsider. Marcina has spent the last two decades developing and facilitating workshops around transformational change - focused on both individuals and communities. With degrees in both Media and Psychotherapy, it is part of Marcina’s vision to utilize film as a catalyst to create experiences that evoke thought and conversations that both challenge and inspire a way of relating to live more dynamically. Marcina is also a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT). In her roles as master therapist and dynamic facilitator, she conducts workshops that challenge and inspire others to live their lives more consciously and to take responsibility for their own creations.  She is a Producer of *Disturbing the Peace* and is the primary facilitator for Reconsider workshops, including Reconsider Life and Disturbing the Peace which have been taught both in the United States and internationally.

**RESOURCES page:**

Books

*Warrior of the Light* Paulo Coelho *Man’s Search for Meaning* Viktor Frankl *Journey of the Universe* Evelyn Tucker & Brian Swimme

Audio Books

*What to Remember When Waking* David Whyte

Movies

*Inner World, Outer World* Daniel Schmidt *Planetary* Guy Reid *Disturbing the Peace* Steve Apkon

**Partners**

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**WORKSHOPS**

**Reconsider Life page:**

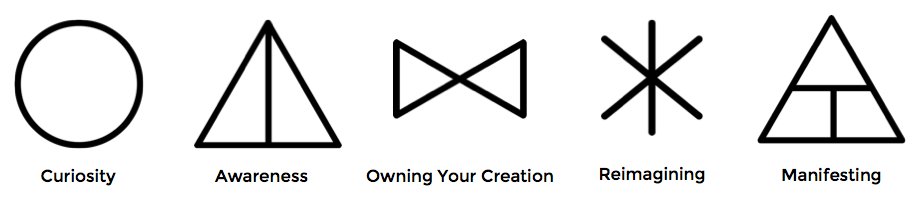
You can choose what kind of life you want to live, yet most of us do not realize that it is a choice.

The Reconsider workshop is an opportunity to step more boldly into your life and uncover the choices, patterns, energies and communications - both conscious and unconscious - that together, create your reality. The Reconsider Workshop is an experiential exploration into some of the most compelling ideas that can make life’s experience more enjoyable, engaging, and powerful.

Through inquiry, reflection, conversation, and exercises, the facilitated workshop enacts the transformation through exploring five movements: Curiosity, Awareness, Owning Your Own Creation, Reimagining, and Manifestation.

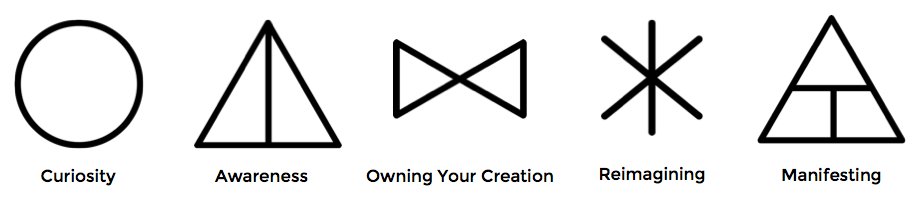
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**The Five Movements**

**Curiosity** – Nothing happens without an energy that ignites it.

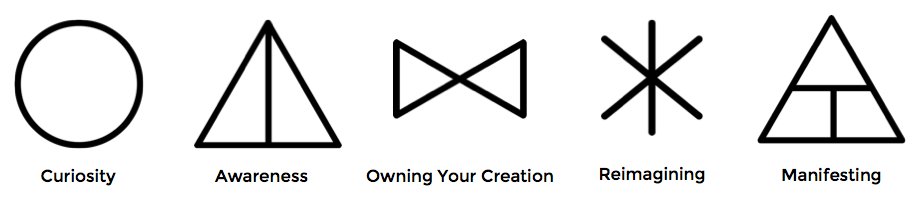
A quality often associated with children, curiosity shows up when we ask What, How and Why? Childhood is a good place to revisit because the wonder, desire to play and discover, the openness to experience without judgment, and the humility to ask questions because we don’t know, all describe aspects of childhood curiosity. Childhood is also a good place to look because there is where our early understandings, beliefs, and stories about life were formed.

In this movement, we pursue: How did we come to believe what we believe? What makes me do what I do? What makes another person do things differently? What energies are creating our current lives, society and world?

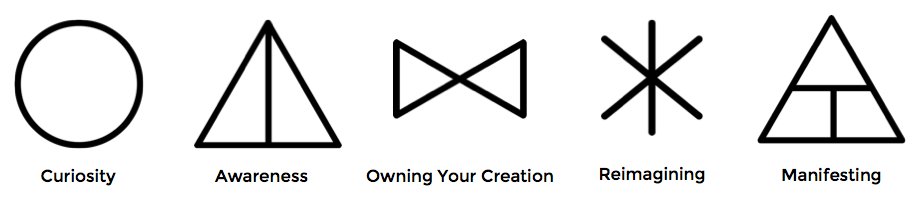
**Awareness** – Life has patterns and structures.

This movement allows us to step outside of ourselves and begin to see patterns and structures in the conflicts of everyday life and in society. Such conflicts have opposing sides of people who emphasize what is important to them, who believe that they are right, and who view the opposing side as wrong and deserving of defeat. Then we step back into ourselves to look at how we too contribute to these patterns.

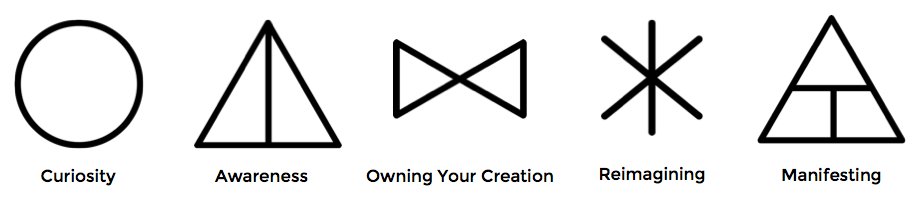
Here we pursue: How do our lives individually and collectively get created? Where have our beliefs, patterns and narratives come from? How do we shift them when they are no longer working?  What are ways we all participate in the current state of the world? Rather than just defending our own beliefs, we can gain an awareness of how situations are created and sustained, a critical step in a process of renewal and constant creation.

**Own Your Creation** – Taking 100% responsibility for our lives.

What does it mean for each of us to be responsible for the world around us? In this movement we take responsibility for our actions and responses in the world, as they contribute to the world in and around us. We integrate our role in both the good and bad in our own lives, as well as how we tie into the patterns and structures that perpetuate the status quo based on perception of the “other.” These ties usually show up when a person, issue, or group “triggers us” and makes us angry or fearful. Such self-responsibility helps liberate our awareness of shifts and pivots we can make to break the patterns.

**Reimagine** – Imagining what is possible.

This movement is the ability to imagine and dream beyond our current state and begin to ask, “What world do I want to live in?” “What life do I want to create?” And collectively: “What challenges can we expect to face as we reimagine a new possibility?” This is where we are invited to see ourselves as the true creators of our lives.

**Manifest** – Working together to create.

What are the challenges of working together? How can we experience common values? What are ways to support common and various visions? What are some of the most important concepts involved when we look at working together? Working together with like-minded and like-hearted people to manifest deep levels of change is how future vision and possibility becomes present reality. Such people support and energize one another, hold one another accountable, and establish new patterns of possibility to inspire others to strive for the same.

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**Workshop Experience**

**Reconsider Life** is a workshop that empowers you to live fully. No matter what stage of life, you will leave this workshop with new perspectives and tools to help you create and experience the life you love.

The workshop is typically held over two or three days, with groups ranging from XX to XX number of people.

The Reconsider facilitator will engage your group with a deep respect for each individual’s perspective and humanity. He/she will explore issues in an open, compassionate and connected way. In a non-judgmental fashion, he/she will lead the group through revealing concepts and portals for growth and change, through discussion, exercises, and conversation.

Click **here** (link to In Your Community page) to find out how to bring Reconsider to you community.

Click **here** to read testimonials from past participants (link to Testimonial page)

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**Testimonials**

*The Reconsider Life workshop is a wonderful vehicle for giving us new perspective and noticing where we have our blind spots.  We are invited to see where we have already made a decision about ourselves and about others and are encouraged to challenge those decisions.  What opens up is a whole new way of relating to ourselves and to one another. If everyone did this workshop, there would be a lot more understanding and fewer conflicts in the world.   And the world certainly needs that!*

***-Jacqueline Buckingham***

*How can I even begin to describe the power of what I experienced? The film Disturbing the Peace and the workshop Reconsider Life introduced me to what is possible when we wake up to the reality that we are the creators of our lives and the world around us. That we have choice, and we can move. That we CAN create a world based on love where each one of us recognises every other one of us as us. That what may seem impossible in this instance can change in the next. I offer my love and gratitude to the Combatants for Peace and to the filmmakers.*

***-Sandra Mitchell,***

***-Program Director of Findhorn Foundation***

*I just wanted to say thank you so much for the wonderful workshop on Monday.  I have done many, many kinds of healing sessions and workshops, mainstream, alternative and everything in between, and this was by far one of the best.  I would love to go deeper into the work in a full day workshop one day. It's such a simple and effective way of offering an integrated perspective change.  I've spent a long, profound time with narrative therapy, and trained in a certain tool based on it, and I think your model is so important.*

***-Faryn Sand***

***Program Director, The Aligned Center***

*The workshop was a superb experience. We are so glad we attended.*

*The vision of Reconsider moving beyond the Palestinian/Israeli conflict is bold and strategic. The two questions you posed at the beginning of the workshop, and the subsequent principles, are germane to any individual and/or community that desires to move towards transformation.*

***-J & G Thomas, NY***

*I felt so excited listening to the way you had framed the dialogue (in the workshop) after our discussion, the way you integrated awareness, energy, taking responsibility and transformation... I have been actively working on this for decades, and was impressed by the frame you have created.*

***-NYU PostDoctoral Psychology Faculty Member***

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**DISTURBING THE PEACE page:**

**About the Film:**

Disturbing the peace is a story of the human potential unleashed when we stop participating in a story that no longer serves us and, with the power of our convictions, take action to create new possibilities.

Disturbing the peace follows former enemy combatants – Israeli soldiers from elite units and Palestinian fighters, many of whom served years in prison – who have joined together to challenge the status quo and say “enough.”

The film reveals their transformational journeys from soldiers committed to armed battle to nonviolent peace activists, leading to the creation of combatants for peace.

Disturbing the peace is about people born into conflict, sworn to be enemies, who challenged their fate. The film follows everyday people who took extraordinary actions by standing for what they believe in.

The movie challenges all of us – to understand the narratives we live within, to look at our current roles in our societies, and to decide what role we are going to play in creating a more humane world, for all.

And it starts with our willingness to disturb the peace. Disturbing the peace evokes universal themes relevant to us all and inspires us to become active participants in the creation of our world.

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**Screening & Workshop**

There have been many strong films over the years that have explored the roots of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, or documented various projects, organizations or people that are working to end the conflict. We wanted to do something different. Having witnessed the personal transformation of each of the subjects – from armed combatants to partners working together to create a new reality through non-violence, we wanted to create a vehicle for others to experience this transformation within themselves.

Each of the subjects of the film grew up in a particular context and narrative – based on fear and desire, and we relied extensively on archival footage to root the audience in these narratives. In a very real sense, everything makes sense, and in growing up within these narratives, each of the characters chose to be a hero within their own national narrative.

DISTURBING THE PEACE follows former enemy combatants - Israeli soldiers from elite units and Palestinian fighters, many of whom served years in prison - who have joined together to challenge the status quo and say “enough." The film reveals their transformational journeys from soldiers committed to armed battle to nonviolent peace activists, leading to the creation of Combatants for Peace. While based in the Middle East, DISTURBING THE PEACE evokes universal themes relevant to us all and inspires us to become active participants in the creation of the world.

The work of Combatants for Peace begins with the personal story along the lines of the South African Truth and Reconciliation process. Personal narratives, visualizations and re-enactments bring audiences into the emotional space of the characters, bringing a level of intimacy and immediacy as they talk about their specific experiences – in their early years, as fighters, and in their transformation.

**Workshop Experience**

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***Disturbing the Peace* in Your Community**

There are several ways to bring *Disturbing the Peace* into your community.

1. Bring in Reconsider and Reconsider Life to show film and do a workshop.

2. Host a screening yourself and invite all of your friends, family and even acquaintances. Focus on the themes that the film evokes for you and/or your organization.

Host a screening at your local theater with Gathr. Individuals and organizations can raise their hands to become [movie captains](http://gathr.us/films/disturbing-the-peace/new-screening-request?widgetOrigin=http%3A%2F%2Fdisturbingthepeacefilm.com%2Fgathr%2F) and gather others to create theatrical screenings within their communities. <https://gathr.us/films/disturbing-the-peace>

Individuals and community groups can host their community and educational screenings, through our partnership with Bullfrog. <http://www.bullfrogfilms.com/catalog/dtp.html>

For information on how you can bring the filmmakers, and/or members of Combatants for Peace to your community, please click this link <http://disturbingthepeacefilm.com/hostascreening2/> and fill out the form.

**Combatants for Peace page**

The “Combatants for Peace,” a group of Palestinians and Israelis working together to promote human rights and peace for all, are the only bi-partisan, nonviolent activist group of enemy combatants working together in an ongoing armed conflict in the world today. They are an inspiring modern-day example of the importance of using nonviolent solutions to our conflicts.

Combatants for Peace, an innovative and inspiring peace movement founded by former Israeli and Palestinian combatants who have laid down their weapons and embraced non-violent activism to end the bloodshed in the Middle East.

The film focuses on the transformative ability of the human spirit as it follows a handful of Combatants for Peace members from both sides of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and traces their transformational journeys from soldiers committed to armed confrontation to non-violent pursuers of peace. Their personal stories tell an inspiring story of the human potential that is unleashed when people have the courage to follow the power of their own consciences.

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**Disturbing the Peace Participants (with their image attached to their story)**

**Suliman al-Khatib** ​Raised in the village of Hizme in northeast Jerusalem, Suliman joined the “Fatah” movement when he was 13 years old. At the age of 14, he was arrested for attacking two Israelis and served 10 years in Israeli prison. Suliman is a Co-Founder and current Director of Combatants for Peace. Chen Alon ​Chen served for four years in the Israeli army and then for 10 years as an operations officer in the reserves. Later, he signed a petition initiated by soldiers and officers refusing to serve in the occupied territories – the “Courage to Refuse Letter.” He is a Co-Founder of Combatants for Peace. Chen is a theatre director, facilitator and lecturer at Tel Aviv University.

**Shifa al-Qudsi**​ From the West Bank town of Tulkarem, as a 24-year-old beauty technician, Shifa was recruited to blow up a supermarket in the nearby Israeli town of Netanya. Before she could complete her mission, Shifa was arrested and later convicted. She served a six year sentence in prison. There, Shifa realized that many Israelis wanted peace as well. She joined Combatants for Peace after her release from prison. Shifa still lives in Tulkarem in Palestine.

**Maia Hascal​** was born in Nofit village in northern Israel, Maya is a social worker who volunteered for reserve duty after finishing her mandatory service in the Israeli Defense Forces. Following a traumatic event, as she became increasingly aware of the effects of the Occupation on both the Palestinians and Israeli soldiers needing to enforce it, she realized a different path must be taken. Maia joined Combatants for Peace in an effort to resolve this situation through nonviolence.

**Mohammed Owedah**​ was born in Silwan, East Jerusalem. As a teenager, he was involved in illegal violent anti-occupation activities and served time in prison. Mohammed lives in East Jerusalem and is now a social worker and activist for peace.

**Jamel Qassas**​ was born in the Deheisha refugee camp outside of Bethlehem. His brother was killed by the IDF during the 1st intifada. He went to jail 13 times for his participation in the 1st intifada. He is a member of The Parents Circle - Families Forum as well as Combatants for Peace. He works in construction and continues to live in Deheisha with his wife and children.

**Avner Wishnitzer** was born and raised in Kibbutz Kvutsat Shiller. Between 1994 and 1998 he served as a combatant in the elite unit Sayeret Matkal. In late 2003 he was part of a group of soldiers and officers in that unit that publicly refused to serve in the occupied territories. Avner is a co-founder of Combatants for Peace. In 2010 he was awarded the Goldberg IEE Prize for Peace in the Middle East, together with CFP co-founder Bassam Aramin. He is a professor of Ottoman History and resides with his family in Jerusalem.

**Assaf Yacobovitz** ​served as an officer in the Israeli Air Force. After taking part in Operation Cast Lead (the first Gaza War) he joined Combatants for Peace. Assaf is a psychologist who lives in Tel Aviv.

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**Press**

**NY Times**

ONCE DEVOTED TO SUICIDE BOMBING, SHE NOW EMBRACES A PEACEFUL JIHAD

OCTOBER 28, 2016

[**https://www.nytimes.com/2016/10/29/world/middleeast/once-a-would-be-suicide-bomber-now-a-fighter-for-peace.html?ref=todayspaper&\_r=0**](https://www.nytimes.com/2016/10/29/world/middleeast/once-a-would-be-suicide-bomber-now-a-fighter-for-peace.html?ref=todayspaper&_r=0)

**CNN**

THE ISRAELIS AND PALESTINIANS UNITING FOR PEACE

NOVEMBER 24, 2016

<https://www.cnn.com/videos/world/2016/11/24/intv-amanpour-shifa-al-qudsi-chen-alon.cnn>

**ROGEREBERT.COM**

EBERTFEST 2016: “DISTURBING THE PEACE” WINS FIRST EBERT HUMANITARIAN AWARD

APRIL 18, 2016

[**https://www.rogerebert.com/festivals-and-awards/ebertfest-2016-disturbing-the-peace-wins-first-ebert-humanitarian-award**](https://www.rogerebert.com/festivals-and-awards/ebertfest-2016-disturbing-the-peace-wins-first-ebert-humanitarian-award)

**For additional Press & Reviews, click here -** [**http://disturbingthepeacefilm.com/press/**](http://disturbingthepeacefilm.com/press/)

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**Testimonials**

“I wish I had made this documentary.” — Ted Koppel

“I want to live in the world you guys are creating.” — Michael Moore

“This powerful documentary is filled with stories of courage and humanity and speaks not just to Israel”—Palestine but to bridging the damaging divides which threaten all cultures.” — Ron Howard

**Youth group responses after Disturbing The Peace Screening and Workshop held in Vermont,**

*It makes me feel like it is ok what we are going through, that it is possible to make the change.*

*I felt that I could not be critical and that things that are happening because we are taught to never criticize it.  Now I feel better because I see others who are criticizing at a high level and I see them disagree and still support.  I feel relief that I can say what is not right.*

*It is ok to understand both sides (of a conflict) and it helped me organize my thoughts and make them clearer.*

*I never thought I could see the conflict that way.  THis movie showed something that I hope will spread throughout the country and here in the United States too because many are involved in this conflict that don’t even know about it.*

*The movie was relatable and emotional for me.  It shows both sides and is not bias. It showed the real thing.  At the end, I felt an actual hope.*

*I love this movie!  This is the second time I saw it and I could watch it again and again.  I told everyone involved in the conflict that I know about gc*

**Gallery – Images TBD**

**RECONSIDER PROJECTS**

**Reconsider Nature page**

**Planetary**

We are in the midst of a global crisis of perspective. We have forgotten the undeniable truth that everything is connected. PLANETARY is a provocative and breathtaking wakeup call, a cross continental, cinematic journey, that explores our cosmic origins and our future as a species. PLANETARY is a poetic and humbling reminder that it's time to shift our perspective. PLANETARY asks us to rethink who we really are, to reconsider our relationship with ourselves, each other and the world around us - to remember that: we are PLANETARY.

In a stunning visual exploration, the film interweaves imagery from NASA Apollo missions with visions of the Milky Way, Buddhist monasteries in the Himalayas, and the cacophonous sounds of downtown Tokyo and Manhattan, with intimate interviews from renowned experts including astronauts Ron Garan and Mae Jemison (the first black American woman in space), celebrated environmentalist Bill McKibben, National Book Award winner Barry Lopez, anthropologist Wade Davis, to National Geographic Explorer Elizabeth Lindsey, the Head of the Tibetan Buddhist Kagyu school, the 17th Karmapa. They shed new light on the ways our worldview is profoundly affecting life on our planet.

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**Press**

Hollywood Reporter

“‘Planetary’ Documentary to Get Simultaneous Theatrical, Vimeo Release on Earth Day” 3/12/15

<https://www.hollywoodreporter.com/news/planetary-documentary-get-simultaneous-theatrical-780924>

CNET

“‘Planetary’ film wants to shift Earthling’s perspective” 3/17/2015

<https://www.cnet.com/news/planetary-film-reminds-earthlings-that-were-all-in-it-together/>

The Austin Chronicle

“SXSW Film Review: Meditative global tour of Earth from a distance” 3/29/15

<https://www.austinchronicle.com/daily/screens/2015-03-19/sxsw-film-review-planetary/>

Huffington Post

“‘Planetary’ Will Make You Stop and Think About Your Place in the Universe” 4/21/15

<https://www.huffingtonpost.com/2015/04/21/planetary-film-earth-day_n_7099844.html?utm_hp_ref=green&ir=Green>

Mother Nature Network

“We are one: Inspiring film ‘Planetary’ offers fresh perspective on our relationship with Earth”

<https://www.mnn.com/lifestyle/arts-culture/blogs/we-are-one-inspiring-film-planetary-offers-fresh-perspective-on-our#ixzz3Xyyrn7n8>

For more Press & Reviews, click here ( link to Planetary press page)

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**Testimonials - ?**

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**IN YOUR COMMUNITY page:**

**Reconsider Life, Disturbing the Peace, and Planetary are vehicles that you can use to discover the beauty, creativity, and power of yourself, each other, and your community. We are available to help you move into and explore a new space of living a fulfilled life.**

**Whether you are a community organization, non-profit, educational institution, or a group of like-minded individuals, we would like to hear from you. Take a moment to fill out the form below and we will be in touch to talk about how we can help you and your community live a more dynamic and meaningful life.**

**Please fill out:**

Name

Organization

Email

Phone #

Which workshop are you interested in?

Why are you interested?

Where would you like the workshop to occur?

Who would you foresee taking the workshop?

What is the greatest result and impact that you desire from the workshop?

How many others will work with you to bring the workshop to the community?

(Can also hyperlink to the DTP in Your Community section here)

**CONTACT US page**

**Email**

**Phone**