CONCLUSION

heaven but bread that has to be earned in sweat and toil. I hope that my reflections on the use of moral sources and on criteria to identify vices and cultivate genuine virtues will not dampen anyone’s moral enthusiasm but rather stimulate creative and critical reactions. The good news that a rich and vibrant and promising ecological virtue discourse exists requires our thoughtful attention. Only if carefully nurtured will this discourse avoid pitfalls that would undermine its vision of a flourishing Earth, pitfalls buried in older habits and social structures that continue to corrupt even our best intentions. I have gambled on there being a middle ground between death by analysis and death by lack of critical awareness.

FROM DIRTY VIRTUES
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APPENDIX A:
A CATALOGUE OF ECOLOGICAL VIRTUES AND VICES

The following 189 virtues and 174 vices occur in post-1970 environmental literature. Synonyms are listed (and counted) together.

VIRTUES

acceptance of limitations/mortality
compassion
accountability
compentence
adaptability/flexibility
complementarity
adoration (of Creator and creation)
concern
advocacy
confronting despair
affirmation (of others)
conservation
agape/altruism
constructiveness
anger/resentment
consentment/sufficiency
appreciation/recognition
cooperation
asceticism
cosmocentrism
attentiveness
courage/heroism/daring
attunement
courtesy/graciousness
autonomy/disengagement/independence
critical reflection/mistrust
(from commercial life)
curiosity
awe/fear
decency
being informed/knowledgeable
determination
beneficence/active goodwill
deep thinking/feeling
benevolence
diligence/industriousness
biocentrism/life-centeredness
discernment/seeing/perception
bioregionalism/local awareness/
discipline
regionalism
dwelling-in-place/sense of place/patriotism
breathing (with awareness)
dwelling-in-the-moment/alertness
calmness
dwelling-with-wounds
care
earthiness
carefulness/cautiousness
ecological sensibility/libertarian rationality;
celebration
efficiency
challenging
empathy/sympathy
channeling emotions
empowering
clarity (of vision)
empowerment
commitment
endurance/long-suffering
communication
equanimity  
escholastic attitude  
evolutionary remembering  
expressing feelings  
faith/piety  
forgiveness  
fostering  
friendliness  
frugality/trift  
generosity  
gentleness  
getting in touch with feelings  
grace/gracefulness/elegance/delicacy  
gratitude  
harmonizing with the will of the land/flowing with Nature  
healing  
helping  
holistic thinking  
honesty/truthfulness  
honorableness/honor/sense of moral probity  
hope  
hospitality  
humility  
humor/wit/hilarity  
identification  
inclusivity  
individuality/having personality  
integrity/consistency  
intellectual sophistication  
tependence  
imintimacy/communion  
introspectiveness/inward spirituality  
intuitiveness  
invitational attitude/evocative attitude  
joyfulness  
justice/ecojustice  
kindness  
leadership (by example)  
learning  
letting be/live and let live  
liberation  
listening  
living lightly on the Earth  
long-range thinking  
love/charity  
loyalty/faithfulness/devotion/fidelity  
managing  
mastery/exercising dominion  
maturity/emotional fortitude  
meditation/reflection  
meekness  
mercy  
modesty  
mourning  
naiyeté (postcritical)  
neighborliness  
nomaleficence/noninjury/ahimsa  
noviolence/pacifism  
nurturing  
openness/receptivity  
organic knowledge  
participation/communal sensibility  
patience  
peacefulness/beiing quiet  
peacemaking  
perseverance/strength  
poverty (voluntary)  
priasing  
presence  
preservation  
prudenciveness  
prudence/good judgment  
rage  
realism  
rebelliousness/liberatory sensibility/allied resistance  
reconciliation/conciliatory sensibility  
relationality/sense of connectedness  
relinquishment/abandonment/dissipating  
reluctance to impose  
repentance/confession  
respect/honor  
responsibility/responsiveness  
reverence/other-esteem  
sacrificing/cross-bearing/sacrificial love  
self-confidence  
self-defense  
self-denial  
self-examination/self-reflexivity/self-criticism  
self-love  
self-realization  
self-reliance  
self-respect  
self-understanding  
sense of ecological self  
sense of kinship  
sense of ritual  
sense of sacramentality  
sensitivity  
sensuousness/passion for the concrete  
servanthood  
sharing  
simplicity (voluntary)  
sincerity  
sobriety  
solidarity/sense of unity  
spirituality  
spontaneity  
stewardship  
submission/obedience/alignment  
supporting  
sustainability  
temperance/moderation/restraint  
tenderness  
tending  
theocentrism  
theoretical discrimination  
thoughtfulness/consideration/mindfulness  
tolerance/forgiveness  
trust/confidence  
derstanding  
vigilance  
vision/utopian thinking  
vulnerability  
warmth  
wisdom  
wonder  
VICES  
abstract thinking  
abusiveiveness  
aggressiveness  
alarmism  
alienation/dislocation (from one's body, from the earth)  
ambition (in excess)  
analytical thinking  
androcentrism  
anger/rage  
anthropocentrism/anthropomorphism  
apathy  
arrogance  
ascceticism  
atavism  
atomistic thinking  
attachment (to wealth, power)  
authoritarianism/authoritarian rationality  
avoidance of death  
blasphemy  
blindness  
brashness  
bureaucratic attitudes  
callousness  
carelessness/lack of care  
chaudanism  
coerciveness  
competitiveness  
complacency  
condescension  
conformity  
conquering attitude  
consumerism/materialism  
contempt/disdains (for physical realities)  
control  
corruption  
cowardice  
creulity/sadism  
cynicism  
deceit  
defensiveness  
denial
dependence (on modern business corporations)
desecration (of nature)
despair
destructiveness/vandalism
discouragement
disobedience
disloyalty
distancing
distrust/suspicion
dualistic thinking
eccentricity
egoism/narrow sense of ego
elitism
emotional fragility/acting spoiled
enmity/antagonism/hostility
environmentalism
envy/covetousness
eros
exclusivism
exploitation
fanaticism
fashionableness
fatalism
fear
foolishness
forcing
forgetfulness/amnesia
fundamentalism/absolutist thinking
gluttony
greed/avarice/acquisitiveness
hardness of heart
hatred
hedonism
heroism
hierarchical sensibility/hierarchical thinking
homophobia
humiliation
hurrying/hastiness
hypocrisy
idealism/utopianism
idolatry
ignorance
immaturity/pseudomaturity
impatience
indifference
individualism/"solo playing"/isolation
insensitivity
instrumentalism
intellectualism/rationalism
intolerance
irrationality
irresponsibility
judgmentalism
lack of discipline
lack of imagination
lack of mercy
lack of respect/devaluation/disregard
lack of rootedness
lack of self-awareness
legalism
lovelessness
lying
manipulation
mastery/domination/oppression
mechanistic thinking
meddling/excessive intervention
militarism
misanthropy
misogyny
naïveté/simple-mindedness
narcissism
nastiness
nationalism
neglect
nobility
obedience
objectification (of animals, nature, women)
opulence
opulentiousness
otherworldliness
overconfidence/sense of omnipotence
pantheism/monism (spiritual)
parochialism
passivity/lethargy
patriarchal thinking
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pessimism/gloominess
pragmatism
pride/hubris/self-aggrandizement
prodigality/profligacy
projection
protecting (as hero complex)
punishing
racism
rapaciousness/rape
reductionism
refusal to deal with own waste
repression/suppression
resentment
restlessness
rigidness/inflexibility
romanticism
saving (as hero complex)
scientific attitudes
self-deception/self-delusion/fantasy
self-deprecation
self-doubt
self-indulgence
selfishness/self-centeredness/self-seeking
love/egoism
self-righteousness
sentimentality
sexism
shallow thinking/narrow thinking/short-sightedness
slavishness
spiritualism
sloth
speciesism
stupidity/lack of wisdom/foolishness
sullenness
superstition
technocratic mentality/faith in industrial technology
thoughtlessness/mindlessness
triumphalism
trivialization
tyranny
victim-blaming
violence
wastefulness
wantonness
wishful thinking
xenophobia
zeal (in excess)