



Institute of World Culture

What is True Wealth?

Seminar: Saturday, January 19, 2008

2:00 – 5:00 pm

Concord House, 1407 Chapala St, Santa Barbara



Mt. Kenya

Presenters: Drs. James Tepfer & Mary Jacob

What is true wealth? What are the possible meanings? What is the relationship between 'inner wealth' and 'common wealth'? Why doesn't material wealth bring more lasting solutions to conditions of poverty? How does the relationship of human life to the natural world determine the wealth or poverty of a society?

What insights or principles do exemplars of non-violent service, such as M. K. Gandhi or 2004 Nobel Peace prize winner, Wangari Maathai, use to promote true wealth? What do people from different cultural backgrounds value as wealth? How do attitudes toward the environment, cultural practices, and the role of gender shape values and practices regarding wealth? What are the problems or possibilities that global **interdependence** offers for reducing poverty and promoting wealth?

These and other questions will be the focus of the opening seminar for the 2008 program. Contributions from seminar participants welcome.

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