

# Transitioning Culture

## Understanding the Patterns and Reshaping Them for a Flourishing Future

### A Praxis Think Tank Project

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### Culture shapes values. Values shape history. How will our values shape the future?

Jeremy Lent's groundbreaking book, *The Patterning Instinct: A Cultural History of Humanity's Search for Meaning*, reveals how different worldviews arose and shaped the course of history. The book uncovers the hidden foundations of our modern unsustainable worldview, and offers a potential vision for a more harmonious future.

***Only by becoming aware of our culture's underlying value system can we change it to create a foundation for a sustainable and life-affirming civilization.***

This Praxis Think Tank Project kicks off an initiative to help transition our culture—to understand its structural patterns and explore how to reshape them for a flourishing future.

#### OUR GOALS

- Raise awareness of cognitive patterns in ourselves and our dominant culture
- Develop within the working group effective tools to help transition culture
- Share findings with other progressive groups to enhance their effectiveness

### CALENDAR

Sunday, March 4 2:00–4:30 p.m.	<b>Identifying the Old Patterns</b>	Talk by Jeremy Lent (open to all) 2:00–3:00 p.m. followed by first workshop
Sunday, March 18 2:00–4:30 p.m.	<b>Shaping New Patterns</b>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Working Group Session
Sunday, April 8 2:00–4:30 p.m.	<b>Actualizing the Patterns</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Working Group Session

All three events will be in Sonoma—exact venue to be announced

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