



Duane Elgin's book *Choosing Earth*



In this revised edition of *Choosing Earth* (February 2022), Duane Elgin describes how the world is moving into a time of profound transition that opens a pathway to three, very different futures—extinction, authoritarianism, and transformation. While acknowledging the very real possibility of either extinction and authoritarianism, *Choosing Earth* looks a half-century into the future to explore humanity's

journey of collective initiation and transformation as we move through decades of breakdown and collapse to a more mature, planetary community. The challenges facing humanity—from increasingly severe climate change and resource exhaustion to escalating social injustices and the rising threat of authoritarianism—call for a radical transformation in how we live on the planet.

In this profoundly relevant and potent book, *Choosing Earth*, Duane Elgin brilliantly draws our vision into, and then beyond these tragedies of our own making, presenting collapse as an integral part of our rite of passage if humanity is to grow into conscious relationship with life. Inviting us into a “wide, deep, and long” view of our present moment and what lies ahead, Elgin urges the human community to open to the transformative work of facing grief and loss, and to work for reconciliation and healing of injustices. *Choosing Earth* envisions a fiery initiation that has the potential to transform humanity's life-denying separations and awaken us to our deep interconnectedness—ultimately inspiring us to work together for the well-being of the entire Earth. With both visionary optimism and unflinching realism.