



ZEN OPEN CIRCLE SYDNEY & SYDNEY INSIGHT MEDITATORS PRESENT:

*Two socially engaged dharma workshops in Sydney with international author, scholar and Zen teacher David R. Loy.*

**Cost:**

Concession \$40, Full Fare \$50 per day + booking fee; + Dana (donation) for the teaching, in the spirit of Buddhist practice; Booking through [sydneyinsightmeditators.org](http://sydneyinsightmeditators.org)

**Location:**

Buddhist Library and Meditation Centre, 90 Church Street, Camperdown, NSW.

**What is Provided:**

Chairs and morning refreshments.

**What to Bring:**

Your own lunch and cushions if you prefer to sit on the floor or need a well padded seat.

**Getting there:**

**Bus** - Any Parramatta Road bus from Central Railway;

**Train** - Newtown Station is a ten minute walk;

**Parking** - all day on-street parking is available.

## AWAKENING FROM THE ILLUSION OF OUR SEPARATION

**Date:** Saturday, 15 July; **Time:** 9:30am - 5:00pm

Our usual sense of self is haunted by a sense of lack: "something is wrong with me"... "I'm not good enough". Why do we never have enough money, fame, sex, etc.? Because we try to fill up our sense of lack with them - but it doesn't work. The sense of self needs to be deconstructed and reconstructed, which the Buddhist path (among some others) shows us how to do. The karma teaching is about reconstructing the self by transforming our motivations. Contemplative practices deconstruct the self, helping us to "let go" and realize our true nature.

## BUDDHISM AND THE ECOLOGICAL CHALLENGE

**Date:** Sunday, 16 July; **Time:** 9:00am - 4:00pm

The ecological crisis - which includes global warming but is much bigger than that - is the greatest challenge that humanity has ever faced. What does Buddhism offer, if anything, that can help us understand and respond appropriately? And what does ecological crisis mean for how we understand and practice Buddhism (or any spiritual path) today? Among other things, we will reflect together on the parallels between our perennial individual predicament (according to traditional Buddhism) and our collective predicament today in relation to the biosphere. What does this all imply about how we understand the bodhisattva path? What does it mean to be an "ecosattva"?



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David Loy is a professor, writer and Zen teacher who has articulated the idea of institutionalised greed, hatred and delusion and developed a modern Buddhist engagement with our collective contemporary suffering. His seminal books include the acclaimed *Money Sex War Karma: Notes for a Buddhist Revolution*, *The Great Awakening: A Buddhist Social Theory* and his latest publication, *A new Buddhist Path: Enlightenment, Evolution and Ethics in the Modern World*.

*Further reading [www.davidloy.org](http://www.davidloy.org)*