

PERMACULTURE

"Though the problems of the world are increasingly complex, the solutions remain embarrassingly simple." Bill Mollison.

Roots of Permaculture Practice

THOUGHTFUL AND PROTRACTED OBSERVATION

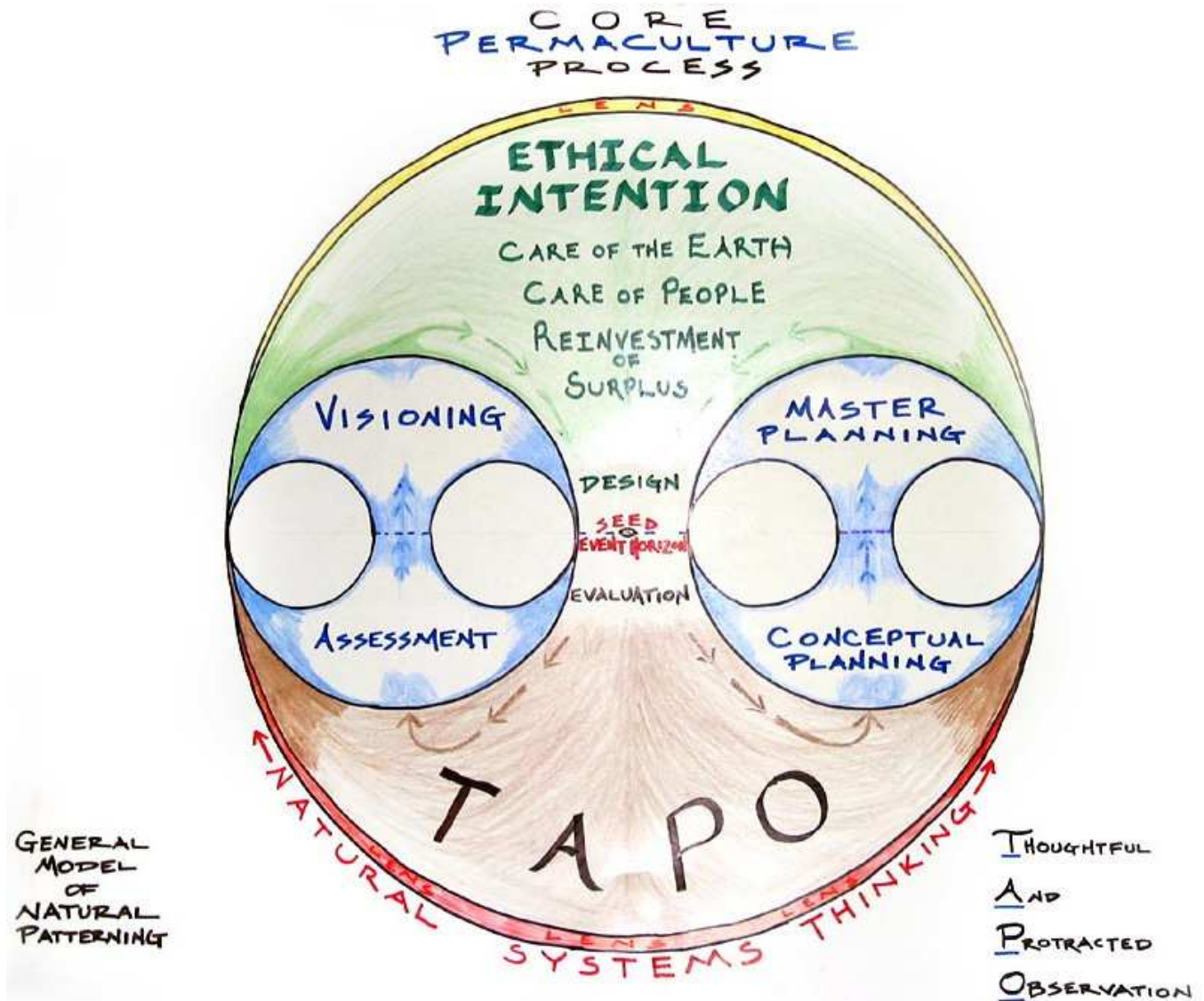
Observation that takes place over an extended period of time with thoughtful intention to our interaction with elemental forces, patterns and cycles of the natural world.

START SMALL THEN EXPAND

Avoid unrecoverable regrettable major errors by testing and small scale implementation first. Implement in phases and with the understandings of your actions, being aware of scale and scope of a project. Remember that every action causes a reaction.

WHOLE SYSTEMS THINKING

Everything is connected to everything else in some way, shape or form.





Permaculture Design Principles

- 1** Observe and Interact
Beauty is in the eye of the beholder



- 2** Catch and Store Energy
Make hay while the sun shines



- 3** Obtain a Yield
You can't work on an empty stomach



- 4** Apply Self-regulation and Accept Feedback
The sins of the fathers are visited on the children unto the seventh generation



- 5** Use and Value Renewable Resources and Services
Let nature take it's course



- 6** Produce No Waste
*A stitch in time saves nine
Waste not, want not*



- 7** Design from Patterns to Details
Can't see the wood for the trees



- 8** Integrate Rather than Segregate
Many hands make light work



- 9** Use Small and Slow Solutions
*The bigger they are, the harder they fall
Slow and steady wins the race*



- 10** Use and Value Diversity
Don't put all your eggs in one basket



- 11** Use Edges and Value the Marginal
Don't think you are on the right track just because it is a well-beaten path



- 12** Creatively Use and Respond to Change
Vision is not seeing things as they are but as they will be



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