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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<p>Compulsory REVISION comments</p> <p>1. Is the manuscript important for scientific community? (Please write few sentences on this manuscript)</p> <p>2. Is the title of the article suitable? (If not please suggest an alternative title)</p> <p>3. Is the abstract of the article comprehensive?</p> <p>4. Are subsections and structure of the manuscript appropriate?</p> <p>5. Do you think the manuscript is scientifically correct?</p> <p>6. Are the references sufficient and recent? If you have suggestion of additional references, please mention in the review form.</p> <p><u>(Apart from above mentioned 6 points, reviewers are free to provide additional suggestions/comments)</u></p>	<p>Yes, it is important. The scientific community should also aim to be a spiritual community. Imbalanced scientists, ignorant of the full picture of Nature, can do unintentional harm to our environment.</p> <p>It is suitable enough, but it could be tweeted to: "The Place of Spirituality in Traditional & Scientific Ecological Knowledge"</p> <p>Yes, I don't see any flaw in it. It is a good summary.</p> <p>Yes, they are fine.</p> <p>It is written in good scientific language, but I think the subject has not been dealt with scientifically. It presumes that indigenous cultures and solutions have a good spiritual basis to them. Likewise, it presumes that modern scientific approaches are devoid of the spiritual touch. This bias is a defect.</p> <p>The references are certainly very recent, which tells us that there is a lot of concern over the state of our planet. I cannot say if they are sufficient. I am not too familiar with the scale of the subject matter.</p> <p>The article clearly aims to appeal to Western researchers to be more spiritual in their approach to resolve the ecological issues facing us today. The author has done a fine job in setting out his purpose, and presenting his case. It is also shown that the Western methods are presently driving the eco-effort, and perhaps relying too much on what they know best – the scientific methods available through technology.</p> <p>As written presently, the article seems to accept that spirituality is a preserve of the indigenous people and that the modern scientists in the field of ecology are devoid of it. It would be more helpful if spirituality could be seen as something universal. It can be kindled in the hearts of the West. True, much can be learned from the traditions of the past, but real help can be obtained only by kindling the sacred spirit in the people of the West. Therefore, some means has to be found to ensure that eco-scientists are well balanced in their approach to finding eco-solutions. Embedded in their training should be a course on Spirituality which would highlight the value of having a spiritual outlook when searching for eco-solutions.</p> <p>It is not true that the Western approach is unspiritual, and much less that Westerners are not capable of thinking spiritually. The West has simply not paid much attention to developing their spiritual side. They also have it, and, if it is awakened, they have all the means to apply spirituality to their methods of saving the Earth, without reference to past methods. This is not to undervalue the past indigenous methods, but to recapture the essence of past efforts and <i>import</i> them, as it were, into the present. We have to deal with THIS</p>	

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	<p>world, NOW.</p> <p>Westerners are as human as the indigenous people spoken of in the article. Given the right training, their thinking can be corrected to align with spiritual truths and spiritual laws governing ecology.</p> <p>On the other hand, efforts should certainly be made to educate the governments ruling in areas where traditional ecological knowledge is known to have worked successfully. These governments need not 'ape' the West and run down their own tried and tested methods. They should build on what they already have.</p> <p>In this way, we blend the best of both worlds, the traditional and the modern, and apply them where most needed. The ideal solution thus boils down to letting each country do its best by using its own past experience, and not impose 'outside' methods on areas where they have no experience.</p> <p>The success of our ecological efforts depend more on our <u>honesty, sincerity and passion</u> than on either our knowledge or our past experience.</p>	
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1. Is language/English quality of the article suitable for scholarly communications?	It is very good.	
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PART 2:

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
Are there ethical issues in this manuscript?	<i>(If yes, Kindly please write down the ethical issues here in details)</i>	

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