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SOIL, SOUL & SOCIETY

A workshop by Satish Kumar

at Gap Year College, SIDH, Kempty (Mussoorie), India.

The French Revolution produced a famous slogan – Liberté, Egalité, Fraternité. It was a great social trinity. But, it left out the natural world altogether. Also, it left out the spiritual and personal dimension.

Then, in the 60's and 70's the New Age movement came up with another slogan – a personal trinity: Mind, Body, Spirit. This too was a great trinity. But, again, it too left out the natural world as well as the spiritual world.



We need a new trinity which integrates the personal, the social and the natural. Soil, Soul and Society could be that new, holistic trinity.



In this workshop, Satish Kumar will elaborate on the importance of these three dimensions for a sustainable future, a healthy planet and a just society.

“Soil represents the natural world. We come from the earth and return to the earth. We take our sustenance from the Sun and Moon. Nature is the source of all life. We need to take care of the soil and replenish it constantly.

While we respect the soil, we also take care of the soul. The soul is the vessel for mind, body and spirit. The individual soul is an integral part of the world soul, the anima mundi, and therefore we also need to take care of the world...”

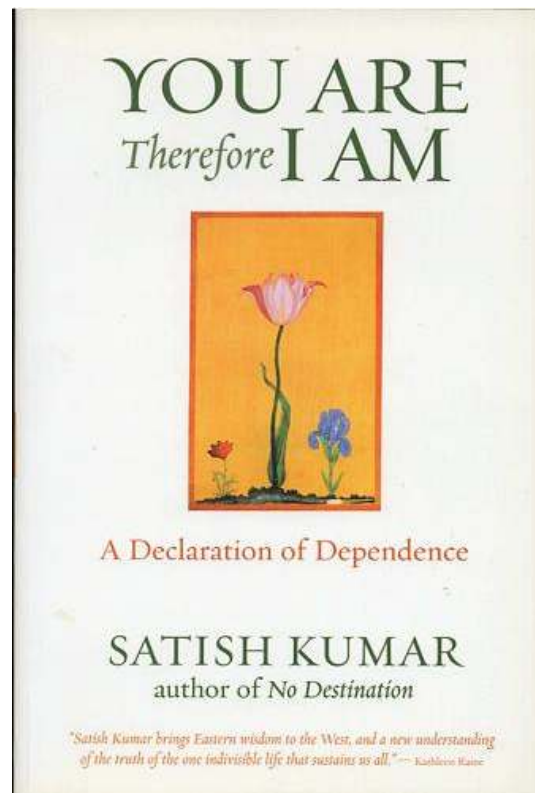
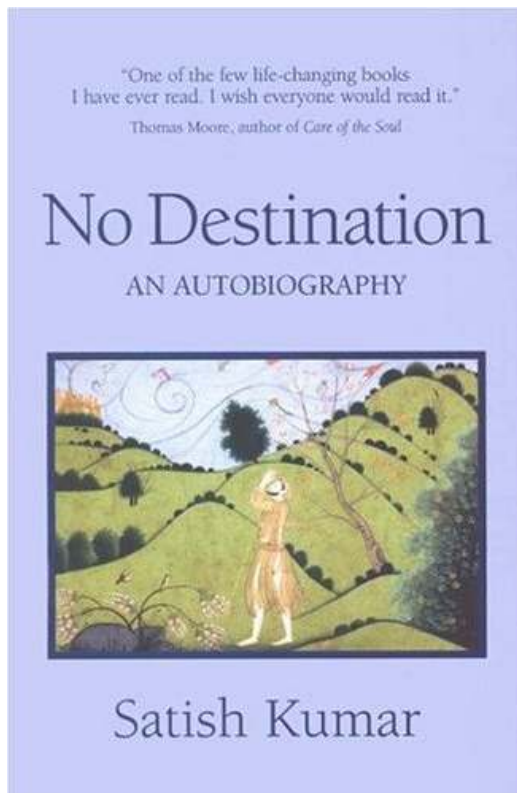


Satish Kumar, who currently lives in England, was once a Jain monk and is internationally known as a nuclear disarmament advocate and as a voice of the green movement. He is current editor of *Resurgence*, and Director of Programmes of Schumacher College.

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The **workshop fee** (including boarding and lodging) will be **Rs 1200 per participant**. For **registration** please contact Mridu with your name, email, phone, address at mridumahajan@gmail.com and 01376-213060 ; 0135-6455203 ; 09219594203. There are limited seats for the workshop, so please register as early as possible.



When he was only nine years old, Satish Kumar renounced the world and joined the wandering brotherhood of Jain monks. Dissuaded from his path by an inner voice at the age of eighteen, he left the monastic order and became a campaigner for land reform, working to turn Gandhi's vision of renewed India and a peaceful world into reality.

Fired by the example of Bertrand Russell, he undertook an 8,000 mile peace pilgrimage, walking from India to America without any money, through deserts, mountains, storms and snow. It was an adventure during which he was thrown into jail in France, faced a loaded gun in America – and delivered packets of 'peace tea' to the leaders of the four nuclear powers.

In 1973, he settled in England, taking an Editorship of Resurgence magazine. He has been the editor ever since (30 + years!). He is the guiding spirit behind a number of ecological, spiritual and educational ventures in Britain. He founded the Small School in Hartland, a pioneering secondary school (aged 11-16), which brings into its curriculum ecological and spiritual values. In 1991, Schumacher College, a residential international centre for the study of ecological and spiritual values, was founded, of which he is the Director of Programme.

Following Indian tradition, in his fiftieth year, he undertook another pilgrimage: again carrying no money, he walked 2,000 miles to the holy places of Britain – Glastonbury, Canterbury, Lindisfarne and Iona. Meeting old friends and making new ones along the way, this pilgrimage was a celebration of his love of life and nature.

In July 2000, Satish Kumar was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Education from the University of Plymouth. In July 2001 he was awarded an Honorary Doctorate in Literature from the University of Lancaster. In November 2001, Satish Kumar was presented with the Jamnalal Bajaj International Award for Promoting Gandhian Values Abroad.

His autobiography, *No Destination*, was first published in 1978. A revised and updated edition is published by Green Books. His book *You Are, Therefore I Am – A Declaration of Dependence* was published by Green Books in September 2002. Satish's third book *The Buddha and the Terrorist* was published in November 2004.

Satish teaches, lectures and runs workshops internationally on reverential ecology, holistic education and voluntary simplicity.