

11TH ANNUAL WORLD DHARMA 5-DAY RETREAT ON MAUI
with ALAN CLEMENTS
TOWARD PEACE, GLOBAL RECONCILIATION AND POLITICS WITHOUT VIOLENCE

A FUTURE TO BELIEVE IN

EMPOWERMENT, REVOLUTION, AND THE UNIVERSAL RIGHT TO BE FREE
An Experiment in Consciousness, Creativity and Reclaiming the Totality of Everyday Life

Wednesday Feb. 29th through Sunday March 4th
Hosted by *The Studio Maui*, 810 Haiku Road, Haiku

This Five Day Non-Residential Retreat—Designed for Discerning Seekers, Independent Thinkers, Artists, Activists, and Spiritual Dissidents — Provides an Experimental Environment to Explore World Dharma—The Art and Activism of Freedom.

Participate in an exploration of one of the most urgent questions of our time: how to put our dharma — our freedom, our intelligence, our precious human life —into action, to transform the conditions of the real world, our relationship to everyone and everything.

Drawn from ancient and modern traditions, both East and West, *The World Dharma Retreat presents* a distillation of Alan Clements' life's work from forty years of dharma exploration — an epic journey that has taken him from the sacredness of monastic silence deep into the dark heart of war zones. By merging the models of personal and planetary transformation found within his books, *Instinct for Freedom*, *The Voice of Hope*, and *A Future to Believe In* — the World Dharma vision illuminates the link between our inner journey (the exploration of consciousness and its contents) and its outer expression through acts of creativity, conscience and caring.

Aung San Suu Kyi, the leader of Burma's nonviolent struggle for freedom, with whom Clements co-authored their book of conversations, *The Voice of Hope*, calls this whole world dharma "*a revolution of the spirit.*" Whereby the principles of cognitive liberty, human rights, self-expression and environmental sanity, converge into a new transformational paradigm cultivated through the art and activism of freedom — a World Dharma — expressed through a liberating authenticity unbound by dogma, conformity, and the pretense of certainty.

As Dr. King so famously said, "We are tied in a single garment of destiny. What affects one directly affects everyone indirectly." In other words, "We are in this together, participating in the peaceful transition to a world in which we — among people — are inspired to co-create sustainable solutions, devoid of exploitation, violence, and environmental degradation.

In support of this vision the *retreat experience* offers a practical theoretical framework as well as a powerful methodology for its experiential application. Including, comprehensive instructions in the areas of a "whole-mind awareness" as daily-life-requisite, the philosophy and practices of both pre-and-post-mindfulness-based meditations, both classical and contemporary self-reflections, liberating thought experiments offering hope and the invention of a new future, creative writing

explorations that serve to transcend the limitations of the present, group and individual processes evolving clarity of purpose and meaningful actions in the world, guided meditations fostering specific states of mind, such as ethical self-reflection, moral imagination, transparency, equanimity, passion, humor, dharma intelligence, and patience.

In addition, Alan will give a progressive series of *World Dharma* talks each day that extend beyond his formal training and scholarship in Buddhist philosophy, psychology, meditation, activism, and theater, and serve to implode stereotypical concepts of spiritual normalcy and strict psychological identities. The talks are recorded and made available for participants at the end of the retreat. www.AlanClements.com

RETREAT SCHEDULE/COST and LOCATION: All are welcome. \$495. for the full 5-day retreat. Or by the day: \$125. Or \$50 a session. Children of all ages are also welcome, with a parent. With a **limit of 15 participants** at any one time, early registration is recommended. Studio Maui 810 Haiku Rd, Haiku www.thestudiomaui.com

DAY 1: WED. Feb 29 3 pm - 5 pm / 6:30 – 8 pm
DAY 2: THURS. Mar 1 10 am - 1 pm / 3:00 – 6 pm / 7:30 – 9 pm
DAY 3: FRI. Mar 2 10 am - 1 pm / 3:00 – 6 pm / 7:30 – 9 pm
DAY 4: SAT. Mar 3 10 am - 1 pm / 3:00 – 6 pm / 7:30 – 9 pm
DAY 5: SUN. Mar 4 10 am - 1 pm

REGISTRATION and PAYMENT: Email contact@worlddharma.com with [Maui Retreat] in the subject box, with your name, phone #, and your intention; do you wish to attend the full retreat, or certain days, or specific sessions (please be clear). Once participation is confirmed (within 24 hours), you will be directed to make payment [online with a credit, bank or debit card, or by paypal](#) at the [World Dharma Support Page](#) on www.WorldDharma.com. On the page, scroll down to the Offer One Time Support button: enter your amount: \$495. Full Retreat. \$125 x the days. Or \$50 x the sessions.

If you wish to pay by check (make payable to “WORLD DHARMA”) and mail to World Dharma Productions, 2768 West Broadway, P.O. Box 74709, Vancouver, B.C. V6K 2G4 Canada. Once received, confirmation by email.

INQUIRES: Tel: 604-251-1781 or 310-365-9301 or email: contact@worlddharma.com.

ACCOMMODATIONS: If you require a place to stay, look under “Accommodations” on The Studio Maui’s website for a list of quality options. <http://www.thestudiomaui.com>

FOOD: Bring you own or partake of any number of food spots nearby.

BRING: Notebook, pen and a copy of Alan’s book, *A Future to Believe In*, if you wish.

"Make this magnificent book your guide, mentor and friend." ~ Dr Helen Caldicott, Author of "Nuclear Power is Not the Answer," Founding President Physicians for Social Responsibility, Named one of the 100 most influential women of the 20th century – Smithsonian Institute

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