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Due to the centuries of living in societal female roles, women have either given away their power (to men, to the establishment, to their parents and even to their children), or used it in devious, manipulative ways, thus losing much of their aliveness. Our aim is to help women take back their power, use it fully and openly, and experience their uniqueness in the process. We are women trained in gestalt therapy, family therapy, body work and massage and experienced in leading women's groups.

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A Root of Ecofeminism

Barbra T. Gates



Françoise d'Eaubonne → wrote the first books on ecofeminism in the early 1970's.

According to Gates, ecofeminism wasn't very popular in the U.S. until 1990's.

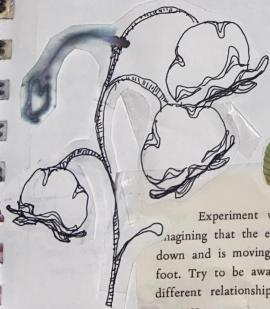
WHAT IS ECOFEMINISM?

(IN THE CONTEXT OF 1990'S FEMINISM)

"Recognizing a new way of seeing old problems: the LINK between the DEVALUATION OF WOMEN and THE EARTH."



"(Men's) 'Their ability to plant the seed in the earth as women, and their participation in the act of reproduction'" (D'Eaubonne)



Walking With The Ground

Experiment with your relationship to gravity in motion. As you walk, try imagining that the earth is coming up to meet you; that each time as your foot steps down and is moving toward the ground, the ground is reaching up slightly toward the foot. Try to be aware of the texture and resiliency of the ground you walk on — the different relationships your foot has to grass, mud, hard earth, rugs, wood floors.

Le Feminisme ou La Mort

offers background and explanation for ecofeminism (1974).

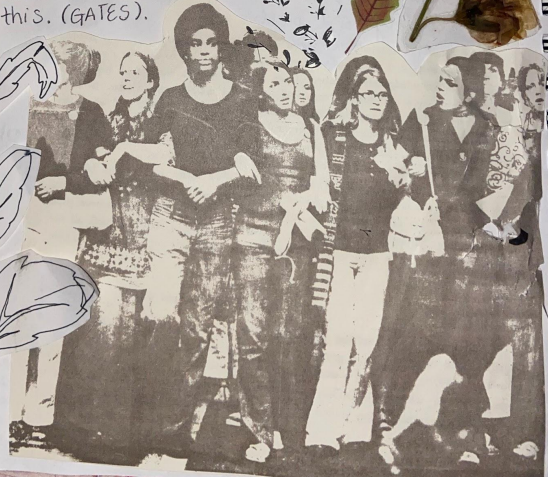
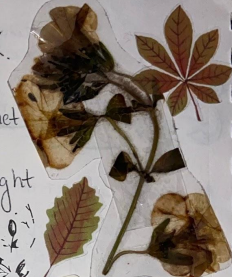
Western Society's response to women's and Earth's well-being, a growing concern in d'Eaubonne's book, demands for REVOLUTION.

"TWO questions, TWO problems, TWO struggles."

EXTINCTION of people and planet

is at stake, and only a

REVOLUTION in thought and action can prevent this. (GATES).



Ecologic Feminism

Addresses why we haven't moved into a post-revolution era.

Discredits theories suggesting that matriarchy was a legend.

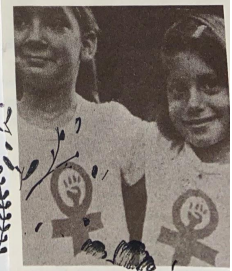
"UNLIMITISM" → male-dominated politics and institutions.



WHAT REMAINS

- politics & culture change to improve women's rights and the environment.
- considers women's rights of reproduction, right to abortion, and how that directly ties to the environment.
- An established base for ecofeminism, healing breach between theory and practice, and looking more deeply at complex, local issues dealing with economy & women's rights.

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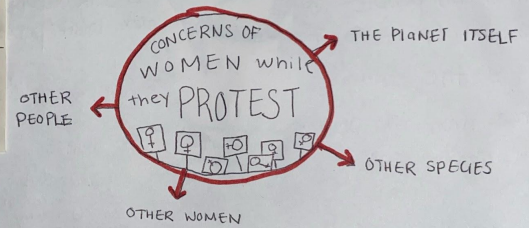
1	intellectual, sensitive	small, boyish	intellectual, sensitive	didn't fight
2	eccentric, crazy	tall, wiry	eccentric poet	too unstable
3	intellectual, sensitive	stocky	sexy	too possessive

... an urbanized, male-driven society has reduced EARTH's fertility, while overbreeding (male-driven) has increased population.

The Growth Movement?

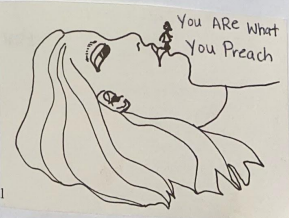


THERE IS AN UNDENIABLE BOND BETWEEN WOMEN & EARTH.

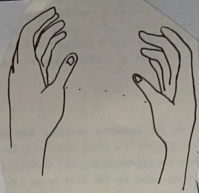


THE NEED FOR PROTEST

a feminist growth center



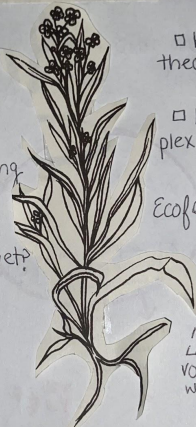
Ecofeminism is a belief in the interconnectedness of all living things (Gates, 13).



HOW TO PROCEED:

- Establish theoretical base for ecofeminism
- Heal breach between theory and practice
- Look deeply at complex local/personal issues

"How can they (America) talk of dangers of overpopulation when the American people are known for consuming 45% of the natural resources from the planet? (d'Caubonne, 45).



Ecofeminism Evolves.

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Economy ≠ Happiness!

Consciousness Raising Groups

Balancing the Female and Male Parts Within Ourselves