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New Mythology to be discussed Feb. 19 at Davis Arts Center

Bay area mythologist and publisher Willi Paul will present the **Davis Mythic Roundtable**: "<u>Tools and</u> <u>Inspiration for Creating New Myths</u>" from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. Feb. 19 at the Davis Arts Center, 1919 F Street, Davis, CA, 95616.

Paul will read one his recently published "<u>New Myths</u>" and engineer a live "<u>Myth Lab</u>" exercise that will generate a new myth with audience participation. Writers, artists, mythologists, storytellers, teachers and activists are encouraged to attend the roundtable.

Paul is active in the sustainability, permaculture (locally sustainable agriculture), transition, sacred nature, new alchemy and mythology spaces since the launch of <u>PlanetShifter.com Magazine</u> on Earth Day 2009. Paul's personal network now includes four websites: <u>CommunityAlchemy.com</u>; <u>Planetshifter.com Magazine</u>; <u>NewMythology.com</u>; <u>openmythsource.com</u>.

Two movements propel his vision. <u>Permaculture</u> is a new agricultural design system that promotes local and renewable resources. <u>Transition</u> is building resilience in local communities through sharing and reskilling gatherings.

"There is a do-or-die episode coming for humans on this planet, a Chaos and Post-Chaos Era where resources and friendships will be severely tested," Paul said. "Those among us, who can manifest a new community spirit in which bankers become teachers, and teachers become farmers, may see the dawn of the Post-Chaos Era."

In August 2012, Paul put on the workshop "<u>Mapping Future Myths for the Transition</u>" the first Study of Myth Symposium at the Pacifica Graduate Institute in Montecito.

Paul held a <u>free eWorkshop</u>: "Building the Future - with New Global Mythology" on June 18, 2014. He also put on "Tools and Inspiration for Creating New Myths," a free online roundtable on Nov. 18, 2014. See the <u>event summary and transcript</u>. Paul founded New Global Mythology group at the <u>Depth</u> <u>Psychology Alliance</u> and the <u>LinkedIn group</u>, "New Mythology, Permaculture & Transition."

He has three Twitter accounts: @planetshifter; @openmythsource; and @PermacultureXch, which have generated over 4,950 followers. On Google +, he is the founder the Permaculture Age group, with 345 members.

Mr. Paul has produced 19 <u>eBooks</u> and more than 375 <u>interviews</u> with thought leaders in mythology, permaculture and sustainability.