**Some of the best questions posed by students in preparation for the BIOL 510 2020 course seminars**

1. (19) Since the Industrial Revolution, humans have caused a dramatic *disconnect*within biodiversity. Man-made structures have replaced natural habitats, the removal of water bodies, the domestication and separation of species, and the melting of Arctic ice have significantly impacted the earth’s species. These destructive human activities have become so severe that scientists suggest that earth’s sixth mass extinction event is underway. Thus, will biodiversity ever be able to *reconnect* so long as humans are connected to it? In other words, will it take the disappearance of humans for connection to be restored?
2. (11) Psychologists Daniel Kahneman and Jason Riis write that, “The experiencing self that lives each of these moments barely has time to exist,” which could explain our culture’s fascination with getting these moments on camera. Do you think that our “photography hobby” has hindered our pursuit of more sustainable living as by taking pictures we are, in essence, rejecting the idea of impermanence by capturing a particular moment in time into an unchanging media form?
3. (39) After reading the papers you circulated on indigenous perspectives, I started wondering about not only how we can use Indigenous philosophies but also about what the implementation of such philosophies would look like. With this in mind, how could we ethically use Indigenous philosophies to work towards sustainability without verging on an almost modern act of colonialism whereby we try to avoid undermining the grief and trauma of these communities or appropriating aspects of these cultures for our own benefit?