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In this lecture, American Buddhist scholar-monk, Ven. Bhikkhu Bodhi, will explore the deep connections within the web of problems that confront the global community today, ranging from poverty to devastating climate change. He contends that what we need to solve these problems, beyond mere policy measures, is a code of values that gives primacy to the human person and the natural environment above the claims of unregulated capitalism. These values must center around love, compassion, peace, human solidarity, and a commitment to justice based on recognition of the integrity of the human subject.