

# Maple Leaf Memes: Glimpses of Integral Canada 2005

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At the end of 2005, with a year of global disasters behind us I wonder -- how well does Canada support the basic needs of human life at home and respond to tsunamis, hurricanes and earthquakes elsewhere? We are a nation of immigrants – how well do we remember and honour our roots? We are a nation of explorers and traders of both places and ideas – how well do we protect the freedoms of expression that drove us beyond old borders? We are a nation of peace, order and good government – how able are we to ensure mutual trust and respect? We are a nation of hewers of wood and drawers of water – how effectively do we steward our raw materials and produce our goods and services? We are a nation of social safety nets -- how willing and able are we to share our human and social capital with the rest of the world? We are a nation of innovative caregivers – how flexible are our healthcare systems? We are a nation of environmentalists – how effectively do we steward our nation's natural resources? We are a nation of peacemakers - what kind of example do we set to which the world might aspire?

The ***Dance of the Maple Leaf Meme-lights*** calls forth from Canada eight great capacities with which we can serve the world. Each meme is like a colour from our Northern Lights, whose hue radiates from a prism-set of values, each more lustrous than the one preceding it.

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## ***Dance of the Maple Leaf Meme-lights for Place, Plant, Phylum, Person, Planet***

*May the dance of the Maple Leaf Meme-lights vibrate with the resilient commitments of Life. May the Northern Lights from our flashing energy field radiate:*

***beige***      *to protect our individual needs for physical and spiritual safety and survival; and prevent harm to all individuals.*

***purple***      *to honour the traditions and heritage of each group of persons so long as they do not threaten the health of \*PPPPP; and honour the contributions of the elders so long as they do not threaten the health of \*PPPPP.*

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***blue***            *to respect the value of order without imposing restrictions that harm individuals or groups; and honour the need for order that serves the entire \*PPPPP.*

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**green** to accept the dignity of groups; ensure fair opportunity for all persons to pursue happiness as long as no individual or group is prevented from doing likewise; to not discriminate on the basis of race, sex, gender, creed as long as such action ensures the health of \*PPPPP; to not seek to favour any group at the expense of another group as long as such action ensures the health of \*PPPPP.

**yellow** to facilitate the integral flex and flow of energy across all aspects of \*PPPPP; to unblock the barriers to the emergence of new ways of thinking, doing, being as long as they respect the health of \*PPPPP; to mesh the elegance of natural patterns, processes and structures.

**turquoise** to value the geo/bio/noetic capacities of the planet; to respect the integral ecology of \*PPPPP; to co-emerge the evolutionary intelligence of Life inherent in \*PPPPP.

**May the dance of the Maple Leaf Meme-lights resonate the universal rhythm of  
\*PPPPP= Place, Plant, Phylum, Person, Planet**

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(The colour sequence mirrors the colour framework used by the values meta-framework of Spiral Dynamics © integral, co-developed by Dr. Don Beck.)

The Dance of the Maple Leaf Meme-lights recognizes the value of five layers of existence that have emerged on this planet: Place, Plant, Phylum, Person, Planet.

**Place** – for the geo-chemical building blocks that emerged from the elemental matter of the universe that gives us 17 habitats from sea to desert, mountain to plain, valley to hillside, lake land to ice sheet, forest to tundra and all the variations in between.

**Plant** – for the biological basics of life that emerged from the primordial soup to synthesize into symbiotic colonies of cells, algae, fronds, grasses, flowers, bushes and trees covering the places far and wide with life from deepest depths to highest peaks.

**Phylum** – for the multiplicity of species that range from molluscs to fishes, insects to reptiles, birds and mammals all evolving across the ages in ranks of ontogeny and files of phylogeny, surviving, adapting, populating and extincting down the ages.

**Person** – for the human species that evolved from life conditions where its upright stance, opposable thumb, big brain and conscious awareness gave it capacities for noticing self and other and propensities for changing place, plant, phylum and person.

**Planet** – for the whole symbiotic, interconnected, ever evolving third planet from the sun; more than just the sum of its places, plants, phyla and persons, but its mass of inseparably embedded relationships at all levels of existence.

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Taken altogether the octet of values and the quintet of layers of existence define the boundaries of a new integral dance floor that is just coming into view on this planet. The values and layers provide criteria and give us powerful new lenses to glimpse an Integral Canada – a Canada who can appreciate, capitalize on and share an emerging, global-centric, evolutionary, integrated, multi-perspectival, dynamic view of the world.

While it is often easier to judge the missteps in our Dance of the Maple Leaf Memes, this review is about glimpsing an Integral Canada – a nation able to recognize, honour, govern and live as if the world is integrated, undivided, whole and interconnected. A glimpse of Integral Canada reveals the extent to which, we plan on “dancing” for the next seven generations and beyond.

This is an “appreciative” glimpse of Canada’s “integral dance” in 2005. “Appreciative” means focusing on strengths, emerging potentials and possibilities. This is not a critique nor an exhaustive report. As a glimpse, it is a mere blink that reveals hopeful signs of coherence, resonance and emergence for an Integral Canada.

It is only fair to warn you, that this Maple Leaf Meme dance may not be perfectly described in the clearest light, with the most fluid movements, with the truest expression. With Winter’s contemplative gaze, it appears to be a vibrant, often chaotic, choreography on a Canada-wide integral dance floor. But, as I notice how Integral Canada is emerging, I also invite readers to let us know what they are glimpsing, coast to coast to coast in Maple Leaf Memeland, in their provinces, their cities, their workplaces and their lives. We will share your observations and together we may be able to merge multiple glimpses into a full scale integral view. (For fuller details and sources of these observations click on [www.integralcity.com/Ezine%20Files/archive.asp](http://www.integralcity.com/Ezine%20Files/archive.asp) . See below for email address.)

## **Maple Leaf Memes 2005**

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- In November, 2005, the National Homelessness Initiative (NHI) and (Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation’s) CMHC began nation-wide consultations to develop a new, long-term Canadian Housing

Framework. The intention is to design a framework that encompasses "the continuum of housing, from emergency shelter all the way to assistance for homeowners" as a guide for future housing and homelessness investments in Canada. It will build on the successes achieved through current programs like the Residential Rehabilitation Assistance Program (RRAP) and the NHI that have partnered "with community organizations, the private and voluntary sectors, and other levels of government to develop local solutions to the challenges faced by homeless people and those at risk of homelessness. Phase 1 of the Initiative (1999 – 2003) "focused on immediate needs, building up and strengthening short-term services such as emergency shelters, drop-in centres and soup kitchens." Phase 2 (2003 – 2006) "focused on medium- and long-term assistance, such as transitional and supportive housing services."

CMHC's renovation programs help low-income households, persons with disabilities and Aboriginal people bring their homes up to minimum health and safety standards, repair shelters for victims of family violence, and support home adaptations for low-income seniors so that they can live independently for as long as possible. RRAP has developed "effective, flexible partnerships with provincial and territorial governments enabling cost sharing and delivery at the local level" benefiting over 700,000 households to date.

(<http://www.cmhc-schl.gc.ca/en/News/nere/2005/2005-11-22-0930.cfm>, accessed December 27, 2005)

- Significant steps were taken to address the needs of Canada's First Nations at the November Kelowna First Nations' and First Ministers' meeting. It was reported that the "new investment and agreement ... was a significant beginning to improving living conditions in Canada's First Nations." Over \$5 billion was announced as part of a national consensus to move forward in five areas: housing, health, life long learning, relationships and economic opportunity.

(<http://www.ccnmatthews.com/news/releasesfr/show.jsp?action=showRelease&searchText=false&showText=all&actionFor=569456>; accessed December 26, 2005)

- In response to the Indian Ocean Tsunami of December 2004, in 2005, the Canadian government committed \$425 million over five years. The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) manages \$383 million of the total amount. Some \$213 million, eligible for matching funds from the Government of Canada, has been raised by the 23 non-governmental organizations (NGOs) participating in the Matching Funds Program. All these funds are allocated to humanitarian aid, rehabilitation, and reconstruction initiatives that target the countries most affected by the tsunami, in particular,

Indonesia and Sri Lanka. CIDA has developed reconstruction strategies for Indonesia and Sri Lanka to guide Canada's contribution to the reconstruction process. These strategies reflect needs and priorities identified by the affected countries themselves. In the immediate aftermath of the tsunami, CIDA provided funds to the UN Flash Appeal. By December 2005, Canada is focused on long-term reconstruction. Under the Matching Funds Program, CIDA has approved 16 relief and early-rehabilitation proposals (\$92.3 million) and 15 proposals for reconstruction projects (\$72.1 million).

([http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/cida\\_ind.nsf/0/8C600A04E2E4969F85256F770064F11F?OpenDocument](http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/cida_ind.nsf/0/8C600A04E2E4969F85256F770064F11F?OpenDocument), accessed December 27, 2005)

- Canada's first response to the disaster inflicted by Hurricane Katrina was the deployment of a Vancouver heavy urban search and rescue team, to Lafayette, Louisiana on August 31, 2005, arriving on a WestJet Airlines aircraft. Due to security and logistics issues in the disaster area surrounding New Orleans, the team started operations on September 3, saving 30 people that day. They returned to Vancouver on September 6, reportedly saving over 110 people during their deployment.

The official response by the Government of Canada to the Gulf coast disaster came on September 2, following discussions between Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada and the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency. The federal government announced it was deploying a task force comprising three warships—HMCS Athabaskan, HMCS Toronto and HMCS Ville de Québec—along with the Coast Guard vessel CCGS Sir William Alexander and three Sea King helicopters and one BO-105 helicopter to the area.

([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canadian\\_response\\_to\\_Hurricane\\_Katrina](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Canadian_response_to_Hurricane_Katrina), accessed December 27, 2005)

- Canada's support and deployment of the Disaster Assistance Response Team (DART) to the Kashmir/Pakistan Earthquake disaster brings the Government of Canada's response to the South Asian earthquake to approximately \$57 million.

\$20 million will go to humanitarian assistance, relief, and reconstruction efforts to be allocated as follows:

- An additional \$10 million to the South Asia Earthquake Matching Fund, bringing the total to \$15 million.

- \$8 million in response to the revised UN Flash Appeal for helicopter services, shelters, medical services, clean water, and sanitation.
- \$1 million to the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies to help 81,000 families (570,000 individuals) for six months in the disaster-affected region.
- \$1 million to the International Committee of the Red Cross to help 30,000 families (150,000 individuals) in Pakistan-administered Kashmir until the end of 2005.

([http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/cida\\_ind.nsf/0/35FFF04EFDEC4904852570A0005424CA?OpenDocument](http://www.acdi-cida.gc.ca/cida_ind.nsf/0/35FFF04EFDEC4904852570A0005424CA?OpenDocument), accessed December 27, 2005)

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- Redressing past wrongs is rarely easy. With an intention to redress a racially inspired law, the federal Canadian government agreed to acknowledge the Chinese head tax was discriminatory and will pay \$12.5 million into a new foundation. (The tax varied from \$50 in 1885, for Chinese immigrant workers who stayed after working on the Canadian Pacific Railway; to \$500 in 1903; to the 1923 Exclusion Act, which prevented Chinese immigration to Canada until 1947; to the repeal of the tax in 1967) . The tax and laws affected about 80,000 Chinese.

Despite the honourable intentions of the government, several Chinese groups disagree over the process – some saying that further negotiation was required before any agreement was settled and others proposing that their grandparents had willingly paid the tax in order to obtain the advantage of living in Canada for their descendants.

The Canadian Taxpayers Federation warns that "The danger [of paying a settlement is that it] fosters other groups to come forward and also demand compensation and tax money [regrettably setting up] a cycle whereby it's one group after another."

(<http://www.cbc.ca/story/canada/national/2005/11/17/head-tax051117.html>, accessed December 27, 2005)

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- The defence of freedom of expression without infringing others' freedom of expression was defended to the highest office in the land

by Justice John Gomery. Gomery held responsible former prime minister Jean Chrétien and his chief of staff, Jean Pelletier for the misguided operation of the \$332 million federal sponsorship program between 1994 and 2003. Others blamed in the scheme to counter the influence of post-sovereignty-referendum Quebec by improving the federal government's visibility, included " Chuck Guité, the 'untouchable' bureaucrat who considered the program his baby and used it to reward friends as well as Liberal-linked ad firms, ... Jean Corriveau, a good friend of Chrétien's who ran a 'kickback scheme' to funnel taxpayers' dollars from the program to his own pocket and the Quebec wing of the Liberal Party of Canada ... [and] public works minister Alfonso Gagliano, "who chose to perpetuate the irregular manner of directing the sponsorship program."

(<http://www.cbc.ca/story/canada/national/2005/11/01/gomery-report051101.html>, accessed December 27, 2005)

- Deepa Mehta released her India-maligned production of "Water", at the September, 2005, Toronto Film Festival. The film tells the story of one widow and a widow's ashram in India of 1938 – a story that still reflects the plight of 34 million widows in India in 2001. The film set was vandalized in India by Hindu fundamentalists and production was delayed until its completion and release this year in Canada. (<http://www.indiaglitz.com/channels/hindi/interview/6317.html>, accessed December 26, 2005)

- Canada continued to recognize the power of its own story makers and storytellers in 2005. The top four Canadian newsmakers of the year were a Judge: John Gomery, 95 ; a released criminal, Karla Homolka, 21 ; a global media baron, Conrad Black, 11 ; and an independent parliamentarian, Chuck Cadman, 9. (Numbers designate votes by Canadian Press-Broadcast News poll.)

(<http://torontosun.com/News/Canada/2005/12/27/1369666-sun.html>, accessed December 27, 2005)

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- The federal election campaign that commenced in December 2005, self-censured the most offensive negative behaviours, including the author of a personal blog. The liberal campaigner in Ontario resigned as a result of party censure of his profane and racial innuendo lampooning NDP and Conservative candidates. (<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/servlet/ArticleNews/TPStory/LAC/20051227/ELXNBLOG27/TPNational/Canada>; accessed December 27, 2005)



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- Canada continued to struggle with how its approach to supporting the softwood lumber industry differs from the US approach. On Aug. 10, 2005, an "extraordinary challenge panel" under NAFTA dismissed American claims. Washington's initial response was unresponsive, but by November, the U.S. Commerce Department said it would comply with the NAFTA ruling, even though it disagreed with it. In September, the U.S. Commerce Department recalculated and set new duties at 10.8 per cent, almost half of the previous duties, thus saving Canadian lumber companies \$600 million a year.

It is unclear if the U.S. will refund any of the billions in duties it has already collected. Just before the federal December election was called Canada announced \$1.2 billion in aid for the Canadian lumber industry, risking the accusation by the U.S. of creating another kind of subsidy.

([http://www.cbc.ca/news/background/softwood\\_lumber/](http://www.cbc.ca/news/background/softwood_lumber/), accessed December 27, 2005 )

- Success and accountability continued to make front page headlines with court challenges to Conrad Black, Canada's high profile media mogul, author, British Lord and Founder of Toronto-based holding company Ravelston and U.S. based Hollinger International. Black was charged by U.S. Attorney's Office in Chicago (along with former associate, David Radler) with eight counts of mail fraud and wire fraud relating to the alleged diversion of millions from Hollinger International. Black pleaded not guilty and was released after posting a \$20 million US bond. In December 2005, U.S. prosecutors laid four more criminal charges against him, including racketeering, obstruction of justice and money laundering. Lord Black, who was facing a maximum of 95 years in U.S. jail if convicted, is protesting all charges.

([http://www.cbc.ca/news/background/black\\_conrad/](http://www.cbc.ca/news/background/black_conrad/), accessed December 27, 2005)

- Sudbury Ontario's, Inco, the world's leading nickel producer broadened the growing cross-investments between the resource and industrial sectors of Canada and China. Inco Advanced Technology Materials opened in Dalian, China, in November, 2005. The plant manufactures nickel foam, used primarily as a component in rechargeable batteries. The Chinese operation is a joint venture of Inco Asia Holdings, a



subsidiary of Inco Limited; Korea Nickel Corporation; and Liaoning Wanzhong Real Property Development of Dalian.

In recent years, China has emerged as one of the world's leading battery manufacturing centres. "This plant puts Inco in an ideal position to supply China's expanding battery industry as well as battery customers in Japan and other Asian countries," said Peter Goudie, Inco's Executive Vice-President marketing.

[http://www.inco.com/newscentre/newsreleases/default.aspx?posting\\_id=3105](http://www.inco.com/newscentre/newsreleases/default.aspx?posting_id=3105), accessed December 27, 2005)

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- After much parliamentary and media debate the same-sex marriage act was passed, recognizing that partners of the same sex committed to one another in partnership and marriage have the same rights as opposite-sex marriages. Prime Minister Martin said, "[The] vote is about the Charter of Rights. We're a nation of minorities and in a nation of minorities you don't cherry-pick rights."

<http://www.cbc.ca/story/canada/national/2005/06/28/samesex050628.html>, accessed December 27, 2005)

- John Ralston Saul, spouse of Canada's 2005 ex-Governor General has authored "THE COLLAPSE OF GLOBALISM: And the Reinvention of the World". Saul's particularly Canadian contribution seems appropriately highlighted by Paul Kennedy, reviewing the book for the Sunday Times. He notes Saul's "indignation ... at what is happening in the poorer parts of the world today — malnutrition, Aids, abuse of human rights, gross distortions of income, dreadful examples of child labour, widespread ecocide, corrupt governments in cahoots with fantastically rich multi-national corporations whose fat-cat executives earn ever-higher bonuses even as they shift their production facilities to cheap-labour countries and fire their own workers. It is a sort of old Socialist Workers' guide to the planet. Anecdote is piled upon anecdote, and statistic upon statistic. It is like being raked by a full broadside from HMS Victory."

([http://www.timesonline.co.uk/article/0,,2102-1616368\\_1,00.html](http://www.timesonline.co.uk/article/0,,2102-1616368_1,00.html), accessed December 27, 2005)

- Canada is one of the few countries in the world, where the titular head of government, the Governor General, who represents the Queen and commands the country's military is appointed by government and can

be born in another country. In 2005, Canada retired Governor General Adrienne Clarkson who was born in Hong Kong. In September, 2005 GG Clarkson was replaced by well-known Quebec journalist and broadcaster, Michaëlle Jean. GG Jean immigrated from Haiti with her family before she was 10. Fluent in five languages - French, English, Italian, Spanish and Haitian Creole - Michaëlle Jean is the first black Governor General of Canada. A social activist for women and children at risk, Michaëlle Jean plans to use the office of Governor General to help disadvantaged young people. Michaëlle Jean is married to filmmaker Jean-Daniel Lafond and has a young daughter.

(<http://canadaonline.about.com/od/gg/p/michaellejean.htm>, accessed December 27, 2005)

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- Despite heavy criticism, certain aspects of Canada's sacrosanct healthcare system were loosened from the centralized control of the Canada Health Act, by a decision of the Supreme Court of Canada June 9, 2005. In *Chaoulli v. Quebec* the claimants argued and won, that they had a constitutional right to invest in private insurance for health services, even if those services were already covered the *Health Insurance Act* and *Hospital Insurance Act*. This ruling is expected to not only reaffirm existing clinics providing highly effective specialized services (eg. a hernia clinic in Ontario ; a hip replacement clinic in Alberta) but also to open the door to other provinces and/or claimants to make similar claims.

(<http://www.sgmlaw.com/Page474.aspx>, accessed December 26, 2005)

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- Canada challenged the world at the UN climate change summit in Montreal in December, 2005. Prime Minister Martin state, "To all those countries that are still reticent -- including the United States -- I want to say this: we have a global conscience, and now it's time to listen to that conscience. It's time to join with the international community and get down to work."

Despite Canada's lack of measurable progress towards achieving its Kyoto protocol goals, Martin urged for "strong action" from all countries that have signed on with the Kyoto protocol for climate change. Martin said human behaviour is responsible for climate change

and the world must alter its ways. "The simple fact of the matter is that our economies -- indeed our societies -- cannot sustain our patterns of consumption."

Martin committed Canada to assume its responsibilities to combat human-caused climate change and challenged 175 world leaders to reach a consensus and plan for the next step after the Kyoto Protocol's first commitment period ends in 2012.

([http://www.ctv.ca/servlet/ArticleNews/story/CTVNews/20051206/federal\\_elexn\\_update\\_051207?s\\_name=&no\\_ads=](http://www.ctv.ca/servlet/ArticleNews/story/CTVNews/20051206/federal_elexn_update_051207?s_name=&no_ads=), accessed December 27, 2005)

- The Dalai Lama Centre for Peace and Education of the Heart, was announced, on October 19, in Vancouver. Victor Chan (with the personal endorsement of the Dalai Lama) is heading a team to create an international centre in Vancouver which will focus on initiatives relating to Peace and Education of the Heart. Speakers included Victor Chan, Tenzin Choegyal (brother of the Dalai Lama) and UBC Faculty of Education researchers, Dr. Linda Darling and Dr. Kim Schonert-Reichl.

(<http://www.bc.united-church.ca/discus/messages/289/572.html?1127834779>, accessed December 27, 2005)

- The World Trade University (WTU) opened its world headquarters the former Canadian Forces Base Chilliwack, BC. WTU is a global education and public-private partnership that aims to facilitate a free multi-lateral trading system and promote shared prosperity in developing and emerging economies. The WTU was launched in Brussels at the 3rd UN Conference on Least Developed Nations in March 2001, hosted by the European Parliament. The WTU is supported by Executive Office of the UN Secretary General; the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD); the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); the World Trade Organization; and inter-governmental entities such as the 'Group of 77 and China' (G-77) and the Commonwealth Secretariat. The WTU could have as many as 600 students studying in Chilliwack and its international programs would be managed from its Chilliwack headquarters.

(<http://www.gov.chilliwack.bc.ca/main/page.cfm?id=982>, accessed December 27, 2005)

## **Glimpses of Integral Canada 2005**

As 2005 concludes, glimpses of an Integral Canada are emerging in each of our Maple Leaf Memes.

- As a nation responsive to basic human needs, we are addressing our own homelessness and housing needs, plus the disasters elsewhere, caused by tsunamis, hurricanes and earthquakes with money,

expertise and long term commitment. Canada tries not to offer “one size fits all solutions”, but tries to craft responses appropriate to life conditions. (B+)

- As a nation of immigrants, we are struggling with ways to honour the roots of our cultural mosaic from Asia, our First Nations and elsewhere. (A for effort, C for results)
- As a nation of explorers places and traders of goods and ideas, we still exhibit tendencies to nepotism and preferential treatment, and take many of our natural resource blessings for granted, though we now ask for more accountability. (C)
- As a nation built on the tenets of peace, order and good government, we tend to quietly share our governance systems when we export our social safety nets to other nations in response to disasters (though we are increasingly finding a voice to speak to the meaning of our actions). (C+)
- As a nation of hewers of wood and drawers of water, we steward our raw materials and produce our goods and services, with increasing care to align them with our other values. We are becoming less ready to buy other nations’ brands of success that jeopardize our own production values. (C-)
- As a nation of social safety nets, we share our human and social capital with the rest of the world by asking more nations of the world to join us in demanding basic human rights in all nations (B+).
- As a nation of environmentalists, we have called for the need to have a global conscience for climate change, though we still need to put our money where our memes are. (C-).
- As a nation of peacemakers we are starting to redesign military spaces into forums for global learning and relationship building (B).

### **Towards an Integral Canada**

Glimpses of Integral Canada show the country in an early learning mode. We struggle towards alignment of our Maple Leaf Memes both internally and externally. As a leader of nations and as a member of a community of nations, the Northern Lights illuminate the new and unfamiliar boundaries of the integral dance floor. Some of those lights need to be released from the dimmer switch so we can enhance performance grades within each hue and rebalance the spectrum across the whole prism of Maple Leaf Meme-lights (see marks above).

While Canada practises on the global dance floor trying to align the health of Place, Plant, Phylum, Person and Planet we often stumble. Our favourite dance steps indicate where our true priorities lie. We favour the equity of people, but too often risk the health of place, plant and phylum on which the health of all people depend. So the integral scorecard to date, in our quintet of P’s, probably rates little more than “C -” .

But, appreciating that a child crawls before learning to walk, let alone dance, we can applaud that many of Canada’s early integral efforts warrant “A” for

intention. As the band starts playing and the curtain rises on 2006, Canada's efforts send a message to other countries to join us on the integral dance floor. We need partners to brighten the lights, explore the boundaries and rehearse the integral dance steps with us -- not just to improve integral performance in our Maple Leaf Memeland but to integrate alignment of Place, Plant, Phylum and Person for all the Planet.

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What glimpses of an Integral Canada do you see? Send your Glimpses of Integral Canada to [integralcanada@integralcity.com](mailto:integralcanada@integralcity.com) and we will create an integral feedback loop that can brighten the Northern Lights and reinforce the emergence of Integral Canada in service to an Integral Planet.

(If you are not in Canada, send us your glimpses of your Integral Nation.)

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