

THE GRIM FACE OF REALITY

The environmental movement has for years tried to place the blame for all ills on this planet at the feet of Humans. For those same years, that premise seemed to be without credibility. Presently the focus of the much of the world is on human caused climate change. Global climate change is not a problem it is reality. It has been going on constantly for 4.5 billion years.

As a result, the attention of the world is focused on this problem and large sums of money are being thrown at this supposedly imminent catastrophe while completely ignoring minor problems like hungry, starvation, poverty and suffering, and world terrorism. The causes of hungry and starvation is quite simply the lack of cheap and abundant food. Poverty and suffering can be reduced by cheap and abundant energy. If these two problems were solved, terrorism would die out without discontent to fuel the flame. Humans that are well fed, and contented with their lives will not strap a bomb on their bodies and blow up anything.

So, the problems of the world are indeed being caused by humans. Humans, who refuse to recognize the light at the end of the tunnel as a headlight of a fast approaching train. This planet does not have an infinite source of energy, and will not support an infinite amount of life human or otherwise. We need more and cheaper sources of food. The Human environmental movement has taken cropland out of production and increased the cost of producing food. The impact of those actions are least notice by the relatively well off, well fed environmentalist elite. Those that are taking the brunt of the pain are the third world countries that rely on the excess food produced by first world countries.

Now the human environmentalists are trying to reduce the amount of power and increase its cost. Again, who will take the brunt of this short-sided decision; the same unfortunate people who are trying to exit a culture based on 10th century technology.

The solution to solving these problems are as clear as it is offensive; get off the planet or reduce the human population to a level sustainable by the planet. Reduce the forest and wetlands and use the land and the available solar energy to produce food. Biodiversity is a luxury and the need for biodiversity is a myth.

Geologic history shows numerous times when biodiversity was reduce on this planet and each time it was followed by a burst of evolutionary productivity that produce new and better species. Two hundred forty million years ago, the dinosaurs were a super successful species that multiplied themselves off the planet. They consumed large amounts of plants and exhaled large amounts of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere, causing the oxygen level to plummet and the simply asphyxiate themselves. See the article on “Problems at the KT boundary¹.” We are doing the same thing; human CO₂ production is 800% larger than the CO₂ produced by global industry. Considering to this must be added the CO₂ produced by the rest of the billions of animals that metabolize on this planet.

The sad truth is that many of the problems on this planet today unfortunately can be traced to shortsighted human decisions in the past. One hundred years ago Saint Audubon and Muir started a movement to protect animals and birds. A noble but

¹ North Pacific Research 2004, <http://northpacificresearch.com/archives.php>

shortsighted concept, on a planet that contains only 2 billion people that may be acceptable, but on a planet that contains 7 billion people and a finite food supply it is a mistake. Protected species consume millions of salmon each year. See "Saving Salmon" in the north pacific archives. Until we get the human population back to a sustainable level, the unpleasant truth is there is no room on this planet for polar bears seals, terns and spotted owls. If we reduce the number of humans to a couple of billion then we will have extra food and energy to diversify the ecosystems.

Consider, in the last 40 years there has been a campaign and a definite movement to increase the amount of vegetables in the human diet and reduce the amount of animal protein. This seems like a noble cause. However, as a result of this movement millions of people stopped eating organisms that exhaled CO₂ and instead ate organism that consumed CO₂ - a double edge sword. Again, the effect is small only if few people do it. If billions of people do it, the affect on the atmosphere is major. It doesn't stop there, consider the affects on the atmosphere due to the 40-year movement to increase the physical fitness of humans by running and exercise programs. Couch potatoes, exhale 400% less CO₂ than fitness enthusiasts. Save the planet, go watch TV. All of these things make less difference in a world containing a billion people. The trouble with adding 6 billion people to the planet is that 5.999 billion are stupid. Until we do, it may be necessary to expand the use of environmental impact statements to include. Humans have to change their attitude toward life or die like the dinosaurs. Unrestricted birth and protection of all life on the planet doesn't work it a world 100 years from now with 20 billion humans.

Unfortunately, the roots of these problems lie in religious beliefs. The sacred cows of India are part of the Hindu religion. Other religions, stubbornly believe that birth control in any form is immoral. The list of mistakes that are supported by religious beliefs is long. Many of these religions were conceived in a world with less than 100 million people. The problems of those people thousands of years ago are considerably different than the problems of today. Correcting these problems will conflict with somebody's religion on every front. The sacrificing the sacred cows of all religions, from the polytheism of the environmental religion to the monotheism of Islam will cause anguish. China's experiment with birth control must succeed. But, that is only the painful beginning. Every human on the planet must face personal and unpleasant reality. Religion by its nature deals with feelings not rational thought. The future lies in the hands of rational thought. Don't shoot the messenger, the world is not of human making, but humans like dinosaurs can affect its path. God save us from stupidity.