# The New World Order: Nine Things We Can Do to Change the World

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*Abstract*: The Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the vast wildfires in Australia, California, and elsewhere have unconsciously brought many of us to think about the possible coming of our doomsday. We must take action now to prevent it. But how? To fight against those rich and powerful small elite groups will never be easy, who will do anything to maintain status quo to cling to their current privilege. This paper is one manifesto showing exactly what to do and how to do it to protect this precious earth and ourselves from the inevitable apocalypse that will come if we keep going as we are.

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## 1. THE CLIMATE CRISIS AND MASS SHOOTINGS ARE TODAY'S DUE CONSEQUENCES

Ms. Greta Thunberg has attracted worldwide attention to today's *Climate Crisis*. This shows worldwide eco-anxiety (defined by the *American Psychological Association* in 2017 to indicate a chronic fear of environmental doom) [1]. And right after she pointed out the seriousness of the global problem, are we engulfed in this *Coronavirus Pandemic* now. Neither have we ever before witnessed the large scale wildfires like the ones in Australia, California, and other places around the globe. At the same time, mass shootings (including terrorism) have been happening internationally, most typically in the U.S. [2]. Some people are even worried about simply visiting crowded places, afraid of being involved in such incidents. In fact, there is no end to the list of such problems surrounding us today, and, as a result, we are all living in unspeakable anxiety, fear, and entrapped feelings [3]. It is not an exaggeration that many of us subconsciously worry that this might be the beginning of a true *Doomsday* that we have heard about so many times. Yet one thing is clear: most of these serious problems are reactions to the destructive actions that we human beings have done to *Nature and Human Nature*, knowingly.

## 2. THEIR ROOT CAUSE IS OUR UNDERLYING DENIAL OF NATURE

And we are doing such destructions with conviction [4]. *Western Civilization*, typically represented by the flashy American lifestyle, which most people around the world now desire, bases itself on the idea that human beings are the chosen ones while other animals are inferior to us in intelligence and emotional capacities. This idea originally came from the necessity to draw the line between humans and animals in order to justify the act of killing and eating animals to support the increasing settlers in the Middle East, the place of origin of western civilization between 13,000 and 25,000 years ago[5]. Human DNA is also 95% identical to Chimpanzee's. That is to say, plant-based foods alone, which human beings were designed to live on by nature, could not support the "unexpected" increase of the population anymore. In order to be killed and re-made for human needs without feeling guilt, animals needed to be seen as "stupid" and Nature as "uncivilized" and "of no value" as they were [6]. This idea was extended even to human beings themselves [7]. Being natural, both on the inside and outside, is denied, oppressed, reformed, and, in case such people are unruly, deserted, which has produced and released persons with hostility and aggression into society [8]. There is still an unwritten code that African-American people should not grow their natural *Afro-Hair* [9], and frank sexual references and natural acts

such as breastfeeding, especially in public, are not accepted in western society [10]. In fact, Trump administration is opposing the promotion of breastfeeding. Babies also must first be baptized to be accepted into the Christian society, believing that Baptism, which signifies washing/cleansing, restores humans to our true human nature. In this way, in Western Civilization, there are many factors that genuine *Nature/Human Nature* has been denied, despised, feared, and consequently demolished, remade, or deserted in case it is of no use. These customs all come originally from the necessity to justify killing animals to feed unnatural human increases [6]. That is to say, the world modeling after Western Civilization is hiding behind its flashy wealth and beauty so many incredibly ugly and cruel lies, manipulations, abuses, predations, killings, and destructions. That is, our "comfortable" lives are based on so many abnormal merciless acts [11].

### 3. CHRISTIANITY AND CAPITALISM: MACHINES TO SOLIDIFY FURTHER EXPANSIONS

However, this separation and denial of our civilization from Nature/Human Nature was solidified and deeply ingrained by the human-centered teachings of *Christianity* [12], which teaches that God created only humans in the image of God distinct from all other creatures. And this is actually put into practice and further promoted by *Capitalism*, which can run only on eternal expansions and destructions [13]. In short, all kinds of environmental destruction, climate crises, marine plastic waste, and human crimes/violence that we are facing today are happening because we have denied, invaded, remade, destroyed, and abandoned Nature/Human Nature [14]. We are justifying these irresponsible destructive acts as we please with our distorted, selfish human-centered convictions.

#### 4. NINE THINGS WE CAN DO TO CHANGE THE WORLD

Without fixing this global double-structure of the bright side hiding dark truths, it is a matter of course that we will not live in true security. At last, such irresponsible acts are starting to take their toll and getting back at us at levels of directly threatening our own lives and existence [15]. We must change our lifestyles. But how? It must not be in the form of statistical numbers with deadlines set decades from now. That is not realistic enough for us to put it into practice in our daily lives. It must be simple and concrete:

(1) Stop using things that promote global warming and are dangerous to our environment. We should stick to walking, cycling, public transportation, and vehicles not producing CO2. We should avoid using large-size cars, planes, air conditioners, and appliances that emit excessive heat and smoke/gas and that damage our atmosphere, as best we can [16]. At the same time, we should altogether ban the use of dangerous/poisonous chemicals in all sectors in case they are accidentally released into our environment. This includes the abolishment of nuclear power plants, which are not completely under our control, and needless to say the abolishment of biochemical and nuclear weapons [17].

(2) Minimize trash so as not to make foreign leftovers degrading our environment. We should always carry *My Bag*, and stick to daily goods we can use repeatedly, goods that are biodegradable and easily recyclable, while manufacturers coordinate with these consumer needs, including the minimization of wraps and packages for their merchandise [18]. Retailers should also sell their products by weight into reusable containers, which customers bring by themselves, to reduce unnecessary trash.

③ Create a new business sector to restore the earth to what it was. We should make it our new major business to clean the earth and restore the damage already done to Nature and People [19].

(4) Do not control our population for political purposes. We should not intentionally increase our birth rates. As has been confirmed in the animal world, once the population of certain species over-increases and hits the peak, it starts to decrease due to the bottleneck phenomenon. In fact we are starting to see this natural decrease in population in some countries, including Japan. We should leave it up to the natural course where this natural decrease is starting. At the same time, in some developing countries where population is increasing exponentially, it may as well be controlled, so that the human population will gradually be within Nature's sustainable capacity. In any case, the population should never be further increased for tax-revenue and national power purpose [20].

(5) **Protect children emotionally.** We should pay special attention to women in pregnancy and infants to protect children's mental/emotional health. The first two years are especially critical in terms of their brain development. We should protect women in pregnancy from harmful stress and environmental chemicals. Also, after birth, we should maintain our positive reactions in our contacts with infants. This will lead to the health and safety of our future society. We should include in our high school curriculum such courses as *How Children Develop Physically and Mentally* [21].

(6) Make the best efforts to protect animal lives. How we treat animals indicates how safe our society really is. We must avoid killing animals by all means, especially mammals and other highly sentient animals, regardless of their being indigenous or alien. Abusing animals is a clear sign of holding inner aggression, which can easily be shifted toward people. And a social system ready to put down animals as the easiest solution without feeling guilt is a clear sign that our society is losing empathy. We must make our best effort to keep animals alive for the sake of our own safety [22]. Our true face shows when dealing with the most weak.

(7) Stay away from eating meat the best we can. We should stay away from meat/meat products the best we can and transition to vegetable-based meat (or artificially-cultured meat when they are ready). As is well known now, animal husbandry is one of the major causes of global warming due to its release of methane gas. Our meat-eating habit is against *Natural Providence* and the root cause of *Human and Nature Separation*, which is causing today's *Environmental Destruction* and *Global Warming*. It is also the origin of our *Discrimination* and *Violence* against others. It is because acquiring meat necessitates all such factors in its process as compartmentalization, dehumanization, manipulation, betrayal of the trust, harming, and killing. For a fundamental shift of the world's direction, we need to remove this very origin that has brought us to today's doomed state [23]. There are no monkeys in their natural environment eating meat as their main food source. *\*To make the transition smoother, we could provide priority rights to handle these products to those who have been making a living in meat-related businesses.*)

(8) Shift from Capitalism to Democratic Socialism on a global scale. We need to shift our economy from Capitalism to Democratic Socialism, which plans for the best of the whole world through international democratic discussions [24]. We also need to cooperate with each other to put our actions into practice. This is an entirely new global platform for us to live with Nature and within Nature's self-cleansing capabilities, different from Socialism and Communism, which is why it is called "Democratic" Socialism. Living on Capitalism rather than on natural providence not only destroys our natural environment, but it also disfigures/demolishes our humanity from the inside. And this in time will make it impossible for us to live socially, against our Social Animal nature, due to our distrust in each other. Because Capitalism runs on the affirmation and promotion of almost any individual interest, people without exception are becoming Consumers whose main concern is to compare, compete, and pursue "selfish" interests and ulterior motives underneath. Providing a Universal Basic Income, on which people can live decent lives without working, will demotivate their desires to work for unnecessary labors by killing its main engine. Consequently this will stop unnecessary productions and thus further damages to Nature and Human Nature. We can bolster this new social structure by utilizing 3D replicators effectively, which will quickly reproduce most of the products we need for our lives without human labors [25]. In order to do this, each nation must elect a leader not with a national vision but with a global vision, otherwise people will pursue only partial interests and forever compete against each other at the expense of the earth.

(9) Establish *The United Earth* by the Internet to orchestrate our global actions. We should establish *The United Earth*, a new global network of good-willed people, parallel to the United Nations, in order to supervise our global directions. We have witnessed so many people standing up around the world as Ms. Thunberg stood up. We need to orchestrate these movements to make them more effective, through both political actions and fundraisers, by using the Internet [26].

If we are serious about continuously living on this planet, it is a must for all of us to stop blindly clinging to our old habits/traditions, which have been unthinkingly damaging our own living environments and even ourselves. We must start to follow these nine simple rules the best we can every day. Because of the negative reactions already starting to impact our daily lives, it is necessary that we all change our lifestyles at once. Not preventing our civilization from destroying Nature/Human Nature is like committing suicide. We cannot maintain our self-centered happiness by continuing our abominating acts [27] [28].

# 5. COEXISTENCE WITH NATURE IS BEYOND POLITICS, RELIGION, PHILOSOPHY, AND ECONOMICS

Nature is not to be conquered. It is what we coexist with. It is to be loved/respected/appreciated. Once we lose this fundamental platform on this planet, our doom is a matter of time. This is the platform beyond all religions, philosophies, and economical principles. Christianity is great. But it has unfortunately ended up promoting anthropocentrism too far, which has led us to do whatever we please at the expense of animals, nature, and also human nature [29] in spite of the fact that there are references that can be interpreted against such irresponsible human acts. If it is to promote true peace

and happiness, it needs to amend that the love it insists for fellow human beings be extended tonature/animals and different races to encompass the whole earth. Animals are the very representatives (missionaries) of nature, for they are the only ones who can move and act like us. Human beings are not exceptional or special. We are just a little better at keeping memories than other animals, as dogs are better at smelling than us.

# 6. THOSE WHO ADVOCATE TO CONTINUOUSLY DEMOLISH THE EARTH IN THE NAME OF NATIONALISM ARE THE *TRUE ENEMIES OF OUR EARTH*

In this small organic sphere, which takes only 37 hours to fly around, everything affects each other in the end. Under such a limited condition, the only way to truly live at peace is to coexist, appreciating each other. To persist with a stance like "*America First,*" which clings only to partial happiness, is pragmatically impossible on this small planet. The only available option is to pursue overall happiness. However, the earth is virtually split between Humans and Nature, and the power of humans is so overwhelming that *Mother Nature* cannot keep up her basic balance anymore, which she has been keeping long before humans appeared. Now we are at the very tipping point, after which there will be no coming back. Yet those who lead nations, especially superpowers, are still competing against each other, thinking nothing of their continuous destruction of Nature/Human Nature, which is already covered with deep wounds [30]. They are completely ignoring the clear signs of the global warnings, taking them only as criticisms against their own administrations. However, at this critical point, those who deny actions to protect our precious earth are nothing but *the Enemies of the Earth* and must be treated as such. They are just like those who clung only to their selfish interests on the sinking *Titanic*. We cannot lose our precious spaceship only for those selfish few.

#### 7. HEADING TOWARD THE DIGITAL WORLD IS THE SIGN OF OUR IDENTITY CRISIS

Human beings have pushed their self-centered ideals too far, losing sight of Mother Nature, which is the basis of our own existence. We create robots that can act exactly like humans and animals while killing people of different color and religion and real domestic and wild animals, who have always been there as our companions on the same planet. In fact, our lives are now so civilized, used to the digitalized world, and away from Nature that so many people have practically become bio-phobic [31]. They are either scared of other animals or see them only as food sources or having nothing to do with us. When they are in their way, they just get rid of them like "things" without feeling any guilt. Today's hypercapitalism is promoting these trends even further. However, denying natural beings means denying ourselves, for they share what we are made of [32]. Preferring robots, other artificial and unnatural devices, and Disneyland to real living beings and Nature is a sign of losing our identity as beings which can only live by urinating, defecating, and keeping bacteria inside of us. Our love of digitalization is considered to come from our projection of these "ugly" natural selves to Nature and natural beings. In fact, because we live on Capitalism instead of natural providence, we are now changing from Human Beings, who are programmed to think about what is right and wrong, to Consumers, who are just addicted to the act of selling and buying things without thinking. For this same reason, we now prefer to stay alone rather than to spend time with others. The excessive support of self-interest as the engine to promote capitalism is now obstructing making social groups, which was part of our natural design as being a social animal. These are all signs of the pathological divergence of human beings and human civilization from Mother Nature.

## 8. TREATING ANIMALS WELL REFLECTS THE RESTORATION OF THE DIVERGENCE BETWEEN HUMAN CIVILIZATION AND NATURE

The climate crisis and the loss of empathy are also the symptoms of the divergence between Human Civilization and Nature. Because of our competitive predatory lifestyle on Nature and other beings due to the meat-eating and capitalistic social bases, our society is clearly losing empathy—the value of the utmost importance for the safety of our social life. Empathy is not recognizing what is right and wrong by reason, but the emotion that compels us to act, as when we see a rain-wet puppy trembling in the cold and we cannot help hugging it. The climate crisis is happening because we have been doing whatever we want irresponsibly, thinking nothing of our environment (i.e., the air, water, etc.). In this sense, the climate crisis is happening because we have lost empathy for our environment. Because empathy does not require language or reason, how we treat animals can be its primal barometer. In fact, to regain empathy and climate awareness is to regain our animalistic genuine compassion without unnecessary interruptions by reason [33].

# 9. OUR FINAL MISSION AS HUMAN BEINGS ON THIS EARTH IS *RE-UNIFICATION* WITH NATURE

Carl Jung posits that our ultimate goal as human beings is to integrate our split selves into one whole. The same theory applies to our organic earth. The present split between Humans and Nature will never lead to the true stability or peace of this planet. We Human Beings must re-unify ourselves with Nature. This is our final existential mission to achieve our true happiness on the earth. And the very first step is to rebuild our companionship with animals as the symbol of our shift in this new direction of coexisting with Nature. We must complete this shift of our lifestyle before all koalas would prefer going back to their burning woods than come to our civilization. There is no time [34]–[38].

#### Flow Chart toward New World Order

#### Deny Animals and Being Animalistic (= Nature and Being Natural)

• Animals needed to be stupid while Nature needed to be ugly/of no value as they were

#### Necessity of Separation between Human Beings from Animals/Nature

Theoretical Justification Western Civilization Humans are superior, special, chosen beings while animals are inferior with low intelligence, and which need to be managed Christianity Purcuit of only human happings at the expense of animals/Nature

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Capitalism System that runs on eternal expansions (=destruction) of Nature

Destruction of Natural Environment (Climate Crises) & Human Nature (Violence and Crimes)

Today's Deadlock Feelings: Insecurity, Distrust, Anxiety, and Fear

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Refocus on Importance of & Act toward Protection of Nature/Life

Intentional Re-Unification of Human Civilization and Nature

# True Stability & Happiness on this Organic Planet Earth (= Final Human Goal on the Earth)

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