

*"The common enemy of humanity is man.
In searching for a new enemy to unite us, we came up
with the idea that pollution, the threat of global warming,
water shortages, famine and the like would fit the bill. All these
dangers are caused by human intervention, and it is only through
changed attitudes and behavior that they can be overcome.
The real enemy then, is humanity itself."*

- Club of Rome,
premier environmental think-tank,
consultants to the United Nations



*"We need to get some broad based support,
to capture the public's imagination...
So we have to offer up scary scenarios,
make simplified, dramatic statements
and make little mention of any doubts...
Each of us has to decide what the right balance
is between being effective and being honest."*

- Prof. Stephen Schneider,
Stanford Professor of Climatology,
lead author of many IPCC reports



*"We've got to ride this global warming issue.
Even if the theory of global warming is wrong,
we will be doing the right thing in terms of
economic and environmental policy."*

- Timothy Wirth,
President of the UN Foundation



*"No matter if the science of global warming is all phony...
climate change provides the greatest opportunity to
bring about justice and equality in the world."*

- Christine Stewart,
former Canadian Minister of the Environment



*"The data doesn't matter. We're not basing our recommendations
on the data. We're basing them on the climate models."*

- Prof. Chris Folland,
Hadley Centre for Climate Prediction and Research



"The models are convenient fictions"

that provide something very useful."

- **Dr David Frame**,
climate modeler, Oxford University



"I believe it is appropriate to have an 'over-representation' of the facts on how dangerous it is, as a predicate for opening up the audience."

- **Al Gore**,
Climate Change activist



*"It doesn't matter what is true,
it only matters what people believe is true."*

- **Paul Watson**,
co-founder of Greenpeace



*"The only way to get our society to truly change is to
frighten people with the possibility of a catastrophe."*

- emeritus professor **Daniel Botkin**



*"The climate crisis is not a political issue, it is a moral and
spiritual challenge to all of humanity. It is also our greatest
opportunity to lift Global Consciousness to a higher level."*

- **Al Gore**,
Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech



*"We are on the verge of a global transformation.
All we need is the right major crisis..."*

- **David Rockefeller**,
Club of Rome executive member



*"Humanity is sitting on a time bomb. If the vast majority of the
world's scientists are right, we have just ten years to avert a
major catastrophe that could send our entire planet's climate system
into a tail-spin of epic destruction involving extreme weather, floods,
droughts, epidemics and killer heat waves beyond anything we have
ever experienced - a catastrophe of our own making."*

- **Al Gore**,
An Inconvenient Truth



*"We are getting close to catastrophic tipping points,
despite the fact that most people barely notice the warming yet."*
- **Dr James Hansen,**
NASA researcher

*"By the end of this century climate change will reduce the human
population to a few breeding pairs surviving near the Arctic."*
- **Sir James Lovelock,**
Revenge of Gaia

*"Climate Change will result in a catastrophic global sea level
rise of seven meters. That's bye-bye most of Bangladesh,
Netherlands, Florida and would make London the new Atlantis."*
- **Greenpeace International**

*"This planet is on course for a catastrophe.
The existence of Life itself is at stake."*
- **Dr Tim Flannery,**
Principal Research Scientist

*"Coal makes us sick. Oil makes us sick. It's global warming.
It's ruining our country. It's ruining our world."*
- **Harry Reid,**
U.S. Senate majority leader

*"Climate Change is the greatest threat that
human civilization has ever faced."*
- **Angela Merkel,**
German Chancellor

*"Climate change is real. Not only is it real, it's here,
and its effects are giving rise to a frighteningly new
global phenomenon: the man-made natural disaster."*
- **Barack Obama,**
US President

"We simply must do everything we can in our power to slow down global warming before it is too late."

- Arnold Schwarzenegger,
Governor of California

"Climate change should be seen as the greatest challenge to ever face mankind."

- Prince Charles

"Climate change makes us all global citizens, we are truly all in this together."

- Gordon Brown,
British Prime Minister

"We have reached the critical moment of decision on climate change. Failure to act to now would be deeply and unforgivably irresponsible. We urgently require a global environmental revolution."

- Tony Blair,
former British PM

"We are close to a time when all of humankind will envision a global agenda that encompasses a kind of Global Marshall Plan to address the causes of poverty and suffering and environmental destruction all over the earth."

- Al Gore,
Earth in the Balance

"In Nature organic growth proceeds according to a Master Plan, a Blueprint. Such a 'master plan' is missing from the process of growth and development of the world system. Now is the time to draw up a master plan for sustainable growth and world development based on global allocation of all resources and a new global economic system. Ten or twenty years from today it will probably be too late."

- Club of Rome,
Mankind at the Turning Point

"We need a new paradigm of development in

*which the environment will be a priority.
World civilization as we know it will soon end.
We have very little time and we must act.
If we can address the environmental problem,
it will have to be done within a new system, a
new paradigm. We have to change our mindset,
the way humankind views the world."*

- Mikhail Gorbachev,
founder of Green Cross International

*"The concept of national sovereignty has been immutable,
indeed a sacred principle of international relations.
It is a principle which will yield only slowly and reluctantly to
the new imperatives of global environmental cooperation."*

- UN Commission on Global Governance report

*"Democracy is not a panacea. It cannot organize everything and
it is unaware of its own limits. These facts must be faced squarely.
Sacriligious though this may sound, democracy is no longer well
suited for the tasks ahead. The complexity and the technical nature
of many of today's problems do not always allow elected
representatives to make competent decisions at the right time."*

- Club of Rome,
The First Global Revolution

*"The emerging 'environmentalization' of our civilization
and the need for vigorous action in the interest of the entire global
community will inevitably have multiple political consequences.
Perhaps the most important of them will be a gradual change
in the status of the United Nations. Inevitably, it must
assume some aspects of a world government."*

- Mikhail Gorbachev,
State of the World Forum

*"I envisage the principles of the Earth Charter to
be a new form of the ten commandments.
They lay the foundation for a sustainable
global earth community."*

- Mikhail Gorbachev,
co-author of The Earth Charter

"In my view, after fifty years of service in the United Nations system, I perceive the utmost urgency and absolute necessity for proper Earth government. There is no shadow of a doubt that the present political and economic systems are no longer appropriate and will lead to the end of life evolution on this planet. We must therefore absolutely and urgently look for new ways."

- Dr Robert Muller,
UN Assistant Secretary General,

"Nations are in effect ceding portions of their sovereignty to the international community and beginning to create a new system of international environmental governance as a means of solving otherwise unmanageable crises."

- Lester Brown,
WorldWatch Institute

"Regionalism must precede globalism. We foresee a seamless system of governance from local communities, individual states, regional unions and up through to the United Nations itself."

- UN Commission on Global Governance

"A keen and anxious awareness is evolving to suggest that fundamental changes will have to take place in the world order and its power structures, in the distribution of wealth and income. Perhaps only a new and enlightened humanism can permit mankind to negotiate this transition."

- Club of Rome,
Mankind at the Turning Point

"The alternative to the existing world order can only emerge as a result of a new human dimension of progress. We envision a revolution of the mind, a new way of thinking."

- Mikhail Gorbachev,
State of the World Forum

"We require a central organizing principle - one agreed to voluntarily. Minor shifts in policy, moderate improvement in laws and regulations, rhetoric offered in lieu of genuine change - these are all forms of appeasement, designed to satisfy the public's desire to believe that sacrifice, struggle and a wrenching transformation

of society will not be necessary."

- **Al Gore**,
Earth in the Balance

*"Adopting a central organizing principle...
means embarking on an all-out effort to use every
policy and program, every law and institution...
to halt the destruction of the environment."*

- **Al Gore**,
Earth in the Balance

*"Effective execution of Agenda 21 will require a profound
reorientation of all human society, unlike anything the world
has ever experienced a major shift in the priorities of both
governments and individuals and an unprecedented
redeployment of human and financial resources. This shift
will demand that a concern for the environmental consequences
of every human action be integrated into individual and
collective decision-making at every level."*

- **UN Agenda 21**

*"The current course of development is thus clearly unsustainable.
Current problems cannot be solved by piecemeal measures.
More of the same is not enough. Radical change from the
current trajectory is not an option, but an absolute necessity.
Fundamental economic, social and cultural changes that
address the root causes of poverty and environmental
degradation are required and they are required now."*

– from the **Earth Charter website**

*"The goal now is a socialist, redistributionist society,
which is nature's proper steward and society's only hope."*

- **David Brower**,
founder of Friends of the Earth

*"If we don't overthrow capitalism, we don't have a chance of
saving the world ecologically. I think it is possible to have
an ecologically sound society under socialism.
I don't think it is possible under capitalism"*

- **Judi Bari**,
principal organiser of Earth First!

"Isn't the only hope for the planet that the industrialized civilizations collapse? Isn't it our responsibility to bring that about?"
- **Maurice Strong**,
founder of the UN Environment Programme

"A massive campaign must be launched to de-develop the United States. De-development means bringing our economic system into line with the realities of ecology and the world resource situation."
- **Paul Ehrlich**,
Professor of Population Studies

"The only hope for the world is to make sure there is not another United States. We can't let other countries have the same number of cars, the amount of industrialization, we have in the US. We have to stop these Third World countries right where they are."
- **Michael Oppenheimer**,
Environmental Defense Fund

"Global Sustainability requires the deliberate quest of poverty, reduced resource consumption and set levels of mortality control."
- **Professor Maurice King**

"We must make this an insecure and inhospitable place for capitalists and their projects. We must reclaim the roads and plowed land, halt dam construction, tear down existing dams, free shackled rivers and return to wilderness millions of acres of presently settled land."
- **David Foreman**,
co-founder of Earth First!

"Complex technology of any sort is an assault on human dignity. It would be little short of disastrous for us to discover a source of clean, cheap, abundant energy, because of what we might do with it."
- **Amory Lovins**, Rocky Mountain Institute

"The prospect of cheap fusion energy is the worst thing that could happen to the planet."

- Jeremy Rifkin,
Greenhouse Crisis Foundation

"Giving society cheap, abundant energy would be the equivalent of giving an idiot child a machine gun."

- Prof Paul Ehrlich, Stanford University

"Our insatiable drive to rummage deep beneath the surface of the earth is a willful expansion of our dysfunctional civilization into Nature."

- Al Gore,
Earth in the Balance

"The big threat to the planet is people: there are too many, doing too well economically and burning too much oil."

- Sir James Lovelock,
BBC Interview

"My three main goals would be to reduce human population to about 100 million worldwide, destroy the industrial infrastructure and see wilderness, with it's full complement of species, returning throughout the world."

-Dave Foreman,
co-founder of Earth First!

"Current lifestyles and consumption patterns of the affluent middle class - involving high meat intake, use of fossil fuels, appliances, air-conditioning, and suburban housing - are not sustainable."

- Maurice Strong,
Rio Earth Summit

"Mankind is the most dangerous, destructive, selfish and unethical animal on the earth."

- Michael Fox,

vice-president of The Humane Society

*"Human beings, as a species,
have no more value than slugs."*
- **John Davis**, editor of Earth First! Journal

*"Humans on the Earth behave in some ways like a
pathogenic micro-organism, or like the cells of a tumor."*
- **Sir James Lovelock**,
Healing Gaia

*"The Earth has cancer
and the cancer is Man."*
- **Club of Rome**,
Mankind at the Turning Point

*"A cancer is an uncontrolled multiplication of cells;
the population explosion is an uncontrolled multiplication of people.
We must shift our efforts from the treatment of the symptoms to
the cutting out of the cancer. The operation will demand many
apparently brutal and heartless decisions."*
- **Prof Paul Ehrlich**,
The Population Bomb

*"I don't claim to have any special interest in natural history,
but as a boy I was made aware of the annual fluctuations in
the number of game animals and the need to adjust
the cull to the size of the surplus population."*
- **Prince Philip**,
preface of Down to Earth

*"A reasonable estimate for an industrialized world society
at the present North American material standard of living
would be 1 billion. At the more frugal European standard
of living, 2 to 3 billion would be possible."*
- **United Nations**,
Global Biodiversity Assessment

*"A total population of 250-300 million people,
a 95% decline from present levels, would be ideal."*
- **Ted Turner**,
founder of CNN and major UN donor

*"... the resultant ideal sustainable population is hence
more than 500 million but less than one billion."*
- **Club of Rome**,
Goals for Mankind

*"One America burdens the earth much more than
twenty Bangladeshes. This is a terrible thing to say.
In order to stabilize world population, we must eliminate
350,000 people per day. It is a horrible thing to say,
but it's just as bad not to say it."*
- **Jacques Cousteau**,
UNESCO Courier

*"If I were reincarnated I would wish to be returned to earth
as a killer virus to lower human population levels."*
- **Prince Philip**, Duke of Edinburgh,
patron of the World Wildlife Fund

*"I suspect that eradicating small pox was wrong.
It played an important part in balancing ecosystems."*
- **John Davis**, editor of Earth First! Journal

*"The extinction of the human species may not
only be inevitable but a good thing."*
- **Christopher Manes**, Earth First!

*"The extinction of Homo Sapiens would mean survival
for millions, if not billions, of Earth-dwelling species.
Phasing out the human race will solve every
problem on Earth - social and environmental."*
- **Ingrid Newkirk**,
former President of PETA

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*"Childbearing should be a punishable crime against society, unless the parents hold a government license. All potential parents should be required to use contraceptive chemicals, the government issuing antidotes to citizens chosen for childbearing."*

**- David Brower,**  
first Executive Director of the Sierra Club

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"The fate of mankind, as well as of religion, depends upon the emergence of a new faith in the future. Armed with such a faith, we might find it possible to resanctify the earth."

- Al Gore,
Earth in the Balance

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*"The greatest hope for the Earth lies in religionists and scientists uniting to awaken the world to its near fatal predicament and then leading mankind out of the bewildering maze of international crises into the future Utopia of humanist hope."*

**- Club of Rome,**  
Goals for Mankind

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"What an incredible planet in the universe this will be when we will be one human family living in justice, peace, love and harmony with our divine Earth, with each other and with the heavens."

- Robert Muller,
UN Assistant Secretary General

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*"The earth is literally our mother, not only because we depend on her for nurture and shelter but even more because the human species has been shaped by her in the womb of evolution...."*

*Our salvation depends upon our ability to create a religion of nature."*

**- Rene Dubos,**  
board member, Planetary Citizens

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"Each element, plant, insect, fish and animal represents a certain aspect of Gaia's - and our - being."

*In a way, we are Gaia's intelligence and awareness
- currently lost in self-destructive madness.
We must acknowledge, respect and love her for being
the Mother she is to us or we deny our very selves.
Nurture the Mother as she nurtures us."*

- Prof. Michael J. Cohen,
Ecopsychologist

*"It is the responsibility of each human being today to
choose between the force of darkness and the force of light.
We must therefore transform our attitudes, and adopt a renewed
respect for the superior laws of Divine Nature."*

- Maurice Strong,
first Secretary General of UNEP

*"The spirit of our planet is stirring!
The Consciousness of Goddess Earth
is now rising against all odds,
in spite of millennia of suppression,
repression and oppression inflicted on Her
by a hubristic and misguided humanity.*

*The Earth is a living entity, a biological organism
with psychic and spiritual dimensions.
With the expansion of the patriarchal religions
that focused on a male God majestically
stationed in Heaven ruling over the Earth and the
Universe, the memory of our planet's innate Divinity
was repressed and banished into the
collective unconscious of humanity."*

- Envision Earth

*"Still more important is the implication that the evolution of
homo sapiens, with his technological inventiveness and his
increasingly subtle communications network, has vastly increased
Gaia's range of perception. She is now through us awake and aware
of herself. She has seen the reflection of her fair face through the
eyes of astronauts and the television cameras of orbiting spacecraft.*

*Our sensations of wonder and pleasure, our capacity
for conscious thought and speculation, our restless curiosity and
drive are hers to share. This new interrelationship of Gaia with man
is by no means fully established; we are not yet a truly collective
species, corralled and tamed as an integral part of the biosphere,
as we are as individual creatures. It may be that the destiny of*

mankind is to become tamed, so that the fierce, destructive, and greedy forces of tribalism and nationalism are fused into a compulsive urge to belong to the commonwealth of all creatures which constitutes Gaia."

– Sir James Lovelock,
Gaia: A New Look At Life

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*"Little by little a planetary prayer book is thus being composed by an increasingly united humanity seeking its oneness. Once again, but this time on a universal scale, humankind is seeking no less than its reunion with 'divine,' its transcendence into higher forms of life. Hindus call our earth Brahma, or God, for they rightly see no difference between our earth and the divine. This ancient simple truth is slowly dawning again upon humanity, as we are about to enter our cosmic age and become what we were always meant to be: the planet of god."*

**- Robert Muller,**  
UN Assistant Secretary General

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"What if Mary is another name for Gaia? Then her capacity for virgin birth is no miracle . . . it is a role of Gaia since life began . . . She is of this Universe and, conceivably, a part of God. On Earth, she is the source of life everlasting and is alive now; she gave birth to humankind and we are part of her."

- Sir James Lovelock,
Ages of Gaia

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*"Nature is my god. To me, nature is sacred; trees are my temples and forests are my cathedrals."*

**- Mikhail Gorbachev,**  
Green Cross International

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"The spiritual sense of our place in nature... can be traced to the origins of human civilization.... The last vestige of organized goddess worship was eliminated by Christianity."

- Al Gore,
Earth in the Balance

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*"Christianity is our foe. If animal rights is to succeed,  
we must destroy the Judeo-Christian Religious tradition."*  
- **Peter Singer**, founder of Animal Rights

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*"I pledge allegiance to the Earth and all its sacred parts.  
Its water, land and living things and all its human hearts."*  
- **Global Education Associates**,  
The Earth Pledge

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*"By fostering a deep sense of connection to others and to the earth  
in all its dimensions, holistic education encourages a sense of  
responsibility to self to others and to the planet."*  
- **Global Alliance for Transforming Education**

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*"The earth is not dead matter. She is alive.  
Now begin to speak to the earth as you walk.  
You can speak out loud, or just talk to her in your mind.  
Send your love into her with your exhalation. Feel your  
heart touching upon the heart of the planet. Say to her  
whatever words come to you: Mother Earth, I love you.  
Mother Earth, I bless you. May you be healed. May all  
your creatures be happy. Peace to you, Mother Earth.  
On behalf of the human race, I ask forgiveness  
for having injured you. Forgive us, Mother Earth"*  
- **US Student Textbook**,  
"Prayer to the Earth"