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Our focus at the MEJB is on Ethical and Sustainable business but in these troubled times of wars, cruel dictatorships and ecological disaster this socio-economic and socio-political appraisal of where the entire global population currently stands is the focus of the entire issue.

The Publisher initiated this journal with the longterm sustainability of life on earth in mind. The reader may not agree with some of the opinions in this Essay but they are presented in order to generate greatly needed discussion on these issues instead of the mad stampede toward oblivion that is currently taking place.

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The War on humanity – the ongoing socio-economic and socio-political history of the world

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psychopath

a person suffering from chronic mental disorder with abnormal or violent social behaviour

madman/madwoman, mad person, deranged person, maniac, lunatic, psychotic, sociopath

Introduction

Man's inhumanity to man is not a new phenomenon. It has been with us since the very beginning. One would have hoped however that in a time when we have made so many advances in medicine, science, law and the arts that we would have come up with a political system to protect us from the never-ending parade of psychopaths manifesting as political dictators and have learned to live with our fellow man equitably and in peace. In a time of high education and an understanding of mental health, this evil should start to disappear from society. Rather our shared history (well non-history) has been plagued with endless brutality of dictators, and despots who use the tools of torture and murder and mass weaponry to kill millions and millions of innocent people - just in our lifetimes alone. The obvious reason for wanting unlimited power is to rob their nations but the main attraction is power itself. Power over others to a psychopath, is the driving force. **(Political definition of power: the capacity or ability to direct or influence the behaviour of others or the course of events).** The psychopath's intent is to use the bodies and minds of men, women and children in any way they want. In virtually all cases the intent is to harm those not politically expedient to them.

Currently most people in the world in 2019 live in a dictatorship and their leaders are primitive and brutal psychopaths and sociopaths, to varying degrees of criminality.

They are certainly not in power to enhance the lives of the people of their nations. The ordinary man is enslaved, exploited, robbed, imprisoned, and tortured indiscriminately all in the name of wealth and power for those with a gross mental illness.

How on earth did we ever let this happen? While many populations throughout time have risen to rid themselves of psychopathic leaders, and sometimes successfully, they still keep rearing their ugly heads. Maybe we should have all cared a lot more about others and had more courage in the past and present to put an end to this endless and primitive brutality.

In these times however when their activities are affecting the very viability of life itself, it is a very different matter. Humanity and the planet is on its knees gasping its last breath.

They and those who own and hold most of the world, the 1% who own 'almost everything' have destroyed the very planet we live on. With better education and more knowledge, you would have thought that cruel dictatorships, torture, weapons of mass destruction and wars for no reason would no longer be accepted; that ignorance based on fear of the unknown, and superficial differences of other people, would have also dissipated. You would have thought that in the current world the women and children in our families would be protected rather than being increasingly exploited in increasingly nefarious ways. The entire planet should have stood up and protested when the very first innocent child lost their life to some mad man's ego. Which leads us to the fact, that even today when everyone of us should be led intelligently and wisely to be able to hold onto the viability of life on earth, not just for us but for all creatures, our so called leaders have usurped power based on unrelenting greed, selfishness and innate cruelty.

Our DNA shows us that indeed we are all the same people, rising in Africa and then spreading out from the Middle East region to all quarters of the globe. Our paternal (Y chromosome) DNA and maternal (mitochondrial) DNA show we are all the same 'family' where small populations of men re-populated the world after disaster nearly wiped us all out. At different stages in our history we have changed skin colour and back again depending on our climate, geography and diet.

Unfortunately there are still those who think that some of us are more deserving than others. Such thinking is and always has been, let us be honest, an excuse to exploit others. While some individuals through lack of power, money, advantage, education, health, or their gender, seem less able to protect themselves, (or are more desperate), a civilised culture should always allow for these misfortunes of birth and treat their brothers and sisters as themselves. We should show mercy to the less fortunate rather than see them as yet another planetary resource to be exploited.

Rather the selfish and uncaring 1% own most of the world's resources, which they have no right to whatsoever, nor have they earned them through any fair means. Indeed if anyone at all, no matter what their background is so wealthy they have earned such wealth from over-pricing their goods and services, or underpaying their workers, or not having paid properly for the earth's resources that they call their own – be those resources coal, whales or land which they deem as their own when in fact they belong to all creatures on the earth.

The ordinary man has already been robbed of a place to live and grow a few vegetables to maintain himself on his own planet through the economic appropriation of 'all land' by the wealthy. Man has further been robbed as global warming and subsequent sea rise, reclaims land that people live on. They have also been robbed of a home by wars and violence. Rather we have refugees, slavery, oppression in various forms of most people on the planet, depression, climate change through filthy practices and neglect, acidification of our seas, degradation of farming land, mass extinctions, including of vital insects such as bees that we need to pollinate and germinate food crops.

Of course one has to ask if their victims were in power would they do the same? I argue that it is the sort of people who 'must have everything' who put themselves in power (i.e. psychopaths). The list of insane practices of some humans goes on interminably. Worse still when we need global leadership, as has always been the case throughout history we have psychopaths instead of leaders. The psychopaths are the very people who should have no access to power of any kind.

It must be said however that most business people are honest, decent and look after their world. These people provide goods and services that communities need and they do it without poisoning the land, sea and air in the doing so. Many of those who do become wealthy also become philanthropists.

If we had sane and decent people in power as our leaders there may be hope even at this stage of evolution but we do not. The majority of governments are either insidious or negligent, individual or group dictatorships, caring only for themselves, just one man among billions, or just not up to the job. If despots cared for their families they would be addressing the obvious global needs, but obviously they do not. And in the so called democracies, including in my own country, far too many leaders are too often there to look after themselves and their rich mates – otherwise there would be an addressing of long-term life viability. You would have thought that was the obvious requirement. Governing this world we have pathetic, sad and stupid little men or the most dangerous psychopaths imaginable. Currently millions of innocent citizens around the world are in high levels of personal danger, and suffer great injustice.

The free press is curtailed, including in my own country, and journalists detained, or killed and assaulted. A total of 80 journalists were killed in the first 11 months of 2018, while 348 were in prison and 60 more were being held hostage, according to figures from Reporters Without Borders (RSF). Organisations like Avaaz and Greenpeace are sued for speaking the truth.

The US, the wealthiest country in the world, has no universal healthcare and a total of 552,830 people were experiencing homelessness on a single night in 2018. This number represents 17 out of every 10,000 people in the United States. Most people experiencing homelessness are individuals (67 per cent). The remainder (33 percent) are people in families with children.

Lies and propaganda have been fed en masse to populations, by the dictator psychopaths to help keep themselves in power. Though it is difficult to accurately state how many refugees there are in the world at a given time in April 2017 the UN-HRR estimated there were 15,874,208. Women and children are trafficked for forced marriage and exploited and enslaved more than men – there were an estimated 45.8 million slaves in 2016; 33 per cent of our slaves are children; 49 per cent (nearly half) of our slaves are women.

Why do weapons even exist, especially they greatest stupidity of all, nuclear arms? How has this happened and how do we change it, right now, as it needs to be changed right now.

The psychopath's weapons and brutal regimes are instilling mass fear in populations via rampant and overt violence against any person who stands or questions them.

They also spread mass propaganda. If they think they actually fool the people however then they are more mentally deluded than we thought. A good rule of thumb regarding propaganda is that those organisations called fake news by the dictators are speaking the truth and those news outlets that the psychopaths promote are the liars.

The more honest and representative press however has to stop giving 'time' to the rantings of evil men in the interests of 'balance'. An egg is either rotten or it is not. If the whole world knows that 193 people including 83 children were bombed and murdered today by a particular psychopath or group of psychopathic leaders who say "no we didn't - all those battered and bloodied corpses you see on your nightly news are not there" then we must not allow them their lies, even if the liars and murderers are so called national leaders. Reporting their rantings is aiding and abetting their evil. Truth is truth and should always be plainly spoken.

Worse than this, 2019 sees the most dangerous dictators on the planet ganging up with each other – (The Gang of Evil). These idiots no doubt want to 'rule the world'. If they did they'd then fight it out among themselves after they had destroyed the rest of humanity. They kill the people of other dictator's countries for them and supply arms (for a price of course – *they still have their own end game agendas* of ruling all); they spread lies for each other within their own propaganda systems and these mad misanthropes are a great threat to every single one of us and everything on the planet. There won't be many of us left unless we all stand up to them and for each other. Far too many have given up crying that more Syrians have died overnight and that the seas in South East Asia and other areas are just miles of floating garbage, plastic and poisons.

The third aspect is the criminal classes who support these tyrants. These criminal classes are not those with a mask and a jemmy climbing through your window at night, they are the rich elite in the psychopath's country who get their hands on the spoils as a psychopath cannot rob a country just on his own. They need someone to aid and abet them. These criminal elites then cover the psychopath's tracks.

The other group is the hit men, the hired killers, soldiers etc. who do the psychopath's murdering, torturing and imprisoning. I appeal mostly to these latter people, the hired killers, as our best chance of converting to the side of humanity – the rich elite who fawn over their local dictator are just *dictators in waiting*.

I suggest that once we all speak the truth about just who and what runs the world and robs us of our current life and our children's future we must put in a system whereby this can never happen again.

Facts from a doomed planet (Earth year 2019)

An otherwise healthy child dies unnecessarily every 5 seconds on this planet due to war, starvation, lack of health care, rape or other violence against them.

Central America and some South American countries are totally run by criminal gangs and drug barons– they kill and rape whoever they want and steal what they want. It is why so many innocent people are trying to get into the US (and Europe, Canada and Australia).

Vladimir Putin's comments to the Financial Times at the G20 2019 espouses 'the death of liberalism (an idea that has "out-lived its purpose")'.

It is a lie made up to 'normalise' dictatorship and tyranny. The state of most dictatorship's economy, including his, is shocking, especially as so much of the wealth has been stolen, by the 'ruling elite'. Of course selling other despots arms must put something back into someone's pockets but obviously not the people's pockets, and the money stolen from the pockets of the dead children must help. Free speech and protest is viciously stamped down upon in all dictatorships. The Gang of Evil has ganged up to try and maintain their positions of power. But there are few of them and billions of their victims and **as I write people in these same countries are testing the walls of their towers of hypocrisy and brutality.**

The most untrustworthy people on the planet are also those who hold nuclear arms- apocalyptic tools in the hands of insane men. These tools destroy both the protagonist as well as the antagonist – I suspect they don't even care – they know they won't live forever themselves so they would likely relish the opportunity to kill everyone and take it all with them.

Liberalism in truth is what is happening in the world that is NOT the realm of the psychopath and fellow deviants. Liberalism is free education and health care, acceptance of the many forms of humanity, rule of law and justice, right to work, fairness and decency, democracy and freedom of speech, abo-

lition of slavery and exploitation. In that sense Putin is right as this does not happen at all in current day Russia and his cronies' dictatorships. The oppressed are in fact very good at liberalism. It is the maniacs and psychopaths who would love to rid themselves of such practices of liberty for all, not just the dictators and their cronies.

What is in trouble is democracy, as more and more elected government members become more like dictators and psychopaths and want to join the ranks of the psychopaths and join the Gang of Evil and share in the spoils. It remains an issue of greed and power, not a philosophical issue. Today too many so called democratic governments have the same malaise as dictatorships with far too many people seeking election for their own gain - the 'death of liberalism' just means that psychopaths are running for democratic government as well. People still want democracy - it is just becoming difficult to get any worthy people, with the correct focus, to elect. It is why independent and third parties with morals and policies, parties such as the Greens (who actually want to save the planet and humanity) are chosen alternatives. What is happening is not death of democracy itself, it is a situation where people have lost faith in their government and faith in the future.

It accounts for the huge rise of depression and suicide. Due to this the planetary situation gets worse exponentially as there are no intelligent people focusing on the real needs (non-economic needs, and altruism) that is, governments are not governing, despite the several talk fests such as Paris and Kyoto where governments stood around and said the right words - but in too many cases they are not being enacted and at the best the actions fall far short of the needs and requirements to put us on a path to viability of life on earth.

Let us not forget that millions of people in the dictatorships are being murdered and tortured by their so called governments. Yet other leaders of our days condone the actions of each other. I believe not one ordinary person in these countries however is as callous and cruel as their leaders and follows the state spouted lines of their leaders.

People would not mind strong autocratic leaders if they actually did something properly and for the right reason but they never do – they are just reigns of insanity and primitive brutality.

More recently Putin –the day after Russians marched in the street for a democratically elected government, says the earth is in trouble so we need to go to the depths and the heights (ocean trenches and space). In other words we have destroyed the earth, now we have to exploit the rest while we can still get our hands on it. They are not talking to the people of course – they are talking to the rich elite who support them and also want to get their hands on any riches the poor earth can still supply.

China and North Korea's grip on their own people is so strong with reports that over a million Uighur Muslims are in detention camps "to stop terrorism". It is hard to know what happened to all the men but many women are now in forced

labour. Meanwhile in Hong Kong millions march in the street to try and stop extradition to China.

The people in Venezuela who do have access to food, the rich elite, are probably the only ones supporting the dictatorship there apart from the other dictators of the world who have stood behind Venezuela's psychopath.

Government even in its more benign form is too often not working for the vast majority. The politicians too often use fear and hatred to attract votes and this causes the degeneration of societies - it is the last free for all before we all die off.

Are we all so cowardly and non-caring that this becomes our fate?

Of course liberalism is and was only ever for the lucky few, those in first world countries with relatively benign democratic governments and free health education and welfare available in a socialism framework. These countries still can have under classes of the poor, disabled and those incapable of maintaining a comfortable lifestyle to more or less a degree.

When Putin says "liberalism is dead" what he means is that all hope for a viable and decent world and decent life is lost. His statement professes that we the leaders of dictatorships don't care at all about anyone but ourselves and we are ganging up together with all other dictators of the world to enslave humanity. Such is the current War on Humanity and such is the nightly news on television - in those countries who are still allowed to view truthful news on the real state of the world. Putin indicated it is 'all about me' - such is also the mantra of our selfie and Facebook generation that the 'ruling class' have manufactured and encouraged to assist their grab for power. They spy on their own citizens and target them with advertising and propaganda. What should be dead in the 21st century is the end to these perpetual criminal classes with their wars and nuclear weapons and to have such miscreants to never to raise their ugly heads again in the future history of the world. They should be in jail. All others who commit the same crimes are jailed for life. These dictators have a vested interest in producing and promoting the stupid, war-mongering, oppressive society that so many, the majority of people in the world are now forced to endure. These psychopaths are an anachronism who we should have rid ourselves of long ago.

Putin is right in one aspect however if he equates democracy with liberalism but only in that those who seek power in modern day democracies are too often so morally bankrupt they can also destroy democracy itself which was the panacea to free us from dictators on the mid-20th Century. It is certainly nothing to crow about whatever the intention. Self-serving politicians are NOT the will of the people nor will they ever be so. You have to wonder if the dictators actually think they are fooling the people - obviously they fool themselves with their own visions of self-grandeur.

One is always reminded of Hans Christian Anderson's story "The Emperor's New Clothes" except these dictators are less naked Emperors and more brutal murderers. The current people of the world need to question themselves as to why they

also do not speak the truth and why they tolerate this even as the planet earth is dying and putrefying under our feet. Every-one should have stood up when the very first child victim of war was killed.

Are humans just not capable of rational thought? Psychologists show that so called sane humans cannot correctly predict outcomes and have an unrealistic expectation that 'things will turn out all right'. The 'depressed' are far more capable of accurately predicting outcomes. This may be a survival mechanism in the short term, but in the long-term it is the worst survival mechanism of all. We have got this far with adaptation and ingenuity. A proper system of governance of matters relating to REALITY and long-term viability of all is a topic that seems never to have been discussed much on this planet to now. Are we all just too stupid to think for ourselves - after this long time living on earth? We are meant to be able to 'recognise patterns' - the pattern is obvious to anyone who opens their eyes and contemplates. That is not to denigrate the many people working tirelessly to save and protect the planet and humankind. They need some help however.

If we put the subject of individual blame aside - the evil and ignorance of man is a socio-political topic where even in comparison with the rest of animal life on earth, humans come a poor second in almost every aspect to the animals except for our intellect. This actually says - we should know better. We have to use this intellect and our ability for abstract thought which has combated diseases built great architecture and created literature, art and music. The ability for abstract thought is perhaps where humans should have always contributed positively to all life on earth. Life on earth is the one mutually dependant organism - name food that humans eat that isn't another form of life - plant, animal or fungi. **Instead of wiping out all the other forms of life on the planet in our mad desperate attempts to save ourselves from the rest of us we should be using our power of thought to come up with a solution even at this darkest hour or otherwise there was no point in having developed a brain in the first place.**

We have to also consider as we seem to be collectively rather stupid and cowardly to be in such a situation, that we are not up to the job in which case the sooner we all die out and give the other creatures a chance to do better. It won't be hard. I have yet to see a sheep drop a nuclear bomb or a flower to traffic other flowers in slavery. What are we to be judged on if not how to keep the world that life forms like us live in, capable of sustaining life - a rather precious and rare commodity in the universe itself?

If no one can, or is willing to stand up to the bullies currently destroying our planet then I must appeal to the bullies and neo-colonialists themselves and ask them to think a bit higher than yourself please. You may be subjugating your own people and people of other lands and may wish to rule the entire world for yourself (for whatever reason one can only imagine) but sorry you will die eventually and your names will be spat upon for the rest of the miserable existence on the earth - or the miraculous re-generation of the planet because people became wise to you and your self-serving machinations. I would also argue, and it may be a foreign idea to the

capitalists and neo-colonialists trying to exploit country after country in their ill-fated grab for all land on earth, that the 'other creatures' along with humanity have a right to live, not just as our food source but as an empirical right. We have idiots still hunting and killing the last of our noble endangered animal species, lions, tigers, elephants, rhinoceroses, etc for sport. If anything needs to be endangered and never to walk the earth again it is these very same people themselves – we can all do without them.

The socio-economic and socio-political history of humanity has mostly been a cruel and primitive global business plan. To this very day it has put the individual before the collective.

This does not mean that communism, which seems to be okay for termites but not so good for albatrosses, is the right approach either. Communism has given rise to some of the worst dictators and psychopaths of the planet.

While the current gang of dictators who are destroying people's lives and the planet can be named individually – this problem has always been with us and no country or group of people, including my own country, or even individuals, is immune from gross anti social behaviour. We have always bred such misanthropes.

The individual in most instances has ruthlessly usurped power and kept humanity downtrodden and by the broader definition enslaved, via war and oppression. By all definitions non-elected leaders have been some of the worst psychopaths and sociopaths the world has seen.

We need a global system of government that removes the possibility than any psychopath can ever again have unfettered power and that all people everywhere have equal chance at survival, and food, water, shelter etc is shared when and if sections of the global population are in need or under duress. It is not hard – if growing sufficient food for all is tackled properly and if the world food resources were not being wasted and dumped in huge quantities as they are now then there is enough for all in the world without raping the environment and destroying sea life with giant trawlers that unconscionably and deliberately destroy oceans ecosystems for short term gain - for the owners of the trawlers that is. We have idiots and evil people controlling this at the moment, amazingly stupid that someone thinks that is okay.

Are any of our leaders doing their job of leading? There seems to be cowardice or gross incompetence across the board.

The bigger the dictator, the bigger the mental illness is the basic rule I think. Pick up a medical text book and read up on psychopaths and it is obvious that dictators with delusions of grandeur are the evil, brutal and ignorant people who have wanted to rule the earth for all the preceding dark ages of man. The question is whether we will be able to have a period of enlightenment before the earth dies. Some claim we once had a period of enlightenment but most people lived appalling and horrible lives and dictatorial and despotic psychopaths ruled, so apart from a few minor exceptions it has been dark ages all along. The dictators are in a group of ridicu-

lous and pathetic men – Vlad the Impaler, Adolf Hitler, Ivan the Terrible, Pol Pot, Idi Amin, Mussolini, Saddam Hussein and the list goes on into antiquity. It is not particular to a group of people or a region, as mental illness permeates all societies. The problem with psychopaths is they can see what is wrong with everyone else but not themselves. Sorry, many despots have had your ideas and machinations for millennia and sorry you won't live forever, rather your name will be hated forever, and a swathe of decent people will get to power to reform society for a while and heal the planet a little and then they will be replaced with the next lot of miscreants – well that has been the pattern to now but with one major difference. **You are now all destroying the planet with your unbelievable stupidity and lack of mental faculties. It takes no brain to be a brute. Leadership requires sanity and decency.**

Even the very air/oxygen we breathe is now compromised by mass destruction of all the rainforests including the Amazon. Yes Brazil has a good argument that says other countries have destroyed their own rainforests so why should they also not destroy theirs for profit. Maybe the countries still with large intact rainforests, like Brazil should be paid for oxygen production to keep the exploiters out. Oxygen/breathable air is the only vital commodity required by all on this planet and God knows, everything else on the planet has been commoditised by the greedy and ignorant. Presumably this is taken into consideration in the proposed system of carbon credits agreed at Kyoto but it is not working, obviously. To maintain the Amazon and assist starving people who are in need, the people need actual money, not the governments, .

So we not only need the political landscape sorted, we need to set in place a system whereby this NEVER HAPPENS AGAIN. No psychopath should ever be given any power over issues that affect life and our earthly home.

There is not one aspect of life that has not been soiled and exploited. It is shame on every single one of us, notwithstanding the worthy organisations like the UN, UNICEF, UNESCO, ILO, Avaaz, Greenpeace, and those individuals who have marched in the streets in their many millions in the past and today, those revolutionaries and true patriots who have fought against the dictators in their own countries, and globally, and who have been let down by their fellows who support the corrupt status quo.

Most people are not free on this planet. The vast majority are either actively repressed or live in systems where subsistence is close to slavery. It is far more awful than the Uighurs in concentration camps in China, the abused homosexuals, the refugees fleeing from their countries to other countries that may take them, the impoverished who do not have any land to put up a shelter or to grow a few vegetables to live on, those who have no healthcare or safety or security in order to stay alive. The earth belongs to everyone on this planet not for rich psychopaths to build golf courses and multiple holiday homes on – everyone. It also belongs to the other creatures in the global ecosystem, who depend on each other and without whom humanity itself could never survive and of course those, who would like their children and grandchildren and the animals on the plains and the fish of the sea and birds of the air to

survive. Currently someone is exploiting and wantonly destroying through filthy practices, **all of this for personal gain of money that they don't even need.**

Violence is rising everywhere as brutally inclined people see the destruction of the world around them and either hit out at the first sign of a victim, often an innocent woman or child, or who want "their share" too.

This essay will now look at some of these factors in detail from the socio-economic point of view – and the psychosocial viewpoint and the issues we are plagued with and then discuss immediate needs of resolution both short term and then long-term, well for as long as we have left, regarding issues of governance and leadership particularly. If ever the world needed a leader it is now. If change does not happen right today then we have no hope as a species whatsoever.

This is a call both to those working so hard to save us collectively but also to the current gang of evil bullies who currently rule the earth. Wake up to yourselves – if you want notoriety and fame earn it by doing something sane and beautiful with integrity and service to mankind not the endless primitive brutality and greed that you have not evolved past. Otherwise your name will be an endless curse on the lips of those dying and gasping for oxygen, those craving to end their all consuming hunger, those bombed, brutalised, raped, tortured, marginalised, and deprived. Is this your legacy? Just yet another primitive brute. It is how the world sees you now – those not in the gang of global bullies that is – just every person on earth.

There has been a war on humanity since the first psychopath stood upright. We have to understand and accept this – that there is pure evil within our species and we have to protect ourselves from the unstable and the insane who have collectively destroyed an entire planet and brought untold misery and pain to most humans who have lived on this beautiful but dangerous orb. The current humans are not alone; other early men have followed their leaders into battle and rape.

The other factor we have to face is that ordinary man has participated in the heinous crimes against their fellow man at the behest of the psychopaths. Many of these men, well those on the winning side, have relished the kill as they have been brutalised, just like the captive and conscripted child soldiers.

But we need the foot soldiers of the evil to now take a stand. To exercise compassion and wisdom as the brutes cannot operate without you. The foot soldiers need to be freed and forgiven, and taught compassion as they are still redeemable as are all people who have suffered.

The irredeemable are the 'dictators in waiting' those rich elite who side with the dictators and psychopaths for a share of the loot.

I believe however most ordinary humans are decent and would choose to do the right thing and be an upstanding and respected member of society. We all need to be rescued and freed. We have to stop the pattern, "Forgive them for they know not what they do."

Far too many humans just accept the status quo and wonder why they feel so alienated and why it feels so wrong and think there must be something wrong with themselves. Life is not meant to be like this at all. It is meant to be tough but beautiful, a thriving, caring place, where we live, grow and learn. That is why we send our children to school so they can learn what we have collectively learnt till now and then contribute to the great human story – one that has seen us leave the planet and walk on our moon. (Sadly the psychopaths are now jockeying to own that as well – they are so boringly predictable in their base endeavours).

The huge upsurge in violence and rape and crimes against women and children are part of the psychopath's toolkit and their investments in pornography, rape houses and the sex trade of women, girls and boys also aims to destroy any opposition and fair mindedness. High technology which is the dream invention that should have saved us from dirty industries and hard manual labour is now used to control and play on mental illness as are the technological toys which we are told we must have. Occupying minds and souls with Apps and selfies, and pornography, and the marketing of self obsession are part of the toolkit to debase and control.

I could not imagine being given the gift of life and being born into a universe with great troubles and injustices and not wanting to make your universe and planetary life better, and not doing everything you could possibly do to have such evil and brutality never happen again. Otherwise this great gift of life is wasted on humankind.

The Issues

Climate change and destruction of the planet

It is time that deliberately and wantonly destroying our planet and our ecosphere is called what it is – a crime against humanity.

The biggest political excuse for not taking action against Climate Change is lacking in both moral and economic judgement. Such Governments plead that it will interfere with 'economic growth'. There is not much economic growth on a dead planet and with species starved to extinction. Their response is purely based on greed and personal advantage, at the expense of all people and all sense.

Indeed those decrying climate change measures, be they industry groups or political groups, are only those who have a vested interest in maintaining the status quo – destruction of the planet for base motivations of greed and power and to a lesser degree, loss of privilege for individuals exploiting the riches that bad climate management affords them.

In most cases the cry for a proper response comes from the 99% of the human population who have very little vested economic interest e.g. the 'gilets jaunes' in France and now Taiwan, but while they should also be doing their share there is some justification for their complaint in that it is the 1% who own most of the planet who are those not doing their part or paying their share, or indeed paying anything at all. Rather it is the same 1% that has rampantly destroyed the planet for personal

it is the same 1% that has rampantly destroyed the planet for personal wealth. If we cannot stop them, let us at least label them so they know themselves, what they are.

If we cannot have our world organisations and justice systems deal with them as they deserve (imprisonment and disempowerment) we should use our collective bargaining power and our right of choice, to attack the only thing these people and their institutions care about – personal wealth. Global consumers should boycott the products of those companies and countries not meeting their climate change and human rights commitments.

Death of species

Who on earth gave these ridiculous people including those who hunt endangered wild animals for personal gain and wealth the right to go out and kill and make money from creatures on the land living in the world. Every single one of these creatures should be allowed to live their life in peace and in a clean and safe habitat. They are not in any numbers that can kill humans – rather they are also fighting for their survival as species.

We're currently experiencing the worst spate of species die-offs since the loss of the dinosaurs 65 million years ago. Although extinction is a natural phenomenon, it occurs at a natural "background" rate of about one to five species per year. Scientists estimate we're now losing species at up to 1,000 times the background rate, with literally dozens going extinct every day. It is a frightening scenario, with as many as 30 to 50 percent of all species possibly heading toward extinction by mid-century. (1)

Unlike past mass extinctions, caused by events like asteroid strikes, volcanic eruptions, and natural climate shifts, the current crisis is almost entirely caused by us — humans. In fact, 99 percent of currently threatened species are at risk from human activities, primarily those driving habitat loss, introduction of exotic species, and global warming. Because the rate of change in our biosphere is increasing, and because every species' extinction potentially leads to the extinction of others bound to that species in a complex ecological web, numbers of extinctions are likely to snowball in the coming decades as ecosystems unravel. (1)

Species diversity ensures ecosystem resilience, giving ecological communities the scope they need to withstand stress. Thus while conservationists often justifiably focus their efforts on species-rich ecosystems like rainforests and coral reefs — which have a lot to lose — a comprehensive strategy for saving biodiversity must also include habitat types with fewer species, like grasslands, tundra, and polar seas — for which any loss could be irreversibly devastating. And while much concern over extinction focuses on globally lost species, most of biodiversity's benefits take place at a local level, and conserving local populations is the only way to ensure genetic diversity critical for a species' long-term survival. (1)

The current extinction rate is approximately 100 extinctions per million species per year, or 1,000 times higher than natural background rates.

One million of the world's species are now under threat of extinction, according to the biggest-ever review of the state of nature on Earth.

Key points: (1)

- The report, which draws on 15,000 scientific and government sources, says human use of land and sea resources are mostly to blame
- The decline in nature is happening at rates that are unprecedented in human history, the UN report reveals
- More than 40 per cent of amphibian species, almost 33 per cent of reef-forming corals and more than a third of all marine mammals are threatened

Among a vast number of alarming findings is that the average population size of native species in most habitats on land has fallen by at least 20 per cent, mostly since 1900.

More than 40 per cent of amphibian species, almost 33 per cent of reef-forming corals and more than a third of all marine mammals are now under threat.

"We are eroding the very foundations of our economies, livelihoods, food security, health and quality of life worldwide," said Sir Robert Watson, the chair of the Intergovernmental Science-Policy Platform on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (IPBES), which put together the report.

Human expansion and exploitation of habitats to blame

The report says that human use of the land and sea resources are mostly to blame, followed by direct exploitation of animals, climate change, pollution and invasive species.

More than a third of the world's land surface and nearly 75 per cent of freshwater resources are now devoted to crop or livestock production, while urban areas have more than doubled since 1992.

World hunger

The Hunger Games were not just a series of recent excellent science fiction movies. The Hunger Games have been around for millions of humans for millennia. Of course that is only apparent to those who are perpetually hungry.

Some 795 million people in the world do not have enough food to lead a healthy active life. That's about one in nine people on earth. The vast majority of the world's hungry people live in developing countries, where 12.9 percent of the population is undernourished.

11.3% of the world's population is hungry. That's roughly 805 million people who go undernourished on a daily basis, consuming less than the recommended 2,100 calories a day. Nearly 98% of worldwide hunger exists in underdeveloped countries.

Global hunger continues to rise, a new UN report says.

821 million people now hungry and over 150 million children stunted, putting hunger eradication goal at risk. (WHO) (2).

New evidence continues to signal that the number of hungry people in the world is growing, reaching 821 million in 2017 or one in every nine people, according to The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World 2018 released today. Limited progress is also being made in addressing the multiple forms of malnutrition, ranging from child stunting to adult obesity, putting the health of hundreds of millions of people at risk.

Hunger has been on the rise over the past three years, returning to levels from a decade ago. This reversal in progress sends a clear warning that more must be done and urgently if the Sustainable Development Goal of Zero Hunger is to be achieved by 2030.

The situation is worsening in South America and most regions of Africa, while the decreasing trend in undernourishment that characterized Asia seems to be slowing down significantly.

The annual UN report found that climate variability affecting rainfall patterns and agricultural seasons, and climate extremes such as droughts and floods, are among the key drivers behind the rise in hunger, together with conflict and economic slowdowns.

"The alarming signs of increasing food insecurity and high levels of different forms of malnutrition are a clear warning that there is considerable work to be done to make sure we 'leave no one behind' on the road towards achieving the SDG goals on food security and improved nutrition," the heads of the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF), the World Food Programme (WFP) and WHO warned in their joint foreword to the report.

"If we are to achieve a world without hunger and malnutrition in all its forms by 2030, it is imperative that we accelerate and scale up actions to strengthen the resilience and adaptive capacity of food systems and people's livelihoods in response to climate variability and extremes," the leaders said.

Refugees

Around the world, 70.8 million people have been forcibly displaced. That's the most since World War II, according to the U.N. Refugee Agency (UNHCR). Most people remain displaced within their home countries, but about 25.9 million people worldwide have fled to other countries as refugees. Jul 1, 2019

We are now witnessing the highest levels of displacement on record. **An unprecedented 70.8 million people around the world have been forced from home.** Among them are nearly 25.9 million refugees, over half of whom are under the age of 18.

There are also millions of stateless people who have been denied a nationality and access to basic rights such as education, healthcare, employment and freedom of movement.

Putrification and degradation of the planet

Planetary destruction is the source of global famines, injustice and inequity

COP 24 – a 'success' or a 'cop put' (3)

COP24 is the informal name for the 24th Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change held in Poland in December 2018.

It was a follow up to the Paris Climate Agreement in December 2015, where parties to the UNFCCC reached a landmark agreement to combat climate change and to accelerate and intensify the actions and investments needed for a sustainable low carbon future. The Paris Agreement was built upon the Convention of 1992 built itself upon the Vienna Convention for the Protection of the Ozone Layer, 1985. In these events both political and scientific groups were recognised.

The Poland Convention was for the 194 countries and regions participating to agree on rules and guidelines for carrying out their commitments.

The 'elephant in the room' however was that Donald Trump announced in June 2017 that the United States would withdraw from the Paris Agreement in November 2020 – the soonest that any nation can actually do so. Secondly, although the countries responsible for 97 percent of global greenhouse gas emissions had pledged to make cuts, the initial reductions suggested were not enough to keep global warming below two degrees Celsius.

A delegation from the Harvard Project on Climate Agreements at the conference, however advised that there were significant gains in two key areas.

Nations agreed on uniform rules for measuring and reporting their own performance in cutting emissions. There also were intensive discussions of how to connect reduction efforts across regions, nations and sub-national areas, which offer many economic and other benefits.

With the above losses the convention's aim has essentially been 'white anted' and the withdrawal of one of the biggest global polluters will provide excuse for other countries to withdraw.

The reduction of targets also puts into jeopardy any great advances by the group of nations.

While tiny Pacific countries that are gradually being eaten away by rising sea levels seem to be aware of the problem it seems humanity may have not suffered sufficient economic losses, fires, hurricanes, floods, crop failures etc to contribute positively to proper solutions.

Based on the concept of I'll only do it if you do it first a small step forward was an agreement on uniform treatment, essential for addressing the threat of climate change, because increases in emissions are mainly coming from the large emerging economies: China, India, Brazil, Korea, South Africa, Mexico and Indonesia. And some of these countries are not as economically robust as many other nations.

The seas are dying and we all rely on the food in it. There is so much acid in the ocean that the shells on shell fish are eroding away. There is so much plastic in the oceans that fishes and whales and seals stomachs are full of it and they die of starvation. **Humans themselves are ingesting a credit card size piece of plastic via their food, water and air – every week.** We are what we eat so what damage s this doing to humans as well as the fish, birds and animals.

The earth is dying and humans are killing it directly with wars and dirty bombs and indirectly and greedy filthy practices and waste products and radiation and acids and detergents in the seas where others eat fish and piles of unnecessary waste and oceans full of plastic, industrial waste and human faeces. Humans in many areas ingest one credit card size piece of plastic every week in their food, water and air. Ironically most eating plastic cannot afford a credit card.

Many have always been trying to say that we are on the brink of disaster but people it seems won't take any notice until they cannot eat, breathe or find water to drink themselves.

Rate of Environmental Damage Increasing Across the Planet but There Is Still Time to Reverse Worst Impacts if Governments Act Now, UNEP Assessment Says . **The following data comes from: Landmark UNEP Assessment Puts State of the World's Environment Under the Microscope**

The environmental change sweeping the world is occurring at a faster pace than previously thought, making it imperative that governments act now to reverse the damage being done to the planet, says the most authoritative study that UNEP has ever published on the state of the global environment.

Under the title Global Environmental Outlook (GEO-6): Regional Assessments, six separate reports provide highly detailed examinations of the environmental issues affecting each of the world's six regions: the Pan-European region, North America, Asia and the Pacific, West Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, and Africa.

Released ahead of the United Nations Environment Assembly, the regional assessments find that the world shares a host of common environmental threats that are rapidly intensifying in many parts of the world.

In almost every region, population growth, rapid urbanization, rising levels of consumption, desertification, land degradation and climate change have combined to leave countries suffering from severe water scarcity. These worrying trends are also making it increasingly hard for the world to feed itself, warn the reports, which involved 1,203 scientists, hundreds of scientific institutions and more than 160 governments.

The Executive Director of UNEP, Achim Steiner, said: "Today, thanks to this report, we now know more about the state of the world's environment than ever before. With these assessments, UNEP has presented the world with the very latest evidence on the state of the world's environment, providing them with the tools they need anticipate and avoid the damage that is being done to our planet.

"If current trends continue and the world fails to enact solutions that improve current patterns of production and consumption, if we fail to use natural resources sustainably, then the state of the world's environment will continue to decline. It is essential that we understand the pace of environmental change that is upon us and that we start to work with nature instead of against it to tackle the array of environmental threats that face us."

The assessments, which are based on scientific data and peer reviewed literature, find that there is still time to tackle many of the worst impacts of environmental change, such as the damage to marine ecosystems and the rising level of air pollution, which has become one of the world's most widespread environmental health risks.

Across the world, climate change, the loss of biodiversity, land degradation and water scarcity are growing problems that need to be urgently addressed if the world is to achieve the goals set out in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the reports state.

Regional priorities and key findings:

Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC)

The future of the region's economies, as well as the ability of countries to fight poverty and reverse inequality, depends heavily on harnessing the region's natural capital sustainably while mitigating and adapting to climate change, and decoupling economic growth from resource consumption.

Greenhouse gas emissions

The GEO-6 report on LAC states that greenhouse gas emissions are growing in the region as a result of urbanization, economic growth, energy consumption, land use changes and other factors.

Agriculture has had a strong impact on the emission of nitrous oxide and carbon dioxide. Nitrous oxide emissions – from soils, leaching and runoff, direct emissions, and animal manure – increased by about 29 per cent between 2000 and 2010. The abundance of beef and dairy cattle in the region has also increased methane emissions, which grew by 19 per cent between 2000 and 2010.

Air pollution

Most of the cities in the region for which data are available have concentrations of particulate matter (PM) above World Health Organisation (WHO) guidelines. Monterrey in Mexico, for example, has measured concentrations of PM2.5 of 85.9, well above the WHO recommended limit of 20.

The region's urban population increased by more than 35 million people between 2010 and 2015, and is expected to climb to a total of 567 million persons by 2025. More than 100 million people already live in areas where they are at risk from air pollution.

Climate Change

Andean glaciers, which provide vital water resources for millions of people, are shrinking and an increase in the intensity and frequency of extreme weather events are affecting economies, the report notes.

The LAC region has, however, made progress on the reduction of ozone-depleting substances and the elimination of lead in gasoline, reducing significantly the impacts on the ozone layer and lead concentrations in air.

Asia and the Pacific

Unprecedented economic growth, which has lifted millions out of poverty in Asia and the Pacific, is putting heavy pressure on ecosystems. Increasing unsustainable consumption patterns have led to worsening air pollution, water scarcity and waste generation, threatening human and environmental health. Increased demand for fossil fuels and natural resources – extensive agriculture, palm oil and rubber plantations, aquaculture and the illegal trade in wildlife – are causing environmental degradation and biodiversity loss.

Natural disasters

Last year, the Asia Pacific region continued to be the world's most disaster prone region. About 41 per cent of all natural disasters reported over the last two decades occurred in the Asia-Pacific region, which also accounted for 91 per cent of the world's deaths attributable to natural disasters in the last century.

The number of record-breaking rainfall events increased by 56 per cent over the 1981 – 2010 period. By the 2070s the top Asian cities in terms of population exposure to coastal flooding will be Bangkok, Dhaka, Guangzhou, Kolkata, Mumbai and Shanghai, threatening hundreds of millions of people with displacement.

Deforestation

In Southeast Asia, the average area deforested annually is more than 1 million hectares, resulting in the release of hundreds of millions of tonnes of carbon dioxide every year between 2005 and 2015.

Water

The contamination of water sources by human and industrial waste, including pharmaceutical and personal care products, is a major problem in the region, the GEO-6 reports state. It is estimated that about 30 per cent of the population uses drinking water contaminated by human faeces.

Water-related diseases and unsafe water contribute to 1.8 million deaths annually and 24.8 million disability-adjusted life years in the region.

Unsafe sanitation, disposal of untreated wastewater and run-off of agrochemicals are responsible for a rise in water-borne diseases, especially in Asia's population-dense urban areas.

Waste

Uncontrolled dumping, which is still the main waste disposal method in the region, is also a major source of disease. In Mumbai, for example, about 12 per cent of total municipal solid waste is burned either openly on the streets or in landfills, a practice that releases black carbon, dioxins and carcinogenic furans.

Population growth, a growing middle class and urbanization have led to higher emissions and growing amounts of ill-managed waste, the report states. Rapid economic growth and intensified industrialization has also led to increasingly unhealthy, polluting and carbon-intensive lifestyles.

Growing consumption

The main driver for accelerating domestic material consumption is the expanding middle class (from 21 per cent in 1990 to 56 per cent in 2008).

The size of the global middle class is projected to increase from 1.8 billion (2009) to 4.9 billion in 2030 with most of this growth coming from Asia. The OECD predicts that the middle class's global spending will grow to \$56 trillion by 2030 from \$21 trillion today and that more than 80 per cent of this increase is expected to come from Asia and the Pacific.

West Asia

A rise in the amount of degraded land and the spread of desertification – the "most critical challenges" in West Asia – are having profound economic and environmental impacts on the region, the UNEP report on the region states. West Asia is suffering from an increase in water demand, overexploitation of groundwater resources and deteriorating water quality, as well as unsustainable patterns of consumption that threaten the region's ability to secure its sources of food, water and energy.

Water

The scarcity of the region's renewable water resources also poses a major challenge in the region, denting West Asia's ability to produce enough food to meet the growing population's needs. High population growth and rolling conflicts mean that the carrying capacity of the land has become too low to support people with freshwater and food, the report says.

Water demand in the region is increasing while water quality is deteriorating. Ground water resources are being overexploited. As a result, only four out of 12 countries in West Asia are above the water scarcity limit of 1000 cubic metres per person per year.

Conflict and displacement

Continuous conflict and the mass displacement of people throughout the region are also triggering severe environmental impacts that are endangering the health of people. Heavy metals from explosive munitions and radiation from missiles have leached into the environment as a result of the region's conflicts. The 2.97 million refugees in Lebanon, Jordan, Yemen and Iraq are placing an immense environmental burden on the region, producing about 1,440 tonnes of waste per day in 2015, overwhelming governments and increasing the risk of disease outbreaks.

Health

The top environmental risk factors for human health in the region are air pollution; lack of access to safe water and adequate sanitation; climate change; exposure to hazardous chemicals and wastes; emergencies and disasters; and exposure to radiation.

In the West Asia region, more than 229,500 people die prematurely each year because of specific environmental risks and 8.24 million healthy life years are being lost because of these risks. This means every individual in the West Asia region is losing 17 days of life annually because of modifiable environmental risk factors.

Almost 90 per cent of municipal solid waste in West Asia is disposed of in unlined landfill sites and leachate from these is contaminating scarce groundwater resources.

Rising populations, urbanization, economic growth, burning of fossil fuels and conflict all place enormous stress on the environment and harm human health. It is estimated that air pollution alone, which has increased steadily over the past two decades, was responsible for more than 70,000 premature deaths in West Asia in 2010.

Other top issues in the region are climate change, which will exacerbate water stress in the region, and biodiversity, which is under threat from urban expansion, pollution, the overconsumption of biological resources and changes in habitat.

Africa

Land degradation, air pollution, and the provision of sanitation and safe drinking water are among the main problems on the continent. Many of the region's fisheries, both inland and marine, face overexploitation from illegal, under-reported and unregulated fishing. The continent has an opportunity to use its large young population to drive its growth. Low-carbon, climate-resilient choices can develop the continent's infrastructure, accelerate industrialization, increase energy and food production, and promote sustainable natural resource governance.

Indoor Air pollution

Indoor air pollution is responsible for 600,000 premature deaths every year in Africa. The continent's reliance on the use of biomass for cooking, lighting and heating means that 90

per cent of the region's population is exposed to this health threat.

Water and sanitation

The proportion of the population served with clean water is increasing and grew from 64 per cent in 2005 to 68 per cent in 2012, although absolute numbers of people without safe drinking water remain high.

More than half of the population in sub-Saharan Africa still does not have any access to improved sanitation, compared to 90 per cent coverage in North Africa, with a vast difference between urban and rural areas.

African megacities such as Cairo, Kinshasa and Lagos, and emerging megacities such as Dar es Salaam, Johannesburg and Luanda, face challenges from poor management of sanitation services due to inadequate and deteriorating infrastructure resulting from underinvestment.

Land-based activities causing pollution of freshwater bodies ultimately impact coastal and marine resources.

Land, forests and food

In Africa, which is the second largest continent in the world, land is the most prized asset for food production, nutritional health and economic development. Worryingly, about 500 000 square meters of land in Africa is being degraded due to soil erosion, salinisation, pollution and deforestation. This land degradation can damage agricultural productivity, nutrition and human health.

A growing population and a rise in the demand for firewood will mean that forest cover in Africa is likely to continue shrinking, declining to less than 600 million hectares by 2050. Over cultivation, inefficient irrigation practices, overgrazing, the overexploitation of resources, uncontrolled mining activities and climate change will further degrade land in Africa, the UNEP report states.

This will lead to reduced agricultural productivity, reduced food security, which can increase migration and spread disease, the destruction of infrastructure, such as roads and bridges, and high rates of poverty.

North America

Environmental conditions in the region have improved due to policies, institutions, data collection and assessment, and regulatory frameworks. Air quality, in particular, continues to improve in response to concerted policy action and favourable trends in technology and energy markets. Drinking water quality is extremely good, although water scarcity is of increasing concern in the region. Meanwhile, a rich network of well-managed protected areas is in place and is helping to conserve biological diversity.

However, environmental challenges have emerged in recent years. Climate change is generating impacts across the region, and aggressive hydrocarbon extraction methods bring

the possibility of increased emissions, water use and induced seismicity. The coastal and marine environment is under increasing threat from nutrient loads, ocean acidification, ocean warming, sea level rise, and new forms of marine debris.

Air and Water Quality

The estimated public health benefits of the region's improvement in air quality stands at about \$2 trillion. However, these improvements are not evenly distributed, with approximately 140 million people exposed to pollution above regulatory thresholds.

Drinking water quality is generally extremely good in the region, but shows signs of backsliding in some areas. Negative trends are chiefly the result of degraded infrastructure and weak governance. These isolated water quality incidents threaten human health, in some cases acutely.

New chemical contaminants and new sources of traditional pollutants are emerging as air and water quality problems that are of concern to public health and the environment.

Climate change

Climate change is damaging the environment, human health and well-being and, in some cases, human security in the region.

A prominent five-year drought around the state of Texas ended in the spring of 2015 with devastating floods. The persistent drought conditions migrated north and westwards to California, the source of a significant proportion of US food production. Findings suggest that global warming exacerbated the drought by approximately 15-20 per cent.

Hurricane Sandy was directly responsible for approximately 150 deaths and \$70 billion in losses. The 30 centimetres of sea level rise off New York City since 1900 likely expanded Hurricane Sandy's flood area by approximately 65 square kilometres, flooding the homes of more than 80 000 additional people in New York and New Jersey alone.

The prospect for impacts such as these to worsen in both the near and long term constitutes a priority issue for North America. Efforts to mitigate climate change through reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and enhanced carbon sequestration are beginning to show tangible results and to create a foundation for potentially major advances.

Solar deployment, for example, has increased dramatically, capturing 40 per cent of the market for new electric generating capacity in the US in the first half of 2015. Solar capacity now has reached 22.7 gigawatts nationwide. Solar now powers 4.6 million homes and individual homeowner and utility-scale installations are becoming more common.

The Arctic

The Arctic is experiencing a profound transformation that is having important impacts on North America and the world as a whole. These rapid changes in the Arctic are driven largely by interacting forces of climate change and increased human activities. As one of the first areas of the world to experience

the impacts of climate change, the Arctic region serves as a barometer for change in the rest of the world.

Warming in the Arctic has increased at twice the global average since 1980. There are other worrying trends. Over the past twenty years, for example, there has been a progressive and dramatic decrease in summer sea ice extent, which has led to an increased surface area of blue water during the summer months.

The largest contributions to global glacier ice loss during the early 21st century were from glaciers in Alaska, the Canadian Arctic, and the periphery of the Greenland ice sheet, as well as in the Southern Andes and Asian mountains. Together these areas account for more than 80 per cent of the total ice loss.

The melting of sea ice has also created new expanses of open ocean, allowing large populations of phytoplankton to bloom and alter the marine food chain.

Overall Recommendations

- Strengthen intergovernmental coordination at the regional and sub-regional level will improve governance issues that are of regional priority.
- Improve gathering, processing and sharing of data and information to inform decision-making.
- Enhance sustainable consumption and production to reduce environmental pressures by addressing drivers associated with manufacturing processes and consumer demand
- Harness natural capital in a way that does not damage ecosystems.
- Implement measures to reduce pollution and other environmental pressures.
- Invest in urban planning, such as through the better use of environmentally sound infrastructure and clean transport, which can turn the urban challenge into opportunities for sustainable development.
- Governments will likely need to find innovative solutions to allow for the decoupling of economic growth and resource consumption.
- Reduce dependence on fossil fuels, and diversify energy sources.
- Greater investments are needed in environmental accounting systems to ensure external costs are addressed, and in foresight processes to identify possible future risks, opportunities and conflicts.
- Enhance international cooperation on climate, air quality and other environmental issues.
- Respond to environmental health risks.
- Build resilience to natural hazards and extreme climate events.
- Low-carbon, climate-resilient choices in infrastructure, energy and food production coupled with effective and sustainable natural resource governance are key to protecting the ecological assets that underpin a healthy society.

Slavery

The Global Slavery Index, issued in June, 2016 provided not only a snapshot of world business and labour conditions, it also provided a snapshot of human society, that which has brought about our current values generally and our treatment of labour forces and fellow human beings as commodities and as a market to exploit. It is not a pretty picture at all and it seems humans still have the propensity to take what they can for themselves and exploit others in doing so.

It is not surprising therefore that our very planet is now groaning under these excesses of the plague of us, the so called-higher order creatures, on its surface. The planet too has been treated as a commodity. We need to also call ourselves to order.

The Global Slavery Index, was compiled by human rights group Walk Free Foundation, and increased its estimate of people currently in servitude, trafficked for sex work, or trapped in debt bondage or forced labour and forced marriage to 45.8 million from 35.8 million in 2014.

- Almost 21 million people are victims of forced labour - 11.4 million women and girls and 9.5 million men and boys.
- Almost 19 million victims are exploited by private individuals or enterprises and over 2 million by state or rebel groups.
- Of those exploited by individuals or enterprises, 4.5 million are victims of forced sexual exploitation.
- Forced labour in the private economy generates US\$ 150 billion in illegal profits per year.
- Domestic work, agriculture, construction, manufacturing and entertainment are among the sectors most concerned.
- Migrant workers and indigenous people are particularly vulnerable to forced labour.

Since 2010, when the General Assembly mandated UNODC to produce their report under the UN Global Plan of Action to Combat Trafficking in Persons, there has been little improvement in the overall criminal justice response..

More than 90% of countries have legislation criminalizing human trafficking since the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, under the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, came into force more than a decade ago. At the same time, we have continued to see an increase in the number of detected child victims, particularly girls under 18.

Most detected trafficking victims are subjected to sexual exploitation, but we are seeing increased numbers trafficked for forced labour. Between 2010 and 2012, victims holding citizenship from 152 different countries were found in 124 countries.

Also organ trafficking from political prisoners and the impoverished in countries like Pakistan and Nepal selling their own organs to pay for their children's education.

It should be kept in mind that official data reported to the Global Slavery Index, UNODC represents only what has been detected.

Globally, children now comprise nearly one third of all detected trafficking victims. Out of every three child victims, two are girls and one is a boy. However, children are vastly outnumbered by adults, mainly women.(1,2)

Trade is mostly to wealthier countries where the slave traders can maximise their returns and often but not always from poorer countries and countries in crisis that cannot or will not offer any protection to their citizens. For these reasons, as shown in the Global Slavery Index's section on trafficking flows(1) the rich regions of the world attract more trans-regional trafficking than the poorer parts of the world. Refugees, economic migration and 'illegal' migration also provide a pool of new victims and may offer some 'advantages' to the traffickers in terms of the victims' potentially increased vulnerability to control and coercion, as factors such as language and migration status (often illegal) may prevent victims from reporting to national authorities. (1)

This does not mean that there is less trafficking in poor countries, or that the victims exploited in poor countries suffer less.

Poor countries may attract more or fewer victims than richer ones. However, in poorer countries, the geographical scope of the trafficking is usually limited to domestic or subregional trafficking, while the richer countries see victims trafficked in from a larger number of origin countries from different regions. (2)

According to ILO LABORSTA, LABORSTA, an International Labour Office the average monthly pay for a labourer in the construction industry in Canada was around 2,000 Euros per month for the period considered. According to ILO LABORSTA, the monthly pay for a labourer in the Balkans for services in hotels and restaurants was around 220 Euros per month for the period considered. (9)

The revenue from human trafficking is large, an annual estimated average of US\$ 13,000 per trafficked victim totalling US\$ 32 billion. Trafficked individuals are assessed as much as US\$ 100,000 each in the United States and reports that slavery is a US\$ 13 billion industry. (3, 8)

Different trafficking operations have one key element in common: the business around the exploitation of the victims. With a few exceptions (such as child soldiers, removal of body parts for rituals and some other forms that comprise a small share of the total number of victims), the vast majority of trafficking is aimed at obtaining economic benefit from the labour and services extorted from the victims.

North Korea is ranked as worst in terms of concentration with one in every 20 people - or 4.4 per cent of its 25 million population - in slavery and its Government doing the least to end the situation with reports of state-sanctioned forced labour. This is not surprising given a brutal dictatorship, with a history of horrific crimes against its own humanity and it requires a

of horrific crimes against its own humanity and it requires a global political solution.

The 2016 index again found Asia, which provides low-skilled labour in global supply chains producing clothing, food and technology, accounted for two-thirds of the people in slavery. Even then this is problematic in that if workers rights are enforced the multinational manufacturer moves on to other countries where there are no such labour laws and there it exploits a different population. Consumer education (to avoid particular brands) has had some small bearing on improving the situation. Often however, a slave wage for workers is better than no wage at all - the time spent in low wage labour may have been more economically beneficial spent on subsistence agriculture, or care and education of children in the family for example, and the real value of the worker's labour, not apparent. It is a paradox acknowledged even by the ILO.

South Asia, with India at its centre, is the fastest-growing and second-largest region for human trafficking in the world, after East Asia, according to the UN Office for Drugs and Crime.

There are no accurate figures on the number of people trafficked within South Asia, but activists say thousands of mostly women and children are trafficked within India as well as from its poorer neighbours Nepal and Bangladesh.

Many are sold into forced marriage or bonded labour to work in middle-class homes as domestic servants, in small shops and hotels or confined to brothels where they are repeatedly raped.

Sex trafficking will be treated separately in the following section as it is in a category of its own, there being no product involved, just the committing of the crime of rape and assault-with impunity, so it is really more a human rights issue than a socio-economic issue despite it generating billions of dollars.

The slave conditions and salaries of third world workers in the garment and shoe trades, particularly have been well highlighted (4, 5, 6, 7). The success of low cost attire manufacturing is based on cheap and subservient labour. It usually takes a major disaster resulting in the deaths of numerous workers to bring it back into world attention however.

The 'sex trade'

It is mostly accepted these days that the 'products' of sex slavery and the so called sex industry is rape, and criminal assault, and it always has been. Trafficking women and children for sexual exploitation is the fastest growing criminal enterprise in the world. This, despite the fact international law and the laws of 134 countries criminalize sex trafficking.

It is both a crime against humanity and increasingly so against women, children and even babies. In the case of babies and children it is always torture and often murder. Shockingly women are also involved in trafficking crimes against their own gender and far too often against members of their own families.

The 'product' in the sex industry is to allow the criminals involved, to commit the crime of rape and violence with impunity. The business of sex trafficking and prostitution provides no product at all just the further degradation and debasement of both the rapist and the victim. The criminal pay their price to the pimp or pornographer in cash or credit card, rather than pay for their crime in prison.

Fortunately many countries do have strict policies and legal systems that do protect not just their own citizens from these crimes but also people trafficked into the country. Sweden, Norway and Iceland have always been a good example and in April 2016, France also criminalised prostitution (the 'clients' not the victims) in an attempt, among other issues, to stem the flow of trafficked women into that country. It was also to give trafficked women temporary residence rights allowing them stay and find legitimate work.

Unfortunately in some countries the sex trade has been tolerated (12) because prohibition can send these crimes underground and back into families/homes. It does not seem right however, to sacrifice and enslave some women for the safety of others, rather this global problem needs to be sorted properly once and forever. (

Public education to recognise that women and children are indeed human and do have human rights is required along with effective and well equipped border protection and civil protection, in each country.

Global Sex Trafficking Fact Sheet

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- At least 20.9 million adults and children are bought and sold worldwide into commercial sexual servitude, forced labour and bonded labor.²
- About 2 million children are exploited every year in the global commercial sex trade.
- Almost 6 in 10 identified trafficking survivors were trafficked for sexual exploitation.
- Women and girls make up 98% of victims of trafficking for sexual exploitation.

Sex trafficking is a human rights violation

Sex trafficking - whether within a country or across national borders - violates basic human rights, including the rights to bodily integrity, equality, dignity, health, security, and freedom from violence and torture. Key international human rights treaties, including the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW), consider sex trafficking a form of sex discrimination and a human rights violation. (8)

The UNICEF 2005 report estimated that "1.2 million children are sold into 'sex slavery' every year and 2 million children - mainly girls, but also a significant number of boys are believed

part of the multi-billion dollar commercial sex trade". The average age of a girl enslaved by sex trafficking/prostitution is 12-14 years old.

Human health

A recent study Says 50% of Children in US Will Be Born With Autism by 2025 and attributes it to exposure to Monsanto's Glyphosate Exposure Weed Killer. Whatever its causes this mass poisoning of global proportions was allowed to happen as no-one did their job properly and bowed to the people with too much money. It is likely evolution happening right before our eyes. Evolution occurs when populations are under great stress. The biggest crime is that large businesses were ever allowed to manufacture and distribute these ill thought out products in the first place and why they have been allowed to continue production when such devastating sequelae have evolved. It seems we are going to have to evolve to eat plastics and poison if we and other life on earth is to survive somehow but ultimately it will be the end of any chance we had to be great and noble creatures. Thanks.

Depression, anxiety, hopelessness and the risk of violence are common in all countries.

Key facts

- Depression is a common mental disorder. Globally, more than 300 million people of all ages suffer from depression.
- Depression is the leading cause of disability worldwide, and is a major contributor to the overall global burden of disease.
- More women are affected by depression than men.
- At its worst, depression can lead to suicide.
- There are effective psychological and pharmacological treatments for depression.

Overview

Depression is a common illness worldwide, with more than 300 million people affected. Depression is different from usual mood fluctuations and short-lived emotional responses to challenges in everyday life. Especially when long-lasting and with moderate or severe intensity, depression may become a serious health condition. It can cause the affected person to suffer greatly and function poorly at work, at school and in the family. At its worst, depression can lead to suicide. Close to 800 000 people die due to suicide every year. Suicide is the second leading cause of death in 15-29-year-olds.

Although there are known, effective treatments for depression, fewer than half of those affected in the world (in many countries, fewer than 10%) receive such treatments. Barriers to effective care include a lack of resources, lack of trained health-care providers, and social stigma associated with mental disorders. Another barrier to effective care is inaccurate assessment. In countries of all income levels, people who are depressed are often not correctly diagnosed, and others who do not have the disorder are too often misdiagnosed and prescribed antidepressants.

The burden of depression and other mental health conditions is on the rise globally. A World Health Assembly resolution passed in May 2013 called for a comprehensive, coordinated response to mental disorders at country level.

Bipolar affective disorder: this type of depression typically consists of both manic and depressive episodes separated by periods of normal mood. Manic episodes involve elevated or irritable mood, over-activity, pressure of speech, inflated self-esteem and a decreased need for sleep.

Contributing factors and prevention

Depression results from a complex interaction of social, psychological and biological factors. People who have gone through adverse life events (unemployment, bereavement, psychological trauma) are more likely to develop depression. Depression can, in turn, lead to more stress and dysfunction and worsen the affected person's life situation and depression itself.

There are interrelationships between depression and physical health. For example, cardiovascular disease can lead to depression and vice versa.

Prevention programmes have been shown to reduce depression. Effective community approaches to prevent depression include school-based programmes to enhance a pattern of positive thinking in children and adolescents. Interventions for parents of children with behavioural problems may reduce parental depressive symptoms and improve outcomes for their children. Exercise programmes for the elderly can also be effective in depression prevention.

Psychosocial treatments are also effective for mild depression. Antidepressants can be an effective form of treatment for moderate-severe depression but are not the first line of treatment for cases of mild depression. They should not be used for treating depression in children and are not the first line of treatment in adolescents, among whom they should be used with extra caution.

Violence

A WHO report makes a major contribution to our understanding of violence and its impact on societies. It illuminates the different faces of violence, from the "invisible" suffering of society's most vulnerable individuals to the all-too-visible tragedy of societies in conflict. It advances our analysis of the factors that lead to violence, and the possible responses of different sectors of society.

And in doing so, it reminds us that safety and security don't just happen: they are the result of collective consensus and public investment.

From the Foreword by Nelson Mandela

Each year, over 1.6 million people worldwide lose their lives to violence.

Violence is among the leading causes of death for people aged 15-44 years worldwide, accounting for 14% of deaths among

among males and 7% of deaths among females. For every person who dies as a result of violence, many more are injured and suffer from a range of physical, sexual, reproductive and mental health problems. Moreover, violence places a massive burden on national economies, costing countries billions of US dollars each year in health care, law enforcement and lost productivity.

The World report on violence and health is the first comprehensive review of the problem of violence on a global scale – what it is, whom it affects and what can be done about it.

Key facts

- Violence against women – particularly intimate partner violence and sexual violence – is a major public health problem and a violation of women's human rights.
- Global estimates published by WHO indicate that about 1 in 3 (35%) of women worldwide have experienced either physical and/or sexual intimate partner violence or non-partner sexual violence in their lifetime.
- Most of this violence is intimate partner violence. Worldwide, almost one third (30%) of women who have been in a relationship report that they have experienced some form of physical and/or sexual violence by their intimate partner in their lifetime.
- Globally, as many as 38% of murders of women are committed by a male intimate partner.
- Violence can negatively affect women's physical, mental, sexual, and reproductive health, and may increase the risk of acquiring HIV in some settings.
- Men are more likely to perpetrate violence if they have low education, a history of child maltreatment, exposure to domestic violence against their mothers, harmful use of alcohol, unequal gender norms including attitudes accepting of violence, and a sense of entitlement over women.
- Women are more likely to experience intimate partner violence if they have low education, exposure to mothers being abused by a partner, abuse during childhood, and attitudes accepting violence, male privilege, and women's subordinate status.
- There is evidence that advocacy and empowerment counselling interventions, as well as home visitation are promising in preventing or reducing intimate partner violence against women.
- Situations of conflict, post conflict and displacement may exacerbate existing violence, such as by intimate partners, as well as and non-partner sexual violence, and may also lead to new forms of violence against women.

The United Nations defines violence against women as "any act of gender-based violence that results in, or is likely to result in, physical, sexual, or mental harm or suffering to women, including threats of such acts, coercion or arbitrary deprivation of liberty, whether occurring in public or in private life."⁽¹⁾

Intimate partner violence refers to behaviour by an intimate partner or ex-partner that causes physical, sexual or psychological harm, including physical aggression, sexual coercion, psychological abuse and controlling behaviours.

Sexual violence is "any sexual act, attempt to obtain a sexual act, or other act directed against a person's sexuality using coercion, by any person regardless of their relationship to the victim, in any setting. It includes rape, defined as the physically forced or otherwise coerced penetration of the vulva or anus with a penis, other body part or object."

Scope of the problem

Population-level surveys based on reports from victims provide the most accurate estimates of the prevalence of intimate partner violence and sexual violence. A 2013 analysis conducted by WHO with the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine and the South Africa Medical Research Council, used existing data from over 80 countries and found that worldwide, 1 in 3, or 35%, of women have experienced physical and/or sexual violence by an intimate partner or non-partner sexual violence (3).

Global and regional estimates of violence against women

Almost one third (30%) of all women who have been in a relationship have experienced physical and/or sexual violence by their intimate partner. The prevalence estimates of intimate partner violence range from 23.2% in high-income countries and 24.6% in the WHO Western Pacific region to 37% in the WHO Eastern Mediterranean region, and 37.7% in the WHO South-East Asia region.

Globally as many as 38% of all murders of women are committed by intimate partners. In addition to intimate partner violence, globally 7% of women report having been sexually assaulted by someone other than a partner, although data for non-partner sexual violence are more limited. Intimate partner and sexual violence are mostly perpetrated by men against women.

Risk factors

Factors associated with intimate partner and sexual violence occur at individual, family, community and wider society levels. Some are associated with being a perpetrator of violence, some are associated with experiencing violence and some are associated with both.

Risk factors for both intimate partner and sexual violence include:

- lower levels of education (perpetration of sexual violence and experience of sexual violence);
- a history of exposure to child maltreatment (perpetration and experience);
- witnessing family violence (perpetration and experience);
- antisocial personality disorder (perpetration);
- harmful use of alcohol (perpetration and experience);

- having multiple partners or suspected by their partners of infidelity (perpetration);
- attitudes that condone violence (perpetration);
- community norms that privilege or ascribe higher status to men and lower status to women; and
- low levels of women's access to paid employment.

Factors specifically associated with intimate partner violence include:

- past history of violence
- marital discord and dissatisfaction
- difficulties in communicating between partners
- male controlling behaviours towards their partners.

Factors specifically associated with sexual violence perpetration include:

- beliefs in family honour and sexual purity
- ideologies of male sexual entitlement
- weak legal sanctions for sexual violence.

Gender inequality and norms on the acceptability of violence against women are a root cause of violence against women.

Health consequences

Intimate partner (physical, sexual and emotional) and sexual violence cause serious short- and long-term physical, mental, sexual and reproductive health problems for women. They also affect their children, and lead to high social and economic costs for women, their families and societies. Such violence can:

- Have fatal outcomes like homicide or suicide.
- Lead to injuries, with 42% of women who experience intimate partner violence reporting an injury as a consequence of this violence.
- Lead to unintended pregnancies, induced abortions, gynaecological problems, and sexually transmitted infections, including HIV. The 2013 analysis found that women who had been physically or sexually abused were 1.5 times more likely to have a sexually transmitted infection and, in some regions, HIV, compared to women who had not experienced partner violence. They are also twice as likely to have an abortion.
- Intimate partner violence in pregnancy also increases the likelihood of miscarriage, stillbirth, pre-term delivery and low birth weight babies. The same 2013 study showed that women who experienced intimate partner violence were 16% more likely to suffer a miscarriage and 41% more likely to have a pre-term birth.
- These forms of violence can lead to depression, post-traumatic stress and other anxiety disorders, sleep difficulties, eating disorders, and suicide attempts. The 2013 analysis found that women who have experienced intimate partner violence were almost twice as likely to experience depression and problem drinking.

• Health effects can also include headaches, back pain, abdominal pain, gastrointestinal disorders, limited mobility and poor overall health.

• Sexual violence, particularly during childhood, can lead to increased smoking, drug and alcohol misuse, and risky sexual behaviours in later life. It is also associated with perpetration of violence (for males) and being a victim of violence (for females).

Impact on children

• Children who grow up in families where there is violence may suffer a range of behavioural and emotional disturbances. These can also be associated with perpetrating or experiencing violence later in life.

• Intimate partner violence has also been associated with higher rates of infant and child mortality and morbidity (through, for example diarrhoeal disease or malnutrition).

Social and economic costs

The social and economic costs of intimate partner and sexual violence are enormous and have ripple effects throughout society. Women may suffer isolation, inability to work, loss of wages, lack of participation in regular activities and limited ability to care for themselves and their children.

Species extinction and hunting

In the stone age when there were only small populations of humans, and when animal species roamed the earth in huge numbers, like the other animals, there was justification for human hunting and gathering of the food stuffs and tools needed for survival. Even then, as evidenced by cave paintings around the world, there was respect and regard for those creatures, plant and animal, that sustained our lives and the lives of the hunted. I even suggest that humans were likely far more aware and intelligent as regards the viability of such species and the connection to their own lives. There was also no economy or property and land ownership for them to covet.

Certainly they did not have Facebook and Twitter, Google and Wikipedia to tell them what to think and do - they had to work it out for themselves and start the great repository of human knowledge. Certainly they would have learned not to hunt pregnant females in order for them to raise the next seasons' game.

Now, when we are meant to have progressed in intelligence, we seem to have turned into total savages in regards to treatment of other life forms on the planet, as well as our own fellows. Too many ignorant humans consider the animals, loved and respected by many of us, and therefore semi protected, are a free ticket for the ignorant and ignoble to make personal wealth from them and their slaughter to the point of not only causing species to become extinct but to the inevitability of destruction of all the vital ecosystems that sustain all life.

Some of us are eternally tormented by the assumption of some humans that every creature on this planet is there for them to kill and exploit; that the lives of other creatures have

no value other than what value they can provide to humans and that other creatures have no right to a peaceful life for themselves.

Who told the human species that they were entitled to kill, torture, destroy and make extinct everything on the planet in the name of personal riches? While other species disappear, humans are now in plague proportions and in their lifetimes taking far more than they ever give back. They destroy the lives of other humans as well - the weaker, kinder and less aggressive ones, like women and children. Indeed this malevolence seems to be the culture of the rich, though more likely it is the savages and uncaring in our midst who become rich due to their twisted mentality. Just look at the leaders of the countries of this world.

Those few humans who still need to survive from hunting and gathering, like our Stone Age counterparts, respect these food resources and are aware that their own ongoing viability is totally connected to the ongoing viability of these resources.

Humans too often seem to think that all that flies in the air, swims in the sea or walks on the land is for them to kill, eat and exploit and consequently the wild creatures that we do not eat are still killed for "sport" - for the pleasure that some humans get from killing something defenceless and unarmed.

The more endangered the animal victim is, the bigger the thrill of killing one while you still can. It is not that these humans are hungry or that the world has any need for products made from endangered animals; the opposite is true in both regards. We greatly need all members of the ecosystems to keep ecological balance or rats may end up being the only meat choice on the menu, the rat being the great animal by-product of human civilisation's choices. Wild animals are not something humans have manufactured, or nurtured or used their intellect to create. It is just evil exploitation - akin to sexual slavery of women and children.

After centuries of whaling these magnificent and gentle creatures were greatly endangered after being hunted to near extinction due to human lust for their oil content. Due to protection by some countries and the International Whaling Commission, some species of whales have started to restore their numbers. This has not stopped citizens of several countries trying to reinstate these practises or just ignoring the Commission and the consensus of the world community. In Iceland whaling of endangered blue fin whales is conducted by a millionaire, wanting to make even more money for himself. He is the last man on the planet still slaughtering these gentle giants for profit, often while they're pregnant, when he has no ownership rights to them at all.

It is reported that on being advised his whaling and slaughtering activities were harming Icelandic tourism which is based on people wanting to see the pristine wilderness and living whales - he reportedly said - Let them look the other way.

Sadly this reflects the behaviour of too many humans who always choose to look away rather than doing something de-

cent, especially the rich, powerful and ignorant who to this day are happy to conduct cruel and destructive processes, such as wars that kill the human species, and who think they can kill anyone or anything in this world for personal wealth and power.

These brutal misanthropes know they are destroying civilisations and an entire planet - they just don't care. Sadly that is the case of far too many humans and the rest of us have to live among them.

It is not just these anachronistic whalers. Destructive fishing practices by super trawlers that will scrape up anything out of the depths and breadth of the oceans, are causing death of species; those to be marketed (even though the fish of the oceans of the world were never their fish to own and market in the first place) and those other sea creatures netted because they were 'in their way'. They are also destroying ocean floors, habitats and ecosystems. Long line fishing also destroys incidental life forms like the beautiful, wandering albatross. They mate for life, and it seems it is mainly the female albatrosses that are being killed as they have different hunting techniques to males; but the danger of losing these noble and dignified creatures does not cross the minds or excite the sense of the human exploiters. They just rip their endless dead bodies off their long lines of hooks and rebait the hooks for something they can sell.

Couple this with the omnipresent dumping of poisons and chemicals and trash into the ocean by other parties and there will soon be no edible fish left. The destruction of biodiversity and food resources destroys humanity as well.

Then we have 'factory farms' where domestic animals which are human foodstuff are no longer let live out their short lives in any form of the pleasure of natural existence but are kept without sunlight and fresh air and wind and sky and grass in cramped concrete enclosures. i.e. they miss being born to live and learn alongside their mothers, to spend their young lives roaming in meadows, or wallowing in mud, or scratching through the undergrowth. They are now born and live encaged their entire lives and usually in cramped torturous conditions so they 'don't harm their meat', or any other human resource they represent. The battery hen spends its life in a small cage in which it cannot even spread its wings, see the sunlight, or scratch in the dirt..

Puppy farms encage female dogs on a never ending breeding cycle, where they are constantly inseminated, and give birth endlessly until their poor bodies and minds are destroyed.

Ducks and geese are force fed certain foods to give them fatty liver (disease) so they can be better made into pate.

Those who think this is just the 'march of progress' should open their eyes to reality. It is an endless battle to try and retake any moral ground.

Hunting

Some environmentalists cheered when Viagra came onto the market, as they thought it may see the end of witch doctors and fraudsters grinding up endangered animals' horns to sell as "potency" drugs to stupid men, but sadly the rhinoceros horn is still seen by some to have magic properties even in this century and rhinoceroses are even more endangered than the elephants; the white rhinoceroses are now extinct.

There are very few elephants left in the world and those that are, are in constant danger of being killed – not for food or habitat, but because their tusks can be used to make useless little ornaments favoured by the rich and vacuous. Recently carcasses of about 90 elephants were found in Botswana – their tusks hacked out.

Decent people have worked hard to save elephants, including donating to research to identify sources of ivory, sold. A huge cache was recently found on its way to Japan to be made into nonsensical ornaments. What sort of person would want to display that they caused the death of a noble animal, let alone an endangered species. The simple way to save elephants from total extinction would be for humans to stop buying ivory products but it seems not all humans have sufficiently progressed despite such horrors as these photos. All the hunter/s killers, sellers and purchasers should be jailed.

Which are the civilised creatures on this planet? Animals themselves only kill for territory and food or fear of being killed. The killing for sport has to be the most abominable outcome of wealthy human societies. Of course some terrorist groups do the same to other humans under pretexts of nationalism or religion, when the root cause really lays in barbarism.

Extinction is now one of the great moral indicators of our time along with genocide – another form of extinction perpetrated by men on men. Meanwhile national leaders are planning their neo-colonialism and world economic supremacy games as well as their war games and military exercises – to threaten the lives and livelihoods of others worldwide. They are building at great expense their ridiculous planet destroying atomic weapons and other weapons of mass destruction AND at the same time expecting to be admired by their own citizens and international peers and fellow miscreants when the enemy of all people is on our doorsteps, lurking silently. What is wrong with these people?

What is wrong with us? How can such evil and stupidity be tolerated? Or are the good just not brave or equipped enough in the face of such merciless, and obscene behaviour.

Unethical business destroys the habitats of all other creatures, including human, through dirty, destructive, polluting 'industry' in the pursuit of personal wealth. Leaving the topic of evil to the sociologists and religions, and just dealing in total stupidity, gross ignorance and malevolence, the attitudes of these miscreants have already killed numerous species.

Air pollution levels are dangerously high in many parts of the world. Data from the World Health Organization (WHO) shows that 9 out of 10 people breathe air containing high levels of pollutants. Updated estimations reveal an alarming death toll of 7 million people every year caused by ambient (outdoor) and household air pollution. Over 3 billion people, most of them women and children, are still breathing deadly smoke every day from using polluting stoves and fuels in their homes.

Organised crime now operates at national (dictatorship and democratic) government levels and aids and abets the destroyers through either direct complicity or fear or favour.

Internet based scams and fraud are prolific, usually robbing the unsophisticated and elderly who have few monetary resources and protections. Technology has given criminal elements, corrupt business and dictatorial governments the means to spread their net of lies, frauds and scams to most people on the planet. It has become the plague of modern society. Governments have often gone along with the giant technological companies which are now even used to aid and abet aggressors in wars and spread wartime propaganda. Organised crime has robbed us of the very advantages the technological age has brought us.

There are so many unethical businesses in today's society it would take a book to cover all. Once market forces and supply and demand tended to either eliminate or quickly destroy corrupt businesses but now Organised Crime has infiltrated the top political levels.

I follow with a list of unethical business as many of our great leaders don't seem to be able to distinguish between right and wrong. Industries that are morally bankrupt and should be avoided by all include:

Tobacco industry (big business) Deforestation (big business) fossil fuels (big businesses) whaling and over fishing (big business) safari tours (if you cut off the animals' heads and attach them to pieces of wood and hang them in houses it is a commercial commodity to some apparently); prostitution, pornography, child sexual exploitation, sexual slavery and rape (very big business these days) offshore drilling, onshore drilling, drug trafficking, arms supplies and wars for economic gain (huge business) fossil fuels (coal fired power - we have plenty of sun, wind and thermal activity on our now overheated planet BUT humans have yet to devise a means of owning wind, sun and water – hence all the hysteria in some quarters about moving to renewable energy) lead in petrol, duck shooting, items that use vital resources (to make trinkets) and so many more.

Either we have myopic world leaders, they are cowards and primitive brutes, they are ruling under fear or favour, they are corrupt or they are stupid. There are no other categories.

A simple rule is if business destroys lives, animal or human or plant, or leaves unsafe by-products it should not be occurring.

Global warming - the bigger picture

Global warming affects every single creature on the planet, plant and animal. It is caused by man as a result of greedy and destructive practices. The IPCC and the world's scientists have created several global warming scenarios, projections based on human behaviours. In their best case scenario the world population growth slows, economies shift priorities, and the world unites to battle environmental issues. (IPCC)

We are collectively facing a catastrophe but most humans are choosing to ignore it. The forests and all they provide home to, are rapidly disappearing. Thousands of species go extinct each year. Pollution floats around the oceans and poisons the air. Natural resources are being depleted. Populations grow in places that cannot sustain them. We humans seem to have a problem facing the result of our behaviours and we deny the undeniable.

Every one of these issues affecting life on earth is capable of being addressed and solved. They just take a bit of work and sorry, money, directed toward the problem. Part of the problem is because we have greedy, despotic and ineffective governments too afraid of losing their power by speaking the truth. I think they underestimate people. Most people have nothing but contempt for their useless and self serving governments.

Rather such governments ensure we fill our time fighting each other, not the man made problems facing us collectively. Of course starting a war tends to keep people occupied trying to survive so there is less time for focus on poor and corrupt leadership.

And of course it is not just the fault of the powerful and corrupt. How can we all have got everything so wrong? How can we have been so stupid and so cowardly to have the world's bullies and thieves in charge? Okay so they murder and torture those who try to stand in their way – but if they didn't sway their fellow corrupt and their cowardly lackeys they could not exist on their own.

We accept the science when it comes to things we like – technology, electronics, manufacturing, food chemistry etc but are happy to be idiots when it comes to things that may curb our trivial pursuits.

Neo colonialism

The old colonialists and the neo colonialists take advantage of poor countries and the corrupt small league dictators, giving them modern day 'beads and mirrors', such as empty buildings and roads that lead nowhere, to enslave them in debt. They take advantage of the gullible - as do all colonialists - while robbing them of their natural resources and economically enslaving them. They help to 'develop developing nations' so they can steal their resources or own their resources and sell them back to the local people who owned them in the first place. Is this too difficult to see?

At the same time they are doing this to everyone on the planet, and their dirty practices that are polluting our land, skies and our oceans are also at risk of polluting our hearts and minds.

How heinous an act is it to destroy an entire planet and all that live on it purely for ridiculous amounts of personal wealth and power in one lifetime/generation.

Greed of those who already have everything

The greatest root problem facing humanity and the entire planet is greed and corruption.

It has manifest itself as corrupt governments, corrupt organisations and corrupt big business, and the corrupt, and often big time criminal profligates support each other in their greed by exercising the power that comes with obscene wealth. They who "have everything" don't even pay their way; they avoid paying taxes, and the working and the poor pay for everything. They don't give back to the planet either; they seem happy to see the planet and ecosystems destroyed in the name of even more wealth in their own lifetime – wealth that they have no reason or need for.

Why are so called leaders murdering and torturing their own country men who do not take kindly to their dictatorships. Why - because some evil man is making money out of the situation.

It has brought the planet and global society to its knees and still people everywhere live in fear of the very end of planetary viability and humankind. Some may say we deserve it for our irresponsibility and shocking behaviour over the millennia. But the shocking behaviour is of those who desperately seek power. It is due to their rampant corruption and greed. Their very existence is repugnant to all those who try so hard to create a fair and decent world for all creatures that dwell on it.

Is the destruction of the planet itself also their fault? – well in many ways, yes it is. They have not only deemed the vast resources we once had on this planet (be they minerals or oceanic fish stocks) as their own to keep or exploit for money, they have used men, women's and children's bodies and lives without permission to create their wealth and to cater to their salaciousness. They are responsible for most misery, most death, and most environmental degradation. They have taken the food out of other people's mouths.

An estimated 100 million people were homeless worldwide in 2017. Nearly 1/2 of the world's population, more than 3 billion people, live on less than \$2.50 a day. More than 1.3 billion live in extreme poverty, less than \$1.25 a day. 1 billion children worldwide are living in poverty. According to UNICEF, 22,000 children die each day due to poverty.

Attacks on free press

Paradise papers

The Paradise Papers are a set of 13.4 million confidential electronic documents relating to offshore investments that were leaked to the German reporters Frederik Obermaier and Bastian Obermayer from the newspaper *Süddeutsche Zeitung*. The newspaper shared them with the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists, and a network of more than 380 journalists. Some of the details were made public on 5

November 2017. The documents originate from offshore magic circle member Appleby, the corporate services providers Eterra and Asiaciti Trust, and business registries in 19 tax jurisdictions. They contain the names of more than 120,000 people and companies. Among those whose financial affairs are mentioned are, separately, AIG, Prince Charles and Queen Elizabeth II, President of Colombia Juan Manuel Santos, and U.S. Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross. This leak of confidential data is second only to the Panama Papers in 2016 as the biggest expose in history.

In 20 October 2017, an anonymous Reddit user hinted at the existence of the Paradise Papers. Later that month, the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ) approached the offshore law firm Appleby with allegations of wrongdoing. Appleby said that some of its data had been stolen in a cyber attack the previous year, and denied the ICIJ's allegations. After media outlets started reporting on the documents, the company said that there was "no evidence of wrongdoing," that they "are a law firm which advises clients on legitimate and lawful ways to conduct their business," and that they "do not tolerate illegal behaviour".

Appleby stated that the firm "was not the subject of a leak but of a serious criminal act" and that "this was an illegal computer hack".

The documents were acquired by the German newspaper *Süddeutsche Zeitung*, which had also obtained the Panama Papers in 2016. According to the BBC, the name "Paradise Papers" reflects "the idyllic profiles of many of the offshore jurisdictions whose workings are unveiled," so-called tax havens, or "tax paradises". The BBC also notes that the name is similar to the French term for a tax haven—*paradis fiscal*. The data comprises some 13.4 million documents from two offshore service providers, Appleby and Asiaciti Trust, and from the company registers of 19 tax havens.

Süddeutsche Zeitung journalists contacted the ICIJ, which had been investigating the documents with 100 media partners. The consortium made the data available to the media partners using Neo4j, a graph-database platform made for connected data, and Linkurious, graph-visualization software. This allowed journalists across the globe to undertake collaborative investigative work. The documents were released by the consortium on 5 November 2017.

According to the papers, Facebook, Twitter, Apple, Disney, Uber, Nike, Walmart, Allianz, Siemens, McDonald's, Allergan and Yahoo! are among the corporations that own offshore companies. According to *The Express Tribune*, "Apple, Nike, and Facebook avoided billions of dollars in tax using offshore companies."

Among the Indian companies listed in the papers are Apollo Tyres, the Essel Group, D S Construction, Emaar MGF, GMR Group, Irgaells, Hinduja Group, the Hiranandani Group, Jindal Steel, the Sun Group and Videocon.

The Panama papers

Earlier and prior to that, the Panama papers were published in 2015. They constituted 11.5 million leaked documents that detail financial and attorney–client information for more than 214,488 offshore entities. The documents, some dating back to the 1970s, were created by, and taken from, Panamanian law firm and corporate service provider Mossack Fonseca, and were leaked in 2015 by an anonymous source.

The documents contain personal financial information about wealthy individuals and public officials that had previously been kept private. While offshore business entities are legal, reporters found that some of the Mossack Fonseca shell corporations were used for illegal purposes, including fraud, tax evasion, and evading international sanctions.

The 'whistleblower' who leaked the documents to German journalist Bastian Obermayer from the newspaper *Süddeutsche Zeitung* (SZ), remains anonymous, even to the journalists who worked on the investigation. In a May 6 statement, he or she cited income inequality as the reason for his action, and said he leaked the documents "simply because I understood enough about their contents to realise the scale of the injustices they described. He or she added that they had never worked for any government or intelligence agency and expressed willingness to help prosecutors if granted immunity from prosecution. After it was verified that the statement did in fact come from the source for the Panama Papers, the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists (ICIJ) posted the full document on its website. So what is the outcome for ordinary people, small business and decent large businesses and humanity generally?

Conclusion

It is not a 'philosophical saying' that "if you take more than you give in your lifetime you have depleted the planet". It is a simple and obvious truth.

Too often these days it seems politics is a career path to obscene wealth and corruption - if we are to observe the current world closely.

Political leaders are too often dictators robbing their own countries— and the bigger the country, the more corrupt their leader seems to be. It is a simple mathematical equation.

Those 6 profligates, the "men" that "own" "half the world's wealth" (Oxfam and many other sources) certainly deserve nothing at all but life prison sentences. Those 200 that own 90% of the World's wealth deserve the same.

And instead of having governments trying to fix this we too often have primitive people dictating and taking what they can for themselves, while they can, including the very viability of all life on the planet. We have always had a choice to stand up en masse and say this is not good enough but it seems we take the selfish or cowardly route to the point that is has brought the planet and the species that have not yet died off, to the brink of annihilation.

It seems it is time for the ordinary, decent people of the planet to educate their masters.

History will name them correctly – if there is to be any left on this planet. There is still the history of the universe however and their ugly story will be recorded for eternity in the dead bones of planet earth; their evil, bloated faces will stay in the memory of the living and the dead. And that is how it should be.

BUT so many are decent intelligent people and are just as aware and horrified as me at all this. I would like to think we are the silent majority. I would like to think also that those backing up the dictators who currently 'rule' MOST of the people in the world at this time, will also turn away from the master they serve and service – at least in this last hour. Or did your masters tell you that you would also be saved and you believed them?

And I feel so bad having to endlessly say and write all of this but feel strongly that it is my duty and your duty as surely someone has to stand up and try to save the human race. Are we not worth it? I think that is the reason why everyone is so cowardly – they just don't want to be the one to tell the Emperor he is a psychopath and that despite what goes on in his own mad train of fools, he is not liked or loved, he is not clever or brave and he has no value or worth, despite the photo opportunities he makes for himself, like a spoiled child - he is just a dangerous evil brute who sits in his own detritus of the huge amount of rank and congealing blood he has spilled across the landscape of human society.

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing." (Edmund Burke)

Is it that hard to face the truth? Is it that hard to try and stop murder and mayhem and fouling and filthying of our planet, of rape and ruthlessness in case someone may hear you complain.

What do we fear - death? It comes to us all. It will come quicker if we don't stand up to it. We fear to fight back when we are already doomed – can't we even find some courage when we are dying anyway?

Of course there are some wonderful groups out there fighting all the time (Avaaz, Greenpeace, and the United Nations) but at this late hour we need everyone to stand up. There are so, so many of us.

Yes - enjoy our gift of life as best as we can but surely we have responsibilities as well, especially to children and other creatures and our planet. We seem to worship the only thing on the planet that has no long-term value at all - ourselves.

Is this all new? History tells us it is not. There is just more of us now and more at stake. Destruction is an ongoing process and we are close to the end. It is almost unbelievable a handful of misanthropes can destroy an entire planet and the lives of all other creatures on it – but such are the current days of planet earth.

Since the mid 1900's when the world was still trying to improve people's lives (introducing women's and children's rights, corporate responsibility, trade unions, improved working conditions, maximum working hours, etc.) we have found world leaders sinking back into corruption and barbarity. The Middle East particularly has seen endless and mostly bizarre conflicts where the world's most awful play their war games and spend big on the business of war (trial their weapons on the Middle east population, use their stockpiles of chemical weapons, play out their own prejudices and bigotry).

Judged on the same criminal justice system as ordinary people face, the majority of our leaders would be in jail, and judged on religious values the same majority would be destined 'for eternal incarceration in hell'. The world's leaders have arguably caused, by deliberate acts, or by total apathy, incompetence and ineptitude, all of our current problems - refugees, poverty, inequity, wars, genocide, torture, famines, epidemics, gross pollution, female and child sexual assault and torture, epidemic youth suicide, mass extinction of other species and the very life force of an entire planet. The time has long past that these criminals and fools in our midst should be tolerated and we must urgently look for a new system.

The Paris Climate Agreement of 2016, was a rare show of human solidarity and wisdom, a global step in the right direction, a step where all countries recognised the problems of climate change and agreed to do something about it.

The stupid argument as to whether 'humans caused it' or not is totally irrelevant and bankrupt – if it needs fixing we need to fix it. We try to circumvent other natural or manmade disasters (other than the rise of psychopaths); rather the argument is used by profligates to further delay the necessary and to allow leaders and their cronies and goons to 'take a bit more while they can'.

The total stupidity of this situation defies belief and sense – but it is the never ending pattern of life on earth. It is nearly 2020 and we still live, and are forced to live, like barbarians.

Are we not yet at a point of development where none of this is allowable or tolerated? We teach school children not to be bullies but we tolerate bullies at national dictatorship level and let them do what their mad minds dictate. Of course they manipulate the weak minded and cowardly humans to get their way.

Unfortunately, speaking the truth is all the decent and courageous people of the world can do, but truth is a powerful weapon and the pacifists' only sword. Brutal idiots hate the truth – it is the only thing that they cannot fight or manipulate, though they try very hard to deny and conceal it.

Women worldwide have these past years had the courage to speak up against eons of assault and degradation, via the #MeToo movement. School children have had the courage to speak up against those who claim their so-called rights to carry ridiculous personal killing machines and destroy their planet.

Of course many others have laboured these same points, but they are eternally drowned out by the bellowing and rantings of the brutal and ignorant, or the mute responses of the impotent and apathetic, all of them cowards.

If the world's wealth was not wasted on highly expensive apparatus to kill, torture, disfigure and rob innocent people, then the children of the planet, those who needlessly die every few seconds due to poverty related causes, may be allowed to live their lives, rather than have them sacrificed to some mad man's ego.

If no-one had weapons of war there would be no war – surely that is a better and far more sensible deterrent than building bigger and even more destructive killing machines. Unfortunately war is rarely about lawful claims – they can be settled in the justice systems – it is about gross mental health issues related to hatred, bloodlust and obsession with money and power.

War has always been for the economic advantage of those waging the wars.

We can also quote the economic advantages of educated and empowered women – not just in the terms of the effect on a family of an educated and working mother, but also in terms of world peace and national prosperity.

It is women and children who bear the brunt of this endless stupidity and greed. Ever the men fighting the wars have the comparative blessing of ending their lives quickly while the women and children are forced to endlessly struggle and go without, be in danger of rape and violence, walk to other countries where they are treated as less than human in their desperate attempts to belong somewhere, their desperate attempts to eat that day, their desperate attempts for a normal and decent life and their searching for a world that actually cares about the insanity and injustice that brought them to this situation. We can quote the financial costs of war (there is a lot of data available) but it is difficult to cost the loss of a viable planet and the loss of species, including our own, and the destroyed lives of innocent and good people.

The greatest problem facing humanity and the entire planet at the end of year 2017 is greed and corruption.

It has manifest itself as corrupt governments, corrupt organisations and corrupt big business, and the corrupt, and often big time criminal profligates support each other in their greed by exercising the power that comes with obscene wealth. They who “have everything” don't even pay their way; they avoid paying taxes, and the working and the poor pay for everything. They don't give back to the planet either; they seem happy to see the planet and ecosystems destroyed in the name of even more wealth in their own lifetime – wealth that they have no reason or need for.

Is it that wealth and power corrupts and absolute wealth and power corrupts absolutely?

I think that is already their path. Those who are rich and powerful are the sort of people who when they see their fellow humans in distress or need, use their money and power to monopolise and gain from that situation. Those who are poor and good are destined to remain poor as in the same situation they will share their food and their wealth and their shelter with their fellows in need. It has always been like this and certainly civilisation has always been on a downward moral path throughout history because of these profligates in our midst. It is 2018 and we are still killing each other and taking each other's countries. Why?

It would seem, only those with nothing at all should be politicians and leaders. That way we get the best of people in power. Not all men seem capable of higher motivations. It has brought the planet and global society to its knees and still people everywhere live in fear of the very end of planetary viability and humankind. Some may say we deserve it for our irresponsibility and shocking behaviour over the millennia. But the shocking behaviour is of those who desperately seek power. It is due to their rampant corruption and greed. Their very existence is repugnant to all those who try so hard to create a fair and decent world for all creatures that dwell on it.

Running a world' with intelligence, love, compassion, duty, sustainability, ethics etc - not hard you would think.

Our current dilemma, in an era of great crisis called 'The Age of Consequences' when we are facing our collective destruction, is not so much corporate leadership (many corporate leaders are fine global citizens) but national/political leadership. Collectively the majority of these, and their sycophants and partners in crime, have, since man greedily started murdering and subjugating his fellow man and stealing his property and land, been the most awful people ever to walk the earth.

A good leader serves all the people, a good leader heals divisions in society and brings out the best in people, a good leader plans ahead and forestalls disasters and makes the tough decisions to benefit all society.

In this most dangerous of all times with psychopaths roaming around on the loose we still have the stupidity of mass killing machines on this planet and in particular the sort of killing machines that can wipe out millions of innocent humans and many more millions of other life forms in one direct hit; but also in the longer term, dangerous war toys that speed up the end of liveability for all current life forms on this planet (apart from, apparently, cockroaches which must have a superior intellect). Again I mention that these mass killing machines are in the hands of psychopaths,

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Destruction is an ongoing process and we are close to the end. It is almost unbelievable a handful of misanthropes can destroy an entire planet and the lives of all other creatures on it – but such are the current days of planet earth. Ancient universal wisdom has said the same, as humans have always been exploited and robbed by such misanthropes. Early history warned of the "7 deadly sins" (pride, envy, anger, sloth, greed, gluttony). These sins are often thought to be abuses or excessive versions of one's natural faculties or passions (for example, gluttony abuses one's desire to eat). No doubt greed and slovenliness/sloth – two of the ancient "7 deadly sins" have been with us for time in memoriam. In those days however there really still were "plenty of fish in the sea" and lands to discover, and treasures to be dug up and exploited. So fast forward on to the modern day where there is hardly a square inch of soil or cubic meter of sea that has not been robbed of value or fouled with dumped waste – our combined inheritance is about to disappear – forever. 80,000 scientists came out in November 2017 and rightly, honestly and undisputedly say we are heading for catastrophe due to total ignorance of all the signs, and common sense and straightforward observation, (i.e. seeing things with our own eyes, seeing that temperatures on thermometers are showing much higher, that glaciers and ice sheets are melting/much smaller, that crops are failing, that sea levels are rising, that cyclones and tornados have stronger and more destructive wind forces). Those disputing these facts have a personal interest in grabbing a bit more for themselves while they can and they manage to fool the ignorant and uneducated that it is all about looking after them, not themselves. South Pacific island nations are literally disappearing as sea levels rise. In the Marshall islands a huge dump of plutonium, from US nuclear tests, (plutonium takes billions of years to become harmless) is just about to be washed into the Pacific ocean – yes, you guessed it, global warming. So it is not just the single events caused by stupid, short-sighted, slovenly and greedy acts – they are starting to happen together and the problem compounds and multiplies and becomes more complex. Now political prisoners are being robbed of their very organs; and the poor are selling their organs (another form of robbery) all to keep the rich alive so they can get a few more years of self indulgence. The Bible and the Quran discuss greed. What does the Bible say about money and greed? Proverbs 1:19 So are the ways of everyone who is greedy for gain.... Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." 1 Corinthians 6:10 nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. Sep 10, 2017 Quran and Hadiths on Greed #1. On the authority of Ibn 'Abbâs, peace and blessing of Allah be upon him, said: I heard the Messenger of Allah (SAW) saying, "If a son of Adam had a valley full of gold, he would desire to have two. Nothing can fill his mouth except the dust (of his grave). [alBukhari (6437) and Muslim (1049)] #2. "By Allah I do not fear poverty and starvation overtaking you, but I fear that

you will have abundant wealth at your disposal as it had been at the disposal of the nations before you. You will then become extremely greedy in accumulating this wealth just as the previous nations had done. This (greed) will be the cause of your ruin and destruction just as it destroyed the people before you.” [al-Bukhari (3158) and Muslim (2961)] #4. Ibn ‘Abbas told Ibn az-Zubayr, “I heard the Prophet (SAW), say, ‘A man is not a believer who fills his stomach while his neighbour is hungry.’” [Al-Adab al-Mufrad Al-Bukhari, #112] Defining Greed The English word “greed” usually is defined as attempting to possess more than one needs or deserves, especially at the expense of others. We’re taught from childhood that we shouldn’t be greedy. From a Buddhist perspective, however, the distinction between greed and desire is artificial: To want passionately is a hindrance and a poison, whether one “deserves” the thing wanted or not. The ‘Doomsday clock’ that scientists use to predict disasters warns we’re scarily close to catastrophe. In 2017 more than 15,000 of the world’s leading climate scientists have issued a stark warning — time is running out to prevent a global environmental collapse. It’s believed to be the largest number of scientists to ever put their names to a study which predicts catastrophic problems that could come from climate change. It predicts temperature rises and unpredictable weather patterns will cause widespread misery. But it says it’s not too late for governments to do something about the problem. Gratefully we had all countries (but one – one of the three greatest polluters of our planet) for a while honouring the Paris Climate agreement until the greatest capitalist society, with a government that currently worships greed, pulled out – giving the rest a chance or opportunity to do the same. It may be business and technology that comes to save us once we clear the decks of the cancer on humanity. A pristine planet fuelled by high technology is the answer and we all have the capacity generally to create that. It is an aspect of ‘human nature’ that is the great problem, not our tools, devices, and machines. It is the psychopathy of human nature. Even now some are working cleverly and intelligently to make better things happen. Cannot the future be put into their hands and immediately taken from the hands that hold it? We need to drop greed, vanity, envy, anger, slovenliness, gluttony, pride, sloth, - they are the tools of the rich and corrupt – who have fed us their foods packed with sugar and trans fats to make us inept gluttons, they have used their technological devices (the apps of mental illness and ineptitude) to make us slothful, and proud, and envious and vain, and they stir up anger to fire their wars where others are sent to die so they can gain money from sales of arms. We need to find and follow our seven, or more, great attributes: integrity, valour, commitment, courage, defiance, intelligence, resistance, honesty, respect and decency.

Mine is just one of millions of swords being raised by people worldwide – the victims of the psychopaths and the self-serving. My voice will be lost in the roar of thunder. My words are just part of the rumble of discontent that resonates everywhere through all decent people of our raped and polluted earthly home. People, especially the young are marching in the streets and they are not giving up; Extinction Rebellion is making huge inroads in some countries, cities around the world have recognised Climate Change and will act accordingly even if their governments have and do not.

The necessary change is being led by people, not politicians, psychopaths, dictators and despots. They have become irrelevant as they did not stand up and do their job. It would greatly help us if they did their share so the people of the planet did not have to battle them too. They still have time to repent and make reparation.

All oppressed people of the planet must be freed. **It has to be the end of Divide and Conquer the tool the dictators and prejudicial governments have used to date to keep us separated and powerless.** We will all march together and we need to march together, to survive.

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1. The world of the psychopaths





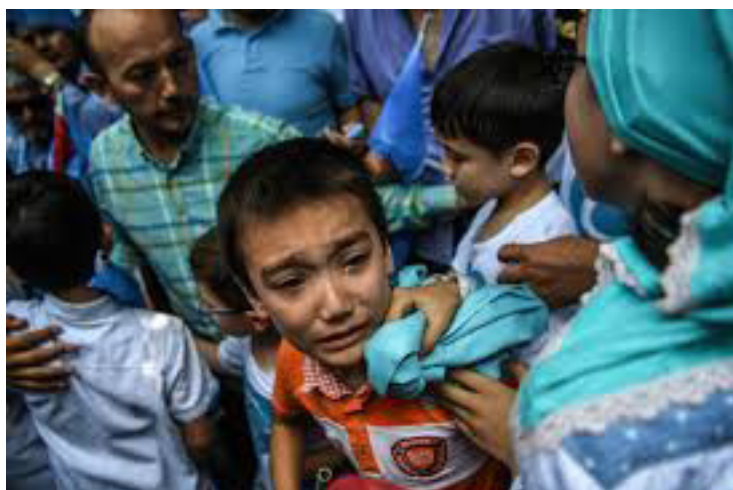


















2.The Other world

