



Dear fellow souls,

Following the release of the [*Manifesto for Peace, Unity and Global Renewal*](#) a week ago, there is already a [Spanish](#) version of all the material issued so far, thanks to the kind assistance of Vilma and Myriam, and a Portuguese version will also be available soon, thanks to Mirella's help. Since I have a small Spanish emailing list, the Spanish version has been circulated. You are welcome to pass it on as well, if you know any Spanish speaking people. Same of course with the [English](#) and [French](#) versions initially networked.

The more people are offered the opportunity to realize we can *really* cocreate a fabulous new reality, as millions have been contributing to for years, the faster this catalyzing realization will help usher in the New Earth where we will live, if we are fortunate enough, and choose to reincarnate on this most precious and cherished Mother Terra.

As a complement to the prodding effect of the Manifesto, I've been inspired to also offer you weekly updates on various critical issues and formative challenges we collectively face as souls learning to master the physical vehicle we have each been entrusted with, along with its persona formed through the cumulated experiences our human personage went through so far.

Although there will inevitably be some potentially disturbing information to examine, the core purpose is not to linger on the difficult situations befalling our planet and some or all of us, but to use this information as a gateway to a keener understanding of what could be done better and, generally speaking, to help us make sense of what happened, why it did so, and where it is headed, unless corrective actions are taken to shift things towards a better direction.

Making sense of things is a powerful way to feel we have some form of control over our lives, and that we are not careening towards some terminally dismal situation without any way to affect the potential outcome; in short, to *not* feel powerless and despondent.

The natural ingrained habit our human personage has probably developed is to pass judgment and lay the blame on some individuals, seen as wholly or partly responsible for the "bad things" happening. Yet we should know better than anyone that if we had been influenced by the same cultural conditioning these "bad actors" went through, who is to say with certainty that we would have done better and made wiser choices along the way.

This is not to say that we each are the irresponsible victim of our earthly circumstances, far from it, but it simply means viewing others' life journeys with the same kindness we would like to receive in response to our own actions can help us be more forgiving and loving towards the souls who have chosen a very challenging life pathway to test the mettle of their developing mastery of life in the physical world.

So let's get down to it as far as contemplating, with serene detachment if possible, the ailments of our current, fast evolving earthly "reality". Not because we like to hold such information in our mind, but because it may stir up thoughts of possible corrective actions we can either contribute to implement in our tiny corner of the world, thus fostering positive solutions. And it may also help introduce in the noosphere (the sphere of human consciousness and thoughts enveloping the Earth) the spur of wider changes of hearts and minds, that can definitely both balance out the negative trends and prod more souls into positive actions in their *own* corner of the world.

We are all One isn't a mere cute slogan. It is a factual reality, deep down under the ephemeral surface of things, and learning to activate this powerful leverage for change is in part what we came here to learn, and what the Manifesto is meant to facilitate, as part of a wider plan for the cocreation of a fabulous timeline for us all.

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The State of Our Planet

Our first focus of attention for this week is the global environmental state of the world.

Each week, I'll strive to offer you food for thought—and for cocreative "subtle influencing"—on a different theme. Some of them have already been broached in our three-way discussions encapsulated in the [notes](#) for our meetings mentioned in my previous introductory letter. Other topics may boldly bring us where few dared to go.

If you wish to not be a mere, passive observer, but have in you the drive to somehow take an active role in the solutions, and learn something about yourSelf in the process, you may pause from time to time to ponder and make notes of thoughts and fleeting *aha moments* so they may have a place to land in your psychic make up to take roots and start growing.

As someone has suggested, this may also be a good opportunity to gather with other like-minded Earth sojourners and mutually stimulate each other to reach deeper or higher perspectives and, who knows, discover some common interests in being active Agents of Change for the betterment of our travels down here, now and later on, if and when we are back.

One final remark before diving into the material I've compiled from various sources.

Such a compilation cannot possibly be the sole, final word on any of the topics we will explore. There is a smorgasborg of material available today on any and all topics. What I found interesting to share with you is simply the selected result of what I've been led to look at in my own ongoing process of accruing news and views on what is happening.

You may have your own better sources to explore the issues to be covered in these weekly compendiums. So consider this merely as a starting point to kindle or rekindle your interest and own "making sense" process as to the issues brought to your attention.

So here we go. Enjoy the ride and let your higher soul Self be the comprehending feeler guiding you ahead.

Jean

This is archived at...

https://www.earthrainbownetwork.com/pdf/Realizing_Our_Bright_Future_Ahead.pdf

La version française est disponible à

https://www.earthrainbownetwork.com/pdf/Realiser_avenir_radieux.pdf

The Overall Picture

Key Points on the State of the Global Environment:

The state of the global environment is marked by a “triple planetary crisis”: climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution. According to the [GEO-7](#) report published in January 2026 by the [United Nations Environment Programme \(UNEP\)](#), continuing on current trajectories entails a considerable economic and social cost, requiring immediate systemic transformations.

Key indicators of the current state:

- **Climate:** The years 2015 through 2025 are the 11 warmest years on record. Warming has reached approximately 1.43°C above the pre-industrial average (1850–1900), leading to more frequent heat waves and increased mortality.
- **Biodiversity:** Up to one million species are threatened with extinction. Approximately 75% of the Earth's land surface and 66% of the oceans have been profoundly altered by human activities.
- **Ecosystems:** 85% of wetlands have disappeared. Essential carbon sinks, such as parts of the Amazon rainforest, are now turning into carbon sources due to deforestation.
- **Pollution:** Plastic waste in the ocean and the deterioration of air and water quality remain major threats to human health and ecosystems.

Inequality and Vulnerability

The countries most vulnerable to climate risks are often the poorest, including Bangladesh, Guinea-Bissau, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Conversely, countries such as Iceland, Denmark, and Norway rank among the top performers in environmental protection.

To find out more...

See what three degrees of global warming looks like

<https://youtu.be/uynhvHZUOOo>

If global temperatures rise three degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels, the results would be catastrophic. It's an entirely plausible scenario, and this film shows you what it would look like.

[Global Environment Outlook 7](#)

An Ambitious Roadmap to a Green and Prosperous Future

The GEO-7 is the most comprehensive scientific assessment of the global environment to this day. It brings together the voices of 287 experts from 82

countries, with contributions from over 800 reviewers worldwide. Authors met in Bangkok, Vienna, and Nairobi to prepare the groundbreaking assessment that compares the current trajectory of the global environment – one trending towards catastrophic climate change, the collapse of nature, and growing deadly pollution – with an alternative vision of the future.

For the first time, Indigenous Peoples and traditional knowledge holders from around the world have helped shape the report through a series of dialogues in Mexico, Thailand, and online. Their knowledge and experience, rooted in a deep connection with nature, complement scientific data and offer valuable insights into resilience, stewardship, and living in harmony with the environment.

Actionable Solutions

GEO-7's findings highlight the risks of inaction — but also the enormous potential of sustainable policies, technologies, and community-driven change. Investing in a stable climate and healthy nature could prevent tens of millions of deaths each year and help hundreds of millions of people escape hunger and poverty.

Achieving internationally agreed environmental goals, along with the social and economic benefits they would offer, is still possible, but the window of opportunity is closing fast. Governments and societies must implement transformative solutions across financial, waste, energy, and food systems, and prioritize sustainability and resilience in their approach to managing the environment.

The good news is that the economic benefits of this critical transformation will outweigh the costs, with annual benefits projected to begin around 2050 and rise to approximately US\$20 trillion by 2070.

Continued at <https://www.unep.org/geo/global-environment-outlook-7>

[Harmful investments outpace nature protection by 30 to 1 – new UNEP report](#)

22 January 2026 – For every US\$1 the world invests in protecting nature, it spends US\$30 on destroying it. This stark imbalance is the central finding of a new UN Environment Programme (UNEP) report released today. It calls for a major shift in global financing of Nature-based Solutions (NbS) and phasing out harmful investments to deliver high returns, reduce risk exposure, and enhance resilience.

The [State of Finance for Nature 2026](#), which uses data for 2023, – finds:

- US\$ 7.3 trillion in total nature-negative finance flows with US\$ 4.9 trillion from private sources highly concentrated in a few sectors: utilities, industrials, energy, and basic materials and public environmentally harmful subsidies to fossil fuels, agriculture, water, transport and construction of US\$ 2.4 trillion in 2023
- US\$ 220 billion in NbS finance flows, with close to 90% coming from public sources reflecting a steady rise in domestic and international support for NbS.

Continued at <https://www.unep.org/news-and-stories/press-release/harmful-investments-outpace-nature-protection-30-1-new-unep-report>

[Human connection to nature has declined 60% in 200 years, study finds](#)

Summary : People’s connection to nature has declined by more than 60% since 1800, almost exactly mirroring the disappearance of nature words such as river, moss and blossom from books, according to a study. The [study](#) by Miles Richardson, a professor of nature connectedness at the University of Derby, accurately tracks the loss of nature from people’s lives over 220 years by using data on urbanisation, the loss of wildlife in neighbourhoods and, crucially, parents no longer passing on engagement with nature to their children.

In the research published in the journal *Earth*, Richardson also identified the disappearance of natural words from books between 1800 and 2020, which

peaked at a 60.6% decline in 1990. The modelling predicts an ongoing “extinction of experience” with future generations continuing to lose an awareness of nature because it is not present.

Increasing the availability of biodiverse green spaces in a city by 30% may look like radical positive progress for wildlife and people but Richardson said his study suggested a city may need to be 10 times greener to reverse declines in nature connection. Measures to increase popular engagement with the natural world were not effective at reversing long-term declines in nature connectedness. More effective, according to the study, are measures instilling awareness and engagement with nature in young children and families, such as forest school nurseries.

More than 75 percent decline over 27 years in total flying insect biomass in protected areas

<https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0185809>

Insects Are Vanishing From the Earth — Why Some Doctors Are Terrified

<https://childrenshealthdefense.org/defender/insects-vanishing-earth-why-some-doctors-terrified/>

Insects are vanishing across the globe, and their disappearance is a clear signal of environmental harm. Yet medicine and public health officials continue to treat the environment as separate from human health. When the smallest, most sensitive forms of life can no longer survive, people should pay attention.

How the U.S. Military Is Destroying the Planet w/ Abby Martin

<https://earthsgreatestenemy.com/>

The Director of this film is SOOO brutally and magnificently outspoken! She is amazing!

Earth's Greatest Enemy Shows Us We Have No Choice

<https://codepink.substack.com/p/earths-greatest-enemy-shows-us-we>

... Earth’s Greatest Enemy captures the unfathomable breadth of ecological and human suffering caused by militarism. It covers the cost of war to the oceans, animal and plant life, fresh water, and more. If someone lives in the belly of this military beast, Earth’s Greatest Enemy should be a required watch.

Abby Martin's New Film: Earth's Greatest Enemy

<https://peaceandplanetnews.org/abby-martins-new-film-earths-greatest-enemy/>

Our Civilization's Disease Has a Name: Windigo (March 20, 2026)

<https://jeremylent.substack.com/p/our-civilizations-disease-has-a-name>

(...) What makes this system so difficult to confront is that much of its violence is concealed. In earlier eras, domination was often direct and visible. Today it's frequently structural, embedded in the normalized architecture of everyday life. The smartphone in your pocket carries within it the suffering of child miners and exhausted factory workers continents away. The tax havens of the ultra-rich quietly drain public wealth from schools, hospitals, and essential infrastructure. Land grabs displace traditional communities while luxury developments flourish in their place. Democracy itself is captured by networks of concentrated power that operate behind the reassuring language of governance and reform.

This is why the diagnosis matters. If we misidentify the crisis, we will continue treating symptoms while the underlying pathology spreads. The Windigo diagnosis reveals that the threat we face is not only ecological or political. It is civilizational. It is rooted in a system whose deepest logic is to convert the living world into fuel for its own endless expansion.

From Brain Damage to Infertility: How Nanoplastic Is Stealing Your Future

<https://earthsavesciencecollaborative.com/videos/how-nanoplastic-is-stealing-your-future>

AND ON THE BRIGHT SIDE...

A Whale Saved My Life (BBC)

<https://youtu.be/OXNCCdcBhcY>

Listen to this scientist, Nan Hauser, as she recounts her first encounter in 2017 off the Cook Islands in the South Pacific with a humpback whale who, in a gesture of altruistic compassion, protected her from a huge tiger shark that was approaching in attack mode, as well as her second encounter the following year with the same

whale, with whom she then experienced a sublime moment of communion, love, and gratitude. You have to listen to her to see it, believe it, and feel it.

There are close to 20,000 comments under this video. Here are three of them...

"We keep looking up in search of "intelligent life" when actually we share a planet with so much intelligence right here on Earth."

"Whales are incredibly emotional beings. They mourn the loss of their loved ones, they cry, they sing hauntingly beautiful songs, and they pass down knowledge and culture through generations. They live in tight-knit communities, form lifelong bonds, and show deep empathy. Killing whales isn't just 'hunting' it's murder. It's the destruction of sentient, intelligent lives who feel pain, grief, and love just like we do. We must treat them with the respect they deserve."

"This is astounding. The whale tried to first hide the human under it's fin. Then thought it wasn't working out, so decided to push the human out of the water using it's head. Extraordinary. It's not just intelligence, but also empathy & heart. God bless these beautiful creatures. I also wonder if the whale would have done the same for a seal or a sea lion?"

Douglas McMaster Director, Silo

<https://time.com/collections/time-100-climate-2025/7326622/douglas-mcmaster/>

Chef Douglas McMaster is the creative mastermind behind Silo, the world's first zero-waste restaurant. The London-based institution, which recently celebrated its 10th anniversary, prides itself on not having a garbage bin: Goods are delivered in reusable or returnable containers, while food scraps are composted or fermented. Food waste is a key contributor to climate change because it gives off greenhouse gases like methane as it decomposes in landfills. The amount of food waste Silo has transformed over the last decade could fill more than 3,500 double-decker buses. In late 2024 McMaster and his team launched the "Fermentation Factory," which supplies other chefs in the industry with the ingredients and know-how to turn food waste into new products.

What is the single most important action you think the public, or a specific company or government, needs to take in the next year to advance the climate agenda?

Regenerative, natural farming is where it begins. Healthy, fertile soil is the foundation—without it, neither our food nor our own health can truly thrive.

What's one sustainability effort you personally will try to adopt in the next year?

Trying to achieve zero waste while having a newborn baby boy!

What is a climate solution that isn't getting the attention or funding it deserves?

Rewilding, agroforestry, and syntropic farming are some of the best ways we know to soak up carbon while also growing nourishing food and bringing back biodiversity. Planting trees is beautiful, but planting whole ecosystems is how we truly find our way back to nature.

What gives you hope about the future of the planet?

I believe that we are going to experience a huge environmental and economic collapse, which might seem negative, but it's going to be the lesson we need to ameliorate our relationship with the natural world.

If you could stand up and talk to world leaders at the next COP, what would you say?

Before any action, it's wise to have the right worldview. Ask simply: What does nature want? When we see that we are not separate from nature, but part of it, we begin to design it back into our lives.

Nature is a zero-waste system, a guiding principle. It doesn't recognize or welcome glyphosate, so let that guide it out of our farming. Nature created the most diverse ecosystem inside our gut—nurture it with fermentation. Listen to birdsong and let it calm your nervous system. Gaze into the fractal geometry of a weeping willow. Breathe in the microbiome of an ancient forest. Refuse the single-use coffee cup. Buy nothing new for a year. See technology as a tool, not a religion. The more we dissociate from nature, the more we suffer. So let's design it back into our lives.

See also...

Syntropic farming systems for reconciling productivity, ecosystem functions, and restoration

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2542519625000476>

How Syntropic Farming is Revolutionising Sustainable Agriculture and Combatting Climate Change (2 octobre 2024)

<https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/how-syntropic-farming-revolutionising-sustainable-climate-franco-dkqdc/>

(...) What is Syntropic Farming?

At its core, syntropic farming is a form of agroforestry that closely mimics natural processes found in forests. Developed by Swiss farmer Ernst Götsch, syntropic farming integrates various plants in multi-layered systems. This approach uses trees, shrubs, vegetables, and other crops to create self-sustaining ecosystems that are resilient, productive, and environmentally regenerative.

Unlike conventional farming, which often relies on monoculture and chemical inputs, syntropic farming encourages biodiversity, soil regeneration, and natural pest control. The result? Healthier soils, higher yields, and more resilient ecosystems to climate extremes.

There is an alternative - Announcing Jeremy Lent's exceptionally timely new book **Ecocivilization: Making a World that Works for All**

<https://mailchi.mp/187a532aced3/ecocivilization-making-a-world-that-works-for-all>

Also at <https://jeremylent.substack.com/p/there-is-an-alternative>

To order it:

<https://www.amazon.ca/Ecocivilization-Making-World-that-Works-ebook/dp/B0FLCWK4QZ/>

And to conclude, some refreshing perspectives...

Jaw-Dropping First Images from the 3.2 Trillion Pixel Camera

https://youtu.be/RNzZmQ_Djvk

New pictures from the Rubin Observatory

How big is the Milky Way

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/Cq1EegpEo0w>

The true scale of our sun compared to the size of our galaxy and vice versa

<https://youtube.com/shorts/1Tlaayy7QrU>

And remember that approximately 1.3 million Earths can fit inside the Sun.