

If We Won't Save Ourselves Nothing Can

Why is it we never ask ourselves why humanity is even worth saving.

For millennium we have fought wars, maimed and killed for land, possessions, and power over others. We still murder to this day, this hour, this second. Every one of us Canadians is responsible for the death of a mother, child or innocent father through our very lifestyle.

Our society engages in gluttony more than any society in human history, the Romans included. More than any other time in the history of the human race do so few create so much pollution through such conspicuous, gratuitous, wasteful consumption.

And most of all we still visit all of these sins upon our very own children.

Mother nature is in the process of preparing to liquidate huge numbers of us through disease, starvation, drowning and general destruction. She is doing so not out of spite but as a result of our overburden to her own sacred body- to her atmosphere, her oceans, lakes and rivers; her forests, bogs and swamps. Her valleys, plains and mountains majestic. In the end we did not heed our own ancient advise that we do not inherit the living earth from our parents, we hold it in trust for our grandchildren. We did not keep this hallowed covenant with her. She has taken us to court and we have been convicted of breach of contract.

When most of you, my dearest peers, lay down for your last breath, your last thought will doubtless be, "My god, mon dieu, holy Christ, Mother Gaia, Allah - whatever! What have I done to my children's children's world?" And that my friend will be your very last thought, a kind of symbolic emotional ticket to an eternity of hell.

Is there any hope... anything you can do today about this? Yes! Remember the old hiker's saying, "Take nothing but memories and photos, leave nothing but footprints!" Start living your life as much as possible, monkishly austere as of yesterday.

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