Editorial

Defeat the Green Pandemic

It was 1970, at the cusp of the paradigm-shift into our current post-industrial disaster, the Anglo-American political establishment launched the "green" movement. It began with the establishment of "Earth Day" on April 22, which brought the unwashed masses of the "left" into the streets with the hoity-toity representatives of the "right," all in the interest of worshipping Mother Earth.

It is a testament to the success of their evil scheme that virtually every major institution of U.S. society—from government to school to church—today celebrates this pagan rite.

At the time, the LaRouche movement, which was in its earliest years, condemned this new social institution—which flowed from the founding of the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and the Club of Rome in the decade before—as comprising a "Blueprint for Extinction." The explicit demands of this green movement left little to the imagination, as it called for zero population growth and massive cuts in consumption. Today, such calls are less public—but the content is just the same.

You doubt it? You have either been duped, or corrupted. The fundamental assumption of the green movement is that man is an animal, who has to respect the rights of all other animals, whom he is not that different from. Like any other animal, man is supposed to compete for the necessary resources to sustain himself, and not "mess with Mother Nature."

Of course, if mankind had followed these prescriptions, we would not be here today, and certainly not in the numbers we are. By his very nature, as a creature endowed with reason, man took responsibility not only for himself, but for nature as well, and exercised his creativity in discovering the principles by which nature functioned. This led to man not only improving himself and his living conditions, but also developing the environment around him. As a species, we increased our power, by using our minds, and, when we were functioning well, improved nature as well.

There have been long periods of history where mankind did not act according to his creative nature, obviously. As Lyndon LaRouche has emphasized, we, as a species, were often infected, and oppressed, as today, by an oligarchical principle, by which powerful sections of society deliberately treat most of the population like beasts, and prevent the development of science and the arts. Indeed, it is those very forces who came up, centuries ago, with the idea of the "green" movement, in the hopes of preventing the bulk of the population from aspiring to a fully human condition.

The incisive observation of that noble statesman Frederick Douglass comes to mind: that the most effective thing you can do to a man, to keep him a slave, is to deprive him of access to his own mind. That's why the slaveholders in America absolutely forbade the teaching of slaves to read. They knew that man's awareness of his own mind, would forever make him unfit for bondage.

The same with the green movement. Its fundamental message is that mankind cannot use and develop his *mind* to solve the problems of living in this universe. Smell the fresh breeze, see the beautiful mountains, feel the lush grass—but, for heaven's sake, don't *think*! That, for them, would spoil it all.

It's worse than this, of course. For a victory for green ideology actually condemns billions of people to miserable deaths, by denying them the fruits of technological progress. We have no choice but to defeat the green pandemic *now*, in order to prevent extinction.

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