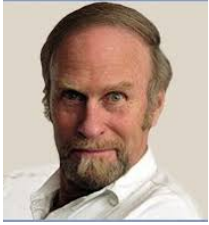


The Farcical Reality of Earth Day April 22, 2023



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Created by Wisconsin U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson in 1970, Earth Day activists sponsor an annual event on April 22 to demonstrate support for environmental protection. First held on April 22, 1970, it now includes a wide range of events coordinated globally by EARTHDAY.ORG, including 1.0 billion people in more than 193 countries. The official theme for 2023 is: **Invest in Our Planet.**

Unfortunately, in 2023 some 53 years after the original Earth Day celebration that I celebrated in my senior year of college, the planet staggers forward having jumped from 3.5 billion humans to 8.0 billion humans with an added 4.5 billion more people since 1970, hundreds of millions of cars, boats, planes and motors of all kinds—spewing carbon by the billions of tons into our biosphere 24/7.

Humans were burning 50 million barrels of oil 24/7 in 1970. Today, humans burn 100 million barrels of oil, daily. Have you ever wondered who thought that was a good idea?

“The next few decades will be the end of the kind of civilization we’re used to. Humanity is consuming 175 percent of what the earth can regenerate. Our current way of life is unsustainable.” Paul Ehrlich, population expert. Thousands of scientists agree with him.

Remember Dustin Hoffman in "The Graduate"? One of his buddies said, "Your future is in plastics!" Today, our current reality of 5.5 trillion pieces of plastic floating on the surface or sunk below the waves of all the oceans of the world—makes anyone sick to their stomach. Additionally, humans toss another 8,000,000 pieces of plastics into the oceans every single day of the year. Millions of avian and marine lives die because they swallow plastics or get caught in drift nets. Essentially, we're killing the oceans. Why haven't the leaders of Earth Day promoted a 50-cent or even \$1.00 international deposit-return law for all plastic containers as well as all metal and glass containers? Who thinks we can continue trashing the planet like this?

Special note: within America, only 30 percent of Americans recycle regularly. Seventy percent of Americans toss millions of their cans, bottles, plastics, cars, trucks, tractors, motor homes, cars, trailers, construction materials, and more, into the wilderness. Why haven't we created collection sites for all our heavy metal waste? Who are we fooling on Earth Day?

With all that carbon being dumped into the biosphere, it always falls into our oceans. It's changing the alkaline-acidity PH of our oceans. It's killing our reefs. It's killing the marine life on the reefs. I've scuba dived all over the world since 1963. We humans have brought devastation to our oceans with our 84,000 chemical poisons, our plastics, our carbon footprint, our human waste pumped by the quad-trillions into our oceans. The beaches off Rio de Janeiro are brown with human waste. Signs read: Poison water. I was there to see it.

"We've poured our poisons into the world as though it were a bottomless pit...and we go on gobbling them up. It's hard to imagine how the world could survive another century of this abuse, but nobody's really doing anything about it." Daniel Quinn

I witnessed the mouth of the Ganges and Yangtze Rivers that spew uncountable poisons into the Indian Ocean 24/7 to create 20,000-mile square dead zones where vertebrate marine life cannot live. The Mississippi River features a 10,000 square mile dead zone. Where are the Earth Day people on that one? Doesn't it make you wonder why we spent \$6 trillion on 20-year wars in Afghanistan and Iraq while we're committing environmental suicide in North America?

Whether you understand "catastrophic climate destabilization" or not, what do you think of the 22-year drought now gripping the Western United States? What about those 100,000-acre wildfires that destroy everything in sight? What about Lake Powell that feeds water to Arizona, Nevada and California—down by 150 feet? The Colorado River cannot feed it enough water...but Arizona stands to gain 3,000,000 people in 25 years, Nevada will gain at least 2,000,000 people, and California is projected to add 20 million people. What aren't those dim-witted light bulbs in Washington DC not understanding about what we're all facing?

In 1970, animal scientists told us that we were losing 40 to 50 species of animals and plants to extinction, daily. Today, we lose 80 to 100 species of animals every 24 hours. Why? They are being poisoned by our chemicals, run out of their habitat and destroyed by our technology. Not to mention that we added 4.5 billion of our own numbers in the last 53 years! How do we expect to continue on this murderous path?

What do you think is causing this planetary mayhem?

In 1970, America housed 195,000,000 (million) people. That was a decent number of people. Earth Day advocates said we needed to stabilize our population. From 1970, American women averaged 2.03 children per mother. But because of the 1965 Immigration Reform Act that started dumping all those overloaded countries into our country--we house 339,000,000 (million) people in the USA. Our cities suffer horrible

consequences brought about by importing third world people who are now creating third world conditions in America. What do you think it's going to be like in 25 years with another 100,000,000 (million) people?

We've got massive gridlocked cities. We've got horrific air pollution. We've got acute water shortages staring us in the face. We've got environmental nightmares every summer as our countryside burns up in wildfires. Our quality-of-life spirals into the toilet in all our big cities.

Whose bright idea in Washington DC 's Congressional Swamp was it to flood America with the rest of the world's poor and uneducated? Especially when the rest of the world adds 83,000,000 more babies, net gain, annually? Anyone answer that question?

This column could continue in a 10-part series. Actually, I wrote a book about it and what's coming: **America's Overpopulation Predicament: Blindsiding Future Generations** by Frosty Wooldridge. In that book, I show you exactly what's coming for anyone living in 2040-2050 as water, energy and resources are exhausted.

In the end, Earth Day 2023 has failed the planet and all its animals and wildlife. We Americans, in fact, most humans live in cognitive dissonance...also known as total denial of reality.

"At this point, it's almost certainly too late to manage a transition to sustainability on a global or national scale, even if the political will to attempt it existed, which it clearly does not. Our civilization is in the early stages of the same curve of decline and fall as so many others have followed before it. What likely lies in wait for us is a long, uneven decline into a new Dark Age from which, centuries from now, the civilizations of the future will gradually emerge."

Simple question: why is everyone avoiding, suppressing and stopping any mention that mass immigration is destroying

America's ability to live sustainably? Why are we not thinking of our children? Why are we so collectively senseless as a people?

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