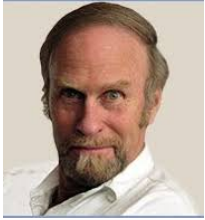


Things That Need Fixing in 2025



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Six days a week, this kid swims a half mile at my recreation center to keep in top shape. Afterwards, I sit in the hot tub to meditate and pray for my wife's health. In all my meditations and prayers, I pray for world peace in Ukraine, Iran, Lebanon, Israel, and Gaza. I pray for health in AIDES-torn Africa. I pray for food for the 3.1 million children who starve to death annually around the world.

“Poor nutrition and hunger is responsible for the death of **3.1 million** children a year. That's nearly half of all deaths in children under the age of 5. The children die because their bodies lack basic nutrients. A child dies every 10 seconds from starvation. Globally, 822 million people suffer from undernourishment.” (Source: www.theworldcounts.com)

As to adults, over 9.2 million starve to death annually worldwide.

“Around 9 million people die every year of hunger and hunger-related diseases. This is more than from AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis combined.” (Source: www.theworldcounts.com)

With those horrific numbers of people starving to death, we see madmen in Iran and Russia waging wars on innocent people of every walk of life. We watch Islamic Hamas terrorists along with Muslim Iranian terrorists committing every kind of inhumane atrocities known to humanity.

Sep 17, 2024 – “A confidential Ukrainian estimate from earlier this year put the number of dead Ukrainian troops at 80,000 and the wounded at 400,000,” according to a Wall Street Journal report. At least that many have died on the Russian side of the equation.

Over 35,000 have been killed in the Israel-Hamas war in Gaza.

You can't help but wonder exactly what drives human beings and/or their leaders to commit to so much killing of other human beings. It's been reported that humans spend \$1,000,000.00 a minute 24/7 to maintain armies for either offense or defense.

Can you imagine if all those costs of killing one another were changed to feeding, clothing, and housing all those humans that die of starvation annually? Wouldn't common sense drive humanity to care for its 8.1 billion individuals on this planet? Feed them?

What about the 170 trillion pieces of plastic now floating or sunken into the depths of earth's oceans? (Source: www.npr.org) What about the 100 million sharks killed annually for their fins or the sport of it? What about the 84,000 chemicals dumped into the oceans annually by the tons? What about earth's reefs dying at an astounding rate of speed? Anyone eating fish from our oceans also consumes that broken down (oil) plastic within the fish tissue and chemicals drained into the oceans as our final toilet. Wouldn't common sense tell world leaders that we humans need to change course to preserve our wondrous planet that is our home?

Today in America, only seven states offer a deposit-return law for all their plastic, metal, and glass containers. Forty-three states couldn't care less! Why wouldn't a first world nation like the United States implement a 50-cent deposit-return law on all plastic, glass, and metal containers to ensure a 99 percent return to stop the trashing of the

planet? How hard can it be to honor our planet home by maintaining a level of decency and respect for our wilderness?

At this date, "social media" via cell phones has corrupted millions of our children into drugs, pornography and video death games that do nothing to bring our children up to be contributing and responsible adults. Those phones are "rewiring" our children's minds to be anti-social, unable to communicate in person, and creating perversions beyond our understanding. Why are parents allowing their children, and buying their children those cell phones that take up their time of four to eight hours daily? Several states have passed laws to stop kids from using social media until they reach 16 years of age. That's a start!

After I swim, I hit the weight room. Virtually every teenager in the weight room carries a cell phone, and, they hog the machines while tapping away, with no regard that the rest of us would like to push those weights.

Then, you read about 250,000 drug overdose deaths caused by heroin, fentanyl, cocaine, et. al., in the past three years. Why would the president and vice president of the United States allow such a horrific number of deaths that were easily preventable by simply closing down the drug trade at our borders? Why not make the crime of drug trafficking punishable by life in prison for anyone caught? Aren't our children worth it? Wasn't Laken Riley and thousands of other young women who have been raped and/or killed worth it? Answer: apparently not.

Today, we house more than 30 million illegal aliens in our country. They have broken our laws, dramatically, and in horrific numbers. Yet, our own president and vice president, along with our U.S. Congress, engineered this invasion. The big question is: WHY? Wouldn't it make sense, in order to maintain a stable and sustainable civilization, that we stop this invasion, and repatriate all those people back to their

own countries? How about they fix or repair or fight for their own countries?

Why are our major cities harboring all those illegal aliens with our tax dollars? Is there any common sense to "Sanctuary Cities?" It's costing us billions in housing, food, medical and crime—but we have state governors-mayors-citizens protecting illegals. The best line I heard this week was my Denver Mayor Mike Johnston. "I am willing to go to jail to protect our undocumented immigrants." Incoming DHS/ICE director Tom Holman said, "If Johnston is willing to go to jail for breaking the law, I will put him in jail."

What about the fact that our war-making machine, The Pentagon, with an \$833 billion annual budget has failed the last seven audits, and that billions, if not trillions of dollars have been squandered-siphoned-ripped-off by the Military Industrial Complex corporate heads?

Few Americans realize that an average of 20,000 Americans are murdered in America annually. They get shot, stabbed or cut to pieces. Why is that going on in a free country?

Yes, it's all those little questions that need answering.

What about biological men, pretending to be women, pushing, smashing and shoving their way into women's athletics? Who thought THAT mental-emotional insanity deserved a seat at the American athletic table? Haven't women been shoved to the back seat or the back of the bus throughout most of recorded history? Why would we allow such stupidities in 21st century America? Transgender male athletes in women's sports will prove the most inane, insane, stupid, moronic, and idiotic era of American sports.

And now, this artificial intelligence. It could be used for "good", but can you imagine what it's going to be like when it's in the hands of "bad" people? We're in for a nasty ride with AI.

It's been said that humans prove themselves the most intelligent species on this planet. When you look at our long, bloody history, which continues today, it's safe to say we humans are not that intellectually balanced. We lack common sense. We lack actions that would benefit our planet, all living creatures and ourselves.

In 2025, perhaps we might choose a more enlightened path toward the future. All it takes is: common sense.

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