

# The Catastrophic Dawn of Civilization



How can it be that a fact of such  
deadly import, a fact hardened by more than  
a century of Enlightenment investigation  
---a fact, no less, which reveals the cause  
of the climate crises raging toward us. . . .  
Yet *no one* has come forth to warn the World:  
*The State has, historically, been waging  
a sociopathic war against Nature?*

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For Marshall Sahlins,  
in whose long, deep shadow  
this author feels he knows but little  
about orthodox anthropology/ethnology.

And in memory of Pierre Clastres,  
Theodor Adorno & Stanley Diamond,  
for fearlessly plumbing to  
the *animus*-infected roots of our civility.

And to Philip Wylie,  
who struggled so valiantly to know;  
who risked so very much to appease  
a merciless curiosity;  
and who taught me to forge ahead  
into the darkness without fear.



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— Two definitions. . .

To be civilized is to be sentenced for life to behave *unNaturally*. —your current Specular Querist

Or, as a child in James M. Barrie's work\* so profoundly puts it:

"I think I know now how it is to be grown up. It's when you learn to live the life of someone who really isn't you."

. . . plus 2 truisms:

Belief in truth begins with doubting all that has hitherto been believed to be true. —Nietzsche

The highest wisdom would be to understand that every fact is already theory. —Goethe

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\* *Peter Pan*





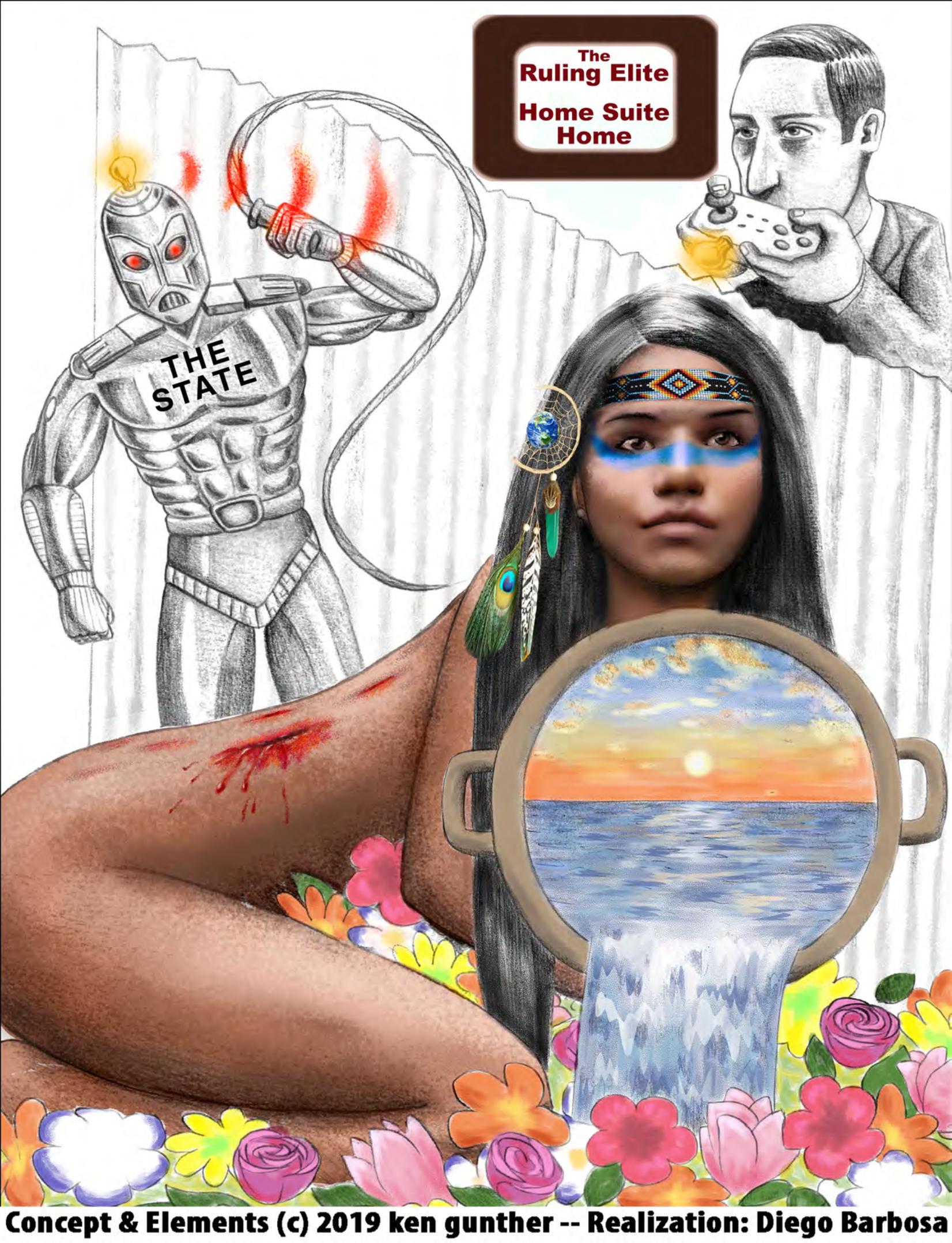
For most of the period of English writing one was free to capitalize the words Nature, Universe, Earth, Humanity and The People. After all, if we are obliged to capitalize the name of the nation in which we live, should we not also capitalize the name of the planet on which our nation is situated, and capitalize the Universe within which our Planet resides?

But the tsars of grammar, instead of noticing the prevailing *animus* for Nature built into all civil culture and language—an unconscious collective sensibility which trivializes the natural while glorifying the technical—have seen fit to render all we who revere Nature, Earth and the Universe to appear ignorant of “the latest rules” in English. By the *same* rule the same grammarians insist we capitalize the names of pol pot, mao zedong, lenin, stalin, hitler, and a hundred other monsters definable as human, something this scribbler will *not* do. Why would anyone, no matter his pedigrees in linguistics?

Lastly, to the tsars of *all* the civil languages: If linguistic decorum insists i scribble tone-deafly (few stresses, no exclamatories) throughout the text of a book focused on *the end of the World as we've known it*, will it not be way too late for me to howl my warnings when apocalypse scoops me up for my last ride?



The  
Ruling Elite  
Home Suite  
Home



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— Out of the Blue. . . —

<Hey, ken here....>

"Look. I've got t' go straight for the jugular. Is this ken?"

Yes, it is, a...a... And i b'lieve i know this voice...?

"Yes. 'Tis I. Look, you couldn'tuv sent me this book at a worse time."

A film actor, whose warm, trustable, documentarian voice is known by everyone over forty, is speaking!

"I'm calling, my friend, because I have no time to write. I mean, the kind of refusal letter your quality of work deserves. Fact is, don't even have time t' read my *own* book due out in a few days let alone yours."

With the array of choices, i don't *fully* understand why, or even *if*, i sent a book to this fine human being. Perhaps my intuitive sometimes assistant.... But maybe that's it: She knew his on-screen humanity and caring were so actual it made me feel i'd known him since childhood.

"Didn't read that much. Snatches 'n' snippets. I'll tell ya this from go. Your message is too big. *Too* big. Too shocking. No one will believe it. How many doctorates do you have...? Ouch! Well, you'll need at least two more after the one yer missing....

"Look, I've gotta run. Actually should not have called. If i told ya you wouldn't b'lieve my plate. Make you feel lucky. Look. Yer obviously on ta somethin'... *Huge! Too huge* for mere words in fact! A scalpel-sharp indictment! Still, jus' called t' say: Hang-hard, my friend. 'Cause there's a train-wreck o' hate comin' your way! I think I know this world 'n' the world I know is gonna spit blood screamin' your book is pure faery-dust...." My caller is short of breath. There is a jangling, like keys.

<Look. I wanna *seriously* thank you for taking the time to call me....>

Cuts me off. "No choice! *No* choice. 'Cause yer obviously dead-on, my friend. *Merciless* honesty! An' the sh\*t you've stepped into here is so obviously fuc#ing disgraceful! *And* unbelievable! On *so many* levels! A whole system o' lyin' 'n' cheatin' as old as Plato—who knew? An' you jus' wade right in there like Quixote on steroids!"

A really close-by noise like a dog's woof in its sleep, while i am *reliving* in real time this voice's stirring narrations over some thirty years.

"Who'd a thought. Well, *not* the state. Ya expect thieves 'n' liars from the state. But education...? *Holy sh\*t!* It's gonna take a bundle o' money, my friend, t' buy-off all the ivied-tower embarrassment this book is gonna stir up! Butcha know, *actually*...! Hate ta say this but what they're gonna do is *bury* you...you *and* yer book! Scare yer publisher. Force your *alma mater* ta shred yer ticket, huh? Ugh, that's right...."

I try to explain 60 years of never NOT studying... <Never studied *in* school though. Hated the assignments. *Twelve* declensions in Latin! *You kidding?* Ugh. By puberty i knew half of it was smoke 'n' mirrors 'n' the other half a bunch a star-spangled bulldooky.> Then surprised myself by sharing this with my sudden outta-nowhere buddy: <Once even audited classes at NYU jus' ta hang with girls who loved research.>

"Now *that's* familiar." Pops-off a nifty replay of a Mark-Twain "U" cheer:

<I never let schooling get in the way of my education.>

"Maybe, but bad odds, my friend. I'm worried. One book a best-seller, maybe...? No? But yer right. You c'n *buy that* now. Maybe a rich uncle with a university? Dunno what ta say? Mister Freshoutta Clout here. But maybe...second thought: Prayer...? Ugh, I know. But I mean like a weeks-long starvation meditation! Huh...? No. If you saw my plate you'd understand. Seriously... But then, you'd wanna help, I c'n tell—which would turn *the whole reason for this call* into garbage."

"Anyhoot, here's how it's gotta be. Sorry. No choice. Just, a...one, two, three...jus' three days ago I coulda given you a number t' call. Huge name in social science. You'd be set t' go. But now...? He'd hang up on you. My fault. Totally.... Look, gotta click off. This time fershur. An' that meditation I authorized? [Unhuh?] *You* write it, my friend. I'm givin' you permission t' write it *for* me! Now get ta work...."

No click. Just silence—like my "sudden friend outta the Blue" is *still* listening, *still* shocked to find he is helpless to help—plus a sense of city-nightness which refuses to end, a nightness wide enough to misplace even the most *global* dream ever was....

## — A SACRIFICED TEACHING-MOMENT IN WORLD HISTORY —

Ask yourself, why does no school, *ever*, choose to publicly protest: “*Us* divest? Really? Why are you kids attacking your own school’s finances? Why don’t you go ask the government why its subsidizing the fossil fuel industry to the tune of billions of dollars? *That’s* where justice needs to be applied! Not here!”

Even the most wealthy universities on Earth simply comply! Why? Why do they choose to endure 1) the internal intrigue, 2) the public embarrassment, and, finally, 3) the financial losses which fossil fuel divestment causes? Why is there *never* a squeak or a whimper of *government* malfeasance much less a Planetary-pollution indictment?

Do we really believe, no school *ever* thought to send its divestment protestors to harass the government for subsidizing the largest industry destroying our health and safety? And further, how dare this “out-of-nowhere” writer hint “collusion” between Academia and the State?

But enough. Let’s round off with this: Why has World Academe chosen to sacrifice what amounts to the most stunning teaching moment in World history? That is, why continue to fail to publicly name the true culprits of the Climate Catastrophe roaring at us?

And is that *even the beginning?* What if this tactical *exclusion of We the People* has been going on for hundreds, even thousands, of years? First with church and State, then with Academy and State? But for now let’s just say: *Most* of the evidence is in, and the fundamental danger of it all is defined in the following pages. Simply summed: *The greatest enemy of Nature (and all things natural) is, and has long been, the nation/state!* Yet why has Academy, globally, my fellow Greens, chosen to bypass this *historical* truth?

— A Paradox in Motion —

Consider this: It appears statistically impossible that *every* nation/state on Earth can look at Climate Catastrophe with the same appalling doing-nothing ignorance, an ignorance no less which they've demonstrated *since the first UN climate alarms were announced back in Stockholm, 1972!* Yet, impossible or not, this is where things stand.

And that's only half of it.

It also seems statistically impossible that: At the many of UN World Climate Alerts which have come and gone since 1972, not once has Global Academe bothered to show up and warn the World (*and the States*) *just how dangerous State denial of Climate Catastrophe is for life on Earth!* A half-century of silence by Academia globally? Statistically impossible?

Apparently not. For this, *exactly*, is our dilemma today! And not just broken promises from the States, but decades of self-righteous antagonism from the more powerful States, as if Climate Rescue is some sort of criminal enterprise! An antagonism so intense in some nation/states that their progressive citizens fear being punished as Climate-Rescue terrorists! All of which means what?

*If* State and Academe denial of global climate hazard is a fact (and it *is*), then we have on our hands a brand of *pathological inaction* which spans both the governments of the World and their teaching institutions. This inaction, which has *already begun killing us*, is no longer due to an ignorant populace. No. World-scale weather events have finally awakened public consciousness.

Not one bit accidentally, the mutual paralysis of Academe and the State we are suffering, fulfills the societal predictions of anthropologist Pierre Clastres and a small but unique group of sociologists. But that's just the latest strand of a long-suppressed and fascinating backstory.

What needs to focus us immediately is *a coherent solution to our common hazard!* Because Climate Catastrophe is no longer coming but is *underway*, and because the clock for most life on Earth is now ticking in *negative* accumulation!

## PROLEPTIQUE

— WHAT HAS THE DAWN OF CIVILIZATION TO DO WITH  
THE STATE'S APATHY TOWARD CLIMATE CATASTROPHE? —

(Prolepsis, a rhetorical device by which objections are  
anticipated and answered in advance.)

Right out the gate, as they say, the reader will want to know: "What has the dawn of civilization got to do with the nation/state's paralysis toward helping we Climate Rescuers with our formidable challenges?"

Fair question. Actually, it has *everything* to do with it! Just as the deeper wounds implanted in us in childhood have *everything* to do with the rest of our lives. So, if culture truly adapts to environment, "a catastrophic dawn for civilization" will have *everything* to do with the future of civilization. Yet, this answer, waxing metaphorical, might benefit from a more direct approach.

Anthropologist Pierre Clastres, student of the famed anthropological structuralist Claude Levi-Strauss, lived for years with Nature-aligned peoples in South America. Imagine an anthropologist raised in a reserved, urbane and me-first [civil] environment stunned to suddenly find himself living among the kindest, most contented, warm, generous and independently skilled people he'd ever known; imagine the culture shock of this experience repeated for him so many times in the forests of South America, it caused him to conclude,

The emergence of the State brought about the great typological division between [Indigenous] and Civilized man; it created the *unbridgeable gulf* by which *everything* was changed. [Emphases added.]

(Clastres is unique among career academics in daring to cite *the State* in a negative sense.<sup>1</sup>) By study's end, seriously put-off by ethnology's avoidance of the *origins of civilization*, Clastres poses this great quandary of anthropology many times and in several ways.

All civilized peoples were *first* primitives.... Why did some peoples cease to be primitives? What *tremendous event*, what *revolution* allowed the State [coercive hierarchy] to emerge [among peoples where coercion and hierarchy were universally disallowed]? Such is the mystery (*perhaps a temporary one*) of the origin [of coercive hierarchy in society]. [All emphases added.]

Clastres stresses this “unbridgeable social gulf” in every way.

≈Why do all Indigenous peoples choose great suffering and even death rather than become civilized...?≈

He speaks of

“...the absolute *mastery [over] nature* (that obtains only for our [civil] world and its *insane* Cartesian project, *whose ecological consequences are only just beginning to be measured*)....” (1987!) [Emphases added.]

Time spent with Nature-aligned peoples called the Guayaki, in the forests of Paraguay, taught Clastres, the gentleness and respect which flowed between these people, if not provably innate in humans, was clearly seated in a total rejection of the coercion/hierarchy of the civilized State. So deeply did he find the gentleness, respect and personal freedom imprinted in Nature-loving peoples, he wrote:

Only one structural, *cataclysmic upheaval* is capable of transforming [Indigenous] society... [That upheaval is] hierarchal authority...[which must have been] imposed on them by *external violence*.... [Emphasis added.]

But unable, for his entire career, to locate such a *catastrophe*, such a *revolutionary upheaval* in history; unable to locate any act of man or Nature equal to the violence demanded by *his own theory*; unable for decades to pin down some archaic *cataclysm* violent enough, and *long-lasting enough*, to force contented and well-adjusted societies to suddenly (historically speaking) submit to a damaged and distorted way of looking at Nature; seeing Nature-aligned peoples in the lethal and degrading manner in which the State sees them, Clastres, scientist through and through, stayed true to this thankless search right up till his untimely death!

Of course, back then science had no way of knowing about <sup>2</sup> and apparently saw no reason to look for <sup>3</sup> “...one of the most widespread and intense droughts of the last 50,000 years or more...!” This National Science Foundation article from back in 2011 continues: “The H1 Megadrought, as it’s known, was one of *the most severe climate trials ever faced by anatomically modern humans*.”<sup>4</sup> Dr Curt Stager, discoverer of the Great Drought of 15-14,000 BCE, added a most-crucial point: “There would have been nowhere [for the tribes of humans] to go...”

This one-of-a-kind *thousand-year drought* appears (to this writer) clearly to be Pierre Clastres' perfect-storm scenario for *the dawn of civilization*, which he plainly hoped would one day soon be discovered somewhere back in history! Thus he predicted...

Natural catastrophes (*droughts, floods, earthquakes, the disappearance of [a key food] species, etc.*) can provoke a local scarcity of resources. Still, this *would have to last a rather long time* to lead to...a *social pathology* [among the catastrophe-affected peoples] bordering on [an extreme of violence like] war.... [Emphases added.]

Thereby, though it is *not* key to the thesis of this book, it is clear to us that *Dr Curt Stager, and his team of geologists, has at last discovered that "tremendous event", that "revolution", that "cataclysmic upheaval", Pierre Clastres literally spent his life analyzing and searching for!*

And again, though not essential to our argument, we intend to show in addition why Clastres' "unbridgeable social gulf", which sprawls between the *animus* of the nation/state for Nature-loving peoples; and (approaching from its other end) the gulf which sprawls between Indigenous peoples' fear of the nation/state's Nature-hating pathology, a void so vast and so divergent it has proven—over thousands of years of extirpations and genocides Worldwide—to be as *socially* uncrossable as Clastres claimed!

It is *this* insoluble dichotomy which forced Clastres to *repeatedly* predict a disaster somewhere in our past as violent and long-lasting as is Dr Stager's Great Drought, dated toward the end of the late Pleistocene.

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<sup>1</sup> Even euphemisms like "the establishment" are used gently in academia, unlike Clastres' first dissertation, titled *Society Against the State(!)* [Underscore added.]

<sup>2</sup> Deep-core sampling is much advanced today.

<sup>3</sup> This lack of a rationale might not stand, depending on Dr Stager's *reasons* for undertaking his lake core-samplings all the way from Africa to Europe.

<sup>4</sup> One might wonder why Clastres didn't propose the *ice ages* as the cause of civilization? An obvious reason was the plentiful presence of water. Whereas the severe aridity of the Great Drought would cause a near-complete kill-off. *Clastres just could not resolve the State's murderous loathing for Indigenous peoples in anything less than some grisly violence done to some humans in the distant past.*



Pierre Clastres, Anthropologist

— World-Academy and the State Umbilicus —

The reader will early-on notice, this text's secondary go-to (after Pierre Clastres, anthropologist) will be the collaborative work of Theodor Adorno and Max Horkheimer, an early opus of theirs titled *The Dialectic of Enlightenment* (hereinafter *The Dialectic*, or *Dialectic*).

This treatise was easily their most controversial collaboration. Both men were broadly versed in Social Science, World History and World Philosophy. This writer would say, the keenness in their perceptions was due to their being foils for each other's method of mentation. At any style of thinking, it can be fairly decided: Because *The Dialectic* dared to question what is lauded, to this moment, as civilization's unrivaled progress; because they found in this "progress" far more in the way of blind pathology and danger for the *entire* World, critics, generally, tried to write-off *The Dialectic's* sense of reality as "too dark and negative".

That truth should be limited by how despondent it makes a person feel is hardly a scientific reaction. But how handy! Suddenly a "despondency rule" for disappearing the most realistic thinking ever to "darken" the lexicon of social philosophy. (Makes one wonder if Kierkegaard's *Sickness Unto Death* left them shattered on the fainting couch?)

While clearly just *opinion*, shockingly even the colleagues closest to the premises of Adorno and Horkheimer hid for a time under this "too despondent to be healthy" rule. This dodge of issues was led by sociologist Jürgen Habermas. And the "problems" *other* critics had with *The Dialectic* typically came down to: "How could there possibly be anything *fundamentally* wrong with glorious civilization?"

What in fact *was* the problem? The 300 or so pages of *The Dialectic of Enlightenment* distill to The most ruthlessly reflective judgment of civilization and the imperial State ever written! "Worse" yet, along the way, Adorno and Horkheimer dared expose even the failures of World Academy—the sum of which criticisms equaled reason enough for an unforgettable book to be promptly "forgotten"!

For instance,

But as the real emancipation of humanity did not coincide with the enlightenment of the mind, education itself became sick...commoditized.... Finally, under the conditions of late capitalism [early fascism],<sup>1</sup> *the half-educated condition has become the objective spirit* [of education].<sup>2</sup> [Stress and brackets added for clarity within the authors' argument.]

(This critique of academe is more thoroughly fleshed-out later in the book.)

In the years intervening between the 1940s-'50s (when *The Dialectic* was composed), and from then until, well, today, year piled on year, as the *primarium est principium* of this prophetic book sent forth its first dark blossoms, it soon enough finally proved, the disaster of its time (the horrors of Nazi Germany, Nanking, Dresden, the Russian march into Germany, the bombing of Tokyo, Hiroshima and Nagasaki, so forth) was, and remains, despondently factual to this moment!

The source of today's disaster is a pattern of blind domination...*the domination of nature* by [civilized] human beings, *the domination of nature* within human beings, and, in both of these...the domination of [all human beings by criterion of the State]. [Emphases and brackets added for clarity.]

The latter is Professor Lambert Zuidervaart's truly brilliant summary of *The Dialectic of Enlightenment* in the *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. He goes on to quote Adorno and Horkheimer...

...The wholly enlightened earth radiates under the sign of disaster triumphant...How can the progress of modern science and medicine and industry promise to liberate people from ignorance, disease, and brutal mind-numbing work, yet help create a world [a State] where people willingly swallow fascist ideology, *knowingly practice deliberate genocide*, and energetically develop lethal weapons of mass destruction? [Stress added.]

Such Goyaesque<sup>3</sup> truth-telling about civilization and the State are why *The Dialectic* was flogged and forgotten by our gadget-fixated and ultra-commoditized culture. On the other hand, philosophers to this day find Adorno (specially) unavoidable and insurmountable.<sup>4</sup>

We will let the following fairly seal *The Dialectic's* fate for the State-aligned humanities. For it says out-loud and in broad daylight...

...[The State's] inflexible *animus and distrust for nature*...  
 The desperate, destructive urge directed against *everything*  
*which embodies the lure of nature*. [Stresses added.]

That said, how could any department of humanities not examine what amounts to the calling card of civilization and the State, if for no other reason than fascinating study? How could both history and the humanities miss, for 70 years(!), *The Dialectic of Enlightenment's* noisy and unbashful prediction that *the State's desire to dominate Nature can only end in disaster*? For it had *already* given us Nazi Germany! And unless dismantled, would continue to wreak horror across the World! But past truths *being* passed: The State's unrestricted freedom to exert its Nature-*animus* at will threatens us once again! But *this* time, witness:

The Climate Catastrophe raging at us back in 1972 has arrived, undeterred thanks to *zero action* from the nation/states and...AND... with *zero warning from State-aligned academy!* And further, just as back in the 1940's and '50s, when *The Dialectic* first brought said *disaster* to light, today's (2020s) disaster is exponentially worse than it was 50 years ago! Keep in mind: *We're talking news of the State's pathological hatred for Nature going effectively unannounced for half-a-century across the World by its Academy-aligned press!*

And so, those of us clinging to our sanity must ask: "What's the best word for describing half a century of not caring to save one's own nation much less all the lives our nation/states are *sworn* to protect?" The sane and the brave would say, "pathological". But then...is something making we Climate Rescuers hesitate, even tremble, before the word "pathological"?

Based on over a century of Age of Enlightenment studies, *The Dialectic* has proven beyond all argument: If the State has *always had an uncontrollable animus toward Nature (and Nature-loving peoples)*, and yet year-on-year we Climate Rescuers continue to plead with *the same States* to help us mitigate the Climate Catastrophe raging at us, are we not, by this pattern of unjustified expectation, reflecting the State's pathology?—that is, for decades now expecting from the State a result different from the *end of the World denial* the State has been spitting in our faces for half-a-century?

And, even beyond the jittery precipice this text finds humanity to be in at this prescient hour, the fact that Academia, for these many decades, has chosen *not* to warn the World of the nation/state's historic and pathological Nature-animus, seems to this writer to be the most belief-paralyzing aspect of all! Why? Because, unlike the archaic pathology of the State, we sane have *no* choice but to decide: *World Academia has (for this almost half-century interim of unfathomable silence), for all we can tell, been in its RIGHT mind!*

Finally: We can go on denying the foundational principle of Adorno and Horkheimer's *Dialectic* (that the nation/states have *always* suffered from a Nature-hating pathology) till we gulp for our last breath. Yet still the facts are proof apodictic! Humanity (and all of life) is trapped exactly within the Nature-hating cataclysm which The Dialectic predicted back in the 1940s! So now we can only ask, "What knowledge, more than accurately predicting the end of the World as we've known it, could possibly be more crucial, more alarming or more demanding of immediate recognition?"

And, of course, though Adorno and Horkheimer couldn't know why in their time before the Great Drought was discovered, some of the finest minds in the World seemed collectively to be wondering: Could it be that what has gone wrong is a case of Civilization, using its nation/states to act out some archaic grudge against Nature, somehow could care less if it *itself* dies in its war against life on Earth?

Yet throughout this we must keep in mind: Criticizing the mental health of the State can quickly damage a career in academia. Therefore *all but* Pierre Clastres, Theodor Adorno, Max Horkheimer, Marshall Sahlins and Philip Wylie (to this scribbler's knowledge) have either been afraid to (or worse, never thought to) name the State as culprit! Even Marx does not name the State when, speaking of us "at last resolving"...

- ...the antagonism between man and nature...the riddle of history solved. [!]

Neither Freud...

- Civilization is constructed in order to dominate [read: wage war against] Nature [when he could have said:] Civilization, *acting as the State*, etc.]

- We struggle against nature in order to destroy it, thereby making the world a desert and severing what connects us to other human beings. —M.T. Jones
- ...The argument varies, but its intent is ever the same—to separate man from nature. —Stephen Jay Gould
- In its preoccupation with the conquest of nature... —Lewis Mumford
- ...The suicide of civilization is in progress [as it asserts itself] over the forces of nature. —Albert Schweitzer
- Violence is directly connected to an exploitative, destructive relationship of humankind to nature...Goethe...describe[s]...the domination of humankind over nature as the destruction of the foundations of human life... —Sigrid Lange
- The end of the human race will be that it will eventually die of civilization.  
—R.W. Emerson

(The thoughts of many other perceptive thinkers will follow in later chapters.)

And last of all there's the grim fact: A whole World of nation/states expects us not to notice that even beyond exterminating Nature-loving peoples for the last ≈10,000 years, the States, *to this moment*, dear reader—despite the U.N's "bill of rights for Indigenous peoples"—frozen in their grisly Die, Primitive! syndrome, are still, still, still abusing, and even decimating by fire, flooding (damming) and corporately-paid militias, Nature-aligned peoples across the World!

How, still trapped in that archaic Nature-hating shadow, can our futures seem darker or grimmer? Still we must, *at once*, begin a reëducation of State-aligned humanity; all the while hoping, wishing, praying and working, working, working as if there is time remaining to flip this tragic (and long predicted) apocalypse on its head and kill it once for always!

That said, this querist knows... There is a sachem among us who can assemble from these pages the "magic" to convince the Nature-hating nation/states that Climate Rescue is not an act of *helping* Nature but a necessary final battle *with* Nature! 'Cause THAT the State might find alluring!

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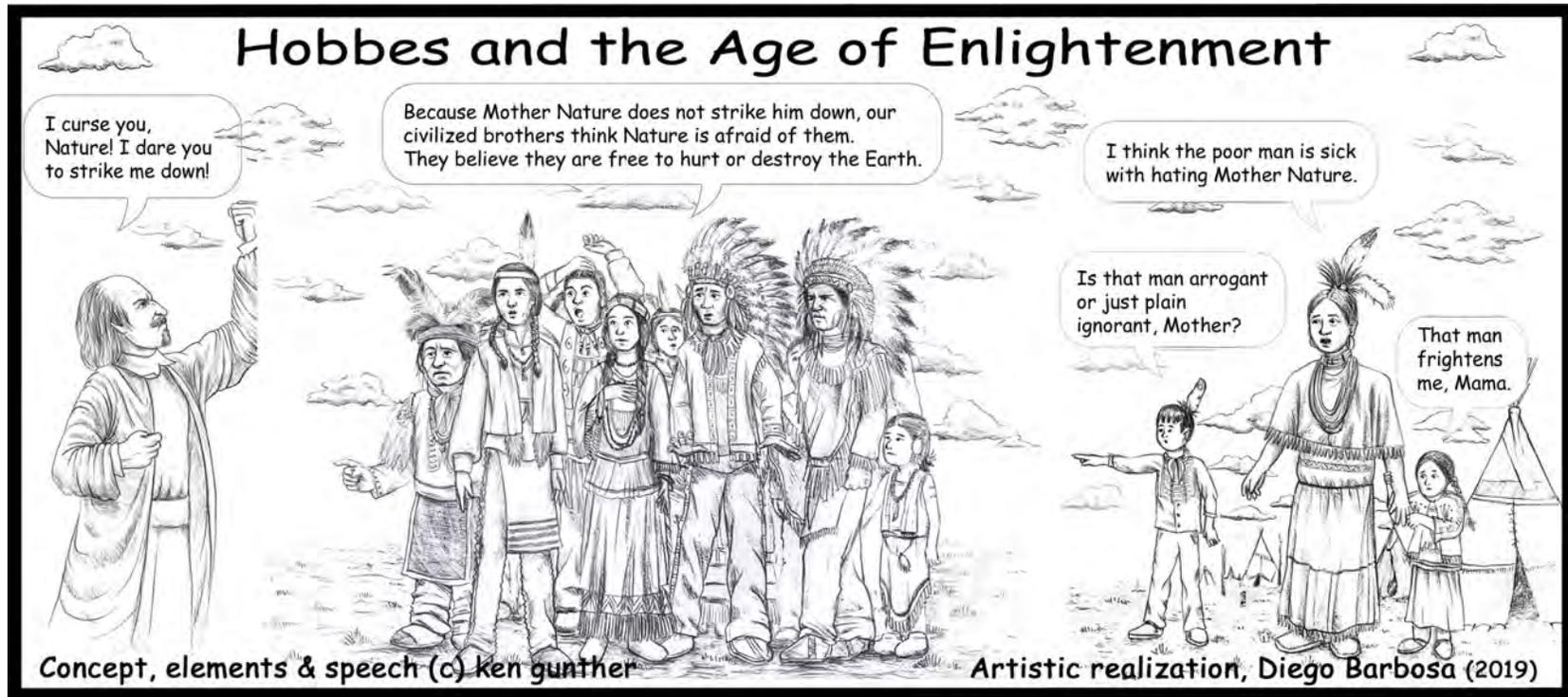
<sup>1</sup>This has a most current ring to it.

<sup>2</sup>A prediction that some day two presidents of the Empire would *proudly* declare, "I haven't read a book since college", and the people would laugh and cheer!

<sup>3</sup>Goyaesque, as seen through *his* realist lens of *church* and State, not our lensing of *Academy* and State.

<sup>4</sup>After the fashion of Kant's and Hegel's ever-repeating insurmountability.

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— WHAT TO DO WHEN THE CAUSE OF A GLOBAL TRAGEDY  
IS SIMPLY BEYOND BELIEVING? —

Any theory which claims a beyond-belief *cause* will do itself well to climb into the nearest dumpster and pray for cover, ugh. Where it gets complicated is when the theorist is literally doing his best to save the future; that is, to keep Earth's environment as close to how anatomically modern man has known it since first light struck his eyes!

On the other hand, how fortunate if his theory—a theory by the way not *unknown* to World Academe—can be graphically displayed in less than 500 words! Here goes.

The most accessible proof this scribbler has found comes as high paradox. A President of USA, who shall go nameless, wanting to cut the costs of disaster relief to the people of Puerto Rico, asked the Department of Defense to henceforth “Nuke all hurricanes” as they appear. Inside word has it, the Department responded as follows (the versions vary):

Although our Agency can implement the president's proposal within a matter of days, dropping a hydrogen bomb on a hurricane will not destroy it. At best, it may only cause the “eye” to wobble a bit. Of course, our Agency will proceed to implement the procedure without delay if so instructed. At the President's command, we are, etc.

Why mention such a seeming inconsequential item? Because of the “unbelievable” paradox it punctuates! Let us explain.

We Environmentalists fought for, and after *decades* of struggle won, the attention of the United Nations with the holding of the first World Environment Summit in Stockholm, 1972! Quickly said, for almost a *half-century* the one nation to most passionately *block* our Climate Rescue efforts turns out to be *the same nation* prepared, on a moment's notice, to “nuke hurricanes at will”!

We need point out, the nation/state views the hurricane/typhoon—along with tornados, earthquakes, volcanos (*sic et al.*) tidal waves, lightning strikes, etc.—as Nature incarnate! [But, “oddly”, the State exempts Nature from its explosives including its nuclear arsenal! These the State protects!] The great social philosophers Theodor Adorno and Max Horkheimer set out as follows what is, in fact, the oldest feud on Earth:

...[The State's] inflexible animus and distrust for nature... The desperate, destructive urge directed against everything which embodies the lure of nature. —T. Adorno and M. Horkheimer, *Dialectic of Enlightenment*

In their prophetic book<sup>†</sup> Adorno and Horkheimer show exactly how Nature has *always* been arch-enemy of the State. Taking up that thread, the present text shows this Nature-*hating* reflex to be the very Principle which civilizes both the State and its people! This is made explicit by a global history which shows, all nation/states were *initially founded on* the extirpation or genocide of Nature-*loving* peoples!<sup>‡</sup>

And so, at this early stage in our text, we must limit our message to this: When it comes to crushing Nature, the leaders running the nation/states of Earth suddenly come alive, offering their very best in bombs and the biggest, reddest buttons they can push. But when it comes to what looks (to them) like *saving* Nature—even saving themselves and the World in the bargain—they will find ways to hold off...for decades, good reader! *Thus the Climate Catastrophe raging at us in 1972 still advances undeterred!*

That said, how can one *not* wonder: Is there any Indigenous culture remaining on Earth whose wisdom council, in any reasonable scenario, would have delayed (since 1972, under conditions of ever-worsening climate) the criminalizing of fossil fuel use and the shuttering of corporations producing it?

That considered, what thinking person could, ever again, consider a national legislature a sane (much less logical) body? A record this disastrous resembles a high school project gone wrong. Such a project certainly could not have turned out worse than "the end of the World as we've known it!"

So forgive us if, one last time: What's the best word for describing almost a half-century of not caring to save one's own nation much less all the lives the nation/states are sworn to protect? The brave and the sane would say, *pathological*. Not incidentally, *that's* exactly as Age of Enlightenment scholars called it 150 years ago!

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<sup>†</sup> Civil society has arrived *exactly* where *The Dialectic of Enlightenment* saw it headed back in 1940s-50s!

<sup>‡</sup>For the most *comprehensive* further reading as to the *true* ethnology of Indigenous peoples, see the incomparable *Civilized to Death* by Christopher Ryan.

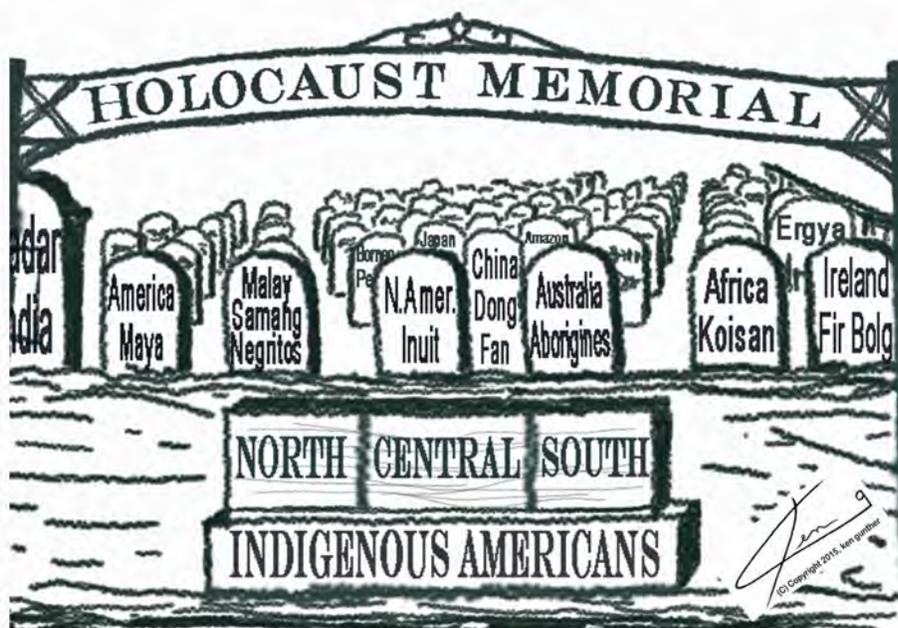


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### “Escape” into the Clouds

Imagine your sacred, fertile, river-fed homeland now a treacherous 2-mile descent. What horrors had to have been inflicted on these people to cause a homeland abandonment of this magnitude?

Yet this is the story of indigenous peoples the World over.





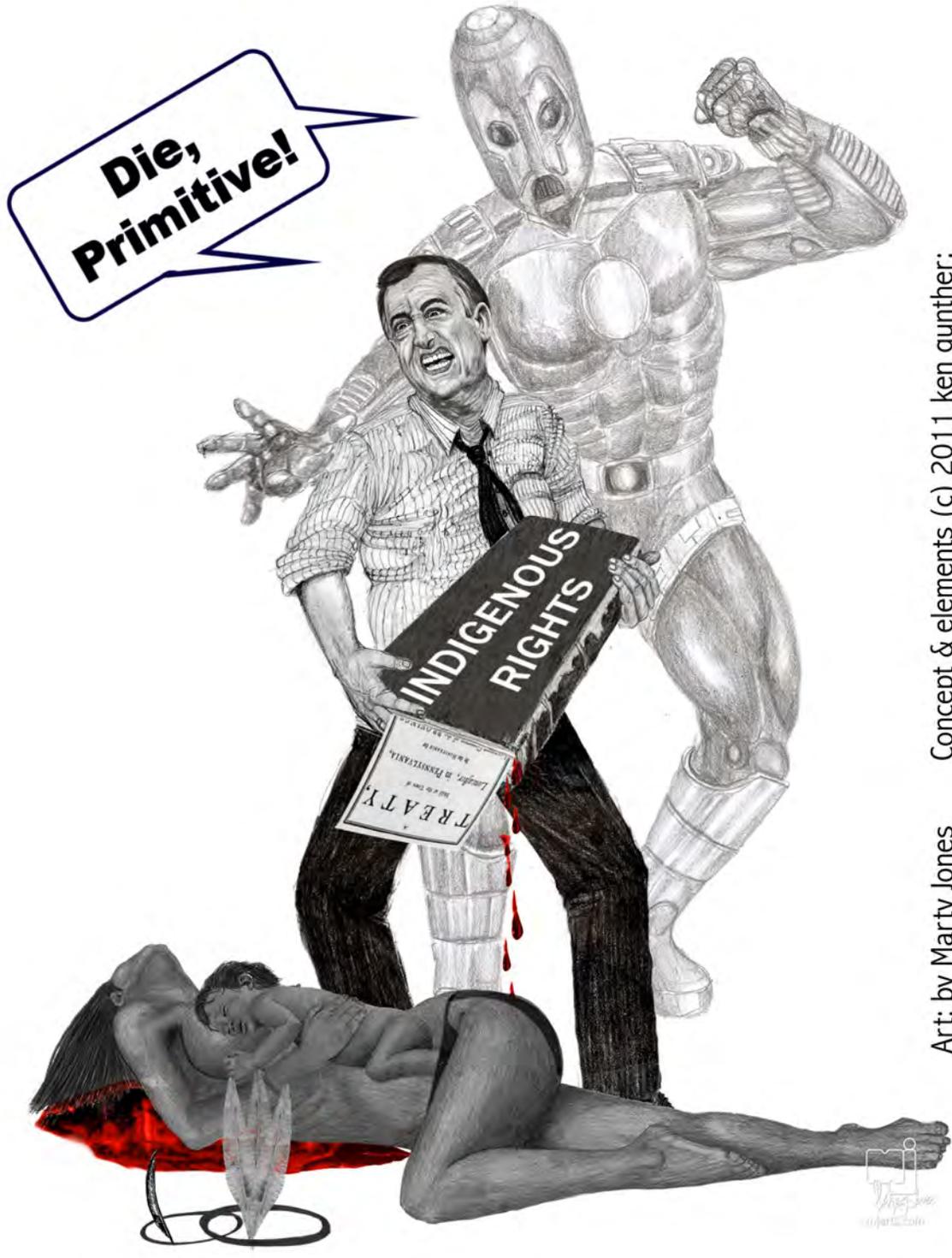
The future predicted in *The Dialectic of Enlightenment* has proven to be so accurate over the decades since its publication, one feels pity for its angry detractors. Why? Because, with Climate Terror now stalking the World, the *Dialectic's* critics must deal with a double smackdown. For its authors, Theodor Adorno and Max Horkheimer, not only predicted civil society would come to a disastrous end, they showed how *our abuse of Nature would CAUSE that disaster*: They said, Civil society's disaster is "a pattern of blind... *domination of nature*...."

Criticized for being "too dark for healthy consumption", ironically the authors went on to show how Utopia was possible! Yes, Utopia! They argued, the way civil society interprets the World is a "wrong condition", that a "right condition" would be one of *restoring peace between [civilized] humans and nature*...."

They did not stop there. They gave us the *formula* for Utopia! All we had to do was rebuild civil society according to the outcries of those lives we had hurt the most! More simply put: All we had to do is let our genocides and extirpations speak!\*

\* In their words: "The need to let suffering speak is a condition of all truth. For suffering is objectivity [which] weighs upon the subject...."





**Die,  
Primitive!**

**INDIGENOUS  
RIGHTS**

**TREATY**  
MADE IN THE U.S.A.  
LONDON, ENGLAND

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— THE STATE AS IRRATIONAL ACTOR —  
A MORE EXPLICIT INTRO

Planet-wide, in the last five years alone, there's been enough weather catastrophe globally to make World Climate Emergency a no-brainer. And the reality? The thing standing between climate healing and a future of climate disaster is *the absolute and shameless resistance of the State* (the often oligarchically steered nations of the World)! For, as the cover blurbs to this book are blaring: Blockage of climate rescue by the State has been the case at all Earth Summits since the Environmental Conference in Stockholm, 1972!<sup>1</sup> That's ≈half-a-century of blockage displaying an *ignorance of global disaster nothing short of insanity!*≈

There is a reason for this and it is historical. We "Enviros", as we are known to the State—whether activist, scientist or NGO—are seen by bureaucrats as "Primitive Peoples masquerading in modern dress". We are classed as "savages carrying briefcases and shoulder bags in place of spears, feathers and war-paint". Age of Enlightenment studies show State governments, for thousands of years; helpless to control their hatred for Nature-aligned Peoples. The evidence is legion. When First Peoples are not out-rightly exterminated they consider themselves lucky to be "merely" driven into the "wastelands" of Earth to survive—or not.

We Enviros need at once to understand: All the good science in the World can not sway such sociopathy.<sup>2</sup> And to arrive at a meeting accompanied by Natively-attired persons is to force the State to swallow, in public, its genocidal past! We *must, and soon,* realize: The State can not grasp a human point of view!<sup>3</sup> And the more humane a given sensibility is (e.g.: a whole World of people in danger), the more the cataNatural (*sic*) pathology of the State rises in defiance of helping!

Once we have realized the State is psychologically incapable of adopting any positive posture toward Nature (in the short term we are left with)—and since the cooperation of the States of the World is essential to *rapid* global climate-disaster mitigation;<sup>4</sup> and since, finally, the income of the States' closest allies depends upon continued and unrestrained global pollution—we Enviro Activists, of all stripes, will finally see, we are daily facing-down an insensible and unyielding enemy! *But worse yet...*

*At this time, effectively, no one on Earth (with a voice) is aware of the State's intractable Nature-hating psychosis, much-less how to treat it!*<sup>1,2</sup>

Yet there are so many climate activists whom, once armed with the knowledge this little book has to share, would ardently brainstorm for tactics and solutions for dealing with global governments' deadly denial. All it would take is to help this scribbler get out the word\* as to what tactics can best, and most quickly, help us overcome the State's (decade-on-decade) psychotic paralysis concerning Climate Rescue! [\*See asterisk footnote (below) and "And so, where to from here?", page 198.]

<sup>1</sup> United Nations Conference on Human Environment, June 1972.

<sup>2</sup> And sociopathology it is. For the State's hatred of Nature extends ruthlessly deep into crushing the Nature inside ourselves as well.

~...Civilization has been constructed on a perverse and *mistaken idea* [that] human Nature endangers our existence.~ (Emphasis added.)

—Marshall Sahlins, *The Western Illusion of Human Nature*

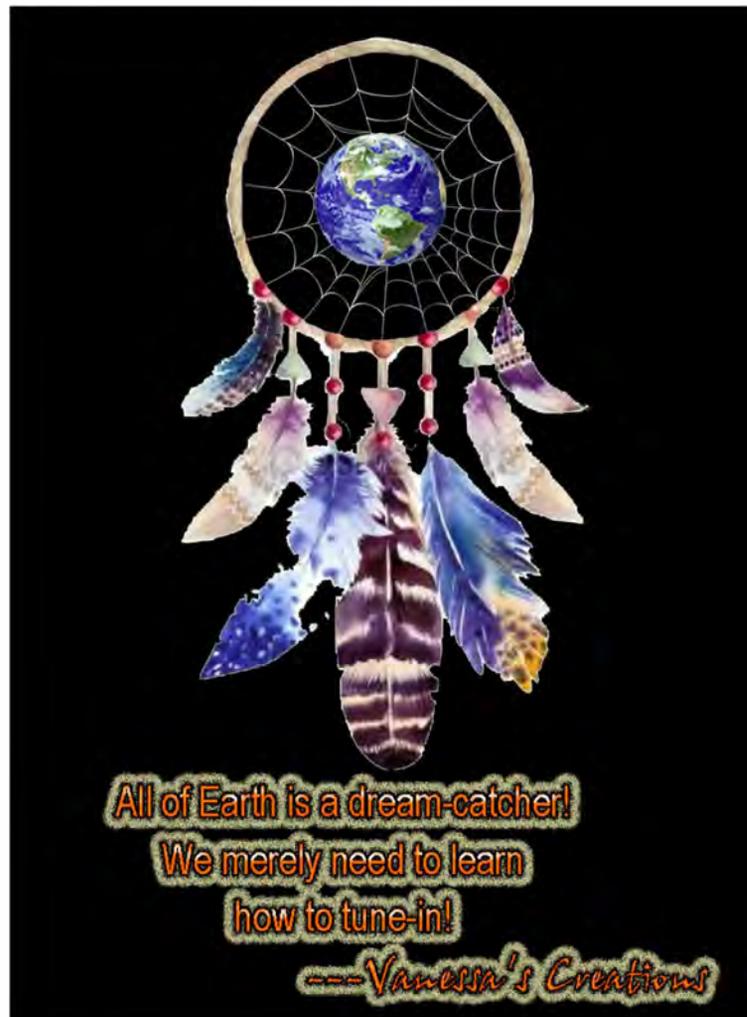
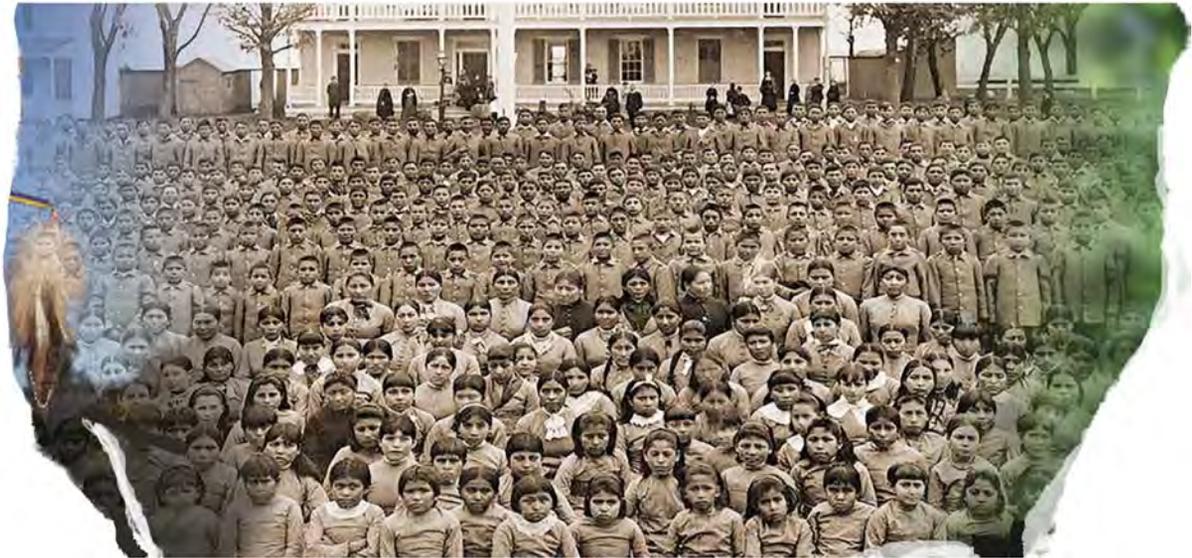
The control of internal and external nature has been made the absolute purpose of [civil existence]. —*Dialectic of Enlightenment*, Adorno & Horkheimer

<sup>3</sup> How such a pathology has come to pass is, of course, vetted within this book. Truth be told, once its archeo-history is known the nation/state will be seen as the *emotional derelict* it is! *For the birth of the State is likely the saddest story ever told!*

<sup>4</sup> The UN is fundamentally a world-assembly for the resolution of nation/state problems. If the States of the World, as a group—understanding they are almost wholly controlled by the most polluting nations on Earth—can not be convinced (in the short term we have left) to give Nature what it is demanding for our continued (climatological) survival, quickly said: This little book has in mind skirting years of UN bureaucracy via the start-up of A Peoples' World Parliament,\* mandated on the basis of State intransigence in the face of a *universally recognized global emergency*. Such a climatologically dedicated *global actor* (like a Peoples' Parliament) is the only unilateral force which could *peacefully* countervail against the clinically irrational resistance of the nation/states.

\* We have in mind here George Monbiot's concept of a World Parliament, a Peoples' Summit based on the rapidly assembled yet brilliant success of the World Social Forum held in Porto Allegre, Brazil, in 2003, headed-up by luminaries no less in stature than Noam Chomsky and Arundhati Roy! (See "And so, where to from here?", page 198.)

Yet, a key element is missing in all this; an element keeping us from getting our climate solutions up and running. It is the failure of we Enviros to inform the World of what, exactly, is causing the globally lethal intractability of the nation-states to realize: We need at once to save the World from Climate Catastrophe! Need we add? Help!



All of Earth is a dream-catcher!  
We merely need to learn  
how to tune-in!

---Vanessa's Creations

## — PROLEPTIQUE 2 —

There are some subjects which, by their mere mention, call up instantaneous antipathy. Anthropology is such a subject. In the lecture hall antipathy is effectively dormant since, typically, all present are there to learn or to teach. But the anthropologist who takes his show on the road, say in an article for a popular journal or via a book, had best arrive in the public space with flak vest in place. In fact, even some departments on campus are “academically” hostile. For, not acciden-tally, a cognate for anthropology is “the subversive science”, since right out of the gate it openly questions who we are as *civil* human beings.

In a letter to his daughter planning for college, Philip Wylie, philosopher, warned of “the four subversive sciences: Anthropology, archeology, history and ecology/environmentalism. All truth-seekers, sooner or later, will gravitate to at least one of these”, wrote Wylie, DDD (Doctor of Diverse Disciplines), deftly foreshadowing the future of civil society way back in the 1940s. Why subversive? And who says so? The answer is best presented in two parts.

In the first, it is because *civil society itself* says so. How does that work? Well, as more than one anthropologist has pointed out: *By its very existence anthropology is interrogating the culture in which it operates.*

The judgment being, whomever would investigate other cultures must be wondering, “Has man *really* always been as I find him today?” To a civilization, say, or to a State, specially one oversensitive, let’s say, to its reputation as an empire, the study of other cultures—specially cultures said to be peaceful and egalitarian—is a nuisance at the very least.

Such a nuisance to the State (France) was the philosopher Jean-Jacques Rousseau, studiously limning a nascent form of anthropology back in the 1770s. Seeing with astonishing clarity in the Europe of his day, where civil empire was steering the world, Rousseau’s intent was not simply to establish a subversive science. His intent was a revolution in the thinking of all civilized persons. Re: The Age of Enlightenment.

Sadly, that revolution was crushed before it began. Remains crushed today. For the moment Rousseau suggested, Indigenous man was more egalitarian than civilized man—with both the American and French revolutions on everyone's mind—anthropology's seat at Empire's table was withdrawn before its designer could satisfactorily upholster it!

While usually managed cordially, the antipathy toward the subversive sciences is always lurking in the wings. For, as with Philip Wiley's subversive disciplines, *there are forces, forces both academic and bureaucratic, at all times poised to crush—and, where impossible, to at least render irrelevant—all criticism of civilization and the State.* It is therefore not surprising, Rousseau (the original of Hugo's Jean Valjean) spent much of his life dodging arrest and imprisonment—*literally!* For like the sciences in question—even though we may criticize out of a longing for improvement—we who critique civilization are always suspected of sedition. (For civilization and the State are virtually indistinguishable.) So how is it then, the alert reader might ask, that the subversive sciences still find a place in civil academia?

Aside from their value as legitimate sciences, many State-aligned academic administrators would happily drop the subversive sciences. For truth is, despite economic gain and the matter of lost prestige for a school, this is very much underway today. One thing working against said eviction is tenure. For while disciplines may pop up like weeds in academe, once habituated (just as happens with departments in State bureaucracy) they become as stones in an edifice. Yet where and when the subversive sciences are under attack, the State is always smiling by.

As to the second part of "Why subversive?"

The most common straw man among anthropological put-downs was erected as far back as Voltaire, contemporary of Rousseau. His cynicism for Rousseau fairly reeks from a main character in his *Candide*: one Doctor Pangloss. ≈Our esteemed philosopher would see us on all fours walking like a savage.≈ Voltaire's evolutionarily crippled metaphor aside, today's put-down of anthropology has changed little. As Empire would have it: "Anthropology would return us all to the stone age!" There are as many versions of this as there are antipaths to the science.

As to the spirit of this meme. If anything, in its examination of humanity's multi-cultured past, anthropology has long been alerting us to the many pitfalls in our civil worldview; pitfalls in some cases so dynamic\* they might in fact create an *actual* stone age—a truly ancient kind of stone age; the sort where, save for microbes and spores, all that's left *is* minerals! (\* E.g.: Nuclear annihilation.)

If truth be allowed, one would be hard put to find an anthropologist willing to return to Nature (return to the "stone age") without bringing at least a cellphone, a few books, and (where in hell did he have *that thing* stashed?) with any luck, a two-man saw!

As for anthropology sending us "back to the stone age"? With some 3 billion humans without running water in these so-called modern times, and likely the same 3 billion without an address whereby we can write them a letter—random bombings and coordinated starvation aside—*civilization* appears to be hurling us quite handily back toward some version of a stone age without *any* assistance from anthropology.

So, no. As Voltaire so slyly showed, with the civil State's loathing for all manner of Nature-in-the-raw, short of major catastrophe, we civil are, in almost every way, incapable of "going back". And if the personal may be permitted, the present scribbler will decline "going primitive" as well. Though a survivor by Nature [sic], *because* i am civil, i cannot imagine living out my years unable ever again to hear the music of Dvořák, Sibelius, Enesco, Mahler, Smetana, Lanza, Alberghetti, Boggess, Kubelik, Dragon, Paray, Reiner and Fennell. Humbling but true.

And so, the question which must ultimately concern us is: Following at least a half-million years of highly successful existence in raw Nature as it were, how is it that such a thing as civilization—a *worldview in apposition to all worldviews which went before it; a worldview clearly taking us in a negative direction at an alarming rate*—how is it that this thing we call civilization "suddenly" erupted, quickly *rose to dominate all other varieties of human culture*? And of the countless events in man's ancient past, *what in the world could have caused any primitive people, following eons of revering Nature above all else, to suddenly decide, Nature is an enemy which must be destroyed?*

To keep this introduction as short as possible yet retain some cohesion of elements, we must jump ahead to page 198, which begins the wrap-up of Part 1.

There is so much in both Parts 1 and Part 2 which this Intro cannot touch: Those treasures of Indigenous folk still, somehow, finding a good life in "hidden" pockets of Wilderness across the World; this author's precious days spent with a beautiful and amazing circumpolar Eskimo clan "up" in northernmost Greenland / Siberia; and other scribblings which might be taken as a case for "Hope Perhaps".

The closing of Part 1  
leads into its final section which is  
titled:

"And so, where to from here?"

Earth remembers when  
Nature was SACRED to



everyone  
everywhere!



## — RESOLUTION [BY THE STATE] OR REVOLUTION [BY THE PEOPLE] —

To end Part 1: War-wise Chris Hedges says, “We can’t know...that is, one can never predict what degree of State abuse is going to trigger a revolt of the People; or really even possess any foreknowledge to guess if that revolt will be peaceful or violent. What we *do* know is this: It’s always the State which determines the configurations of revolt”.

Hedges is saying, a People can go in (pardon the verb) shooting for peaceful change and end-up in a bloodbath. Or a people can have every intention of violent *revolution* (“They’ve given us no choice!”) and end-up with a peaceful *resolution* from a terrified State. Yet in *any* case, John Kennedy’s warning should alert all of us...

≈The State which makes peaceful revolution impossible makes violent revolution inevitable!≈ —John F. Kennedy

That the nation/states, and the mega-elite class which effectively controls them, sneer at such wisdom, is simply more proof of the indolent stoicism of hierarchal power. In any case, we must ask: *What is it the People need most which the State is doing little or nothing about?* While the answer to this question should be duple and obvious, it’s not. Poverty, health-care, wages, police and court abuse, homelessness and other issues still blot out the climate- and nuclear crises rushing at us.

And so long as the People of the World can not visualize climate- or nuclear catastrophe as a *personal* or *local community* issue, and as long as we do not on-mass overturn the seats of government, *the State will remain immovable* in its posture of doing nothing!

The state is static, and does not evolve into something different. The state of the present equals the state of the future.

—Christiane Bohnert, *Impure Reason: Dialectic of Enlightenment in Germany*

For when it comes to the issue of respect for Nature, and even respect for history, the State is, and has *always* been, more ignorant and immovable than the People! So, what to do during this interim of terrifying State inaction...?

In that the wealthy elite of the World—and the now gargantuan corporate edifice they control which, not incidentally, includes entire colleges and universities—in that the ultra-wealthy elite are, and long

have been, effectively steering the nation/states of Earth into a *destructive* common future (which the State chooses to view as progress), should we not stop for a moment and ask ourselves...

When it comes to forcing a boycott or divestment strategy on, say, a large university, why is it that no school yet, even under such publicly humiliating pressure, has ever, ever, EVER chosen the obvious alternative of *demanding that the do-nothing State legislate the climate action the students are actually clamoring for?* Do we really think these educational monoliths don't understand: It is *the pathological immobility of the State* which is triggering these fossil-fuel uprisings? Do we think these schools aren't fully aware that, as little Greta Thunberg says, "Hello, World! Sorry for the inconvenience but our Home, this Earth, is on fire"?

Of course they know. And many schools knew long before we the People knew! Problem is: Little that is politically essential to the State has changed since feudal times, back when schools of the World (where they even existed) lived in fear of offending the ruling church/state. The problem with the State's "status quo at all costs" is: The academe/state umbilicus has been so sycophantic, incestuous and self-serving for so many centuries it may, tragically, be unseverable at this late date! At any rate, it certainly seems so.

Worse yet, think about it: *Why is none of us surprised when even the most prestigious schools on Earth choose to opt for complete fossil fuel divestment rather than dare demand that the nation/states take the one action which, effectively, the whole world is begging them to take!* Some incredible coincidence? We don't think so.

These things being so, one would think that boycotting the oligarchy itself (the top one-tenth of one percent who effectively oversee the universities of the World *as well as* the nation/states!) would be the most direct follow-the-money tactic an endangered populace could pursue. For does not the elite Ruling Class of the World have names and addresses?

Of course, they do. But those addresses are multiple and often globe-spanning, with most being inaccessible "fortresses" with private militias or the equivalent in local police or even military protection.

And never forget, these globe-floaters are persons without an actual homeland; without an Earthly PLACE to care for, to love or go home to when the trials of the day are done; a Nature-PLACE; an Earthy matrix of soil, water and sky which our bodies and psyches have been carefully synchronized with since the birth of humanity; a PLACE we've been *evolutionarily* stitched into, with *all the other life of that region*, for at least 3 billion years! Such persons think of a Nature-PLACE as expendable.

Which is to say, there is no place on Earth which, to the ultra-wealthy, is too precious to sacrifice in order to increase their wealth. If it costs turning Bangladesh, the Philippines, or even all of Indonesia, into a resource-stripped wasteland, well, so be it! That's "progress"!

And, finally...

This writer has had occasion to refuse coöption by a first rank dignitary among the 1980s global elite.\* Because his (stunningly substantial) offer was brokered by an employer/benefactor within my regional sphere of opportunity—and preferring that i not be remembered in headlines as "LOCAL ARTIST IS CUT LOOSE BY WEALTHIEST MAN ON EARTH"—my simple, Indigenial [sic] rebuff (of a "guaranteed" career success) demanded a wise rejection. As a result of this experience this scribbler can assure: Any success "guaranteed" by the wealthy elite amounts to constantly genuflecting to a *global* club of high cohesion and unethical opportunism. Meaning? The "magic" the wealthy elite can conjure for you at a finger-snap can also be evaporated on a farcical whimsy, and all of it dispatched with a blowback sophistication which leaves the applicant looking like the bad guy!

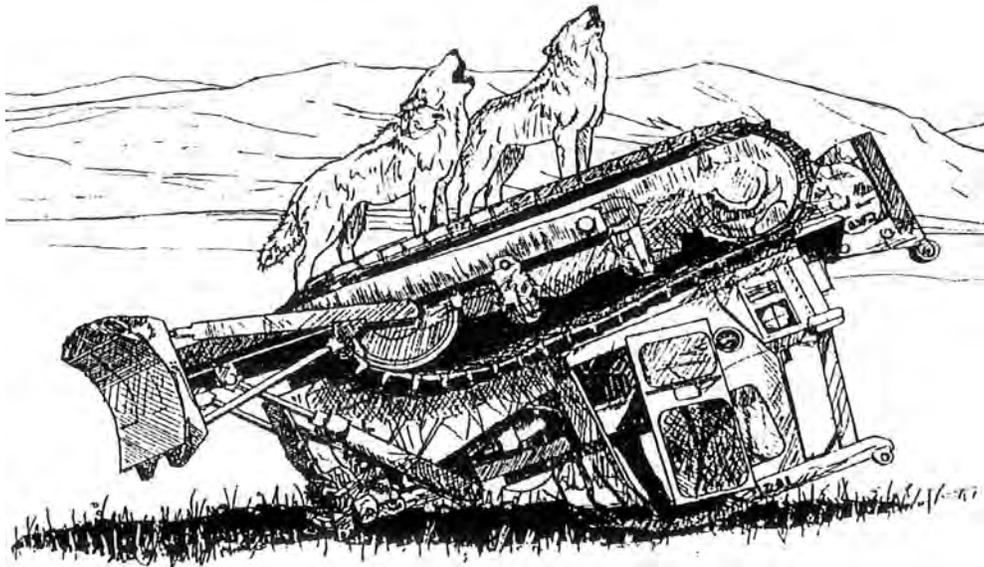
And so...

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\* Armand Hammer, international financier, pharmaceutical and oil baron. Often called the Last Tycoon, Dr Hammer was, most of all, a major patron of the arts.



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Perhaps from an old "Earth First" Journal. Need ascription.

## The Catastrophic Dawn of Civilization

### — LETTER TO ALL WARRIORS FOR CLIMATE RESCUE —

Truth be faced, 48 years<sup>1</sup> of denial of Climate Catastrophe by the nation/states of Earth should, by this late date, have every last one of us traumatized! Specially with Climate Catastrophe now roaring in behind the 75-year threat of Nuclear Winter, on pause *daily* for every person on Earth since 1945! (A State-created form of PTSD all by itself!)

Bizarrely however, not only does no one ask, "*Is not the nation/states' half-century of denial of Climate Catastrophe clinically pathological?*", most of us are stunningly unsurprised when the nation/states deny our mutual endangerment and, one more time, abandon the latest Climate Summit as if it's a criminal enterprise: "We, the Member States [of the UN], see no need for climate action at this time!"

Thus this scribbler's thesis is out begging for *anyone* to disprove that *48 years of deafening silence from World Academy* (and its thousands of university presses) *has effectively normalized nation/state insanity!* How so? A global "tsunami" of perhaps centuries of weather chaos is accumulating in Earth's environment. This global dynamo threatens not just all life on Earth but *the very sovereignty of the nation/states themselves!* Yet the States refuse to act! *This is the very definition of pathology!*

After the broad notoriety, back in 1947, of Adorno and Horkheimer's *Dialectic of Enlightenment*, Academia at large became keenly aware of the authors' paradigm-lacerating message: "The global consequences" of civilization's Nature-destructive posture (which, tragically, we've permitted to be called "progress") is a wrong-headed disaster destined to compromise all the natural world—that is, eradicate the Nature *within* us as well as the Nature *around* us. ≈A right path forward would begin a reconciliation between [civilized] humans and Nature!≈<sup>2</sup>

*Yet, even though World Academy has known for almost a half-century that Climate Catastrophe is a scientific reality—even with its storehouse of knowledge and treasures of intellect—even with Academia being well aware of the nation/states' rejection of science's warnings of immanent Climate Disaster at every Earth Summit since 1972...*

...even with Climate Catastrophe now visibly and undeniably wreaking devastation across the World are we to believe Global Academy, in almost a hundred semesters, "just never thought" to fire-up its thousands of university presses to warn the World of developing disaster? Or bother to show up as a unified teaching force at *even one of the dozens of Earth Summits*? Yes, Global Academy, a force whose credibility could easily humiliate the governments of Earth into deploying *those actions essential for civilization's survival!* After all, teacher or not, when we know of an approaching disaster, quickly as possible (if we be moral) we warn all potential victims—*particularly* when they number in the billions! Ay, if all life: quantillions!

This Nature *animus* is so deeply imprinted in the "unconscious" of the civil State<sup>3</sup> that even Academia at large—as long ago as the UN's *first* Environmental Summit in 1972—yes, even Academia, the *teaching edifice of the civilized world*, rests undisturbed and silent each time the nation/states of Earth, decade on decade, convene and agree: *Climate Rescue is unnecessary at this time!* Yes, for 48 years running now...*silence and paralysis from World Academy, even up to this moment's* (glaring) *immanence of global catastrophe!*

Finally, Activists, Scientists and NGO's worldwide continue to believe, the State has *the ability to care* when it comes to HELPING Nature. The experts in the following pages will show us why, tragically, this is not so! They will explain why *all of us need, immediately, to become conversant with the State's pathological inability to care when it comes to Nature and Climate Rescue*; why we need at once to become alert to *the nation/state's suicidal Nature-animus—if we would win any hope of securing a rapid implementation of Climate Rescue!*

Lastly, don't forget to check out the *gift*—amidst all the current afflictions which might easily suffocate our hopes—fickle Fate's gift of a *global mandate just sitting out there, begging us to set up at once a peoples' answer to the UN's half-century of structural paralysis:*

#### A Peoples' World Parliament for Global Survival<sup>4</sup>

Yes! Great Gaia, finally! Let's get this underway!

<sup>1</sup>That said, as early as the 1960s, Climate Science began sounding alarms about Global Climate Disruption due to atmospheric pollution. Environmentalists, seeing the dangers in these alarms, helped spread the news so that, by Summer, 1972, the first Environmental Summit was convened by the UN in Stockholm, Sweden. But then comes this: Though knowing better all these decades, World Academy is still permitting all of us to be taught: The first UN Environmental conference was held in Rio de Janeiro in June of 1992. Knowing this is false, one must ask: Why would Academia, for decades, permit such a blatant fiction? May we suggest: Perhaps one's do-nothing silence doesn't look *quite* so immoral if he can hide an extra 20 years of *doing nothing*? And not *just* nothing. But *doing nothing in the terrorizing face of a long-predicted Global disaster!*

<sup>2</sup>Unfortunately for our common safety, the only humans who've always been aware of this [apparent] incest between World Academe and the nation/states, are that handful of Indigenous societies hiding in the last stands of Wilderness on Earth. *These peoples seem alone in understanding: Every nation/state was initially born out of the extirpation or genocide of an Indigenous people!*

Over a century of Age of Enlightenment study shows: Every nation/state shares a common (and always repressed)<sup>3</sup> Nature-animus which *actually* amounts to a *foundational principle*. *This common birth for all nation/states stands prior to all charters, purchases, treaties, negotiations, diplomacies, agreements and so forth.*

For truth be allowed: *Grisly and extirpating violence exacted upon a Nature-loving society is historically the principle and first act which **BRINGS A NATION/STATE INTO EXISTENCE!***

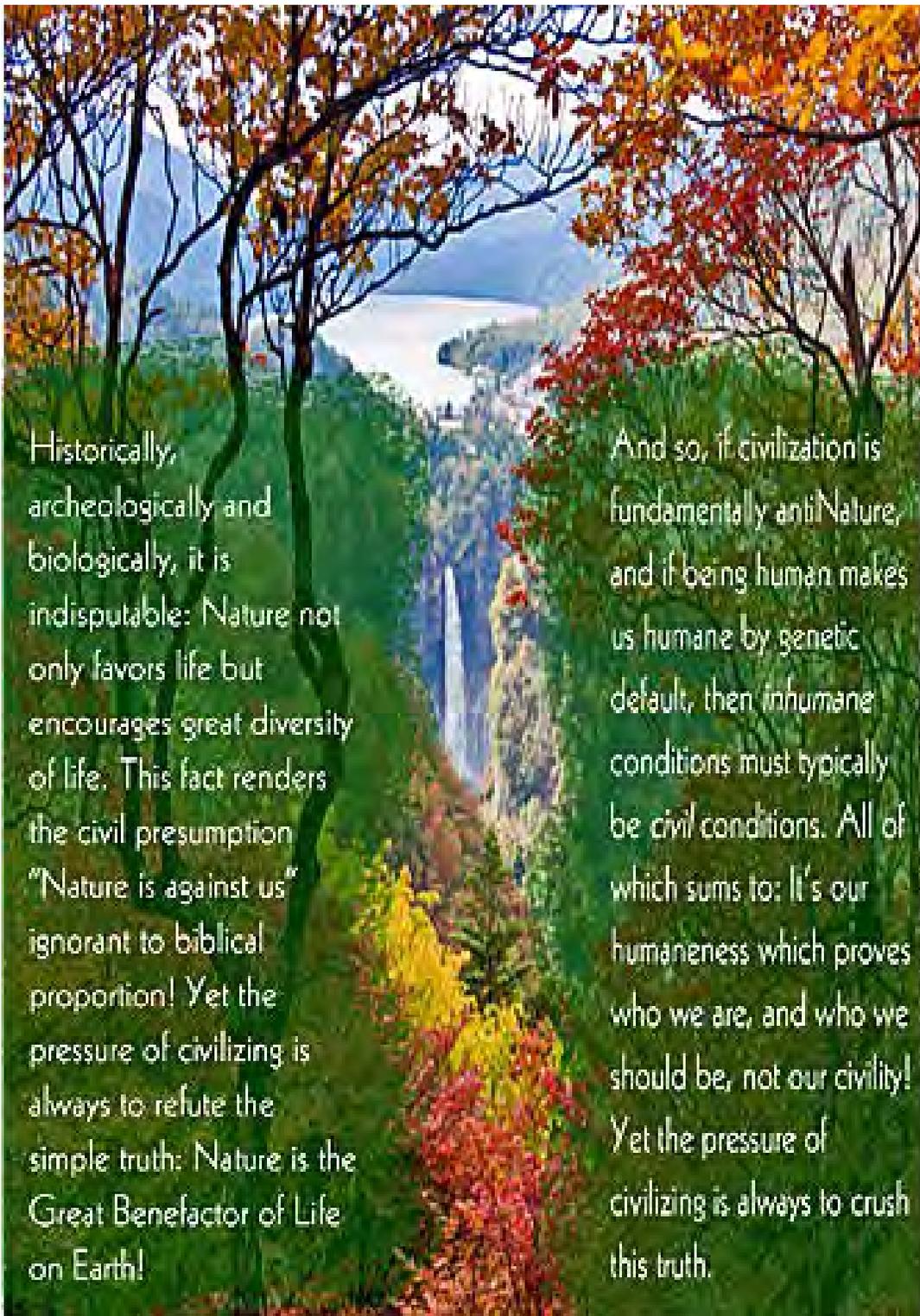
<sup>3</sup>"If a malady so deeply embedded in civilization is not properly accounted for by knowledge[,] the individual...cannot mitigate [cure] it through understanding... since [civil] rationality itself...is submerged in the same malady."

—Adorno & Horkheimer in *The Dialectic of Enlightenment*

<sup>4</sup>A couple nights after replaying that special spine-lightening moment at the World Social Forum of 2003—i re: that grand huzzah which punctuated Arundhati Roy's ≈Never forget: We be many and they be few!≈—i had a dream. No, *really*. I had a dream. It sat me erect from a plummet sleep. Like a just-blooming sunrise, my intuition slowly unscrolled its shimmering mandate across the skies of my sleepy surprise: A Peoples' World Parliament for Global Survival! <Great Gaia! Yes!>

Earnestly yours in this most epic struggle which we *must* win!



A scenic landscape painting of a valley. In the foreground, there are trees with vibrant autumn foliage in shades of orange, red, and yellow. A path or road winds through the valley. In the middle ground, a river flows through the valley, and a waterfall is visible on the right side. The background features rolling green hills and mountains under a blue sky with soft clouds.

Historically, archeologically and biologically, it is indisputable: Nature not only favors life but encourages great diversity of life. This fact renders the civil presumption "Nature is against us" ignorant to biblical proportion! Yet the pressure of civilizing is always to refute the simple truth: Nature is the Great Benefactor of Life on Earth!

And so, if civilization is fundamentally anti-Nature, and if being human makes us humane by genetic default, then inhumane conditions must typically be civil conditions. All of which sums to: It's our humaneness which proves who we are, and who we should be, not our civility! Yet the pressure of civilizing is always to crush this truth.

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— AND SO, WHERE TO FROM HERE? —

THE MOST AWESOME TEACHING MOMENT WORLD ACADEMY EVER MISSED!

With the foregoing pages in mind—during the anxious interim which usually precedes revolution—this writer's sights are fixed on a Peoples' World Parliament. *Not* another United Nations but its logical successor.<sup>1</sup> For when push comes to shove, the UN serves the State not its People.<sup>2</sup>

[The structure of the UN] does not match the duties it is supposed to discharge. —George Monbiot, *Manifesto for a New World Order*

Small member-nations at the UN must beg the consideration of the Security Council. This is, and has long been, at the very least, unethical.

And so, if the nation/states of the World—understanding they are limited in action by *the most polluting nations on Earth*—can not be convinced (in the short time we have left to act) to give Nature what "She" is demanding for our continued climatological survival, this book has in mind bypassing frustrating years of UN bureaucracy (47 years to date)<sup>2</sup> by way of the incumbent erection of a Peoples' World Parliament.<sup>1</sup> But wait. Incumbent? Really?

Yes, we dare say "incumbent" because, the institution of a Peoples' World Parliament is hardly the massive project it may seem at first sight. For fact is, such an organization has long had *a mandate to be up and running yesterday!* For if we stop and think about it, *such a World assembly (of the People, not the States) has actually been pre-authorized and mandated by some 47 years of State do-nothing intransigence<sup>2</sup> in the face of a universally recognized global emergency!*

So, realistically, how rapidly *can* such a parliament be assembled?

First thing to keep in mind is: Approval of the nation/states for such a Peoples' assembly is not only *not* required, State involvement would stymie the very concept of such a forum. For the *charter* of a Peoples' global justice organization must, from the outset, set in stone the fundamental need to *externalize any and all nation/state control!* Why? Because failure to do so is sure to leave an opening for some State to slip in and begin a hostile take-down. For the paranoid State just cannot repress its urge to control the World!

As regards the urgency to take our global emergency straight into its legislating phase? This writer will never forget the thrill of the World Social Forum in Porto Alegre, Brazil, in 2003! This smashing success was thrown together in just a couple months, as I recall, and was magnetized by such luminaries as Noam Chomsky and Arundhati Roy!

And what was it which assured the wild enthusiasm of 100,000 attendees? It was a global social vacuum so obvious it has long been obscene: *A summit for the People!* A summit to counter...

...The tiniest and most unrepresentative of the world's minorities [the IMF, World Bank and WTO, which globally] assert a popular mandate they do not possess, then accuse *us* of illegitimacy. —George Monbiot

And every attendee felt: This summit was a smackdown of Dick "Snidely" Cheney's and George "Smirkly" Bush's panting urge to "bomb Iraq into the stone age" for my oil-mad homeland.<sup>3</sup>

And finally, such a parliament could be formed *ad hoc* within a single global assembly, after the shining example of the World Social Forum, begun in São Paulo, Brazil, back in 2001. In fact, it would be wise for any Peoples' Parliament planners to seek the experience of the World Social Forum's (horizontal) leaders. For they are good and honorable folks with the very best at heart for the People of Earth, Earth's creatures, *and* an egalitarian existence for all!

These matters spoken, this scribbler would gently suggest inserting our mission-statement into our parliament's very name. Such a thing will enable people around the World to recognize both our organization's gravity *and* (its vastly egalitarian) goal at a glance!

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Such a name is instructive as well, for it cries out "*Global Emergency!*"

That said, such a dedicated *global* actor is the only unilateral force which (it seems to this writer) can *peacefully* countervail against the *clinically insane resistance of the nation/states of the World*. And allow us, please, to repeat: This will *not* be a difficult sell. For our product is something the People of the World are, already, literally dying to obtain: For all we ever wanted was a voice in rescuing our collective future!

Also, if we may be allowed a *personal* note on the question, is the winning of such a parliament realistic? Frankly, it depends on the people fighting for it. What do we mean? This writer will never forget the fear of his own people to confront the US Government over the hazardous treatment we'd been suffering since the beginnings of our public-safety work. But my fellow employees, believing "You'll never win against the government", were afraid to join me and stand tall. Thus some 4,000 government-fearing comrades (not to forget our State-groveling PA's) left this writer to head off to Washington, DC with nothing for moral support but a brief he'd constructed for the cause.

As to that brief?<sup>4</sup> The opposite of "an appeal to authority", it read as an element-by-element citation of federal law paralleled by a case-by-case display of the failure of that law to protect the lives of a certain class of worker. Namely us. Quickly phrased, it was a frankly bloody *demand* which made clear: The US Fed. needed *at once* to provide our class of public safety worker with health and safety protections commensurate with those it was providing judges, law enforcement and fire-rescue.<sup>5</sup>

For this Claimant's argument back then was (and is still today): When you make your rightful position *clear beyond reproof*, you can win. But... (and a big "BUT" this is)...in the formulating process you *must anticipate and destroy all choice for the enemy*. For if you leave any exit open to them it will become the portal which flushes you out!<sup>6</sup>

Finally, the very first action of our Peoples' Parliament should be to force the World Court (ICJ) and the ICC \* to hold the UN, the Security Council and the fossil fuel industry criminally negligent for the damages and deaths so far wreaked across the Planet by some 47 years of inaction concerning climatological disaster! As to the winnings from such a suit? They should fund the relocating, rehabilitating, etc. of those millions harmed to date by *long-avoidable* climate catastrophe, with a continuance of the Peoples'-loss awards legislated into the future.<sup>7</sup>

\* International Criminal Court: I.e., what, literally, could be more criminal than terrorizing every person on Earth for decades?

A second action of this Parliament should be revealing, after hundreds of years, the sycophantic, incestuous and self-serving collusion that has gone on between the States and the many State-aligned academic institutions of the World.

For quickly put by, why would any college or university choose to endure, week upon week (at times, year upon year) the public humiliation of being complicit in climate catastrophe rather than step up and shift the blame exactly where it belongs? On the State—for the many decades of nation/state-disregard for the future of us all? Do we really believe our educational institutions don't realize: *It is the nation/states, as a collective force, which are at fault for the World communities' decades of traumatic suffering, suffering because of inaction concerning climate- and thermonuclear hazard?*<sup>8</sup>

And this too, "The United Peoples of Earth" should bring before the World Court and the ICC, for belated resolution, 75 years of terrorizing the People of the World with the threat of thermonuclear annihilation, an emotional outrage for every adult and child obliged to live-out their lives with this spirit-crushing awareness!

Finally, our parliament needs to reveal to the World at large WHY no educational institution on Earth ever steps up, takes the pathologically negligent State to task for *its thousand abuses of the People*, including the very worst: *Doing nothing—NOTHING!—to end mind-numbing decades of impending climate- and thermonuclear catastrophe!*

Why expose the negligence of the World Academy? Firstly because, with no time for us to invent, much less deploy, *mental and emotional therapy for the nation/states of the World* (Great Gaia, how does one even go about placing a State under psychological supervision?), one hopes the shock of ending State/academy collusion might, at long last, get the States to focus attention on their own Nature-abusive pathology.<sup>8</sup> Such exposure will also help the People of the World to understand what levels of collusion, obfuscation, propaganda, punishment, fraud and duplicity, were required to dig us into this impasse of inscrutable ignorance we find ourselves stymied by today!

So far as this specular querist can see, only a Peoples' World Parliament—in league with the World Court, ICC and (a hopefully repentant and humbled) World Academy—can embarrass the bullying and insensible States<sup>9</sup> to finally stand down and pitch in, pitch in to cure the biggest emergency humanity, and most life on Earth, has ever faced.



And, finally, yes: All this *is* like a nightmare, my friends, except we are not dreaming! Hopefully enough of us can come alert to the truth of the States' historical pathology in time to save Earth's environment as we have known it at least since our hominid days!

Lastly, we are disturbed to find a key element still starkly absent from our presentation here; an element stopping us from getting our climate solutions up and running. That element? The *immediate* problem of we Enviros to alert Academia and the World press of what, *exactly*, is causing *the globally lethal intractability of the nation/states of Earth* to finally realize: To save Life on Earth from lethal Climate Catastrophe we must act at once! For as things stand, the nation/states are at least 47 years truant in their duty to rescue the People and much of life on Earth!

And so the backstory to THE BIG WHY OF CLIMATE INACTION (which, not incidentally, is the very zizm of this book) needs be spread at once like a Natural cure across the World! For our collective (*all of life*, that is) future appears to depend on our understanding, and exposing, the tragic pathology of the State!

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<sup>1</sup> We have in mind here George Monbiot's concept of a World Parliament, an institutional Peoples' Summit whose creation should be based on the rapidly assembled yet brilliant success of the World Social Forum, Porto Allegre, Brazil, 2003, attended by 100,000 wildly enthusiastic people, including officials from the IMF and World Bank who were refused the right to speak.

<sup>2</sup> Never forget, it is UN *politics* which has overseen *all* the failed Climate Summits since The United Nations Conference on the Human Environment was held in Stockholm, Sweden, in June 1972! What statistician is prepared to say, or even to estimate, how many Indigenous villages have slid into the ocean in the 47 years since that first Climate–Action Summit; or how much property loss, or how many lives and maimings, have transpired worldwide since that first failure to take action; or how much drought and flooding damage; or how many mudslides and fires, etc., etc., etc.?

<sup>3</sup> At cost of lives, human and otherwise, which was anything but cheap.

<sup>4</sup> *Health-Risk Duty-Imperative of Ocean Lifeguards*, © ken gunther 1989, submission to Library of Congress Records for US Dept. of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health, OSHA Hearing, page 23133 Public Document 370 © 1989.

<sup>5</sup> Been there. Strange town. Alone, against *four* Goliaths (The CDC, Dept. of Labor, Natl. Acad. of Sciences, and OSHA.) See HRDIOL Project, ken gunther, *Federal Register*, 1992. Final Rule on Bloodborne Pathogens: Friday December 6, 1991, Department of Labor, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Final Rule 29 CFR Part 1910.1030, Page 64098. eLinks as follows:

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<sup>6</sup> The following DENIALS OF PROTECTION *preceded* my US Government hearing: 1) In Palm Beach County (Commissioner Karen Marcus, P&R Dir. Dennis Eshleman & Asst. John Herrick); 2) US Lifesaving Asso. (Joseph Pecoraro, Pres.); 3) American Red Cross Water Safety Program; 4) State of Florida (H&R Services, Sec. Gregory Coler); 5) Florida Legislature (Senator Tom McPherson). [Denial went berserk at Fed. level.] 6) Centers for Disease Control (a. H.H. Humphrey, Public Health Serv. CDC; b. M.B. Gregg, MD, Epidemiology Asst. Dir.) passed my brief on to James W. Curran (MD, MPH, CDC Dir.), whose denial was based on a *scientific* screed: ≈The molarity of ocean water kills viruses & bacteria which might harm a worker.≈, which 16<sup>th</sup>-Century science cost this Applicant a 7-page chemistry Appendix refuting the CDC's comparing the dynamic molecular structure of Earth's oceans to saline solutions deadly to bloodborne pathogens! Play dirty much?

<sup>7</sup> Because the UN is *the* institution permitting the do-nothing stance of the nation/states of the World, a posture which, after almost half a century of inaction, amounts to a fail which is criminally negligent!

<sup>8</sup> Which pathology this thesis maintains was initiated by the H1 Climate Catastrophe of 14,000 BCE. See also above chapters titled: "An Archaic Cataclysm..."; "An Event Capable of Causing Transgenerational Psychopathy..."; "A Drought where Migration was NOT an Option", and "The Great Drought: Trials and Scars".

<sup>9</sup> In fact, this writer would be unsurprised to learn the nation/states have, at times, "encouraged" academic institutions to crush all climate-related protest when it appears, even offering the assistance of the National Guard, or Department of Homeland Security (as with I.C.E., which is regularly launching incursions signaling it as the President's latest incarnation of *posse comitatus* in the US.) We should be prepped for this by the vicious treatment the State has leveled at we Enviros for over half a century now. For the State has always wanted to criminalize (as terrorists) persons found "aiding and abetting Nature". Hopefully one day we'll understand how all of the State's secreted and subliminal Nature-hating folds into one amazing World-scale mural of almost incomprehensible historical madness.



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So when

- ✓ the staggering consensus of thousands of scientists insists we are rushing toward the end of the World as we've known it;
  - ✓ and when for 47 years (since the Stockholm Earth Summit of 1972) the frightening but irrefutable consensus is categorically rebuffed;
- then the State's incomprehensible apathy concerning imminent Climate Crisis looks very much like approval of Climate Apocalypse, which is, sadly, entirely consistent with the State's Nature-hating psychosis.

The paralysis of the State concerning Climate Armageddon has begun to stink like psychotic catharsis. We need desperately to grasp what an Earth Summit looks like to nation/states which have been abusing Nature, and Nature-loving peoples for thousands of years! Enviro and Indigenous leaders of the World in one place. Not so long ago such a gathering of Nature-advocates *in the same room with State forces* would have ended in massacre with no witnesses!

It's past time we understand: The State is not like us, folks. It never was. If you're waiting on the State to suddenly wake up, well: The states (nearly 200 nations) have sat by and let the threat of thermonuclear holocaust terrorize the future of every person on Earth for the last 75 years! For you see, we have allowed sociopaths to rule us. If we don't rout them, and soon, we'll find them secure in high places with entire rooms full of *our* money to pay their fortified militias for years to come, the lot of them grinning down on us while we literally drown in the rising floods made worse by our *hesitation to fight aggressively!*

