

THE ENEMY WITHIN

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December 7, 1941 - "A date which will live in Infamy," so stated President Roosevelt. Exactly 50 years ago today was the surprise Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor - Home of the U.S. Pacific Fleet.

But few ask, "Why?" "Why did it have to happen?" "Didn't we have any warnings?" Yes, we did. But we ignored them.

March 1941 - Two men, an Army officer and a Navy officer, write a report stating that Pearl Harbor was exposed to carrier-borne attack. It was ignored.

During the year, relations between the U.S. and Japan break down.

The U.S. breaks the Japanese code enabling them to decipher their messages. We listen in as Japan continues its expansionist agenda, but we try to ignore it. It's happening so far away anyway.

Negotiations go from bad to worse through the fall of 1941.

A Peruvian ambassador in Japan hears of the plan to attack Pearl Harbor. He notifies the U.S. Ambassador who, in turn, notifies Washington. The message is ignored.

October, 1941 - A message, sent to the Japanese Consul in Honolulu, is intercepted by U.S. intelligence. Japan wants them to communicate the exact moorings of all American Ships. This, too, was ignored.

November, 1941 - Opinion in Washington, DC was that Japan was going to attack. Secretary of Navy Knox wrote that Japanese dispatches were warnings of war. Pearl knows nothing.

Negotiations continue to fail.

On Dec. 6 - President Roosevelt states that Japan's dispatches mean war, but no one notifies the Pacific Fleet.

On December 7, at 0615 hrs, 214 planes take off six Japanese aircraft carriers - the first wave of the attack. One hour later, this formation is sighted on radar and reported by a young Air Force Officer. If it had been taken seriously, it would have given 30 minutes warning to the Pacific Fleet. The dispatch was ignored.

At 0715 hrs, 170 planes leave the Japanese carriers. This is the second wave of the attack.

In less than two hours, the U.S. toll was: USS Arizona sunk, USS Oklahoma sunk, USS West Virginia sunk, USS California sunk, USS Nevada

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sunk, USS Utah sunk, USS Shaw sunk, USS Maryland, USS Tennessee, USS Raleigh, USS Helena, USS Pennsylvania, USS Honolulu, USS Curtiss, USS Helm, USS Ogalala, USS Downes, USS Cassin, and USS Vestal hit and damaged by bombs or torpedoes, plus several hundred aircraft destroyed. 2,403 Americans killed and 1,178 wounded.

Today the Arizona Memorial is 184 foot concrete shrine which straddles the sunken battleship. You can look out in either direction and see the ship in the shallow water. On that ship alone 1,177 sailors, including 30 pairs of brothers, lost their lives when a Japanese armor-piercing bomb hit the Arizona, igniting a fuel tank and 1.7 million pounds of gunpowder.

There's an erie feeling, a chill, as you walk above that ship. Oil still seeps from the sunken vessel and most of the men killed on it, are still in it.

Why did it have to happen? Why? Because we didn't know the enemy, we underestimated them and did not assess extent of their motivation.

We are at war today. Our way of life is under attack. But we don't see it. It isn't bombs and torpedoes. It's laws, regulations, and the courts.

And the casualties are scattered, not in one place as in Pearl Harbor. It's Rick McGowan in Missouri, the Gerbaz family in Colorado, Wayne Hage in Nevada, Loggers in the Pacific Northwest, John Pozgai in Pennsylvania, Ocie Mills in Florida and countless others unknown to us.

The Enemy is not a foreign nation, it's your fellow man. The attack is not from the outside, it's from the inside. It's people who put owls and trees over loggers and their families, people who close down your ranch or farm because it's a wetland, those who want to make it "cattle free by 93" or better yet, "No Moo in 92."

You must know your enemy. Know what they believe and that they honestly hate you and intend to destroy you. You must become involved both individually and collectively if America, as we have known it, is to survive. Here's an example.

Recently Charles Krauthammer, a contributing editor for TIME magazine, wrote an essay entitled "Saving Nature, But Only for Man." He addressed such issues as the spotted owl and drilling for oil in the Alaska National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR). He wrote:

"I like the caribou as much as the next man. And I would be rather sorry if their mating patterns are disturbed. But you can't have everything. And if the choice is between the welfare of caribou and reducing an oil dependence that gets people killed in wars, I choose man over caribou every time.

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"Similarly the spotted owl. I am no enemy of the owl. If it could be preserved at no or little cost, I would agree: the variety of nature is a good, a high aesthetic good. But it is no more than that. And sometimes aesthetic goods have to be sacrificed to the more fundamental ones. If the cost of preserving the spotted owl is the loss of livelihoods for 30,000 logging families, I chose family over owl."
(TIME, June 17, 1991)

Guess how many angry letters were written to TIME blasting Mr. Krauthammer? 700. Guess how many folks, such as yourselves, wrote TIME complimenting Mr. Krauthammer's common sense approach to environmental issues? 17. Guess who's winning?

Now I'll warn you in advance that some of you will think what I say is a bit radical. Here are a couple of reasons for that:

1. You are removed from the field of battle. You know, "it's so far away." Out on the ranch, it's somewhat peaceful, providing some portion of your land is not wetlands or critical habitat for some endangered bug, bird or predator. The change is occurring in the university classroom and the media.

2. I am not going to address the symptoms of the problems facing us, i.e. wolf recovery, wetlands, "cattle free by 93", spotted owls, Mexican owls, etc. etc. Rather, I will address the philosophy behind it.

There are other reasons perhaps. I get death threats, you don't. They have become so common, I keep a file on them.

We're here today to talk about the enemy within - the environmentalist. Who are they? How do they think? And most importantly, what motivates them?

First of all, let's look at some common attitudes, some attitudes you may have, towards environmentalists.

1. Idiots - stark raving idiots. A bunch of bug-lovin', posey-sniffin' tree huggers. Example: How do measure the IQ of an environmentalist? With a tire gauge.

Or, why did the environmentalist cross the road? To cause trouble on the other side.

2. This environmental movement is a fad. That's all it is - a fad, like the social movement of the 60s. Well, in a sense you're right. It is part of the social movement of the 60s. But, in case you haven't noticed, the social movement never really went away - it just changed colors. From red to green. The protestors then are professors now and the big, bad problem according to them is our free enterprise system. And they mean business.

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3. They don't bother me. I just ignore them. I've been ranching here on Sagebrush Flats for three generations and, by God, I've weathered many a storm and I'll weather this one. Buddy, you've got about as good a chance of that as the American Indian had stopping "manifest destiny."

Why is the environmental movement so dangerous? It's because this movement has an ideology, a complete religious system of ideas, to support it.

Now let's look at the real area of argument. As I state in all my lectures on wolf recovery. The issue is not about saving wolves. There is no need to save wolves. With 40,000 to 60,000 wolves on the North American continent, they are not even close to extinction. The issue is about philosophy.

There's been a change in philosophy in America. We have changed from Conservation to Environmentalism. You personally may not have changed, but the change has already occurred in our education system, our schools, universities, in many levels of government and particularly the media.

In case you are unaware of the indoctrination of your own children in public schools, allow me to read you a poem found on a bulletin board of a 4th grade classroom in Oklahoma entitled "McDoomsday":

"Before you bite into your Big Mac
Or give your McNugget a crunch,
Think of the cost and the pain
That went into making McLunch.

Think most of the helpless cattle,
The poor little pig, sheep and hen,
Who are cruelly caged and fattened
To be murdered by hungry McMen!

So... Enjoy your juicy McBurger!
The McGreedy people will say.
(There's McProfit in McMurder,
From serving McMillions each day).

Let's define the philosophies at odds here. On one side is Conservation, and on the other, Environmentalism.

Conservation is "the act of conserving; the wise and prudent use of natural resources."

This philosophy gives man the right to manage, conserve and to use natural resources as he sees fit. Thus it gives him the ability to destroy it if he is negligent. Yes, there are cases of negligence, but man has done much better in improving and preserving the environment

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than allowing nature to run its destructive course through natural regulation.

Environmentalism is "the view that the environment, rather than hereditary factors or individual initiative, is the dominating force in effecting change." In short, nature is "god".

This concept directly prevents man from any management of the natural environment.

"So what's religion got to do with Environmentalism?" Religion is very important to any movement. It is the philosophy, the belief system, by which the movement has its worth or its salvation.

You might ask, "Is it important to understand philosophy and belief systems?" The answer is a resounding "Yes". Psychologists have learned, after years of research, that "we live and die for our beliefs and nothing else."

Beliefs dictate actions. Therefore, it is vital for us to understand the belief system which supports the environmental movement in order to see where it is going to lead us and what motivates its participants.

We judge philosophies by their outcome. The United States is a good example of Conservation. For example, we removed wolves under this philosophy due their destructiveness of livestock and wild game.

Additionally, due to our philosophy, our belief system, we enjoy a standard of living unparalleled in the world. In his book "Human Options", Norm Cousins writes, "A recent study revealed that the average American loses more than \$75 per year in money falling out of pockets, being misplaced, etc... The total average income of most of the human occupants on this planet comes to about \$69 annually."

The country of India has a philosophy of Environmentalism. Their lifestyle is a direct result of that philosophy. Wolves regularly attack people in that country. A report in 1985 stated, "Wolves killed at least 18 children last year in central India, the United News of India reported... In eastern Bihar state, wolves killed more than 90 people last year, according to government figures."

Conservation has its religious roots in the Judeo-Christian ethic - commonly called Christianity. The concept of private property ownership, inalienable rights comes from this philosophy, too.

The Bible clearly states that man has dominion over the plant and animal kingdom. Genesis 1:26 and Psalm 8 provide clear and definitive statements on the dominion of man over the earth.

The Bible also teaches that man is to be a good steward. Jesus Christ often used the example of good and bad stewards. Further, while the

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Bible states man can use animals for work and food, it also states man has a responsibility to care for his beast (Duet. 25:4; Proverbs 12:10; Luke 13:15 & 14:5).

What are the religious roots of Environmentalism? You have probably guessed it. If India has Environmentalism as a philosophy, then Hinduism has to be the religious base. That is correct.

However, we do not call it Hinduism here in America, we call it the New Age Movement. The New Age movement is the religion of the Environmentalist. New Age is nothing more than Hinduism put in American words and concepts. Strip away the veneer and you have Hinduism plain and simple.

The New Age Movement and Hinduism is based on the concept of Pantheism. Pantheism states that "all is god." It is the worship of nature.

Here are some of the religious tenets of Environmentalism:

1. Nature was perfect until man disfigured it.
2. Man invariably disrupts and wreaks havoc in the environment.
3. The natural Balance of Nature is the only way to go.
4. Man must reject all of modern technology and call for a return to a simple, pastoral life free of fumes, artificial chemicals, and any noise but the chirping of birds and the croaking of frogs (Science News).
5. Animals have a right to live as much as man, and therefore, man has no right to eradicate or control any living creature.

Environmentalism has many religious concepts. For example:

Earth was perfect in the beginning whenever that was. It was a "Garden of Eden" so to speak. Man and all his technological advances has corrupted this Eden.

Environmentalist Paul Watson (founder of Greenpeace and Sea Shepherds Society) stated, "We are innately good, but because we drifted so far from the Garden so many years ago, we have lost touch with natural reality... This confusion has led to ... a blind allegiance to the laws of man over the higher more profound laws of nature."

In Christianity, man's sins are vices/habits such as anger, greed, coveteousness, lying, stealing, murder, etc.

Sins in Environmental literature are the use of natural resources.

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Sexual/immoral words such as rape, assault, murder, ravaging, etc. are constantly used in reference to logging, mining and grazing. Note the religious overtones in this Wilderness Society statement, "Wilderness and the environment have become today's scapegoat, sacrificed on the altar of expediency."

Example: the oil spill in Prince William Sound wasn't all that bad ecologically speaking. Yes, there was pollution and animals killed. But given time, the oil would have gone away without much problem. However, it was played up that Exxon committed a grievous sin against nature, thus they had to pay for cleanup and penance - at the tune of 1.1 billion dollars.

In Christianity, man is a sinner which can be redeemed.

In Environmentalism, man is the chief and only sinner and must be destroyed.

While the average John Q. Citizen may find this hard to believe, the environmentalists believe it and want to see the human race either greatly reduced or completely destroyed. Let's look at some of their comments.

David Graber, a biologist for the National Park Service stated (LA Times) "human happiness and certainly human fecundity [productiveness], are not as important as a wild and healthy planet. I know social scientists who remind me that people are part of nature, but it isn't true. Somewhere along the line ... we quit the contract and became a cancer. We have become a plague upon ourselves and upon the earth."

At a conference at the University of Oregon, Paul Watson stated, "We, the humans species, have become a viral epidemic to the earth - the AIDS of the earth."

Since man is the unredeemable sinner, human reduction is advocated. One environmental publication states, "The only way to stop all the destruction of our home is to decrease the birth rate or increase the death rate... It does no good to kill a few selected folks. That's a retail operation. What we need is a wholesale operation... The simple expedient: biological warfare! Think about it. It fits. It's species-specific. Bacteria and viruses tend to be, deadly to only one species. Only a very few human pathogens are shared by other partners on our planet. Biological warfare will have no impact on other creatures, big or small, if we design it carefully."

Allow me to quote Mr. Graber, of the National Park Service, again. "It is ... unlikely that the developed world will choose to end its orgy of fossil-energy consumption, and the Third World its suicidal consumption of landscape. Until such time as Homo sapiens should decide to rejoin nature, some of us can only hope for the right virus to come along." Vincent M. Cannistraro, former chief of Central Intelligence Agency

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Counterterrorism Department stated there are a few "highly educated scientists", who in the name of saving the earth from the destructive habits of the people who inhabit it, are working to develop a virus that could wipe out humankind while leaving the rest of the animal kingdom undisturbed. Cannistraro stated, "It may seem ultimately self-defeating, but there are small organized clandestine cells working on the development of technologies to diminish or even eliminate the race of man from the earth."

In response to Mr. Cannistraro's comments, geologist Robert F. Mueller of Staunton, VA, stated, "The human race is a failed species that isn't going to be around for very long." He went on to state that he would be one of those plotting man's demise if he were a biologist and not a geologist. Right now Mueller advocates a maximum population of 10 million people for America.

You know, Hitler's plan of genocide was child's play compared to what these eco-freaks have in store for us if they get their way. Hitler only killed millions. Environmentalists want to kill billions.

In a recent issue of "Wild Earth" is an article entitled "The Answer to All Our Problems: Voluntary Human Extinction" (VHEMT) which states, "If you haven't given voluntary human extinction much thought before, the idea of a world with no people in it may seem strange. But, if you give it a chance, I think you might agree that the extinction of Homo sapiens would mean survival for millions, if not billions of other Earth-dwelling species... Phasing out the Human race will solve every problem on earth, social and environmental."

In the religion of the environmentalist, redemption and salvation are achieved by restoring the condition that existed before human activities corrupted the innocence of the earth. The LA Times preached creating a national wilderness - "the bottom line here is ... wonder in human renewal."

A primary teaching in this earth worship philosophy is that "man is nothing more than any other animal." Of course, Ingrid Newkirk's statement "A rat is a pig is a dog is a boy" comes readily to mind. But even Congressmen think in these terms. Gary Studds (D-MA) stated, "When one species is lost, every species - including our own - is diminished."

In Science magazine, Lynn White stated Christianity allowed exploitation of "nature in a mood of indifference to the feeling of natural objects." He called for a new religion where humanity is not different than anything else in nature.

It must be noted Christianity never did allow for the exploitation of the earth or natural resources by man. It advocated stewardship, care and compassion for our fellow man and animal.

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Exploitation comes from man's own vices such as greed, selfishness and lust for power. However, in our increasingly humanistic and hedonistic society, such vices are often considered virtues. Kind of like the saying - Get all you can; Can all you get; And sit on the lid.

Environmentalism teaches salvation is for those who fight to save Mother Earth. Status, power and the right to live is given to the Eco-warrior. Environmental literature often states that works are very beneficial in achieving personal salvation.

Dave Foreman, founder Earth First!, in his new book, "Confessions of an Eco-Warrior" wrote, "We humans have become a disease - the humanpox."

Foreman goes on to state that he and his cohorts are "the new race of Neanderthals, humans who love the wild, whose primary loyalty is to Earth and not to Homo sapiens, and will act as antibodies to the humanpox... Antibodies need no justification. Their job is merely to fight and destroy that which would destroy the greater body of which they are a part, for which they form the warrior society."

It's often asked, "Well, if humans are so bad, why don't these eco-freaks go out and commit suicide?" Nice thought, but, (according to them) they are not the problem, WE ARE!

A brief review of history reveals humans have often rationalized their existence while pronouncing judgment on their fellow man.

For instance, most of recorded history tells of the use of slaves - a sub-class of humans who could be bought and sold.

When white man first came to North America, he regarded the Indian as his fellow man. Soon that changed to the Indian being a "savage" and "barbarian". This classification justified the need to have this race eliminated and driven from the land.

Hitler had a sub-class listing for Jews. Thus, there was the Jewish question which had to be addressed. It was! Six million Jews exterminated on the orders of a "superior" human race.

But...there's a problem with environmental religion. It won't work. It won't save the environment and there ain't no such thing as Utopia on planet earth as this ideology proposes.

Mind you, these nature-worshipping zealots don't care whether their belief system is rational or not. They don't even care if their predictions come true.

Paul Erhlich of Stanford University is one of the world's better known scientists and is beloved of the environmentalists. He, in fact, is one of their prophets. Erhlich wrote a book, "The Population Bomb" in 1968. It stated "The battle to feed all of humanity is over. In the

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1970s, hundreds of millions of people are going to starve to death ... nothing can prevent a substantial increase in the world death rate."

The seventies came - nothing happened. So Ehrlich predicted in 1974 that "before 1985 mankind will enter an age of scarcity" in which "the accessible supplies of many key minerals will be nearing depletion."

1985 came and went. People were better off than before. So Ehrlich predicted that by 1990, 90% of the U.S. Population will perish because of famine and global warming. That prediction won him a slot on NBC television as a commentator. Tells you where the media is, huh?

The 90s now have come and Ehrlich has written another book, "The Population Explosion", which follows the same basis as his earlier book.

On Earth Day 1990, Ehrlich told a crowd of 100,000 that their grand children would endure food riots in the streets of America. And the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences gave Ehrlich the coveted "Crafoord Prize" for his work studying ecological dynamics. The "Crafoord Prize" is something like the Nobel Peace Prize.

Back in 1980, an economist, Richard Simon, offered Ehrlich a bet. Take any natural resource and any future date. If the resource became more scarce as the population grew, then its price would rise. If human productivity and technology created more efficient use, the resource would actually decrease in price.

Ehrlich accepted the bet. The natural resource - Metals (chrome, copper, nickel, tin and tungsten). The date 1990 (10 years). If the price of these metals rose, Simon paid. If they declined in price, Ehrlich paid.

In the fall of 1990, the bet was settled. Ehrlich sent Simon a check for \$567.07. The price of all five metals had declined.

Ehrlich was asked if there was a lesson here for the future? Ehrlich replied, "Absolutely not, look at the new problems: the ozone hole, acid rain, global warming... if we let the ecological systems keep running downhill, we could have gigantic population crash."

The environmentalist does not care if they tell the truth. Senator Tim Wirth of Colorado stated, "We've got to ride the global warming issue. Even if the theory of global warming is wrong, we will be doing the right thing anyway,..."

Remember Turner Broadcasting's "New Range Wars" where Dr. Jim Fish stated, "I feel that they [western ranchers] are a dying breed anyway. Their time has passed, and I don't see why we should let them continue to destroy the land to support a lifestyle whose time has passed."

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Destroy the land? That's a blatant lie! But...Ladies and Gentlemen, you will not find a clearer statement of the new "manifest destiny" of the environmental movement than that!

Environmentalists are dedicated to their objectives. A professor attended a Greenpeace rally on a university campus. The speaker was recruiting students to join the movement and told these students to count the cost. He told of some Greenpeace members in Brazil who chained themselves to rubber trees to protest a tree harvest. They were executed! And this speaker asked these students not only to join their movement but to even be ready to die for it.

But you, the silent majority, have the good sense to see the harm of this movement. Are you going to sit idly by and let these people destroy the greatest country on Earth?

Do you want to go back where diseases such as Cholera, Mountain Fever, Dysentery, Typhoid and even rabies can kill so many?

Do we want it where only the hardiest can travel? Remember, millions of people have traveled over dreadful highways to scenic Carlsbad Caverns or White Sands National Monument.

When environmentalists speak of Utopia, remember their Utopia means we survive off the land, give up our homes, our cars and other conveniences to really enjoy nature at its finest.

It is estimated that only 1.5% of our nation's population is capable of providing for their basic needs of food, clothing and shelter. The environmentalists seek to control and restrict/stop the use of natural resources. Small wonder this fits their agenda so well.

The results will be the same as the land of India. The philosophy is the same. Man and animal suffer. Pollution and disease are rampant. The standard of living is worse there than any poverty we might find in this country. Watch the next TV documentary on India and pay special attention to living conditions, river and land conditions and other environmental issues. This philosophy is devastating to the environment.

We must also note that the ideology of Environmentalism is very similar to Marxism.

Both seek to destroy private property. Abolishing private property rights is the first plank of the communist Manifesto. Environmentalists say private property concepts are obsolete. They seek, as is stated in the video, "Buffalo lessons", "to make private lands public and public lands inaccessible."

Both teach that "human greed and exploitation have infected the world with sin."

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Both are utopian promising heaven on earth.

Both utilize the same tool - government - to implement their vision. Communism uses force while Environmentalism uses regulation to achieve its ends. However, such environmental groups as Earth First! and Animal Liberation Front (ALF) show competency in using terrorist tactics to achieve their goals.

There is one difference between Marxism and Environmentalism. Remember the Stalin purges. The 8000 polish officers found shot in a forest in eastern Russia. Tiananmen Square. Pol Pot. Vietnam. If you need a vivid reminder of communist atrocities, read "Rape of the Golden Land" in the December issue (1991) of Reader's Digest.

Yet in spite of all these atrocities, Marxism found man good as a worker for the state.

Environmentalism finds no good in man.

Perhaps a side note should be inserted here. Why are so many agricultural and business organizations so willing to compromise with these people? I don't know.

You have to remember one thing about negotiating. Both parties have to bring something to the bargaining table. Tell me, what does the environmentalist bring to the table? Nothing - absolutely nothing. What do you bring to the table? Everything - your very way of life. That's not compromise folks, that's suicide.

Take wolf recovery - History tell us that livestock producers can't live with wolves. The state of Minnesota proves compensation won't work. Its program went bankrupt for the last two years and they have a \$400 dollar limit per animal.

Yet in Wyoming, the only group standing firm against wolf recovery is the Farm Bureau. The rest lean to compromise (Not their constituency, mind you, I refer here to the leadership). You know, 30 wolves instead of 100. "Non-essential, experimental" status is OK. That's baloney. It's only a few years between 30 wolves and 100 wolves as far as numbers. And a "non-essential, experimental" wolf will eat your cow just as quickly as an "endangered" one.

It's kind of like being a little bit pregnant or having a little cancer, it's only a matter of time.

Folks, you can't compromise with these folks. They have nothing to lose, you have everything to lose. Fight smart? Yes. Compromise? No.

Back when I knew it all, those wonderful teen years, I didn't listen much to my Dad. One day he sat me down and told me a quaint verse about compromise that I have never forgotten. It says:

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No man escapes when freedom fails,
And good men rot in filthy jails,
And those who cried, "Appease, Appease,"
Are hung by those they tried to please.

Winston Churchill once stated that "an appeaser is one who feeds the crocodile - hoping it will eat him last."

I believe Churchill knew what he was talking about. What did Britian gain when she compromised with Hitler? Where would Britian be today if she hadn't taken a stand? When are you going to take a stand?

By the way, Hitler was an environmentalist. He was a strict vegetarian and believe in Pantheism. Hitler outlawed animal research and used people instead. Did you know a German fisherman was jailed for six months, under Hitler's regime, for cutting off a bait frog's head?

Folks, we've been compromising, trying to look good or use what sells, for years and what have we gained? Nothing - it's time to take a stand.

Preservationist environmental philosophy does not work.

Take wilderness for example - land set aside from use in order to preserve the natural beauty. What happens? Nature destroys the natural beauty through uncontrolled fire, insect infestation and/or disease. The land will deteriorate until it is much less useable or not useable at all.

The Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge here in New Mexico is a case in point. Sevilleta has been off limits for grazing for more than 15 years. What's happening? A vegetation paradise? No, it's becoming a desert according team of 50 U.S. Fish and Wildlife biologists.

Meanwhile the pasture just over the fence which has been "exploited" by the bovine species is healthy and growing strong. Preservationism simply does not work. And now we have millions of acres of wilderness to watch die.

The logic of returning to an "all natural" order literally suggests that humanity has a minor or "non-consumptive" place in the natural order. Thus man is no different and is of no more value than any other living creature.

David Henderson, writing in "Timetracks" (Nov/Dec, 1990) stated, "The reintroduction of the Mexican Gray Wolf strikes at the core of our willingness to recognize that we are not Lords of nature, nor, perhaps, even the stewards of nature, but rather one of many players in the game of life we barely understand."

This defies all logic. The proposition is we are just animals, no more

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or less. If this proposition is true and Mr. Henderson correct, then what are we doing thinking about the environment and endangered species? There is no law of nature that concern or care is expressed by one species for another species. The law of nature is survival of the fittest. Extinction is abundantly portrayed in the fossil record. Therefore, what obligation do we have even to worry about the wolf's plight, much less discuss recovery?

But... If, on the other hand, man is different and by his ability to reason, is obligated to look after the welfare of animals, doesn't that give him the right and justify the action taken to control predators, noxious weeds and insects which are detrimental to his livelihood and to the well-being of other animals?

You may be asking, "How can these people buy this baloney?" They buy it due to a number of reasons.

1. Christianity is a failure or so we are told. We've thrown out God, the Bible and everything related to it. Therefore, man, being religious, has to turn to something else. Why not save the world from man?

For those of you who doubt what I'm saying here today, get out the Number 1 most censored book in this nation, the Bible, blow the dust off of it, and read Romans 1:18-32 and compare what is stated in that scripture text with what's happening today.

2. Most of these people have had some sort of spiritual experience - some sort of harmonic convergence with nature. The experience felt good, therefore it must be right.
3. The basis of belief today is experience only. Truth is relative, there are no absolutes. Thus, there is no need for confirmation through history or science.

Remember Paul Watson's statement about humans being the AIDS of the earth? Such statement are not uttered by someone who wants cleaner land, air and water. This is an anti-human statement.

Environmentalists, like Watson, want to roll back man's conquest of nature, which will damage economies, livelihoods and the environment itself. In short, this is religious belief over sound economics and common sense. They don't weigh the cost or detriments of environmental measures against the benefits.

Finally, we must note that America was founded upon the Christian Faith. Freedom, as we know it today, is directly related to the teachings of Christianity.

It's obvious we have rejected Christianity here in America. It's also obvious that we are heading very rapidly down the road to Socialism,

the failed concept which has been rejected in the Soviet Union and eastern Europe. Here are a couple of interesting points to ponder.

A few years ago, Alexander Solzhenitsyn was lecturing at a prestigious university in England. He was asked why all the suffering had come upon the people of Russia. He replied that as a boy during the Bolshevik revolution, he asked the old men that very question. Their reply was that the people had forgotten God. Solzhenitsyn went on to state that he had studied the history of his people for over 50 years and he had come to the same conclusion that the reason his people had suffered so much was because they had forgotten God.

Christianity is alive and well and growing at a tremendous rate in the Soviet Union and eastern Europe. Example: a Christian pianist recently played in Moscow. He gave a concert and his testimony of his faith in Jesus Christ for nine nights in a row. Every night, there was a capacity crowd of 15,000 people in attendance and over 40,000 people made a public decision to follow Christ during those 9 days. Remember this occurred in a country where people have been executed for publicly acknowledging a belief in Christ.

I like to conclude with a couple narrations. One tells you of the sacrifice made by others so that you could be free; the other relates what can happen if you let freedom die here.

THE COMMON MAN

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As I was out driving in the country alone,
I happened to pass by a small farm home.
It was a little house with shingles on the top,
But there was something about it,
that just made me want to stop.

So I pulled my car to the side of the road,
Right next to a field that had just been hoed.
I had walked up to the house and had stopped again,
When a man stepped up and said, "Howdy friend."
I told him my name and hastened to say,
"I don't mean to intrude
But something just made me want to stop here today."
The old man smiled and said, "Won't you sit a spell,
The Lord sent you here 'cuz I've got a story to tell."

"You see, the Lord took my wife when we first built our home,
But me and my boy, we stayed on alone.
Oh, we both worked hard and never complained,
We battled the snow, the wind, and the rain.

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Then after supper, at the close of each day,
We'd take down the Bible, and we'd read and pray.

"Oh, it wasn't easy, but we made it some way,
Until the postman came with that letter one day.
My boy had to leave me, to answer his country's call,
Ah, it seems that I can see him, as he stood there so tall.
He said, 'Dad, don't worry, I'll be back someday,
And I just want to thank you,
Because you taught me how to pray.'

"Well, time rocked on, but I found that I could still smile,
Why, I'd even get a letter, oh, every once and awhile.
But sir, my world fell to pieces, and I couldn't even pray,
When I read that wire, "YOUR SON WAS KILLED IN ACTION TODAY!"

"I said, 'God, I had so little,
And I worked so hard to do my share,
Now you take my only boy,
Why it just doesn't seem fair.'

Then, as plain as could be,
My boy had knelt, his hand on my knee.
He said, 'Dad, you disappoint me,
I never thought your faith would wane,
If you denounce our God and Country,
Then I guess I died in vain.'

"Just then, God came back into view,
And so He sent you here, for me to tell my story to."

As I left that house, I knelt and prayed,
"Lord, please let us understand,
The hope of America lies in our faith in God,
And the Common Man."

That's the price paid so that you could be free. If you don't fight
for freedom, then this is what will happen.

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ONLY OUR DEAD WILL BE FREE

By: Adam Reiter

If we lose in our struggle for freedom
If we fail in the task we must do,
If we shrink from the turmoil of conflict,
Or quit, ere the battle is through.
If we heed not the plight of the vanquished
If we turn from the brunt of the clash
If we barter our souls in our folly
For the yoke, the goad and the lash.

It is we who will envy our fallen,
If we bow to the tyrant's decree.
Only our dead will find solace,
Only our dead will be free.

In bondage, our loved ones will cower,
Abject, despised and depraved
Our faith and our tenets verboten
Our hopes, our children enslaved.
Old Glory will be but a memory,
As we mourn by Liberty's bier,
A once proud and resolute nation,
Degraded and cringing in fear.

Our shrines will be broken and crumbled,
And the slaver will scoff at our plea.
Only our dead will be victors,
Only our dead will be free.

On December 7, 1941, 2,403 Americans died because people failed to note the warnings of war. Will you also ignore the warnings of war? How many will be destroyed before you take a stand?

Thank you.

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