



A GREEN MANIFESTO

We are totally opposed to nuclear weapons, to the militaristic spirit and to all its manifestations. We call for an end to all arms manufacture in all nations of the world and the recycling of all existing military equipment and personnel.

We express our solidarity with all oppressed people in the world and we call for an immediate end to all economic, sexual and racial violence. We pledge ourselves to desist from such violence. We reject the institutions that perpetuate such violence.

We affirm our pride in our humanity but we denounce the excesses of the existing human societies. We recognise that, as a species, ignorance and cruelty have too often characterised our attitudes to other species and to the planet. We fear for the future of our children and for the beauty of this world because of the ignorance and cruelty which is still at work here. We reject all such ignorance and all such cruelty.

We are united in our desire to save the species from self-destruction and in our wish to create a world society of free contented humans living in harmony with each other and with nature. We believe that, through struggle, such a society can be achieved. In our wish to transform the existing order of things we are revolutionaries: but ours is a green revolution. The centre of our revolution is not the struggle for power over others but, rather, the struggle for personal power and a co-operative sharing of skills.

We affirm the rights of the person of whatever age, sex, appearance or species to be treated with dignity and respect. We acknowledge and rejoice in the differences which exist between humans.

There can be no green revolution without an end to all privilege and to all economic slavery. We distrust all large-scale bureaucracies especially those which exist to defend privilege. We favour small-scale local initiatives that empower all people.

Our revolution is one of consciousness. In its recognition that humans are part of nature, this consciousness is an ecological consciousness.

We reject the ecological stupidity of the consumer society. We pledge ourselves to live our lives in harmony with nature to the best of our abilities, to take careful decisions about what we consume, to love and respect all living things, to tread lightly upon the earth.

We respect all religious expressions of love for life whatever form they may take.

We promise to love ourselves and be true to ourselves.

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