

DEEP ECOLOGY PLATFORM circa 1984

Deep Ecology Platform 1980s

- 1) The well-being and flourishing of human and nonhuman life on Earth have value in themselves. These values are independent of the usefulness of the nonhuman world for human purposes.**
- 2) Richness and diversity of life forms contribute to the realization of these values and are also values in themselves.**
- 3) Humans have no right to reduce this richness and diversity except to satisfy vital needs.**
- 4) Present human interference with the nonhuman world is excessive, and the situation is rapidly worsening.**
- 5) The flourishing of human life and cultures is compatible with a substantial decrease of the human population. The flourishing of nonhuman life requires such a decrease.**
- 6) Policies must therefore be changed. The changes in policies affect basic economic, technological structures. The resulting state of affairs will be deeply different from the present.**
- 7) The ideological change is mainly that of appreciating life quality (dwelling in situations of inherent worth) rather than adhering to an increasingly higher standard of living. There will be a profound awareness of the difference between big and great.**
- 8) Those who subscribe to the foregoing points have an obligation directly or indirectly to participate in the attempt to implement the necessary changes.**

-- Arne Naess and George Sessions --