

Global Human Green Being: should be taken conscious action

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Abstract

Economic growth at any price is dangerous for every individual, as well as the whole of society and the entire Planet. The Global Economy has grown notably over past century, i.e. GDP has grown. However relevant issues such as poverty, inequality and negative climate change results caused by the irresponsible action of humans have deepened.

The World faces such global problems as climate change, poverty and income inequality. Though major efforts and a lot of discussions are taking place, 25.19 % of the population (according to 2005 data) still lives in households with consumption or income per person below the poverty line (World Bank, 2007). Only 20 per cent of the world's population has adequate social security coverage and more than half lack any coverage at all (ILO, 2010). Overall warming since the mid-19th century totals ~0.8°C (almost 1.5°F), with most of the increase occurring since 1970 (MacCracken, M.C., 2009). These striking pieces of data force us to give pause to the thought that something is wrong with the way we are living.

Over consumerism under which a major part of the world's population consumes more food than it needs, taking those used natural and non-renewable resources from future generations, whilst leaving one part of the population to starve. Irresponsible human activity has also damaged nature and resulted in the over-exploitation of non-renewable resources, a rise in global sea levels, a change in vegetation zones, an increase in disease levels, and a change in ecosystems.

Author proposes Human Green Being schema (conception) with its main green being factors (green consumption, green production, work, health, education) and values (quality, equality and environmentally friendly action) under which humans have to act responsibly and in a “green” way.