

## **Global Call to the Two Billion Richest People for Worthy Voluntary Impoverishment**

**Recipients:** Human beings **Global Call to Worthy Voluntary Impoverishment URGENT SLOWING DOWN**

This appeal is mainly addressed to the 2 billion “richest” human beings— that is to say, ourselves, who are contributing to the destruction of life.

Yet it is possible to preserve biodiversity, humans included, in wellness and joy!

So, let’s favor as much as possible (except in exceptional cases):

- **Cooperation over competition**
- **Doubt over certainties**
- **Robustness over performance**
- **Solidarity over selfishness**
- **Forgiveness over resentment**
- **Serenity over anger**
- **Order over power**
- **Sobriety over excess**
- **Essentials over superficiality**
- **Curiosity over indifference**
- **Tolerance over judgment**
- **Unity over division**
- **Low-tech over high-tech**
- **Effort over comfort**
- **Slowness over speed**
- **Ontology over appearances**
- **Sharing over possession**
- **Spirituality over materialism**
- **Poetics over prosaics** *and the list is not exhaustive...*

**Let’s reduce as much as possible:**

- Support for structures that clearly go against what is stated above—through our jobs, purchases, actions, words...

This includes reducing:

- Consumption of meat, sugar, salt, and unhealthy fats
- Visits to hypermarkets : instead, favor truly organic local products
- Plastic usage, clothing (use them longer...), our general needs
- Energy use (especially fossil fuels like oil, gas, coal), unethical energy storage, becoming less energy-intensive
- Virtual social networks, use of GAFAM, screens, AI, and non-independent mass media
- Anger, selfishness, the desire for power, and our outdated aspiration to be wealthy

- Colonialism, patriarchy, capitalism, and domination (mainly perpetuated by male humans)
- Community sizes (cities max 10,000 ?), long live urban exodus
- Money possession (exit the market system—banks, funds, insurance, interest loans, stock markets, profits), as Homo sapiens lived without it for hundreds of thousands of years...
- Private property...

=> Are you up for it ?

### **Tools and Means:**

- **Fantasy** (arts, humor, poetry, creativity, imagination, sensitivity...)
- **Discernment, logic, critical thinking, wisdom, in short, intelligence;** theoretical sciences, mathematics, relevant (investigated) information; safeguard Wikipedia (it's easy, less than 35GB)...
- **Wonder** (contemplation, curiosity, listening, knowledge...)
- **Love for others, joy, and good humor**

Make the wealthy and luxury outdated; many religions, philosophies, and spiritual paths advocate material deprivation. Arguments abound for replacing economic growth with a growth in happiness. Science itself reminds us of finite resources. **Connect with living beings;** work together, listen to indigenous peoples, observe plants, slugs, and metazoans...

### **It's possible, because:**

- We (current and future signatories...) are very numerous (a large majority of human beings and most likely most living beings)
- A great majority of women validate the aforementioned points
- Most "intellectuals," artists, thinkers, scientists, journalists, are likely to endorse this call
- We have all trades and materials at hand
- Together we hold considerable money that we can take out of the market system (banks, funds...) and transform into tangible goods (bikes, caravans, places, tools...)
- Living beings are on our side, given that the goal is to save them

When one thinks that reducing needs increases the standard of living (if you need nothing, you have everything you need) !!

### **Consequences, Increase**

Happiness, well-being, simple pleasures, laughter, free time, libido, tenderness, sharing, listening, knowledge, discovery, wonder, curiosity, robustness, creativity, adaptability, resilience, connection to life, good health, joy, tranquility...

### **Speak, Transmit, Share**

When you realize that if each signatory finds two signatories, we will reach the entire planet!

This call belongs to all human beings (and fish too...), and it only needs to be improved and disseminated—especially among the two billion "richest": let's spread this global union of the poor like wildfire!

## **Act, Do, Concrete Steps**

Ah yes, oh no, I had noted so many good ideas, but I misplaced my notebook. It had something about struggles...

What if everyone took on a project?

Do we have a choice? Let's get used to creating now!

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