Global Emergency: The Earth and Humanity Need Revolution!

1. Planet Earth is facing an extreme and urgent emergency. An impending catastrophe looms. The very things that the ecosystem of plants, animals, water, soil, and air—being destroyed, compromised, and changed forever. The atmosphere and oceans are heating up because of the burning of coal, oil, and gas, and the destruction of rainforests. Glaciers and polar ice are melting at an accelerating rate. Increased global warming will mean more powerful hurricanes, and shifts in weather patterns. In Africa, where huge sections of humanity already suffer from war, poverty, and lack of food—this will mean even more devastating droughts.

2. Today 50% of the world’s forests are gone. The remaining rainforests contain the richest diversity of species on earth (related organisms that can interbreed). But they are being wiped out at an astonishing rate. The current loss of species is estimated to be 1,000 times the natural or normal rate that species go extinct. Water, air, and soil all over the world are severely polluted. Virtually every person on the planet has detectable levels of toxic substances such as pesticides that are known to cause cancer, birth defects, and other harmful health effects. In the world’s vast oceans, 75% of fisheries are being fished to capacity or over-fished. The oceans themselves are warming and becoming more acidic. Zones where life no longer exists are expanding in the oceans.

3. The very fate of the planet is at stake. It is a scientific fact that there will be even bigger, dramatic and irreversible destruction of the planet’s ecosystems. These changes are happening in nature, and we need to face them.

4. Tremendous productive forces and technology already exist that could be used to address the environmental crisis. And most importantly, there are billions of people around the world, with their vast knowledge and potential creativity, who could be mobilized, led and unleashed to figure out how to put a stop to the way the earth is being destroyed.

The environment and human destiny are both being taken to the brink of disaster. This is why the capitalist “answer” to the problem of 20% of humanity having the most wealth and 80% having the least is to put more and more people on the planet who can’t afford to eat.

All this because of the dictates of this system—because of the system’s stranglehold on humanity. All this while technology and wealth exist on a scale and in forms never before imagined—technology and wealth produced by nations, billionaires, throughout the world who are nameless and faceless to the powers that be—technology and wealth that could and should be a resource belonging to humanity as a whole and used to meet the needs of people everywhere for a decent and ever-enriched material, intellectual and cultural life.

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