

Enjoy it

I think the concept of saving the World is a bit inane. Hasn't there been enough theories, philosophies, societies, religions and generalized dogma already? I consider the world as a component of the Universe, known and unknown, and indispensable even though it may be rather insignificant. I consider the world's ills (though this is talking in vague generalities admittedly) as a product of history but more importantly, the activities of all its animal, vegetable and mineral components at the "right now" point in time determine just what really happens. The parts uniquely affect the whole, and the whole determines the parts. Neither can exist by itself and we have an uncertainty principle operating - it is impossible in actuality to consider either the parts by themselves or the whole without the parts.

Can I justifiably, then, point a finger at some of the world's ills and offer a solution? I don't think so. All I can really do, if I *want to*, is contribute my time and energy to perhaps alleviate some of the immediate wrongs I see around me. Is that saving the world?

I may not be even microscopically influential in "saving the world" from some of its troubles, but say if I was only one of half the population of the world, all dedicated to helping however we can, without resorting to the depths of coercion, brutality, and interference that our ancestors and some contemporaries regard as necessary. I wonder....

Just what would happen if we decided that most of that advertising and general pressure to conform and consume was a load of dung, that we only really are aware of one trip we take from "birth" to "death" and that accumulation of wealth and self-gratification was a bore? That the world is really so intricate and beautiful, both in what is left of Nature and in the ugliest of slums, polluted systems and political disgraces, so that the most personally satisfying activity might be to enhance the harmonies and the good things, and do what we can to remove the causes of suffering and the anguish of those who suffer.

Perhaps the "system" would crash (perhaps

it is!). Need we feel so insecure that we could only tut-tut about dreadful times or fret about anarchy and immorality? I don't see why. Science and technology may have brought us close to the limits of resource utilization, and religions may have brought us close to bliss (etc.) but perhaps those *who have the opportunity* to get off their comfortable self-gratified butts ought to quit this struggle for the absolute parts of the universe and concentrate our energies on making it all work together.

We can't put it together because it has always been together, however by making sure we are well-oiled maybe we can get it working together better. Maybe. Maybe I am being a bit idealistic and talking in generalities that are too vague, but maybe at least some of you reading this will get provoked one way or another.

I might hazard a guess that things are going to get a lot worse on this poor little planet of an average little star, in the next year or so (as we measure it!). But I think also that a lot of people are really working at their own thing, and that soon it will be running a lot happier. I think the world is on the verge of a great age, and that it doesn't *deserve* to be saved from purging itself of cruel, useless, anachronistic and stupid things. I wouldn't like to predict my survival potential, but there's a lot of life to be lived and it would sure be great to play even the smallest part in getting what's left of the mess to hum beautifully.

I hear the humming myself, it is what makes me feel happy and great to be alive. It is inside me and is my experience and consciousness only. Maybe we could just listen to what feels happy and right inside, and do what we are capable of to assist others to do the same. Maybe it just doesn't have a set of rules, and maybe we will never find out what is ultimate about it, but maybe this act of tuning in to the world as a whole, tuning ourselves to what we experience to obtain the best harmonies. Perhaps this is what we might do instead of trying to save the world.

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To save the world just vote for Joe the space bee, present leader of the Inter Galactic Bumblebees. (I.G.B.B.)

Worried

So you want some suggestions on Saving the World, what an undertaking that would be, now that permissiveness among our young people, and greed and crime, etc. have all reached such a staggering all time high. However, I do have one suggestion that would help a lot to Save the World and that is to Cut Out the Liquor, do away with the beer, shut up the bars.

Alcoholism is Canada's No. 1 headache, it is too easy to get permits to sell it, and too many of our young people are becoming Alcoholics. The amount of drinking that goes on at the U of A is unbelievable and disgusting, I know, I have a son who is in his 3rd year there, beer is his downfall, but he thinks, in order to survive, he must conform.

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