



Greetings!

Mincing No Words



David Attenborough, 92, producer, filmmaker, narrator and creator of the *Blue Planet* and *Planet Earth* Series, spoke to the World Economic Forum in January. He says we must focus on the planetary issue of climate change and develop a plan.

The Garden of Eden is no more. We have changed the world so much that scientists say we are in a new geological age: The Anthropocene, the age of humans.

It is tempting and understandable to ignore the evidence and carry on as usual, or to be filled with doom and gloom. But there is also vast potential for what we might do.

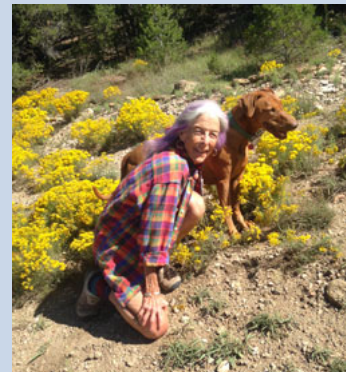
What we do in the next few years will profoundly affect the next few thousand years.

[The article with his short speech](#) and [transcript](#) here.



Greta Thunberg, 16, continues her effort to alert and motivate us all to address climate change as the crisis it is. She gave this presentation at [her TED Talk](#) in Sweden. And here is [her speech](#) to the UN Climate Conference, COP24, last December. Both of her talks are poignant and direct

Everyone keeps saying climate change is an existential threat and the most important issue of all, and yet they just carry on like before. I don't understand



Good news, insights and action for positive change

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PERSIST
INSIST
PROTECT
DEFEND
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CREATE

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"Imagine"
John Lennon

Justice is what love looks like in public.
Cornel West

Because I always have a choice, I choose love.
Deepak Chopra

*Come, Come, whoever you are.
Ours is not a caravan of despair. --Rumi*

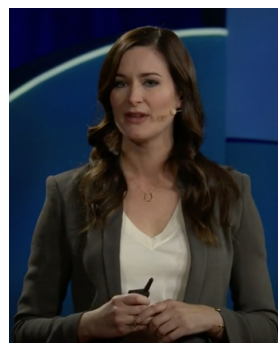
that, because if the emissions have to stop, then we must stop the emissions. To me that is black or white. There are no gray areas when it comes to survival. Either we go on as a civilization or we don't. We have to change.

And yes, we do need hope, of course we do. But the one thing we need more than hope is action. Once we start to act, hope is everywhere.

CLIMATE ACTION and SOLUTIONS

Empowering Women and Girls Can Help Stop Global Warming

Project Drawdown's Katharine Wilkinson makes a compelling and moving presentation to illuminate one of the top ways to address gender equity *and* decrease CO2 emissions. She does not mince words either.



We are in a situation of urgency, severity and scope never before faced by humankind. So far, our response isn't anywhere close to adequate. But you already know that.

There is one role I want to ask that all of you play: the role of messenger. This is a time of great awakening. We need to break the silence around the condition of our planet . . . speak truth with a broken-open heart; teach that to address climate change, we must make gender equity a reality.

It is a magnificent thing to be alive in a moment that matters so much. This earth, our home, is calling for us to be bold, reminding us we are all in this together -- women, men, people of all gender identities, all beings. We are life force, one earth, one chance. Let's seize it.

See 100 More Solutions at [Project Drawdown](#)
Here is [Wilkinson's 13 min.talk and transcript.](#)

Youth-led Climate Protests in Europe U.S. Student Strike to demand climate action March 15th

Inspired by 16 year old Greta Thunberg students across Europe have been walking out of school for 26 weeks to demand action on climate change. Signs read:

"Make Earth Cool Again,"
"Like the Oceans We Rise," "There is No Planet B,"
"What I Stand For is What I Stand On."

Every single person
on this earth has
the power to
change the world.

Emma Thompson
Actress and Activist

When the people lead,
the leaders follow.

Gandhi



FOR THE LOVE OF EARTH



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[Why I have hope in the Face of Human Extinction](#)

David Korten

When I ask an audience, "Who believes we are on a path to human extinction?" nearly every hand goes up. It's a sign of a growing awareness that humanity is on a path to self-imposed environmental and social collapse. For me, that awareness is a source of hope.

[Climate Change or System Change?](#)

by Local Futures

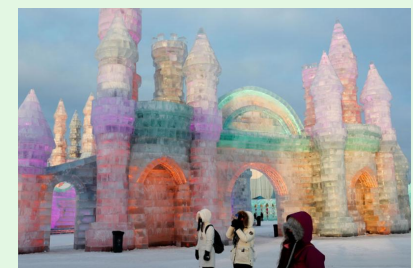
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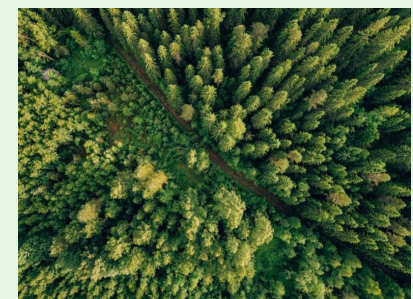
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UPLIFTING STORIES & INNOVATIONS



[The Harbin, China Ice and Snow Festival](#)

An amazing display of human imagination, creativity and hard work!



Victory for Wilderness!

The Senate passed a public lands package that provides for more and expanded national parks, 1.3 million acres protected from development and 5 new national monuments.

AND this was a bipartisan measure! Now it goes to the House. [See article and maps](#)

1.5 million volunteers plant 66 million trees in 12 hours in central India, setting a new world's record. [Read more.](#)



On the topic of climate solutions, hope and action, you might like to read this article, ["The Five Stages of Climate Optimism"](#), by [The Climate Reality Project](#). They address our need to express any grief we may feel for our Earth, and then acceptance of our situation, the importance of community, the need for inspiration, action and self-care.

Referring to all the news and evidence of our climate crisis, Al Gore says, *It is hard at times to hear all that and feel the tragedy of it and maintain your hope and optimism that we're gonna solve this problem. I continue to believe that we will, because we have faced almost insurmountable obstacles in the past... and we have rallied, as human beings, to do what's right.*

PLASTIC ACTION AROUND THE WORLD

First of all, I have to ask, why do we keep hearing about taxes and bans on certain plastics in the UK, France, Germany, Denmark or Australia, and rarely in the U.S.? The answer, tragically, is that as long as the rule makers are bowing to the rich and powerful, nothing will change.



Here are some of the things we COULD be doing by following examples of action taken in other countries:
[The European Union to ban single-use plastic by 2021](#)
[France to set penalties on non-recycled plastic](#)



I have learned you're never too young to make a difference.
Greta Thunberg



Those who contemplate the beauty of the earth find reserves of strength that will endure as long as life lasts. There is something infinitely healing in the repeated refrains of nature--the assurance that dawn comes after night, and spring after winter.
Rachel Carson



We need each other. Each of us is responsible for what happens on this earth. We are each absolutely essential, each totally irreplaceable. Each of us is the swing vote in the bitter election battle now being waged between our best and our worst possibilities. Leonard Peltier

My Lucky Rock

Tukaram, 17th century Hindu poet

I said to a squirrel, "What is that you are carrying?"
And he said,

"It is my lucky rock; isn't it pretty?"
I held it and said, "Indeed."

I said to God,

"What is this earth?"

And He said, "It is my lucky rock;
isn't it wondrous?"

Yes, indeed

Isn't it wondrous?



FAVORITE RESOURCES

[350.org](https://www.350.org/)

[Climate Reality Project](https://climate-reality-project.org/)

[Next System Project](https://nextsystemproject.org/)

[The Small Planet Institute](https://www.smallplanetinstitute.org/)

[Local Futures](https://www.localfutures.org/)

[Network of Spiritual Progressives](https://www.networkofspiritualprogressives.org/)

[Project Heaven on Earth](https://www.projectheavenonearth.org/)

[Yes! magazine](https://www.yesmagazine.org/)

[The Optimist Daily](https://www.theoptimistdaily.com/)

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[VitginiaMudd.com](https://www.vitginiamudd.com/)
[Desert Rose Press](https://www.desertrosepress.com/)



What gets your goat?

It's an expression about what drives you crazy **My Column** this month is about our goats. Read what gets my goat, what



Photo by Tobias Friedrich. Red Sea, Egypt. [Ocean Art Photography Winner](#)

Yes, indeed.
Have a wondrous month of March,
Virginia / Gibi

brings it back, and
consider what gets yours.

PASS IT ON

If this newsletter has
contributed to your life in
some way, please send it
along. We all need to play
our part in creating the
New Story for Earth
