

Towards a Beneficial Definition of Sustainability

[1] The Corona lockdown has forced us to shed the clutter and the speed and become an invitation to humanity to differentiate between the essential and non-essential.

[2] In making us stay home, the crisis creates the possibility of realising that no matter who we are, where we are, we are members of one Earth Family and share a common home, our beautiful Earth. [3] We are part of Nature, not separate from it nor superior to it.

[4] Living on the earth with other beings makes simplicity (shedding the clutter) an ethical and ecological obligation. [5] By taking simply what we need to sustain our life, living within ecological and planetary boundaries, we leave vital ecological space for other beings.

[6] All beings need their share of ecological space and the right to participate in the living processes which ensure food and water for all. [7] By extracting more from the earth, we overstep the limits of our rightful share, disrupt planetary boundaries, ecological limits as well as the integrity of species. [8] In the web of life species sustain each other. [9] Sustainability and justice are interconnected, and robbing others of their rightful share deprives them of their basic needs with a deepening crises [sic] of food and water, poverty, hunger and starvation.

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