

RUSTIC CHURCH OF THE APOCALYPSE

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The apocalypse is here. Our white trash civilisation has polluted a paradise and turned planet earth into a shithole. Bling is king in our 21st Century of stylised catastrophe, landscape trauma and total war. Stupid white men, and women, have screwed up big time and destroyed all that is sacred, all that was enchanted. We have trashed the planet, rendered animals into industrial waste and put a price tag on life itself. The shopapocalypse of McDonalds, Starbucks, Tesco and Gap is eating up the future as it drains meaning from the world. Carmageddon is the ultimate weapon of mass destruction as it smothers the planet in oil, tarmac and cement. Consumer culture and corporate aesthetics is stealing our minds, our art and selling our thoughts. The gift of childhood has been stolen and turned into a moneymaking scam for fat nations. The global future is a Disney temple of privatised theme parks, shopping malls, party cities and tourist tat. A future in which the planet will spend more on beauty products than on education. A future of nihilistic sadism and the big brother fetish of generalised gratification. On this ugly slave planet money is thicker than blood. The darkening is here.

Jesus told us; All animals have souls! How could they not? Every creature a miracle of creation and kingdom of ends in itself. The planet is a slaughterhouse of the soul and abattoir of the spirit. The human treatment of animals is a war on pity. Jesus told us; Wealth is a curse. Property is a curse because nature cannot be owned. One person's wealth is another person's poverty. The purpose of life on earth is not to fill it up with shopping, sex, stuff, status and soaps. White trash civilisation now knows the cost of everything and the value of nothing. Mammon rules. Jesus told us; Mutual aid, not competition, is at the heart of planetary evolution. In paradise there is justice between species, nations and generations. All life on the planet is one big family yet haters rule on earth. Where is the love? Where is the liberation theology?

“Be converted, and become as little children”

Matthew 18:3

Jesus was carbon neutral. Downsize your life from the western average of 9.5 tons of carbon waste per year to a sustainable 1.5 tons. Reduce your energy needs by seventy five per cent. Give up the car and live in the bus lane. Never use aeroplanes. Turn off the central heating and use community laundrette and local shops. Ditch tourism, the television, PC and get a real life. Jesus was poor. Dump all your stuff. Give up your job because charity isn't enough, talking isn't enough, protest isn't enough, Fairtrade isn't enough. The planet is in meltdown and your-think global, act local- mission is to save it. Just do it! Jesus was peaceful. The whole planet needs to unilaterally disarm and de-industrialise. The whole planet needs a public only transport system rooted in a low energy sustainable economy. The whole planet needs to tread lightly on the earth. It needs to develop local production for local consumption through meaningful work producing simple, durable goods.

THE MISSION The big mission is to reforest the earth. Every street, village, town, city, country on the planet needs reforested big time. Trees are the real wealth of

nations and the whole planet needs eighty per cent tree cover. Britain alone needs four billion trees planted now, and this is just for starters! This would reverse global warming while ensuring the basic needs of all future generations. Trees reverse soil erosion, stabilise the weather and absorb carbon. Agro-forestry can provide fuel energy, construction materials, chemicals and medicines. Compassionate tree farming can supply the human race with its basic food needs without the need for factory farming. Trees can save our mind, body and soul. They could transform our global slaughterhouse into;

“a dense woodland, not forbidding or packed with heathen terror, but a sanctuary in the literal sense of holy asylum. Its foliage trickles with sunlight, its waters run sweet and clear. It is the tabernacle of liberty, ventilated by the breeze of holy freedom and sufficed with the golden radiance of providential benediction”