

# Greenpeace and the satanic ideology of the 'New Age'

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"Environmentalism is the new religion," Jörg von Uthmann wrote some months ago in the West German daily *Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung*. Not only are those who dare to oppose other interests to those of environmentalism—for example, the right of the majority of the world's population to economic development and a decent human existence—accused of heresy; not only are all conceivable measures that are taken or even desired in the name of environmentalism immediately crowned with a moralistic halo; now, apparently, a new form of nature religion is now being propagated.

But this is the "religion" of Satan, a rejection of every moral value treasured by Western Judeo-Christian civilization. A religion which values a whale as much as—or more than—a human being, is a religion which denies the human soul, the divine spark of creativity which uniquely differentiates man from the lower beasts.

Over and over again we hear the words "network," "holistic thinking," "space ship earth," "overcrowded planet," "interdependence," and, above all, "paradigm shift." Constance Cumbey, the American attorney and author of the book *The Gentle Seduction*, calls these "signal words" for the "New Age movement" which, its proponents claim, will bring in a new world order.

"Men in an inflated rubber boat who defy harpoons and steel colossi: This image is circling the Earth. It is inspiring many observers. They are beginning to recognize it as a symbol for a necessary *transvaluation of values*, as a sign of resistance against modern civilization's drive to extermination." This symbol of *paradigm shift*, as described by *Der Spiegel* author Wilhelm Bittorf (a member of the Greenpeace executive committee) is derived from a Greenpeace action.

### Origins of Greenpeace

What is Greenpeace's philosophy, this organization that enjoys the reputation as an environmental multinational with a million-dollar budget, modern technological equipment, and spectacular actions?

The first members of Greenpeace in the late 1960s in Canada were Quakers, a religious congregation driven from England in the 17th century, which called themselves the Society of Friends or the Children of Light. Quakers consider the source of faith as an "inner light" effected in man by Christ, and believe in personal enlightenment and prophecy granted by grace. Even today, Greenpeace constantly evokes

the Quaker principle of "witnessing" in the face of suffering or injustice.

A second Greenpeace tenet is the prophecy of a Cree Indian, advertised on innumerable posters that proclaimed Greenpeace in its early days as the "Rainbow Warriors." West German Greenpeace executive committee member Monika Griefahn told a Swiss newspaper: "Our members are imprinted by Indian thinking. We are so imprinted that a Canadian Indian tribe gave us a totem in 1976. They also told us of an old Indian prophecy. It is: When the white man comes and has exploited the world, then the Rainbow Warriors will come and save the Earth. That is our spiritual background. We understand ourselves as being in the tradition of Indian thinking."

Years ago, the New Age publication of the satanic Lucis Trust, about which we will have more to say later, praised the growing environmentalist movement—the attitude of men to "our planetary home" is again approaching the point of view of North American Indians: "We can live in harmony with Earth and one another."

And what about man? "We want to get away from the Christian ideology that man is the crown of creation," Mrs. Griefahn explained. And on another occasion she elaborated the group's rejection of the cornerstone of Judeo-Christian morality: "Man cannot—as is preached in Western Christian ethics—subdue the Earth, but rather must understand himself as a part of the whole."

In one of the first of the German Greenpeace organization's publications, approval was expressed for the pantheistic and monistic philosophy of the New Age movement, according to which "ecology teaches that mankind is not the center of life on this planet. Ecology shows that the total Earth is a part of us and that we must learn to respect it as we respect ourselves. Whatever we feel for ourselves, we must feel for all forms of life, for whale, seals, forests, and the sea."

This explains the view supported by Greenpeace that it is morally reprehensible to kill whales, because they could possibly be "intelligent, even rational beings."

We learn from Greenpeace President David McTaggart's book that during his first trip to the French nuclear test area, he thoroughly studied J. R. Tolkien's cult book *The Lord of the Rings*, and that the ship's crew interpreted the surfacing of a dolphin as "approval from the gods."

In the *Greenpeace Report 5*, edited by Monika Griefahn, the beginnings of the organization are described as follows:

"We were a glorious, unconventional blend of human talents and abilities. There were dozens of people who regularly consulted the *I Ching*, astrological cards, or old Aztec tablets. But every mystic is, ultimately, a mechanist."

Are these suggestions of a New Age belief-structure accidental? Marilyn Ferguson, one of the prophets of the "New Age of Aquarius," which is to replace the Christian-rationalist "Age of Pisces," describes the "gentle conspiracy" of New Age adepts:

"A leaderless but nevertheless powerful network is working to introduce a radical transformation into this world. Its members have broken with certain fundamental conceptions of Western thinking. . . . Some conspirators are very conscious of the national, even international extent of this movement, and they are occupied with producing connections—networks. . . . They are found in firms, universities, and hospitals, in teachers colleges, in factories and medical practices, in state and national offices, in city councils and places of government, with legislative institutions, with non-profit organizations; basically, in all areas of the country where policy is made."

### 'Limits to growth'

The goal of the New Age movement, despite its advocacy of seemingly benevolent causes like animal rights and disarmament, is a malthusian new world order that, among other things, dictatorially determines questions of population density. Could that turn out to be as portrayed with alarming candor by Michael Solverstein, president of Environmental Economics, in a letter to the editor in the English-language magazine *Greenpeace*: "If necessary, nations of the Third World must be forced to remain poor if their development threatens resources on which all life depends?"

It is no surprise, then, to find Greenpeace and affiliated New Agers collaborating with such prestigious "Establishment" advocates of zero growth as the Club of Rome. Writes Constance Cumbey, "Various organizations such as Amnesty International, Greenpeace, the Sierra Club, the Children of God, and Zero Population Growth . . . proudly [belong] to the New Age movement." The Club of Rome, "a very well-known New Age organization," has "already drawn up plans for a new world order." Aurelio Peccei, the late head of the Club of Rome, belonged to the board of directors of Planetary Citizens, a leading New Age organization that is, in turn, supported by such organizations as World Goodwill, Lucis Trust, New World Alliance, and the Club of Rome.

Greenpeace continually refers in its own publications to the change of consciousness introduced by the Club of Rome and to its advocacy of the "limits to growth," or the motto of E. F. Schumacher (also a New Ager), "Small is beautiful." According to Greenpeace lobbyist Jürgen Streich, the Sierra Club has supported Greenpeace since 1971. The bylaws of Greenpeace Germany specify that, in case of dissolution of the organization, all assets are to go to Amnesty International.

And what is the Lucis Trust? It was founded by esoterics Alice and Foster Bailey under the original and striking name Lucifer Publishing Company, then later renamed, to conceal its satanic mission. Its principal purpose is dissemination of the writings of Alice Bailey, which contain detailed descriptions for the construction of a "New Age" that are being followed most precisely up to the present. Today, the Lucis Trust functions as a cover organization for subgroups such as World Goodwill, the Arcan School, Alice Bailey Meditation Clubs, and so forth. It is characterized as the "occult planetary central" or "the essential mind of the New Age movement."

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Leading representatives of Greenpeace in recent years have been among the welcomed guests of World Goodwill. Among others which that organization has promoted are John Frizell, then executive director of Greenpeace International, who spoke under the auspices of World Goodwill in 1984 in London, and Chris Cook, executive director of Greenpeace U. S. A., who did the same in New York. The World Goodwill forums, according to the newsletter by the same name, are supposed to "thereby help to support and strengthen the planetary network of love and service."

Frizell did not neglect to praise the importance of the Club of Rome's study *The Limits to Growth* in his lecture, and Cook stated that the goals of World Goodwill are in complete agreement with the goals of Greenpeace. The moderator presented Greenpeace as "the carrier of light in the darkness," and characterized the organization as "the best in a long time."

On the 15th anniversary of Greenpeace, Fritjof Capra, described by the Greenpeace newsletter as the "New Age philosopher," paid tribute, in a contribution in the *Greenpeace Examiner*, to the "ingenious" merging of the environmental and anti-war movements, as expressed in the combination of "green" and "peace" in the name.