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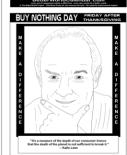
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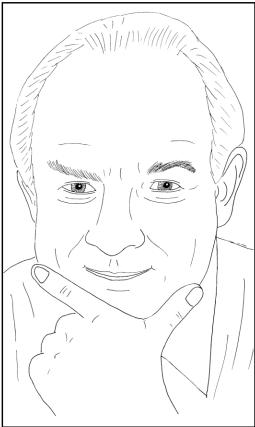












"Driving hybrid cars and limiting industrial emissions is great, but they are band-aid solutions if we don't address the core problem: we have to consume less. This is the message of Buy Nothing Day." -- Kalle Lasn

The global economy, which sees people as nothing more than consumers, is a runaway train that is causing more and more suffering in the world. The current 'profit before people' system is causing the gap between the very rich and the very poor to grow larger each year. Nothing symbolizes our society's emphasis on consumption more than "Black Friday" -- the day after Thanksgiving, when the media tells us we should begin the holiday season by waking up early and rushing out to the stores to BUY, BUY, BUY.

Around the world, many have decided to take a stand and use the day after Thanksgiving to organize **Buy Nothing Day** events and activities to raise awareness about the choices that we have to live our lives more simply and sustainably.

By purposely not buying anything on Buy Nothing Day, we have an opportunity to let our friends and communities know that we can help to create a more just and sustainable economic system that puts people and the planet before profits.

Money, when used for good, can help change the world. Put your resources to work for a better world on the other 364 days of the year. Be conscious of the way you spend your money. Purchase Fair Trade products - products that are supplied by workers and growers who are paid fair wages, and work in safe conditions. Support socially responsible businesses by purchasing their products and investing in them.

Demand corporate responsibility -- with our purchasing power, we can force corporations to manufacture and distribute their goods in ways that respect workers and protect our planet. Support local currencies and cooperatives. These are all tangible ways that we can use our economic resources to "buy a better world" and transform the global economy.

Be A Hero For A Better World!

- Find out more about simplicity, sustainability and a better world economy
- 2. Try not to buy anything on BUY NOTHING DAY
- Be conscious of the way you spend your money the rest of the year

BetterWorld Economy Links

- Adbusters (adbusters.com)
- Alternatives for Simple Living (simpleliving.org)
- BetterWorld Shopper (betterworldshopper.org)
- Church of Stop Shopping (revbilly.org)
- CoOp America (coopamerica.org)
- Global Exchange (globalexchange.org)
- Intl. Forum on Globalization (ifg.org)



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"What made traditional economies so radically different and so very fundamentally dangerous to Western economies were the traditional principles of prosperity of Creation versus scarcity of resources, of sharing and distribution versus accumulation and greed, of kinship usage rights versus individual exclusive ownership rights, and of sustainability versus growth." -- Rebecca Adamson

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"We are committed with our lives to building a different model and a different future for humanity, the Earth, and other species. We have envisaged a moral alternative to economic globalization and we will not rest until we see it realized." -- Maude Barlow

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"It is the heart that makes a man rich. He is rich according to what he is, not according to what he has." -- Henry Ward Beecher



We Have Got To Bring Corporate America To Its Knees" -- Harry Belafonte



"Changing the structure and rules of the global economy will require a mass movement based on messages of compassion, justice, and equality, as well as collaborative and democratic processes."

-- Medea Benjamin

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"We do need a 'new economy,' but one that is founded on thrift and care, on saving and conserving, not on excess and waste. An economy based on waste is inherently and hopelessly violent, and war is its inevitable by-product.

We need a peaceable economy." -- Wendell Berry

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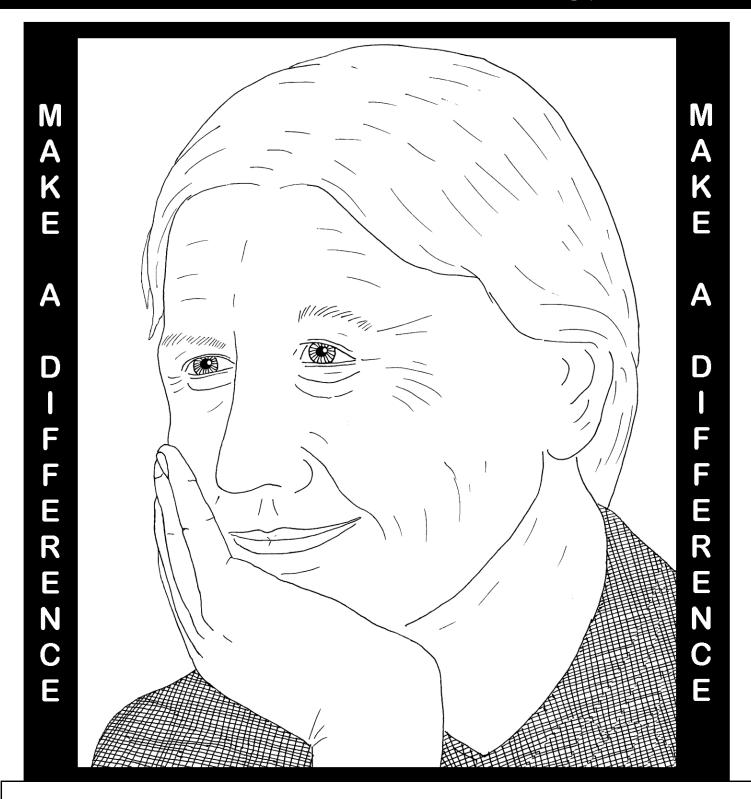
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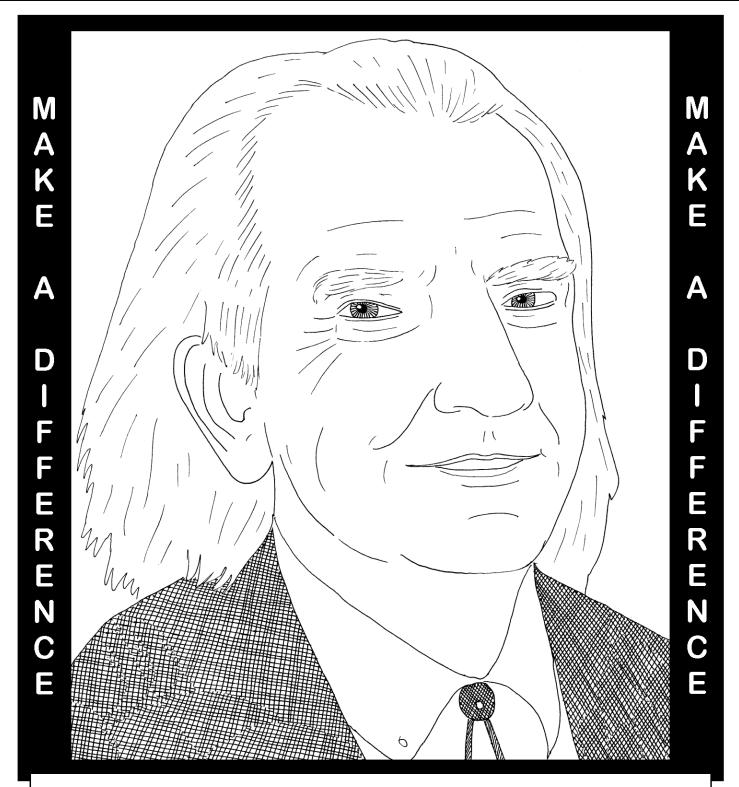
"I relish simplicity as an all-comprehensive value." -- Ela Bhatt



"The consumption society has made us feel that happiness lies in having things, and has failed to teach us the happiness of not having things."

-- Elise Boulding

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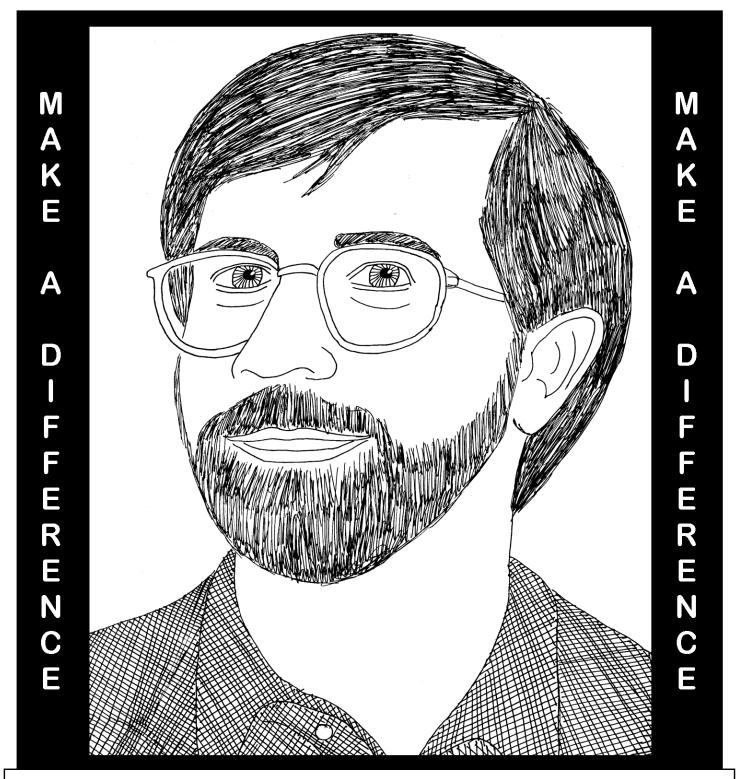
"Economics has been incurably growth-oriented and addicted to everybody growing richer, even at the cost of exhaustion of resources and pollution of the environment."

-- Kenneth Boulding



"If the corporations have their way, the Earth will be killed, and that's in your lifetime. It's revolting to me that students are being trained to work in corporations. It's obscene to me that the corporations are running the world." -- Dr. Helen Caldicott

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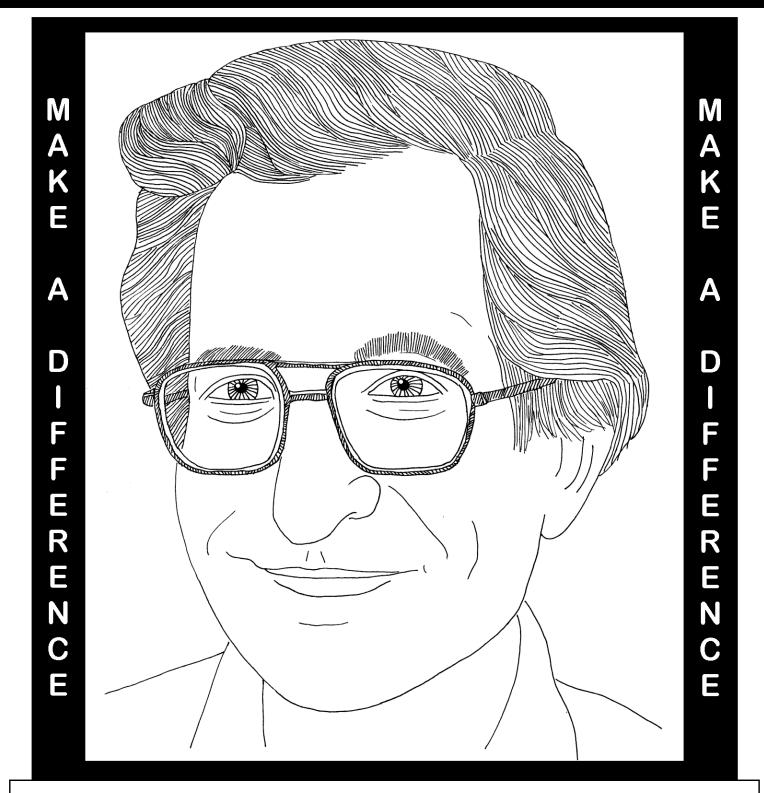


"I think there are a lot of strong leaders around the world who have made very convincing arguments about the weakness of corporate-led globalization and the compelling nature of alternatives."

-- John Cavanagh

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"What is called 'capitalism'is basically a system of corporate mercantilism, with huge and largely unaccountable private tyrannies exercising vast control over the economy, political systems, and social and cultural life..." -- Noam Chomsky

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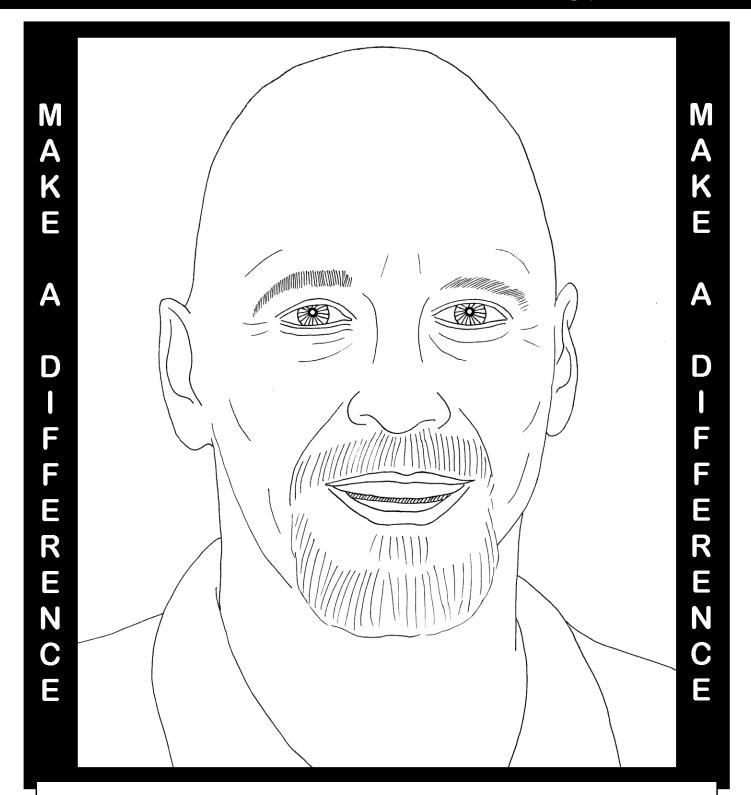
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"If one's life is simple, contentment has to come. Simplicity is extremely important for happiness. Having few desires, feeling satisfied with what you have, is very vital..." -- The Dalai Lama

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"The global economy works for about twenty percent of the world, for about eighty percent it doesn't."

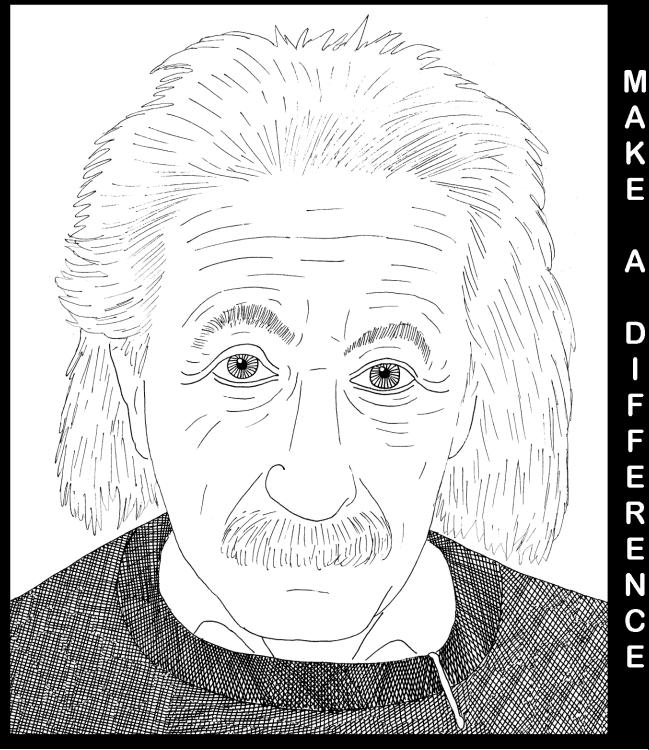
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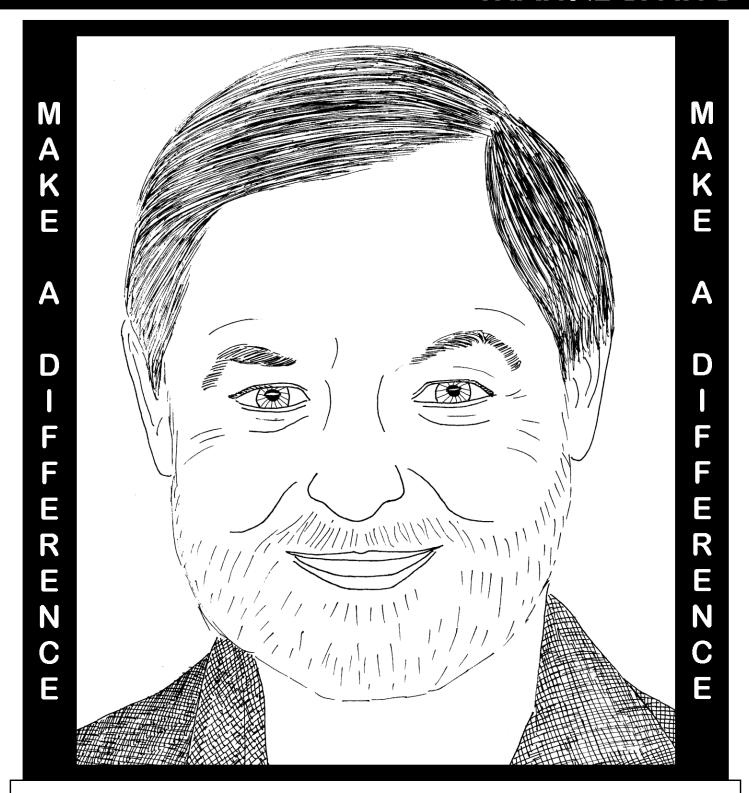
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"I believe that a simple and unassuming manner of life is best for everyone, best both for the body and the mind."

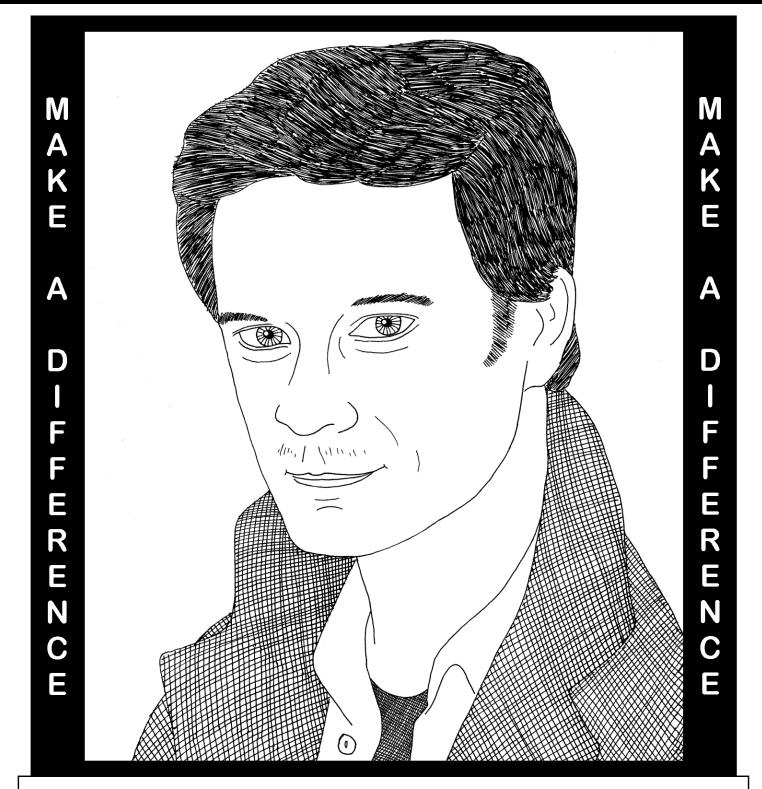
-- Albert Einstein

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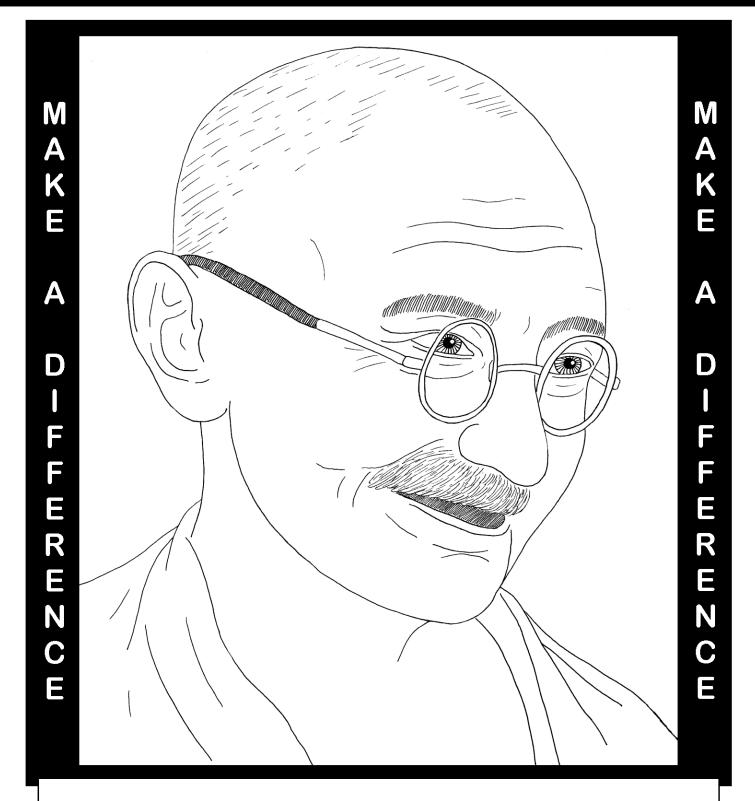
"The intention of this way of life [voluntary simplicity] is not to dogmatically live with less. It's a more demanding intention of living with balance. This is a middle way that moves between the extremes of poverty and indulgence." -- Duane Elgin

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"The failure so far of the governments of so many of the worlds most powerful countries in the face of such egregious unfairness ... to make the slightest progress on the issue of fair trade is hard to explain." -- Colin Firth

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"There's enough on this planet for everyone's needs but not for everyone's greed." -- Mohandas Gandhi



"The future belongs to those who understand that doing more with less is compassionate, prosperous, and enduring, and thus more intelligent, even competitive."

-- Paul Hawken

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"I feel more confident than ever that the power to save the planet rests with the individual consumer." -- Denis Hayes

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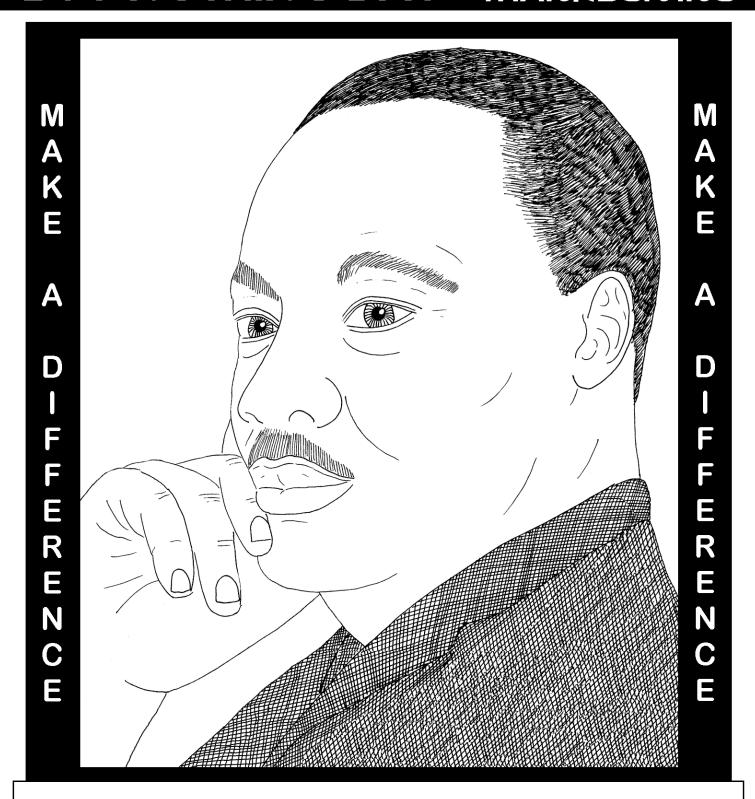
"Economic policy turns out to be the most important environmental policy." -- Randy Hayes

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"Concern for the public good must become the animating force of our economic order." -- Marjorie Kelly

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"We must recognize that we can't solve our problems now until there is a radical redistribution of economic and political power..." -- Martin Luther King, Jr.

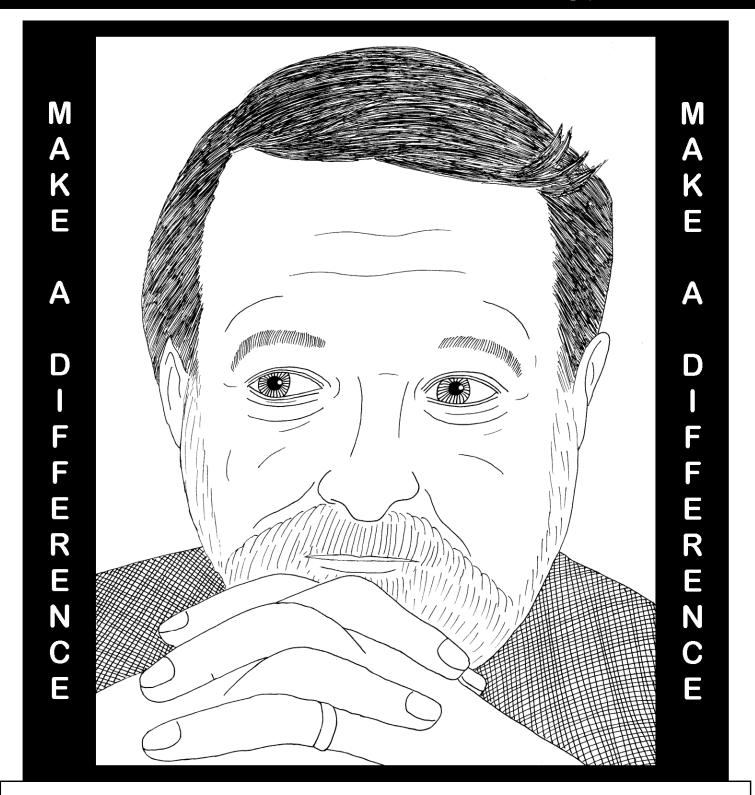
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"The truly powerful feed ideology to the masses like fast food while they dine on the most rarified delicacy of all: impunity."

-- Naomi Klein

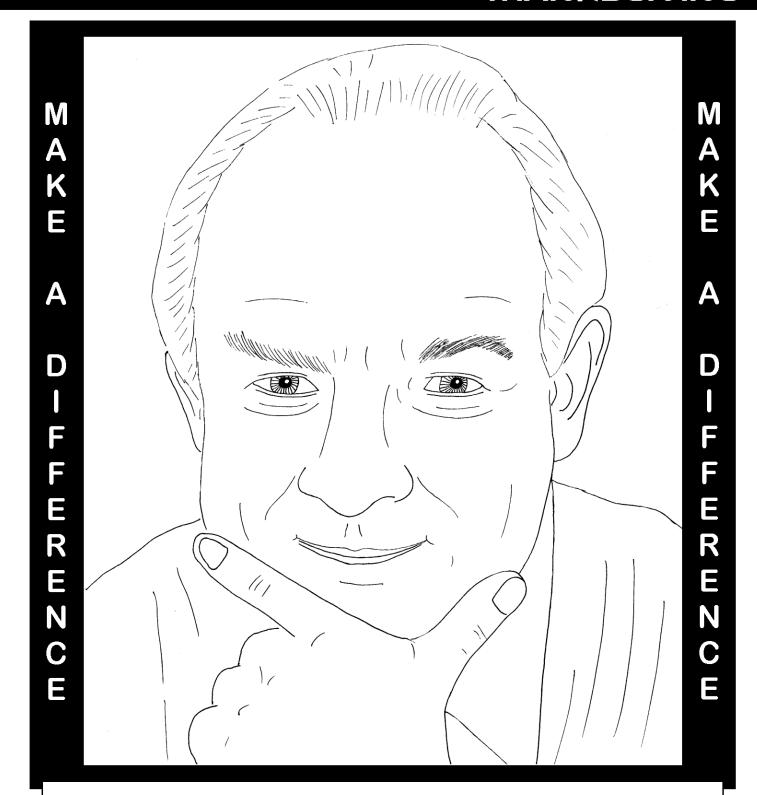
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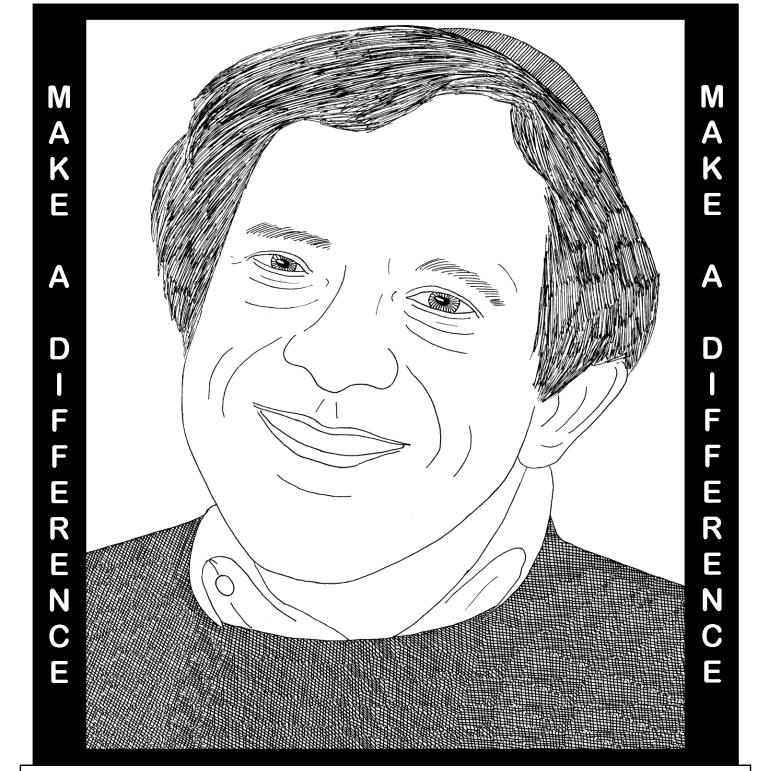
"When the institutions of money rule the world, it is perhaps inevitable that the interests of money will take precedence over the interests of people. What we are experiencing might best be described as a case of money colonizing life." -- David Korten

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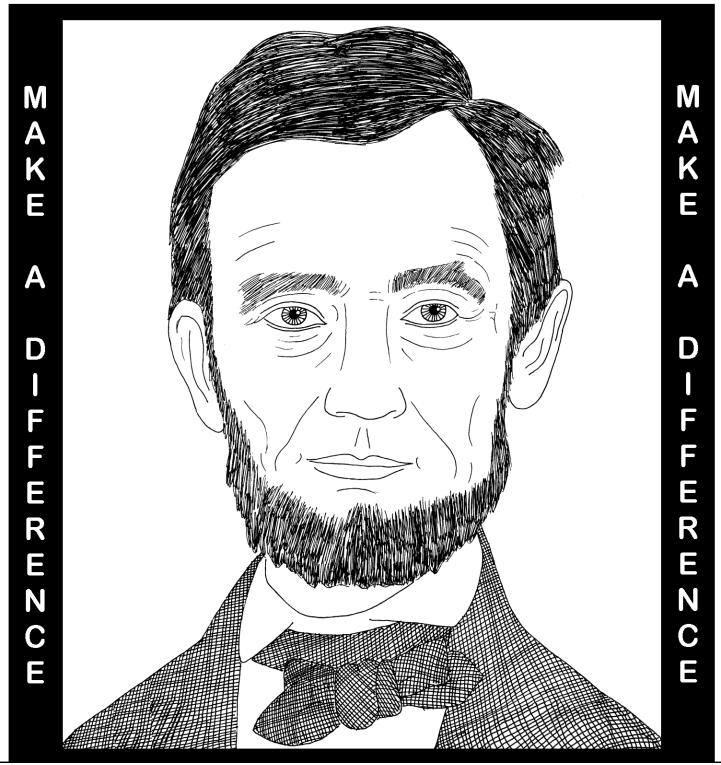


"It's a measure of the depth of our consumer trance that the death of the planet is not sufficient to break it."
-- Kalle Lasn



"Many Americans hunger for a different kind of society -- one based on principles of caring, ethical and spiritual sensitivity, and communal solidarity. Their need for meaning is just as intense as their need for economic security." -- Rabbi Michael Lerner

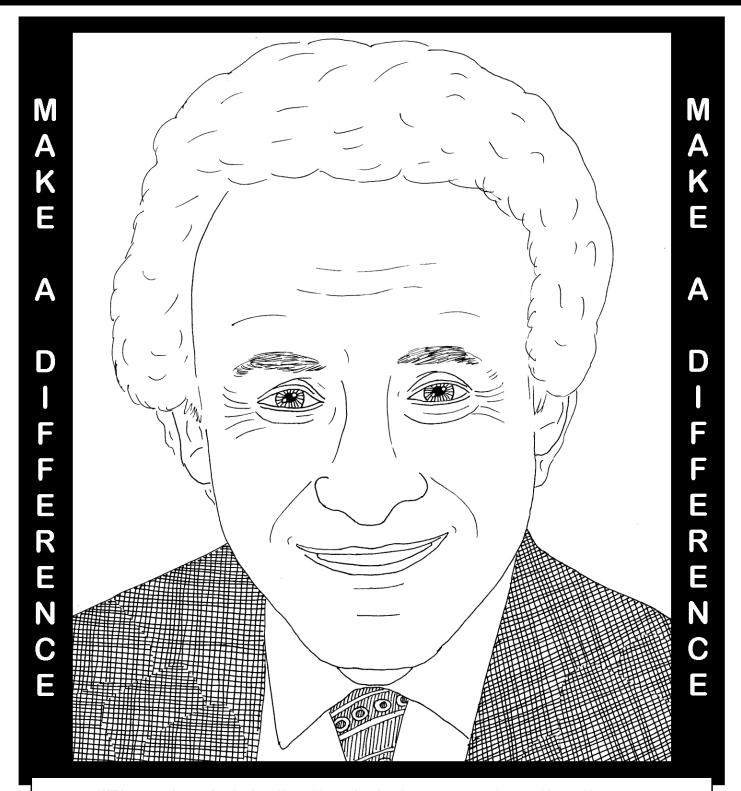
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"...corporations have been enthroned and an era of corruption in high places will follow, and the money of the country will endeavor to prolong its reign by working upon the prejudices of the people until all wealth is aggregated in a few hands and the Republic is destroyed."

-- Abraham Lincoln

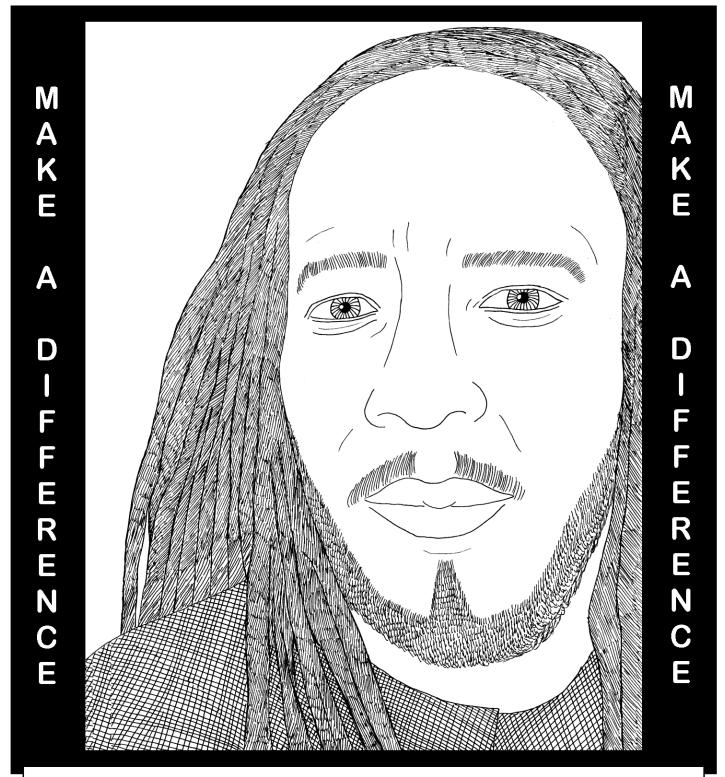
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"The role of globalization is to homogenize all cultures, and to turn them into commodified markets, and therefore, to make them easier for global corporations to control."

-- Jerry Mander

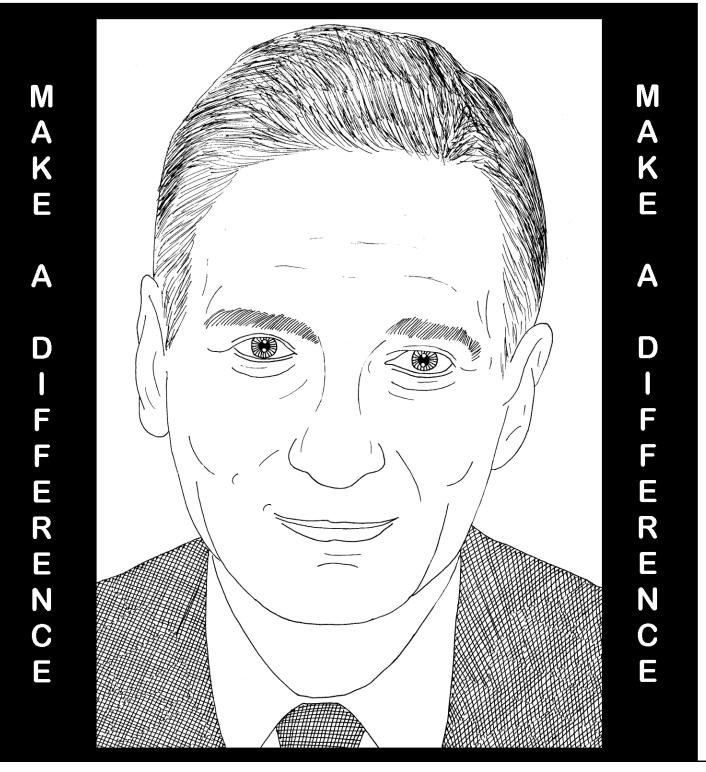
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"The political system is not for the people. The people are secondary to the economy. It's about what generates money, not about what benefits the people."

-- Ziggy Marley

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"The essence of globalization is a subordination of human rights, of labor rights, consumer, environmental rights, democracy rights, to the imperatives of global trade and investment." -- Ralph Nader

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"We live in such a corporate world where everyone is passing the buck, it seems to me. Therefore I like stories where the individual takes responsibility for BEING the individual, and not just for himself, but for his comrades, his society and ultimately for his country. Ultimately, we can all learn a lesson from that and not be browbeaten by the corporate world which is taking over." -- Liam Neeson

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"Leave the old and dying America and use your creative energies to help form a new America, which would be demilitarized, more humanistic, where the police are less hostile and closer to the community, where the wealthy are not given unleashed power for the exploitation of the people, and mostly because it's now a matter of life and death, reassert an ecological balance with the environment..." -- Phil Ochs

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"Too many people spend money they haven't earned, to buy things they don't want, to impress people they don't like." -- Will Rogers



"A little simplification would be the first step toward rational living, I think."
-- Eleanor Roosevelt



"The Globalization of humanity is a natural, biological, evolutionary process. Yet we face an enormous crisis because the most central and important aspect of globalization - its economy - is currently being organized in a manner that so gravely violates the fundamental principles by which healthy living systems are organized that it threatens the demise of our whole civilization." -- Elisabet Sahtouris

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"Infinite growth of material consumption in a finite world is an impossibility."

-- E. F. Schumacher

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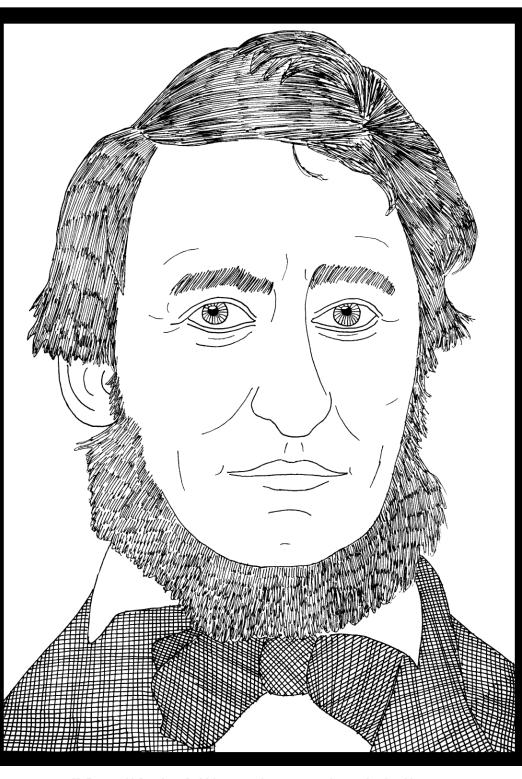


"It's not funny at all that we do all that advertising for children. Why is advertising for children allowed? What possible reason can there be for having those effing adverts on ITV for all this crap that's made by poor people in poor countries that we sell our children who have too much?" -- Emma Thompson

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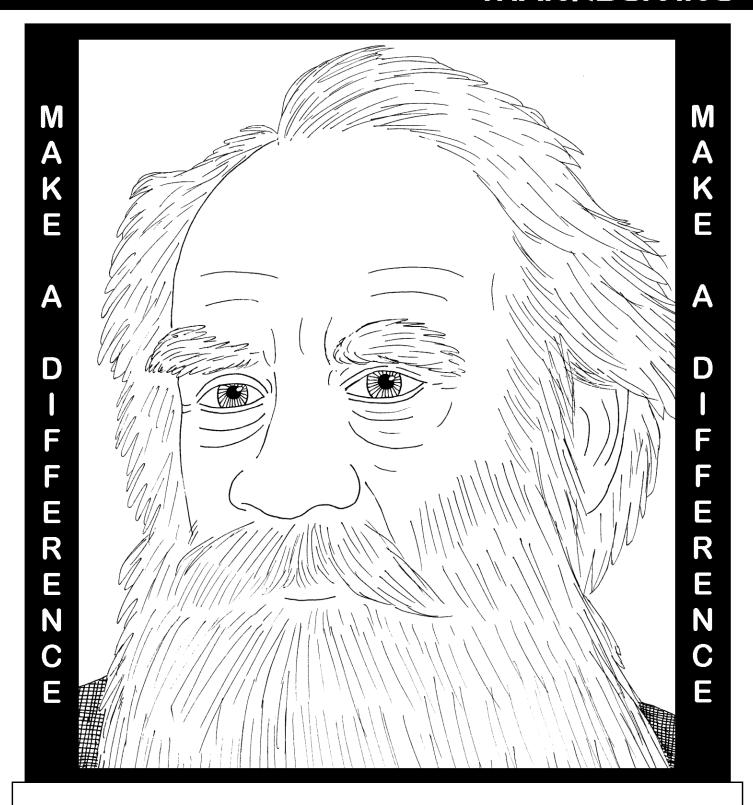
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"Our life is frittered away by detail... Simplify, simplify, simplify ... Simplicity of life and elevation of purpose." -- Henry David Thoreau

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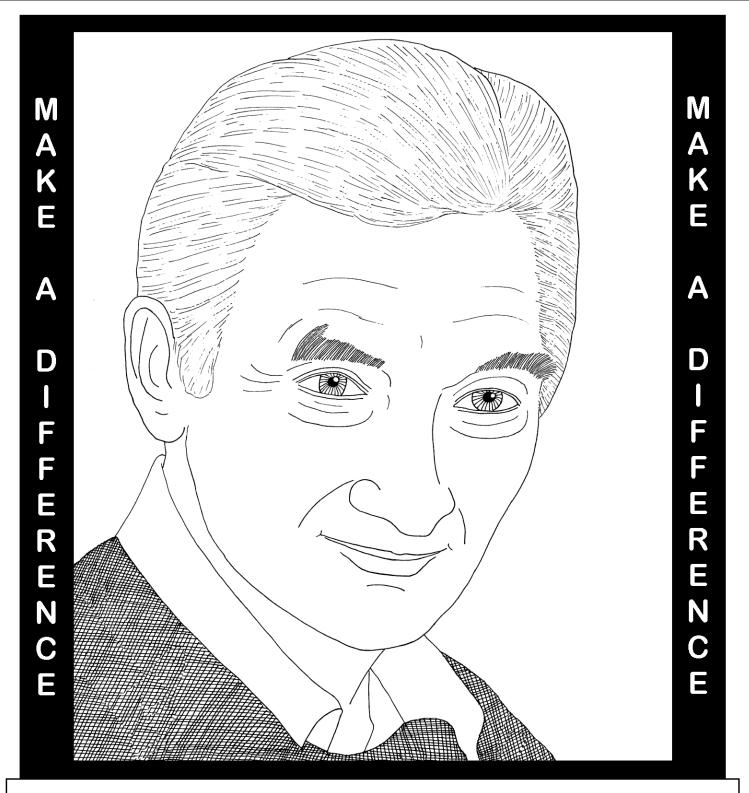


"There is no greatness where there is not simplicity, goodness, and truth" -- Leo Tolstoy

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"It is absolutely sure that if globalization is not founded on moral values not only will fail but will bring about global calamities." -- Dr. George Vithoulkas



"The strike, the boycott, the refusal to serve, the ability to paralyze the functioning of a complex social structure-these remain potent weapons against the most fearsome state or corporate power."

-- Howard Zinn

