



Update for September 2022

Greetings to the MAHB Community,

Check out what's happening: A new article by [Joan Diamond & Paul Ehrlich](#) on how and why universities are failing.

September 26 was the [International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons](#). Watch the [UN High-Level Meeting on Nuclear Disarmament](#) and take [action](#).

Read this month's [blogs](#) and new [resources](#); **listen** to the latest [podcasts](#) of Our New World on inspiring young leaders and Nate Hagens' TGS episode on “low tech” and its relevance in a high-tech society and growth-driven economy.

Also, **participate** in the 'What's Next for Earth' art call on [Community Resilience](#), open until October 15.

... **And finally:** Is it possible to spend the festive season without the usual "shop 'til you drop"? Can we celebrate this precious time without excessive consumption? What can you do or give to kids instead and still make it magical and special? After all, giving and receiving doesn't necessarily mean spending lots of money. Re-gifting? Donating? Some may even remember that this used to be a time for pausing, reflection, and being with our loved ones.

If you have stories or ideas for spending the holidays differently this year we would love to hear from you. Please drop us a line at info@mahbonline by

October 31 with your best ideas and we will publish them on our website. Thank you!

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What's Happening



[Joan Diamond & Paul Ehrlich:](#) [Failure of the universities: The](#) [culture gap is now near lethal](#)

A group of concerned climate scientists said in a recent wide-ranging peer-reviewed article: “In our view, the evidence from tipping points alone suggests that we are in a state of planetary emergency: both the risk and urgency of the

situation are acute”. Despite this, the deep, decades-old, and frequently voiced concerns of the scientific community have been generally ignored.

The warnings recently have been accompanied by the confusion and unnecessary deaths in the Covid pandemic, the increases in authoritarian rule threatening democracy in the United States and other countries...[] All these events show something in common. They have jointly made crystal clear the utter failure of the educational system in the United States and most other rich countries to prepare people for the existential environmental threats that are consequences of the great acceleration – the recent surge in growth and technological capacity of the global human enterprise. **Read the full article [here](#).**



Sep 26: International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons

What you can do:

- [Watch the UN High Level Meeting on UNTV:](#)
- [Attend the Gorbachev / Shultz Legacy Youth Award Ceremony](#) (online)
- [Endorse Protect People and the Planet](#)
- [Do a Social Media action: *Don't even THINK about starting a nuclear war*](#)

Blogs for this Month



The Three Tenets of Jainism: Implications for Modern Life

How relevant are the ancient principles of non-violence, non-acquisition, and non-absolutism to the human predicament?

A liberté without
freedom, an
égalité devoid of
fairness, and a
fraternité blind to
kinship: Life as a
bird in France



Too many people are still turning a blind eye to the needs and well-being of non-human residents and visitors



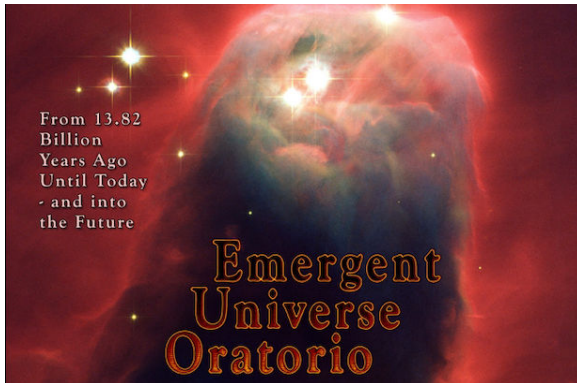
Summer tide

A poem

Shaping Commitment on Planet Earth – A MAHB Dialogue with Erik Assadourian, Founder of The Gaian Way



A journey from the Worldwatch
Institute to deeper spirituality, Gaia,
and living cathedrals



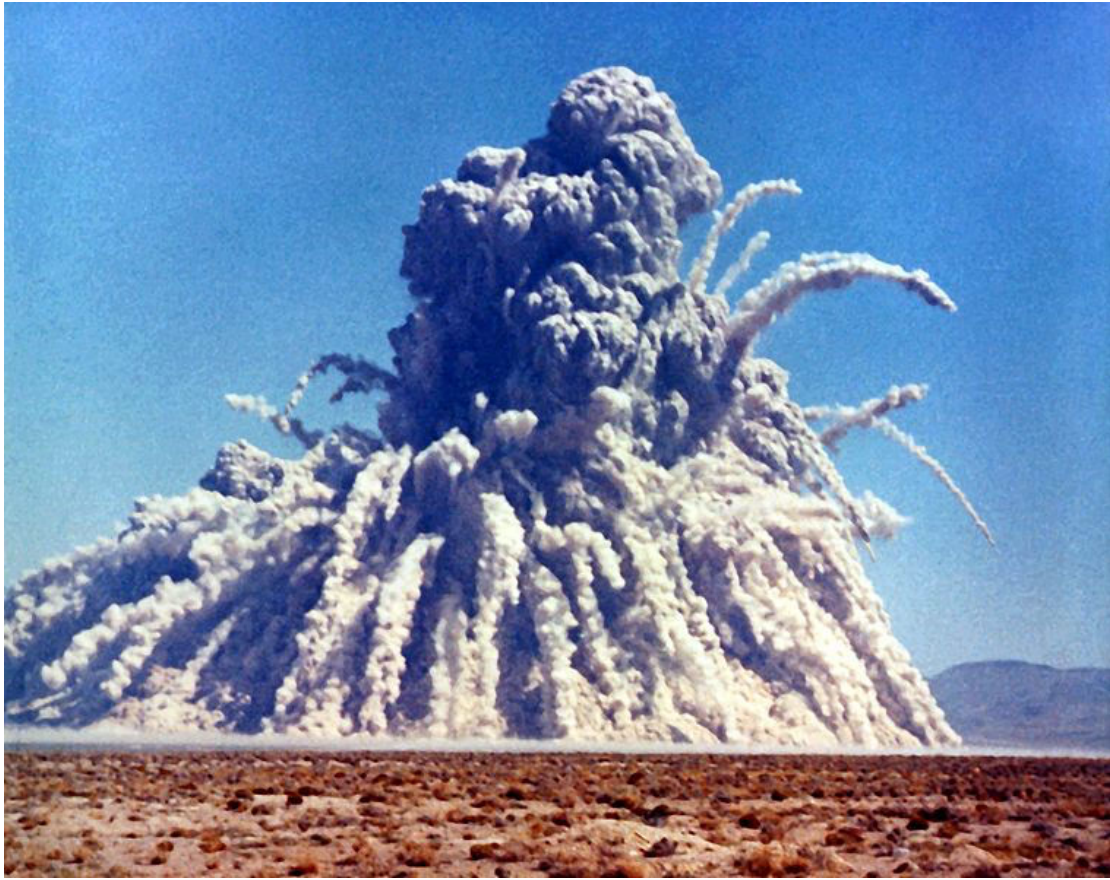
Music and Beauty: An Emergent Path of Liberation from The Human Predicament

Music to your ears: the Emergent
Universe Oratorio as an experience
of deep ecology and consciousness

[Read More](#)

Please add your thoughts to the conversations. Previous posts to the MAHB
Blog can be found [here](#).

Resources



Global food insecurity and famine from reduced crop, marine fishery and livestock production due to climate disruption from nuclear war soot injection

Atmospheric soot loadings from nuclear weapon detonation would cause disruptions to the Earth's climate, limiting terrestrial and aquatic food production. Soot injections larger than 5 Tg would lead to mass food shortages, and livestock and aquatic food production would be unable to compensate for reduced crop output, in almost all countries.



Protest Movements Could Be More Effective Than the Best Charities

To do as much good as possible with limited resources, funders should look to woefully underfunded protest movements.



What You Consume Matters Less Than the Children You Have

A recent study conducted by the University of Leeds misleads readers regarding effective solutions to the climate crisis. The benefits of the advice are being undone – and have since it was published – by a variable they intentionally ignore.

Podcasts & Videos



Lilly Platt – Youth Leading the Way

At the age of 7, Lilly Platt learned of the damage that plastic waste does to the environment. So, Lilly decided to take matters into her own hands. She began her movement called Lilly's Plastic Pickup. started picking up litter and, piece by piece has inspired others to do the same. Now 14, Lilly juggles school, public speaking on environmental matters, and working alongside several organizations such as "She Is the Universe". There is a way to include the youth productively. **Listen to the podcast [here](#).**



Aaron Gekoski – Wildlife is Suffering

Aaron Gekoski is an award-winning environmental photojournalist. He began life working a corporate job in the United Kingdom and after some years, Aaron felt dissatisfied with what he was doing and decided to change his work and lifestyle significantly. He left his job and went to travel around Africa, documenting the shark trade industry. After some pretty hardcore projects and challenges, he now works documenting human-wildlife issues around the world. Here, we talk about his journey, some of his hardest projects, and solutions that he feels could make an impact. ***Listen to the podcast [here](#).***



The Great Simplification #33 – Kris De Decker: “Low Tech: What, Why and How”

In this episode, we meet with the inventor, researcher, and author Kris De Decker to understand the concept of “low tech” and its relevance in a high-tech society and growth-driven economy. How does low tech differ from high tech and what does it feel like to live a low tech lifestyle? Why do we assume high tech will always be the solution and could low tech be a feasible path for a sustainable and fulfilling future?

Listen to all TGS episodes [here](#).

The Arts

What's Next For Earth

COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

IN THE 21st CENTURY
ART CALL

Based on the Think Resilience Course
by the Post Carbon Institute

Open until October 15, 2022

[What's Next for Earth: Community Resilience in the 21st Century](#)

Welcome to the fourth chapter of the Think Resilience course: **Resilience Thinking**. In this session, we'll dig into the science of resilience to better understand how our communities function and how they need to change.

You are invited to participate in [@WhatsNextForEarth](#)'s art call **Community Resilience in the 21st Century**, open until **October 15, 2022**. What's Next for Earth is a participative art project on Instagram that invites artists to respond

to a bi-monthly topic, reflecting on the human predicament. An online exhibition will be on view on this website and on the [MAHB website, in the arts section](#).

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