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A NEW MORAL COMPASS IS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR 2012 AND BEYOND SAYS RESURGENCE MAGAZINE

Resurgence magazine heralds in the New Year with an urgent call for a New Moral Compass. The publication gives support to the Occupy Movement and the 99 per centers across the globe and examines the collapse of the old and bankrupt vales of the developed world and the emergence of a new society.

In his article, 'Money and Morality', Satish Kumar, editor-in-chief of *Resurgence* says: "Money has a place, of course, but we must keep it in its place and not allow it to dominate our lives in such a manner that we lose all our bearings and become its slaves. Money was made to serve people, not the other way around.

"Unfortunately, we have allowed money to become the master and override all other moral, ethical and ecological values. There is more to life than an endless pursuit of money and profit. Money is not wealth; real wealth is land, forest, rivers, animals and people. Wealth is created by the imagination, creativity and skill. Bankers and business leaders in search of ever-increasing profit are not the wealth creators; at best they are wealth counters and at worst wealth destroyers."

Kumar adds: "Some people might say that this is too idealistic, but what have the realists done? They have made a complete mess of the world economy."

The magazine has articles from a range of eminent writers and thinkers, including international lawyer and barrister Polly Higgins. The author of the award-winning *Eradicating Ecocide*, who was one of the most respected delegates at the recent C0P17 climate conference, makes the case for Ecocide to be adopted as the 5th International Crime against peace in her keynotes article.

Other writers within the magazine include:

- Harry Barton, Chief Executive of Devon Wildlife Trust
- David Boyle, Fellow of the New Economics Foundation
- Jay Griffiths, author of *Wild: An Elemental Journey*
- Ed Mayo, Secretary General of Co-operatives UK
- Vandana Shiva, environment campaigner and author of *Earth Democracy*

Articles in the magazine include 'Claiming the Moral Compass' by James Sainsbury, 'Another Kind of World' by Harry Eyres, 'The Real Choice' by John Naish and 'What's the Hurry?' by Simon Fairlie.

This year *Resurgence* celebrates its 45th anniversary as the UK's only independent publication that focuses on reverential ecology and the arts. This year is also the 50th anniversary of Satish Kumar's historic 8,000 mile peace pilgrimage across the world.

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Notes to Editors:

1. Satish Kumar has dedicated his life to campaigning for peace. At 18 he undertook an 8,000 mile peace pilgrimage and at 50 he went on a 2,000 mile peace pilgrimage. His radical and wide-ranging work has included creating the Small School in Hartland, Devon, a pioneering secondary school (aged 11-16), which brings into its curriculum ecological and spiritual values. He teaches, lectures and runs workshops internationally on reverential ecology, holistic education and voluntary simplicity.
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