

“The Tipping Point”

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The New Year issue of Resurgence & Ecologist, *The Tipping Point*, is packed with thought-provoking articles by a range of activists and writers including Charles Eisenstein, Tim Flannery, Fiona Reynolds, Barbara Stocking, Vandana Shiva and Bibi van der Zee.

Satish Kumar, its editor-in-chief, writes: “We all know right from wrong and so what we must do now is as simple as doing the right thing. Caring for our environment is a moral imperative. At the moment everybody’s mind seems to be more exercised by the imperative of economic growth. Policymakers, politicians of every colour and journalists of almost all newspapers appear to be obsessed with economic growth.

“The environment is more than an economic imperative. It is also a moral imperative. We, the present generation, have no right to take the forests, fields and fisheries from future generations. It is morally wrong to deprive our children and grandchildren of the security of natural resources.”

The January/February issue of *Resurgence & Ecologist* is filled with articles by some of the country’s leading environmental thinkers and writers. These include:

- Lester Brown, author of *Full Planet, Empty Plates: The New Geopolitics of Food Scarcity* on the food system
- Susan Clark, associate editor of *Resurgence & Ecologist* on optimism in the oil industry
- Charles Eisenstein, author of *Sacred Economics* on the need to change the economic system to reflecting shifting values in ecological healing
- Tim Flannery, environmentalist, on the turning environmental tide
- Elaine Gilligan, head of programmes at Friends of the Earth, on seeing things differently to achieve a shared ecology of wellbeing.
- Stephan Harding, co-founder of Schumacher College remembers Aldo Leopold, the original ecologist
- Fiona Reynolds, former director-general of the National Trust on engaging people for the cause of conservation
- Craig Sams, founder of Carbon Gold on the localised production of biochar
- James Sainsbury, chairman of the Resurgence Trust, on the future of the greens
- Barbara Stocking, outgoing chief executive of Oxfam GB on when extreme poverty will end and social justice for all will be achieved.
- Vandana Shiva, founder director of Navdanya movement on the need for a new food production paradigm
- Bibi van der Zee, the Ecologist’s political correspondent on the future of energy

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Quotes from writers within the magazine:

Lester Brown: “Food is the weak link in our modern civilisation – just as it was for the Sumerians, the Mayans and many other civilisations that have come and gone. They could not separate their fate from that of their food supply. Nor can we.”

Charles Eisenstein: “It is surely a good thing to align money with ecology, but we must do that without reducing ecology to money, Nature to commodity, the infinite to the finite, the sacred to the profane, quality to quantity, and the world into a pile of instrumental stuff. Detaching financial incentives from the doctrine of value frees us to apply them flexibly on a case-by-case basis that fully recognises their social context. It is time for the science of economics to bow to the art.

Fiona Reynolds: “The environmental movement has made great strides in the last 10 years. It was a movement on the margins looking in; now the environment is centre stage. The question is, how do we capitalise on that and more deeply engage the public, business and government in caring for our environment?”

Vandana Shiva: “The economic crisis, the ecological crisis and the food crisis are all a reflection of an outmoded and fossilised economic paradigm – a paradigm that grew out of mobilising resources for war by creating the category of ‘growth’, and one that is rooted in the age of oil and fossil fuels.”

Two of the authors within this issue: Charles Eisenstein and Vandana Shiva will be in conversation with Satish Kumar on 11 January and 9 February respectively in London. For details, please visit www.resurgence.org.

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