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10 YEARS OLD

Resurgence has completed ten years. In this period our sole concern has been to understand, examine and discover the true meaning of human relationships, personal, social and spiritual. Relationship is the mirror in which the inner and true condition of a person and of a society is reflected. Our quest has been to realise the reality and importance of relationships in spite of increasingly destructive forces in the form of urbanised, crowded and centralised environments. We have been deeply concerned with the pressures on relationships and the increasing alienation of the individual. The antagonisms between parent and child, husband and wife, teacher and student, employer and employee, the work and the worker, have resulted in broken communities, broken families and broken individuals. Our modern society may have televisions in millions, supersonic transport and journeys to the moon but there is no peace in schools, hospitals, factories and farms. We are living in a perpetual crisis. Some people may think that when the pound is strengthened the crisis will be over, or if the Third World countries stop twisting our arm for more money for their copper, coffee, tobacco, oil etc. our problems will be solved. But Resurgence

has argued that these are only external expressions of a deep-rooted crisis of values, the crisis of relationship.

In the search for solutions we have argued against the dominant role of science and technology and have opposed the popular belief in growth, centralisation and the economics of large scale. In the pages of Resurgence E.F. Schumacher developed the thesis of small is beautiful, Buddhist Economics, and the Economics of Permanence. Leopold Kohr and John Papworth have argued for smaller political units and the recognition of ethnic cultures. Resurgence has encouraged the development of community socialism, village government, power to the parish and living collectively. Resurgence has supported the back to the land movement, self-sufficiency and self-reliance, labour-intensive methods of food production and crafts. All this has been done with one sole purpose in mind, to develop an understanding of the social, political and economic organisations best suited to the achievement of satisfactory and fulfilling relationships between people and between nations. Ω

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