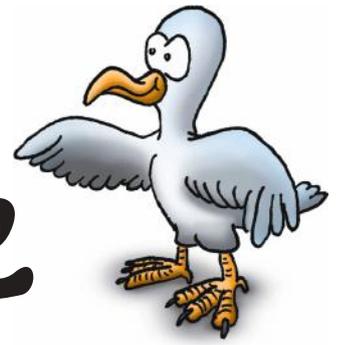


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The year is 2019 A.D. Earth is entirely occupied by Lobbies. Well, not entirely... One small group of indomitable Ecologists still holds out against globalisation !

Strikes for climate: 10 years later, what consequences ?

10 years ago, day by day, the youth-led movement for climate went on strike and demonstrated all around the world. What impacts did it have on our society ?

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“Under the cobble, humus” or the story of a fly bird stinging elephant

The game was still on, the living beings was still decreasing on Earth, the tendency was reversed due to the apparition of fighting meaning equal to the struggle.

The awakening started by activist named “the ecologist”, individuals defending our planet and the human dignity, the appellation now meaningless because everyone normally constituted now share those valor’s. Those individuals chose to go further than the “fly birdism” ambient, understanding that a thousand, ten thousand or even a hundred thousand fly bird couldn’t stop this fire ravaging our planet. So they decided that all together they would sting the elephant’s asses until they couldn’t support it and move their big booty to turn off this fire. How did they win this fight ?

Well by hitting their weak spot, by overcoming interdiction to see new worlds that they wished to

see.

Against the artificialisation of the soil, they chained the diggers. Against an environmental policy which didn’t fulfilled social hopes, they seeded many trees in the center of cities. At the time, in cities, we could hear: “under the cobble humus”, slogan representing how much the humus was seen as the new black gold for a new civilisation. But this victory wouldn’t exist if we didn’t take care of other struggle, if we didn’t United in the struggle: the ecology started to rhyme with dignity, started to look like equality it would be assembled with the right to live and to fully exist for all! And at that point, the struggle was of equal force with the now arriving disaster, after years and years of resignation.

Tartempion

Flash back : back on 2019 climate spring strikes

In march 2019, youth all over the world said STOP. Even though since the 1960s, ecologists and scientists were raising the alarm on global warming, pollution and drop of biodiversity, they were so little listened to. Economics seemed to be humankind’s priority. In 2009, states even gave billions to banks, so they don’t go bankrupt ! Students were screaming, with rage : “If climate was a bank, we would have already saved it !”. Climate and environmental emergency was however real, humanity was starting to know more about their future and the earth’s, but government was protecting an obsolete system, with advertising, consumption, or reality TV.

Fortunately, this trend knew a lack of interest in 2019, before disappearing little by little. Youth who was aspiring to another way of life, quickly joined by most people, completely reversed it. Humanity bucked the system (starting with Rebel for Earth movement). Rebellious or taking power wasn’t enough, so she revised the system entirely ! A democratic assembly, formed by random citizens, replaced the House of Lords. It was made to think back our lives, with, as soon as 2020, the creation of the famous “RESET”, Resist

Environmental and Social Ecocide Together.

Everyone has, little by little, found their control, taken awareness about their connection with living things, with their neighbors and with themselves. Money was rapidly only used for it’s exchange role (no more speculation and economic system who support immoral actions). There were no more humans and nature, there were humans who were being part of nature.

Today, we can remember rebels, who, when they needed to catch the powerful, multinational managers, heads of states and shareholders to accuse and judge them, screamed : “I don’t protect nature, I’m the nature who defends itself”.

Daddy Dread



Education : prepare for life

Since the reform of our educative system in 2023, meant to face the new needs of a transitioning society, the students learn from primary school the basics of cooking and gardening. During middle school, they can follow workshops teaching the construction and installation of renewable energy systems, but also classes of botanic or drawing. They can be trained in agroecology. "The kids are free to participate or not in the workshops. We are available if they need help" explains Fred, professor in a parisian school. "We are not here to grade them, but to prepare them for life. Initiatives are encouraged, and there is

a lot of mutual assistance between the students. The schools are no longer hierarchized like it was still a few years ago. Now, in the schools, everyone uses their first name to address each other, which brings together the students and their teachers. We now inspire ourselves with the Montessori method to educate our children, approach long defended by the current French minister of education Céline Alvarez, which consists of letting the student become autonomous by trusting his natural curiosity."

Rémi D.

Let's leave underground what must stay underground !

In 10 years, we reduced our consumption of oil products by 85% especially thanks to the success of loose good sales and the increase of taxation on plastic made objects. "Fossil fuels must stay underground!" Julie L. a climatologist in the university of Paris explains. "Oil is an excess of carbonic matter that nature put hundreds of thousands of years to store underground so that we can have a viable atmosphere. And us, we are burning this liquid in our car to travel! If we want future generations to avoid the same mistakes we made before, they have to become aware that all the oil exploited is soon-to-be pollution: atmospheric pollution, with a climate change that gets worth eve-

ry time we emit greenhouse gases, and suspended fine particles that provoke cancers; plastic pollution, with packaging especially food packaging that are poorly recyclable and that we can meet in nature, forest and oceans although they are not biodegradable, and toxic pollution, with the use of weedkillers and insecticides of which we couldn't

help but spray on the fields. Realize this: we use to spray poison on our food, to protect them from "harmful" plants, just because we were first sold pesticides as effective. Which they were only on short-term, truthfully; and because over the years, we lost our capacity to do without it."

R.D.



Greta Thunberg, inspirer of the strikes movement for the climate and current President of the United Nations Council

The individual car, an endangered species ?

“Free the cyclists locked up in cars !” It is one of the slogans that demonstrators chanted in the streets 10 years ago. Since then, free public transport as well as the widespread development of infrastructures reserved for bikes have contributed to reduce considerably the number of cars these last years, which played a role in the improvement of air quality, the reduction of greenhouse gases and fine particles, alongside with reducing stress and diseases. The individual use of car, which is

now seen as an antisocial gesture, was once considered as “trendy” in the 90’s. The reduction of stress at work has turned obsolete the need of traveling to the other side of the planet to relax. The suppression of parking lots has freed space, which has quickly been turned into green spaces and

town orchards. Ponds and community gardens that henceforth take up the square form spaces favorable to encounters. “It is hard for me to fancy that just 10 years ago, we were wasting so much energy for individual cars!” an inhabitant exclaimed.

R.D.



Three small farms are better than a big one

March 15, Daffodil Festival in the small village of Godewaersvelde, in northern France. Serge, a farmer for 30 years, had time to see agricultural policy evolve, and in the right direction for once! From 2020, turning its back on the ultraliberal policy of the WTO, the government decided to give priority to food security, rather than international trade, by supporting local businesses.

The taxation of pesticides, followed by their gradual withdrawal from the market, as well as the increase in aid paid to organic farmers and the conversion bonus, have naturally led towards the exit from an intensive farming model. “The average farm size is now much smaller than it was 10 years ago, and yet we are living better !” says Serge L., a farmer who traded pesticides for agro-ecology in 2023. “With chemical agriculture, we no longer give back to the earth what the earth gives

us, it only gives because we use synthetic fertilizer. Most of the money went up in smoke to buy seeds, pesticides, fertilizers and tractors, which often made it difficult to make ends meet. It was an agriculture at the service of industrialists. By switching to traditional agriculture, after one or two difficult years, we have had a return to a very good level of production, we became autonomous and we no longer have any debts.”

Schools are now training tomorrow’s farmers in modern production techniques by teaching agroecology, which respects human beings and nature. Most farms also produce renewable electricity, which revives the local economy, and collective wealth remains in the community, rather than being sucked into the globalized economy.

R.D.

Industrial drugs have significantly declined in recent years

To face the power of the health lobbies, the government, now directly controlled by the people, has decided to nationalize pharmaceutical companies. “We have rediscovered the virtues of the medicinal plants that grow at home” says Guillaume P., country doctor in Pays de la Loire. “From now on, half of the remedies we

prescribe are of local origin, grown by the surrounding farms, prepared in local laboratories, then by the pharmacists who market their remedies. We have even rediscovered the virtues of the plants that we still qualify as bad a few years ago, and that we are now using, instead of just destroy them. Industrial drugs are only used as a

last resort recourse.”

For several years, with the improvement of food quality and the reduction of pollution, doctors have noticed a significant decrease of tumors and cardiovascular diseases. By taking care of the Earth, people also take care of themselves and their Health !

R.D.



THE PILLAR OF THE BAR

Chronicles of a barstool philosopher

March, the 15th 2019: the date that History remembers as the indelible shift in the climatic fight. To commemorate this anniversary, the redaction comes back for you on this day when everything changed dramatically. “enough of the philosophers of knowledge, we finally wanted to hear the barstool philosopher”.

Friday march the 15th 2019 – 8h30 AM, rain and beer watered the Thursday before, but Lille wakes up without any hangover or stonewalling. Yesterday 30 000 intoxicated citizens voted for the complete blockade of the city until Monday the 18th of March: codename: “No beer - No bear”. A standing region to talk with one voice and launch a cry from the heart: if we do not change our way of consuming, beer will disappear... “The electroshock fully overtook our expectation” Stéphane, who was present during the event, confided. Quickly supported by the local brewers, passed on at a stunning speed on social media, the movement “no beer, no bear” spread the very day in every cities where beer flows like water: it is 1H18 PM when the prefect takes the floor in the news and announce officially : the regions is completely parallelized.

“Until then, ecology was an ultra-vegan message or told from austere experts in turtle neck... The 15th of March, ecology was finally wearing a tank top!”

In a week-end, beer succeeded in spreading a message yet simple but that people hadn't manage to understand even after more than 60

years of ecological fight: ecology is a team sport. Can you imagine a game of 1 against a 100 ? An alone guy in a costume against a 100 buddy who put their fingers in their ears and who play with blindfolded eyes ? It's easy when it's you who created the rules and when you have the referee on your side.” JP, who use to own a pub on the Opal coast, commented.

“With global warming, we had to expect the worst... and imagine our region with 10° more, without any rain our beer... No way, we had to do something !”. JP, who quickly becomes spokesperson of the movement continues. Launch in unison in the whole Haut-de-France region, the message is first discredited by national media: “Unemployed of the North want to drink more to win more money!”. The Figaro, the Point will write: “The North, always at the cutting edge, reinventing demonstrations and seizing ecology to claim its headache.

” The murderous headlines rain : “Paris didn't like us !” a demonstrator remembers. “They probably didn't appreciate that Joe Bloggs stick his nose in ecology, and us, instead of doing as usual and lap up everything experts said, we were laping up tipples ! And yet, I remember very well, it was them who were giving us headaches with their stories.”

“This popular meeting around a local passion smashed the record of influence and reunited 3 times more people than during the final match of the football world cup 9 month earlier !” Marianne Arthus, a historian, author of “The 15th of March explained to my gran children”, explains.

“It is true that it all started from beer and the movement was criticized for that at first, but beer was just an excuse to talk to each other. People were getting out of their home with their passion, we could see back in the time improvised knitting classes where angling fans and video games lovers would come; musicians would lend their instruments to mechanics and all those people would clink glass to toast, it was a happy mess like we could see during carnival time.

You are thinking, what does it have to do with ecology ? Absolutely EVERYTHING. People realized that very day that to have passion, knit scarf, meet one’s soulmate, go see a football game in Lens, make children, drink with friends, everything that could give meaning to our lives implies inevitably a responsibility: to take care of the planet on which we live. The 15th of March, people look at the future right in the eyes, and this vision of the future of the planet for too long kept quiet: they celebrated it with joy!”

Despite a deplorable media coverage, as it often happens in these great occasions, the movement has been followed by other regions from North to South in less than a month, this wildfire shouted out “planet aperitif” at the heart of every debate... “Finally a subject on which everyone agrees. Nobody feels excluded when you built up collectively an answer that makes everyone see eye to eye. It was out of question to reject the responsibility on Mr X or Mrs Y who wins more money, has more diplomas or benefits from whatever... Here, we were talking about solutions, we were talking about how we are going to roll up our sleeves all together, once and for all!”, Christian remembers with emotion. “Until then, we were talking of “cli-

mate catastrophe”, “radical change” or “ecological emergency”, after that we began to hear talk of “happy ecology”, or “constructive booze-up”, people would tell their boss “I can’t tomorrow, I have a planet to save!”

First rural, then quickly urban, aperitifs were improvised on the squares of everywhere in France, and, in less than a week, it’s no more an isolated region, but a whole nation that met with a total paralysis. Political women and men couldn’t be at odds with a movement that popular... Solutions were raining and we could see appear everywhere in France fields on roundabouts, collectives against food waste, town orchards... The consumption of local products of an average French reach 90% in hardly a few month.

Louis will remember it forever: “The 15th of March, we will never be able to forget it. The power changed hands, we gave up our political men and women up there in Paris, I feel sorry for them, no one knows what they became after that... Now, everything happens at a local scale. We do not talk of crisis any more, but solutions, we listen to our neighbour suggesting his climatic solution around a good drink and a piece of bread produced on site... Beer brings people closer! And as they say : Better bend an elbow than throw in the towel.

Tinmar



*“EVERYBODY’S GOT TO BELIEVE IN SOMETHING.
I BELIEVE I’LL HAVE ANOTHER BEER.” (W. FIELDS)*

Food Self-Efficiency is Gaining Ground

Since 10 years, the “Re-putting nature at the city’s core” program has started to bear fruits (indeed !). For example in Lille, where more and more courtyards, window edges and balconies become vegetable gardens.

“I started in 2019, testifies Elena, an inhabitant of Lille. At first, I had only two small planters with aromatic plants. As I went along, my balcony filled up, and now I have squash, tomatoes, salads, radishes, strawberries... It is really satisfying to see these plants grow and to produce food at home ! In 2021, with the other inhabitants of the building and thanks to the financial aid from the city hall, we installed a rainwater recuperator and common compost which anyone can use to feed his/her plants. We regularly barter among neighbours because we do not all grow the same things, and we also make jars to keep our vegetables.”

To produce food in the city, the challenge is to use each free space and to think tri-dimensionally : some fruits and vegetables are cultivated vertically along the walls, and combine with others on the ground. Many areas once reserved for cars have again become green areas where farms, urbans and amateur gardeners coexist.

The association Seeds of Hope proposes workshops to learn to garden at home and optimise the production on small space. Fabien, newly arrived in the association develops hotels for insects. “Since the town revegetated, the insects are back, and we encourage people to pay attention to them ! Flying insects indeed play a crucial role in the pollination of plants and in the feeding of birds and small mammal species. Between 1989 and 2019, insects populations had diminished drastically from a bit more than 75%. Happily,



the change of agricultural model and the development of gardens in town have allowed the insects to return to a healthy breeding habitat.”

The rising growth of these gardens in the city has many positive effects : on food self-administration, on biodiversity, on the living environment (shade, sound and thermal insulation) but also on the inhabitants’ moral ! Many studies have proved it, contact with nature brings a feeling of peace and well-being.

Mathilde

Monsanto’s CEO on trial

Next week, Hugh Grant, the former CEO of the former multinational company Monsanto will be put on trial for ecocide and crimes against humanity. He will answer for his role in corruption, deception, quackery and false advertising scandals.

He could be sentenced to life in prison, but also to the seizure of his personal fortune if it turned out he’s responsible for the crimes the company is blamed for.

Several scientific people who endorsed the company’s activities or who tried to stifle some cases have been already sentenced to heavy fines, but also to prison since a few years, such as A. Wallace Hayes (former Food director of the Food and Chemical Technology journal), who stifled the 2012 study on GMO’s dangers, as well as some policies on cases of corruption.

Since this international law’s creation that makes company directors and business executives criminally liables for professional activities and acknowledgement of ecocide (i.e., destroying what is vital for humanity), several multinational companies were careful to repair the human and environmental damage they did, fearing prosecution.

“It’s much easier for a small worker to attack a large

entreprise nowadays than 10 years ago, explained Cindy L., international law specialist. On top of that, since the people have a direct control over the government, the multinational companies cannot count on the public authorities.” The multinational company is under liquidation since 2025, in order to compensate for the numerous victims of the firm’s activities as well as to repair the major environmental damage it has caused. Part is also used to support the various NGOs helping local communities replant trees in the desert.

The trees replanted in the Sahara are starting to grow. “Trees store carbon, are able to draw water from where it is, whether in the dew or deep underground, and in return provide wood, food for men, women and animals, shade and more, they purify the air.” explains Christophe B., a Greenpeace representative. “Mass planting them allows at least to limit the effects of climate change! That’s why we quickly started to train local people to replant trees, providing them with all the required financial and material means !”

R.D.

Tax Justice: Let's turn money green instead of laundering it !

The 2010s have seen the break of an uncountable number of big tax avoidance scandals: Panama Papers, Luxleaks, the Offshore Leaks, the Carlos Ghosn case... Not only multinationals but also wealthy private individuals would participate in the game of capital flight. The favourite word of those modern pirates was "tax optimisation", a smoother, more neutral term than "avoidance" to talk about a practice that was still legal back then.

Those scandals are mostly analysed from an economical and social point of view, although the environmental impact is not insignificant. As well as fuelling the destruction of our environment, tax avoidance withdraw the means of financing the ecological transition.

Indeed, offshore companies are highly tied to two economical sectors responsible for global ecological impacts: the deforestation in the Amazon and illicit fishing (cf. Study: "tax heaven and environmental degradations" Published in 2018 in the journal Nature Ecology and Evolution).

The denunciation by the "leaks" have participated in changing things: The European Union created an inquiry commission of the European parliament about tax criminality,

chaired by the Czech MEP Petr Ježek. Its goal is to deal with the tax fraud investigations in depth and to favour reforms in the EU countries that punishes this outlawed tax avoidance.

From 2013, David Cameron, the UK MP, demanded that the fourteen overseas territories had to be transparent about the companies owners, but these British territories protested and hid behind their independence. After all those leaks, the 1st of May 2018, the United Kingdom announced once again that those overseas territories had to be transparent, which was applied in 2021. From the Bermudas to the Cayman Islands, by way of the British Virgin Islands, the offshore places suffered.

In ten years, there were about 30 inquest that succeeded in France, allowing the fraudsters to pay their 22 billions of euros-slate to the public treasury, equal to a great number of wind turbines, water turbine, cycle lane set up and subsidy for organic agriculture. Tax justice is not only about asking for a tax to be abrogated or reintroduced, it is to provide ourselves legitimate taxes and a fair distribution of wealth.

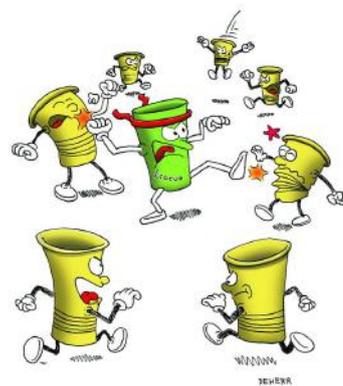
Escape Money (youth group CCFD 62)



Even Donald Trump is an environmentalist :
From now on, he's hitchhiking !



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