

Anthropocene Retraction and Symbiocene Expansion

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The State of the World

The Anthropocene Meme

- The period of dominance over life where humans are in control of and 'shape' all relevant biogeochemical systems on Earth.
- In the Anthropocene, there is only one way of being human.
- Crutzen and Stoermer 2000

The Symbiocene Meme

- The period of reintegration with life where humans are in symbiotic interrelationships with all life and the diversity of humanity.
- In the Symbiocene, there are multiple ways of being human.
- Albrecht 2011

Terraphthoran

Terraphthoran humans (earth destroyers) in the Anthropocene have failed in their duty of care as so-called stewards of planet Earth to manage themselves and their earthly house in a way that supports all life.

Terraphthora, (tera for ra) (Terra, from the Latin "earth", the Greek (phthorá) or "destruction")

For example, the word, "phytophthora" literally means "plant destroyer" so I wanted to apply this powerful phthora to the human-nature relationship.



Terranascient

Terranascient humans (earth nurturers) in the Symbiocene fulfil their active symbiosis role on planet Earth to manage symbiosis from the micro to the macro (the big symbios).

Terranascia (earth creator) (tera nay seea) (Terra, from the Latin "earth", and the Latin nātūra, "to be born").

For example, my son has terranascient tendencies as he supports bird conservation.



War!

- The origins of the word 'war' have meanings connected to states of confusion and being 'mixed-up'.
- Terraphthorans are now at war with the 'environment' they inhabit, and they are fighting terranascient humans who are seen as blocking their freedom to further extract and exploit.
- Terranascient humans can see the destructive nature of the terraphthorans and oppose them with all their psychic and physical energy.
- There are now two huge tribes opposing one another in this discombobulated world, and their confrontation seems inevitable.
- It is an emotional war between Terranascians and Terraphthorans.

World War 3: A War of the Emotions

Negative Psychoterratic Emotions

- Nostalgia (Hofer 1688)
- Necrophilia
- Biophobia
- Ecophobia
- **Solastalgia** (From the Greek, there are three forms of 'algea': Lupe (λύπη – "pain"), Achos (ἄχος – "grief"), and Ania (ἄνία – "sorrow").)
- Global Dread
- Nature Deficit Disorder
- Ecoparalysis
- Ecoanxiety, Climate Anxiety, Eco-grief, Environmental Grief

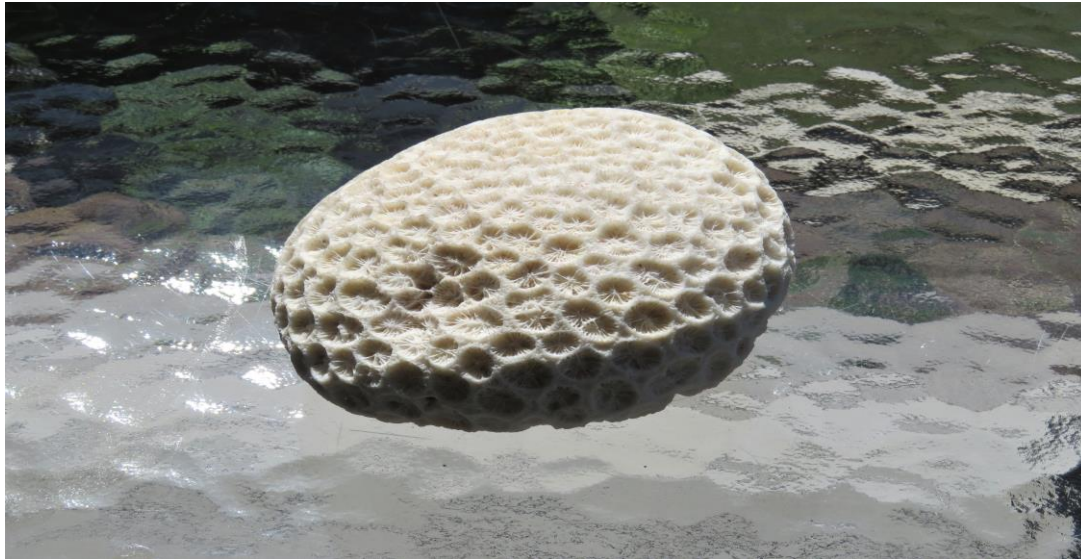
Positive Psychoterratic Emotions

- Biophilia (Fromm 1965)
- Ecophilia
- Sumbiophilia
- Topophilia
- Endemophilia
- Soliphilia
- Eutierria

Oikos Vs Sumbios

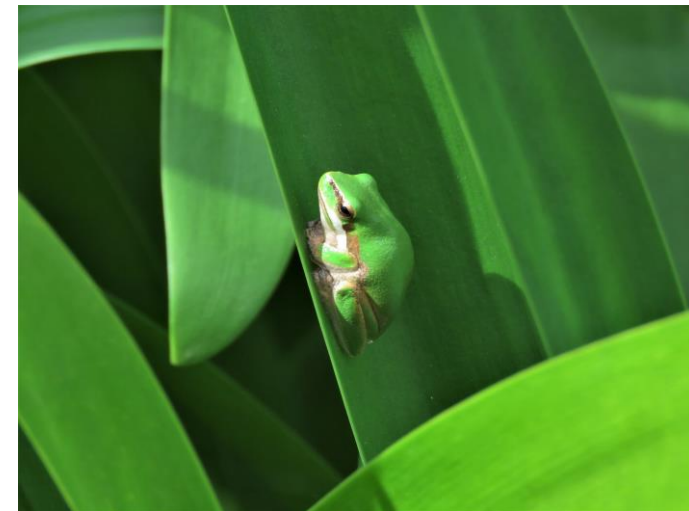
The Economy

- Cancerous growth in what we call 'the economy' must stop and collapse (degrowth).
- The net result of abuse of the *oikos* has been 'symbiocide' or the calculated killing of the united systems of symbiosis that maintain life.



The Sumbonomy

- Symbiotic growth in the 'sumbonomy' (*sumbios* – living together, *nomia* - to manage) must accelerate and flourish (progrowth).
- The net result of affirmation of the *sumbios* will be 'symbiogenesis' or the calculated life-support of the united systems of symbiosis.



The Politics of Revolution

Democracy

- Democracy (*demos*; of the people) is, by definition, anthropocentric, and capable only of partial answers to human-biased questions concerning the body politic.
- That human bias is now revealed as its greatest weakness as multiple crises envelope the planet.

Sumbiocracy

- Sumbiocracy (*sumbios*; living together) is a form of government where humans govern themselves with respect for the reciprocal relationships of the Earth at all scales from local to global.
- The focus on all life and its relationships is revealed as its greatest strength as multiple solutions are revealed to humans.

From Democracy to Corrupalism

- Rule by the people (*demos*) has become corrupted by rule (*kratos*) by the powerful (oligarchy or plutocracy).
- We could call this form of political-economy Corruptalism (Cohen 1993) or what I prefer to call 'Corrupalism' (from the Latin *corrumpere* 'to destroy').
- I define *Corrupalism* as the ability to corrupt and destroy the integrity of a social system and its biophysical foundations by perverting all forms of development via the use of mis-information, falsehoods, money and/or violence to achieve self-interested outcomes that are the opposite of cultural and biological interests.

The Voices to Government

- The corrupalism lobby already has a dominant voice to government and the enactment of policy.
- Other voices have been silenced and subject to meuacide.
 - Indigenous Australians!
- Sumbiocracy requires voices of the non-represented to enter parliament.
- Sumbio-voices start with self-generated 'interest' groups.
- Under the umbrella of the inclusive Symbiocene, life-affirming groups must coalesce.

Symbiologie und Generation Symbiocene

- Silos unite!
- Pressure groups unite!
- NGOs unite!
- Conservation bodies unite!
- Generations unite (Gen S)



The Nascent Symbiocene

Malaysian Play: Symbiocene



Fungi Mycelium Furniture



The Symbiocene Revolution



The Symbiotic Revolution takes us
from the Dysbiosis of the
Anthropocene to the Symbiosis of
the Symbiocene.