

ANOTHER WORLD IS NECESSARY

ANOTHER WORLD IS POSSIBLE

ANOTHER WORLD HAS ALREADY STARTED

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We are in the midst of a great transformation, not only economically but psychologically, culturally, politically, in our relations with one another, to the Earth, to other species and to other peoples of the world, and in our concept of ourselves and of our rights and responsibilities as human beings.

To an unprecedented degree, as we approach 2006, millions of us are aware that our present and impending disasters are not natural but man-made, the consequence of our limitless pursuit of capital accumulation.

Up to now the main victims of this have been the peoples of the global South. But now the chickens are coming home to roost. In our own countries, the United States and throughout Europe, there are tens of millions who for decades have been marginalized, living how they can, without any social safety nets, unemployed, disempowered, disenfranchised, disengaged, disrespected, and without a perspective of another positive future.

These people in the so-called informal sector are now being joined by those who through centuries of struggle and sacrifices thought they could look forward to a stable and secure future for themselves and their children.

At this moment and under these circumstances it would be easy to despair. But this universal crisis is not only a danger but a promise, an opportunity to advance ourselves and our societies to a new level, based on a new vision, new principles and values:

- **Respect for the limits of the earth**
- **Responsibility for community and not just for self**
- **Concern for posterity into the seventh generation**
- **Partnership instead of patriarchal relations**
- **A new concept of Work based on use values and skills**
- **Resistance to commodification of human relationships and of all life**
- **Local, sustainable and self-reliant economies instead of one global dominant economy**
- **Diversity instead of monocultures**
- **Restore the joy of living in community with all creatures**
- **Practice global citizenship to preserve the best of our historical traditions**
- **Social justice and cooperation instead of exploitation and competition**

WHAT DO WE DO NOW? HOW DO WE GET FROM HERE TO THERE?

WE can begin by restoring our relationships to each other and to the Earth

WE can create gardens, for food, health and to create a community as a basis for resistance, for learning and enjoyment of young and old.

WE can create new subsistence skills to grapple with our present problems and the challenges to come.

WE can transform our schools from job-and-career-oriented institutions to places where children and young people can learn the values of teamwork, serving the community, self-reliance and the joys of creativity

WE can initiate discussions in our communities locally, nationally and internationally on new visions, a new perspective, and the profound historical meaning of the great turning during this time in which we live.

WE can share and spread the word of what people are already doing to create a better world.

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