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Sea Turtles

Tho' i've never seen a sea turtle, except in pictures, it makes me happy to know that sea turtles are "out there", somewhere, but sad to know that not many are, & sadder to know that they could be reduced to none, very soon.

Despite what's believed in Kansas, evolution is fact. And evolution refers not to singular species, in isolation, but to the biosphere of the planet taken altogether, & beyond biosphere, into atmosphere & lithosphere. Earth is entirely in dynamic evolution.

I subscribe to Gaia theory.

Sea turtles exist for reason, whether or not comprehended by people. Sea turtles are part of the mosaic of the totality of Earth's ecology. With every diminution of species diversity, that mosaic is affected, affected negatively, not merely in aesthetic ways, but in functional ways.

Humans were once part of the mosaic, once part of the ecology. But, the human species has arrogantly separated itself from the complex interdependences of the planet, & even declared war on the planet, with advanced technology tragically applied with pathetically delayed wisdom.

Drift nets can be made bigger & bigger. So what. The question is, should they be, or should they even exist at all. When drift nets are dragged thru huge volumes of water & across vast stretches of ocean floor, & are drawn in with immense catches, is that something to cheer.

The only cheers must come from those who think that bio-resources are infinite or who don't think at all, except to count profits, which cannot continue. It is literally true that oceans could be emptied of all life, because marine life is in fact finite.

Ancient wisdom states that if you're in a hole, you stop digging. It would be good if people understood that. Sadly, & angrily, it must be stated that there are those who would catch & kill the last of anything, if it meant one more dollar or yen or ruble.

Before you now is a decision, to keep digging or to stop, to continue applying technology exclusively or to apply wisdom preferentially, to take another piece from the mosaic or to restore it, including the chunk called "sea turtle".

No compromises, no exceptions, no excuses. Humans are not apart from nature. We are part of it. We've been given an incredible gift by the Creator. We come from Earth; we return to Earth.

We are part of Earth, along with sea turtles. They & we have the same parent. That makes us brothers & sisters. The decision before you should be reached with that in mind. Maintain fishing restrictions.

No, expand them. Sea turtles should always be "out there", somewhere.

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