

## 8.0 EX-CON ARSONIST

Using the Law as my fire extinguisher, I fought many forest fires –fighting illegal logging, illegal fishing, illegal projects, and fighting government neglect. Instead of being put out, I saw that the fire was only getting bigger and bigger.

Lately I discovered two things:

1. This is not a battle to protect the Earth.... *It is all a game!*
2. While we were pouring water into the fires, the ex-con arsonist was pouring gasoline. He is also setting new fires all over.



### Explanation

#### 1. A Game?

It is important to look at this as play. Treating it as a battle to protect the Sources of Life (the LAW of Life) only causes unnecessary stress, anxiety, and tension. This adversarial attitude and the psychological state of stress are unhealthy, and does not bring forth human creativity.

Most of all, when we are in battle mode, we forget that life is all about having fun. The journey is what matters. If we are stressed, angry, and anxious, we are not having fun!

On the other hand, if we treat it as play, we can think like an artist who is having fun. In fact, it is not a zero-sum game, meaning a game where to win, the other must lose. No, if our species must survive and thrive, we must all win.

Thinking like an artist means that we will dare to think not only outside the box, we must jump out of the box, turn it upside down, and then shake it. Then and only then will there be real progress of human thought.

## 2. Ex-con Arsonist

Ex-Con refers to the way we treat the Earth –

“Ex”-traction and “Con”-sumption.

This is the economic model practiced by human beings. Our kind takes out as much, and as quickly, as we can from the Earth, we use it briefly, and then throw it away. We are the only species of animal that does that.

And then the practitioners of extraction and consumption economics – the Ex-Con Economists -- calls it ‘progress and development.’

In the process, the Ex-Con Economist poisons the water that we drink, the air that we breathe, and the land from whence we get our food. Again, we are the only species of animal that poisons the very elements that make our Life possible. And then he calls it ‘progress and development.’

The Ex-Con Economist looks at the trees and the forests – trees that took hundreds of years to become what they are – cuts them down and sells it in exchange for a few pieces of paper called money. And then he calls it ‘progress and development.’

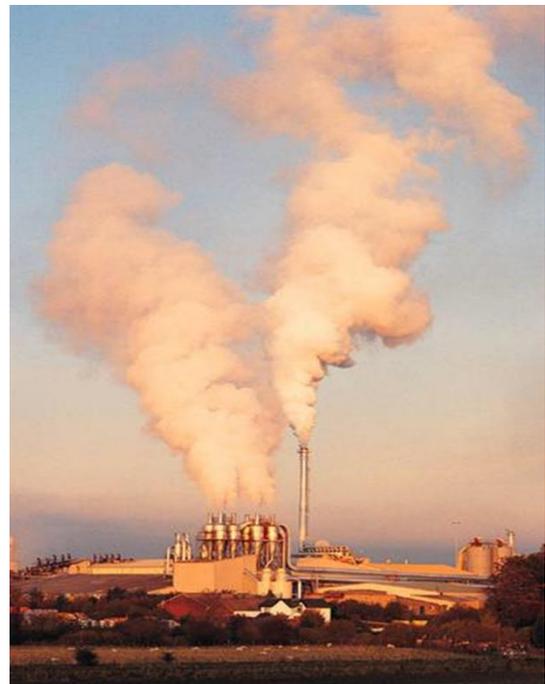
He sees the fish in the seas, fish that have been here 600 million years before we came along. The Ex-Con Economist takes out all the fish, throws away anything he cannot eat. In his wake, the sea, once teeming with life, is now bare and barren. And then he calls it ‘progress and development.’

He finds shiny pieces of rocks hidden in the bowels of the Earth.

He sees life-giving soil and water  
getting in the way,  
Throws it all in a day.  
Water becomes ‘waste water’  
All for a few pieces of silver.

The things taken from the Earth are used  
for a short while,  
Then thrown away, all in the name of  
style.

And then the Ex-Con Economist calls it  
‘progress and development.’



Amused by his game of numbers, he sits back, and beholds with great delight watching the burning of the Earth. He is happy to see the numbers grow, numbers measured by the GDP.

Remember the meaning of the term GDP?

'Great Disaster for the Planet'.

As we have seen, this kind of ex-con (extraction and consumption) economics have resulted in the destruction, devastation, and irreversible poisoning of the very Sources of Life on Earth – the Land, Air, and Waters. It also threatens the life and life-forms on Planet Earth. One of these life-forms is that pesky species of animal to which that Ex-Con economist belongs.

By the way, 'ex-con' also means 'ex-convict'. Seeing the evidence of the destruction the ex-con economists have done to the planet, they hereby stand charged, tried, and convicted of the crime of ...

### *Planetary Plunder.*

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