

## OUTLINE FOR A GLOBAL ETHICS

Globalization involves not only technological infrastructure but also the family of humanity -- and recent world events have shown that what we lack is NOT technological capability but moral sensibility. It is time to re-think our mutual inter-dependence.

### Core Priorities

1<sup>st</sup> Priority: **To ensure Ecological Viability**

2<sup>nd</sup> Priority: **To facilitate Social Control**

3<sup>rd</sup> Priority: **To enable Individual Empowerment**

### Operational Principles

#### What should NOT be done

- (a) Individual empowerment should **never** be exercised to **jeopardize Social Control or Ecological Viability**.
- (b) Social control should never be exercised to jeopardize Ecological Viability.
- (c) **Beyond the requirements** of Viability, Ecological **restrictions should not be placed** on either Social Control or Individual Empowerment.
- (d) Beyond the requirements of Control, Social restrictions should not be placed on Individual Empowerment.

#### What SHOULD be done

- (e) Policies, plans and programs should always be considered within **the context of all three priorities**.
- (f) When vetting proposals, the three priorities should be applied in order of precedence as successive filters for **judging acceptability AND unacceptability**.
- (g) Continuing research should be conducted on the wider implications and longer-term consequences of all policies, plans and programs with a view **to identifying interactions, emergence, and synergies** that may not be obvious during initial design and/or deployment.
- (h) Periodicities and thresholds characteristic of Ecological parameters, Social requisites, and Individual proclivities should also be identified through research, and continuously monitored to confirm **the existence of continuities and/or the possibilities of change**.