

2022 Apr 23 Cody Petterson, Requiem for the Trees, an Earth Day message from San Diego County (Vox Populi)

Tears of frustration and despair, I've shed them too, as many others have, at the wanton waste and stupidity of the race, probably at the human race at large, but more specifically at the arms race, the rat race, the electoral race, the race of our acquisitive consumerist culture, our materialistic ideals always demanding more more more, never knowing when to stop, when enough is enough, when the limits to growth, to profits, to greed have been passed, when to recognize that the better part of exercising our capabilities -- doing it, getting it, building it, just because we can -- is restraint, self-restraint and restraint on our institutions, our entrepreneurs, our bankers, brokers and bond managers, our Pentagons, arms dealers and governments, at our corporate profits fossil-fuels driven economic insanity.

Knowing that it's already too late, that our grandchildren will never be able to enjoy the natural world we knew, that the tipping point has already been passed, that -- as this moving Earth Day 2019 message from San Diego County resident Cody Petterson so poignantly points out, what remains for us to do is preserve what we can for our children and theirs who are inheriting an earth "changed, changed utterly," by the failures of nerve and intelligence our generation has inherited and by our own ways and means perfected.

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