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To the Editor:

Re “An Early Environmentalist, Embracing New ‘Heresies’ ” (Findings, Feb. 27): Stewart Brand’s brand of neo-environmentalism would have us believe that there is always a technological fix for the messes of industrial urbanization, that some backyards (unlike those in Marin County, Calif.) are suitable for the dumping of nuclear and chemical wastes, that ecological sustainability and limits to growth are just romantic myths; in short, that we humans, “as gods,” are above the merely natural.

His path from Merry Prankster to techno-wizard will be familiar to many a ’60s ex-radical born again as a neo-con, as well as those familiar with the earmarks of hubris.

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