

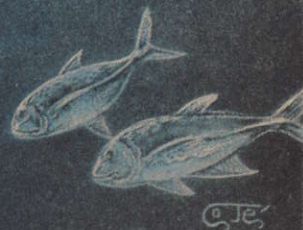
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A very warm welcome to first-time as well as all-time readers of Shared Vision. We received such a delightful reception with our first issue back. Thank-you very much for all your support and love.

When our Features Editor, Henry Dorst suggested to run this issue on The Environment, I thought, "Oh no, yet another thing on the environment. One of these dry subjects we seem to be inundated with daily."

Instead of saying right away "No, that's a stupid, boring idea!" I kept quiet for once and remembered my new vow of loosening my grip and control on Shared Vision and allowing support to come into the project. Actually, the more I listened, the more it sounded like a great idea - interviewing people who are aligning their means of livelihood with a healthy planet and including their pictures and personal stories.

Oh, good. Let's do it. I like pictures and stories. But, do we have to use the word environment? It's so overused. I feel ill when I hear it.

A little background here. I've lived with Henry for most of the past seven years and he's always been very concerned about the "E". He has threatened that he would move out if I bought a dishwasher and has insisted that eggshells really do go into the compost. He keeps up with the daily news and some of the doom and gloom stories of the environment filters through to my end. It's always been just words to me. Now, if newsstands could sell a daily cup of news that I could have poured over myself I could have experienced the gravity of earth's situation. What a marketing idea.

Well, it just so happened that a couple of weeks ago during our morning meditation, "I got it!" I had an experience of feeling the hurt of the planet and allowed the feeling to express itself and I cried uncontrollably for a few minutes. What a surprise to actually feel for the earth. The word 'environment' is no longer something cold and abstract. It is

about the planet and I am part of it. We hope you sense this connection in the personal stories of people being concerned and doing something about it, in their own ways. Our regards to so many of you who may also be environmentally-conscious and contributing but whom we did not mention. Let us hear what you are doing.

Please take note of "The First Sunday" on the back page. This concept was initiated by Henry Dorst and already has been very well received. It was a feature dedication at a recent Earth Mass at Vancouver's Christ Church Cathedral. It is a way to make your dedication to the planet concrete. Please, duplicate and distribute this document. If possible organize a "First Sunday of the month" event in your area. Send "First Sunday" to friends overseas. My personal commitment starting in July is to refrain from using styrofoam, and starting in August, to separate our garbage into glass, metal, plastics and paper and deliver them to the recycling depot.

Our September issue features Men. Are you at ease and happy as a man? What does it mean to be a man? Do you have any submissions of poetry, art, stories, favourite books or movie reviews for everyone to enjoy?

Be sure to reserve September 15th for a very special event. Our regular columnist, Swami Beyondananda will be in town on that day, (see calendar listing). He was here last September and is even funnier in person. I laughed ten minutes solid at one point during his show.

In this issue we are pleased to have two pages of B.C. interior's listings. This section, run by Angele Rowe of Penticton, will grow to eight pages in September. A big hello to the new readers and advertisers in B.C.'s Interior! You sure have a dynamic and dedicated rep! Angele plans to take ten days to deliver Shared Vision to all these areas and make even more contacts.

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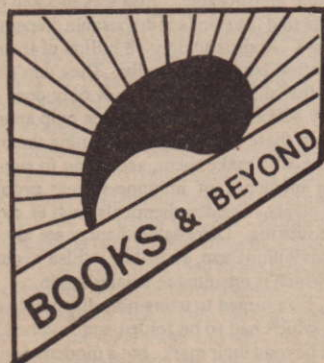
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