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This is the right time for a green revolution

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Global warming, planetary overpopulation, greedy consumption, and the use of fossil fuels are the road to humanity's self-destruction. The voice of opposition, presenting solutions to protect us from a potential catastrophe, is the philosophy of deep ecology. In the year 1973, Arne Naess, a Norwegian thinker, published the article "The Shallow and the Deep, Long-Rage Ecology Movement: A Summary". In the text, the Norwegian opposed the anthropocentric paradigm, which assumed that the human is the most important figure on the ladder of beings, which means that he can rule of the nature and exploit it according to his own preferences. Naess was inspired by the famous American 19th-century philosopher Henry David Thoreau, who proclaimed appreciation for living close to nature, self-sufficiency and a critical view of industrial capitalism. In addition, an important book in forming Naess's views was "Silent Spring" by Rachel Carson. Carson, an American biologist and writer, proved how modern society has a harmful impact on the natural environment and the attempts to remedy this phenomenon are insufficient. For development of the deep ecology movement was also influenced by Aldo Leopold's book "A Sand County Almanac". Leopold, an American forester and writer, in a romantic style, argued that if people want to respect nature, they should adjust to its rhythm – learn to think like nature. We must not forget of another publication from the year 1968, that was important for deep ecology, namely "The Population Bomb" by Paul Ehrlich. The author emphasized the need to protect wild ecosystems from human domination associated with the demographic explosion.

Deep ecology is a path of individual and collective development, allowing to understand that the human is no different from animals and is one of the many components of nature. Deep ecology offers self-reflection to understand our proper

place in the cosmos and to respond to signals coming to us from the natural realm. Finally, deep ecology shows that when we harm of nature, we harm ourselves.

Deep ecology is a fundamental issue for our future. It is a hard to believe how many members of the earthly community still do not know so much about green trends. Therefore popularizing of knowledge on deep ecology among young and old adults is useful for a better and safer tomorrow.

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