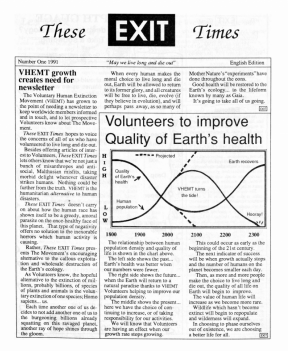
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These EXIT Times, No. 1


These EXIT *Times*

Number One 1990 "*May we live long and die out*" English Edition

VHEMT growth creates need for newsletter

The Voluntary Human Extinction Movement (VHEMT) has grown to the point of needing a newsletter to keep worldwide members informed and in touch, and to let prospective Volunteers know about The Movement.

These EXIT *Times* hopes to voice the concerns of all of us who have volunteered to live long and die out.

Besides offering articles of interest to Volunteers, These EXIT Times lets others know that we're not just a bunch of misanthropes and anti-social, Malthusian misfits, taking morbid delight whenever disaster strikes humans. Nothing could be further from the truth. VHEMT is the humanitarian alternative to human disasters.

These EXIT *Times* doesn't carry on about how the human race has shown itself to be a greedy, amoral parasite on the once healthy face of planet Earth. This publication offers no solution to the melancholy horrors which human activity is causing.

Rather, *These* EXIT *Times* promotes VHEMT as a positive, hopeful alternative to the callous exploitation and wholesale destruction of life on this planet.

As Volunteers know, the hopeful alternative to the extinction of wild lions, probably billions, of species of plants and animals is the voluntary extinction of one species, Homo sapiens.

Each time another one of us decides not to add another one of us to the burgeoning billions already infesting the planet, we've struck another ray of hope shone through the gloom.

When every human makes the moral decision to live long and die out, all life on Earth, human and non-human alike, will be free to live, die, evolve (if they believe in evolution), and will perhaps, pass away, as so many of Mother Nature's "experiments" have done throughout the eons.

Volunteers to improve Quality of Earth's health

The relationship between human population density and quality of life on Earth is a direct one. The left side shows the past... Earth's health was better when our numbers were fewer.

The right side shows the future... when our numbers are low (a natural paradise thanks to VHEMT Volunteers helping to improve our quality of life).

The middle shows the present... here we have the choice of continuing to increase, or of taking responsibility for our activities.

The VHEMT solution: Volunteers are having an effect when our growth rate stops growing.

Mother Nature's "experiments" have come throughout the eons.

It's going to take all of us going.

It's going to take all of us going to restore to the Earth's ecology... to the lifeform known by many as Gaia.

This could occur as early as the beginning of the 21st century.

The only way this can happen will be when growth actually stops and the number of humans on the planet becomes smaller each day.

Then, as more and more people choose voluntarily to die out, the quality of all life on Earth will begin to improve.

Human life will begin to increase as we become more rare.

Wildlife which hasn't become extinct will begin to repopulate and wilderness will expand.

Thus, Volunteers for Extinction are choosing a better life for all.

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In this issue of *These EXIT Times*, the editors explain why the Voluntary Human Extinction Movement (VHEMT) is in need of a newsletter; how to create more awareness; and what volunteers should say when being asked about the VHEMT.

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