ARE THERE NO REMEDIES?

The answer is yes, even though they are not painless and presuppose a generalized awareness that, should Mankind go on along the present course, not only the well-being, but the survival itself of the coming generations — and perhaps even of life on Earth — would be placed in serious jeopardy.

The remedies consist mainly in a vigorous and effective effort to bring back the totality of Mankind to a level that would be durably sustainable by the planetary superecocomplex; to develop clean means of locomotion and renewable, non-polluting energy sources; to convert city wastes into valuable resources to be almost wholly recycled and reutilized; and to force manufacturers to take back and recycle all used industrial articles.

But, in addition, if modern Man is really to deserve the self-granted designation of *sapiens sapiens*, the lethal human near-sightedness must be corrected once and for all: for example by introducing regulations to the effect that in future each new gadget, invention, or innovation (past, present, and future), before being approved and released for practical use, must undergo a strict and impartial investigation — by an independent Authority with world-wide jurisdiction — as to possible medium- or long-term environmental effects also affecting future generations; and obviously, such innovations must be banned if their effects prove unacceptable, unless adequate and compulsory countermeasures can be found whereafter further testing should be mandatory.

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