



Highlights from June 2023

Greetings to the MAHB Community

Check out what's happening:

[Random Homeostasis](#) is out - the new book by Jane Gray Morrison and Michael Tobias which proposes a radically novel solution to how we view evolution, predation, and ecosystem stability; a [SPHERE podcast with Paul Ehrlich](#) where he shares personal experiences and reflects on some central scientific and political issues of his career, and engages with questions on environment and governance. Watch the international award-winning, animated short film [Remember](#) (a time when humans, too, were a part of nature and the Earth) - for humans of all ages!

Read this month's [blogs](#) on rebutting [Earth4All's](#) low population projections; two different approaches to Forest Bathing (one by a therapist and the other by an artist) as a way to engage our parasympathetic nervous system and connect deeper to our surroundings; an interview with 25 thought leaders on global trends, and a commentary on whether we can reverse our damage to the planet before it's too late for us.

Our [resources](#) include an article and video demanding a new loss and damage fund for biodiversity (full [paper](#) also available); tips for turning spaces into nature havens (from the BBC series *Wild Isles*); an article on understanding the links between the rights for women and children, family planning, and environmental crises; why we need a common agenda to save nature and advance humanity, and on the Church of England urging Shell shareholders to back climate activists.

Listen to the true story behind [Limits to Growth](#) - how it came about, its backlash, and legacy (includes previously unpublished memoirs and rare original audio recordings) and to Nate Hagens' TGS episode with nuclear energy expert James Fleay.

Don't forget to check out the latest MAHB announcements [here](#).

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What's Happening

DISTINGUISHED MEN AND WOMEN OF SCIENCE, MEDICINE AND THE ARTS

RANDOM HOMEOSTASIS

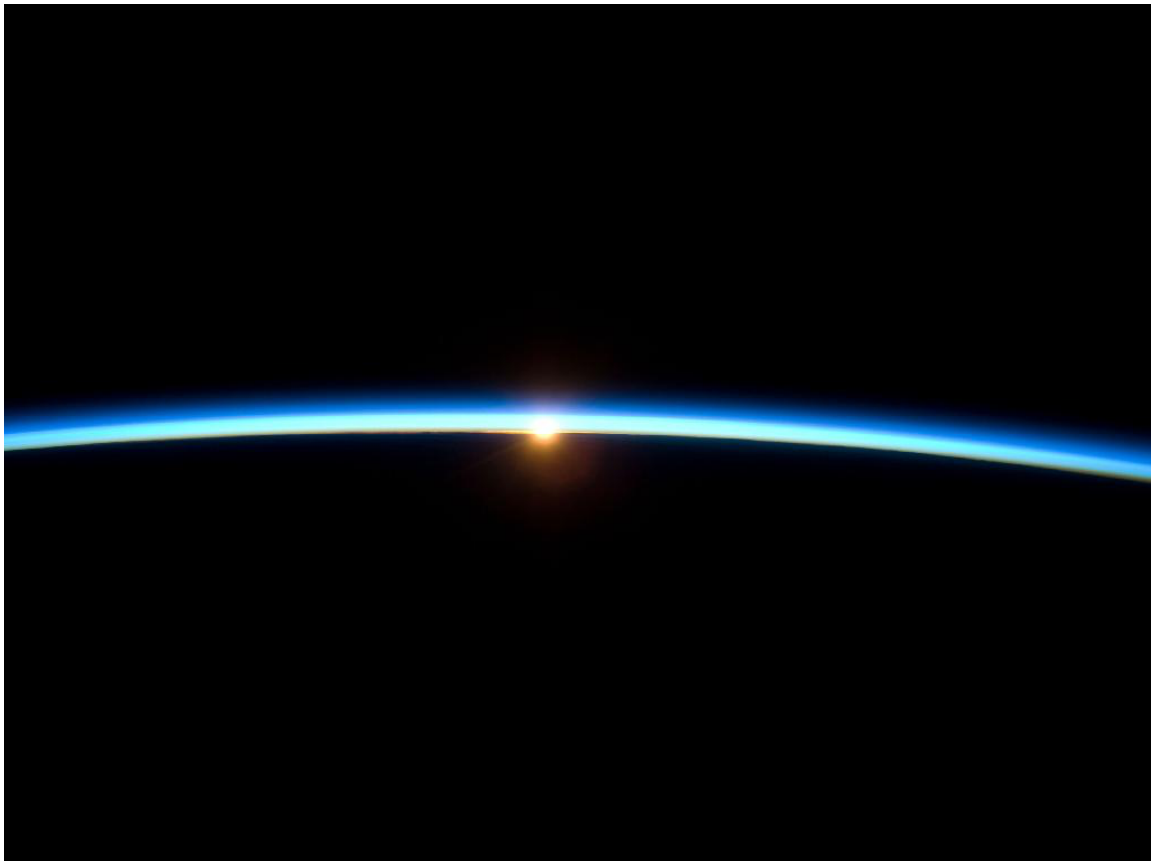
ON THE NATURE OF
CONTINGENT REALITY



Book Preview: Random Homeostasis – On the Nature of Contingent Reality

The new book by Jane Gray Morrison and Michael Tobias, and the first comprehensive exploration of theoretical biology in the context of hybrid, real-time evolution within an ethical and philosophical context. The book focuses on

global biodiversity conservation from the perspectives of mathematical and phenomenological areas of critical significance, to the crisis of endangered species and habitats, and the well-being - as well as potential extinction - of humankind. A discussion of new landmark theories of ecological imagination, survival ethics, and an altogether original discourse on the nature of Nature.



Paul Ehrlich on Environment, Population and a Lifetime Journey through Science and Politics

Paul Ehrlich's 1968 bestseller *The Population Bomb* generated an enormous amount of concern, controversy, and criticism for its neo-Malthusian predictions

of famine and mass death and was considered a milestone in the 1960s and 1970s environmental movement. The Stanford biologist has remained in the spotlight as a public scientist and institution builder. In this SPHERE podcast, Prof. Ehrlich shares personal experiences and reflects on some central scientific and political issues of his career, engaging with questions related to the environment and governance.



Animation Short Film: Remember

Remembering a time when humans, too, were a part of nature and the Earth.

In this short animated film, we ask ourselves, what actions can humans take right now? The film has won awards at various international film festivals, including the Heart International Italian Film Festival and the WorldFest-Houston International Film Festival in the United States.

Blogs for this Month



The imaginary world of Earth4All's low population projections

A new report says world population will peak below 9 billion. This unrealistically low projection itself is likely to have the opposite effect.

Coming to our Senses: Nature Connection As a Shift in Perspective



How to engage our parasympathetic system and foster mutual respect and compassion



Forest Bathing

“Many go fishing all their lives without knowing that it is not the fish they are after.” - Henry David Thoreau

Perceptions of Global Changes and Trends: Interviews with 25 Thought Leaders



From global disruption to meaning-making: a summary of views on the state of the Earth and humanity



Redefining Ourselves for Survival

Can we reverse humanity's undoing?

[Read More](#)

Please add your thoughts to the conversations. Previous posts to the MAHB Blog can be found [here](#).

Resources



Experts call for ‘loss and damage’ fund for nature in developing world

Wealthy countries should pay for the loss and damage they cause to nature in poorer countries in the same way as for climate impacts. This is because habitat loss and overexploitation of resources in poor countries are driven by consumption in the global north, researchers argue in a comment piece published in *Nature Ecology & Evolution*.



Top tips for turning green (or even grey) spaces into nature havens

How you manage your space has a big impact on the variety of plants, insects, and animals that are there. Even if it's predominantly a car park! Imagine the difference if everyone made the patch of land they look after just a bit more nature friendly—or even connected it to a patch of land next door, creating a nature network.



To restore nature, we must invest more in our children

Understanding the connection between women's and children's rights, family planning, and the environmental crisis: While angst about declining global fertility and population is palpable and building, a drop in fertility rates was predictable and predicted for decades. The worst thing about its arrival now is that it's so late in coming.



To Advance Humanity and Save Nature We Need a Common Agenda

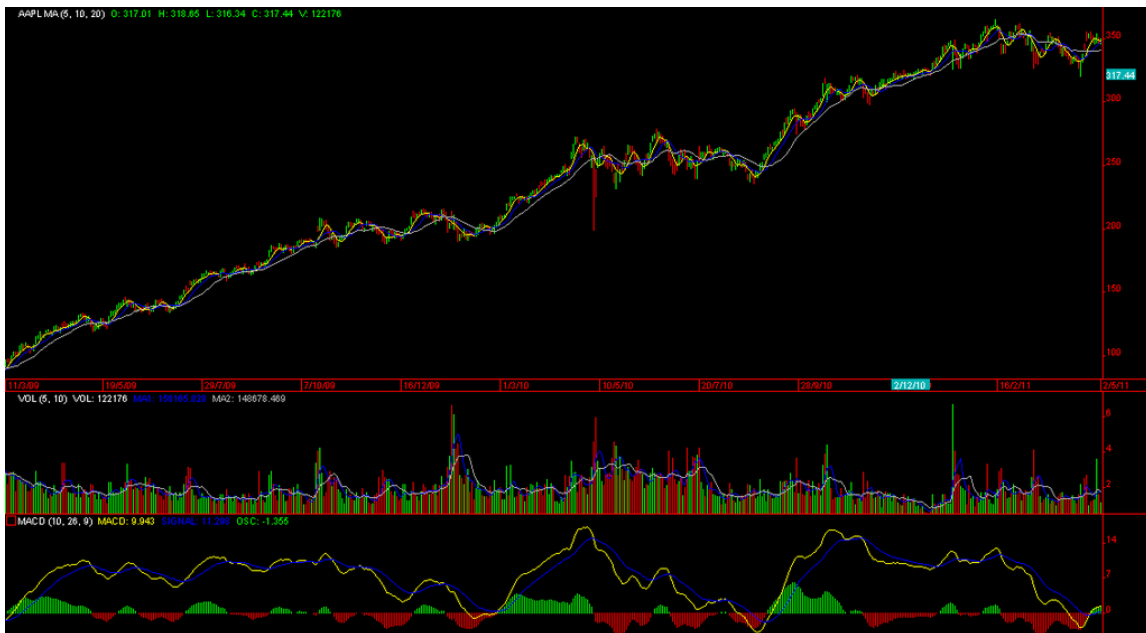
Problems caused by rapid population growth, environmental degradation, and climate disruption are harming human welfare and the natural world. These problems are largely addressed separately, with little common understanding or integration of efforts.



Shell shareholders urged by LAPFF to back climate activist's resolution

Shell shareholders should support a climate activist resolution at its annual general meeting and vote against the oil major on most counts, Britain's Local Authority Pension Fund Forum (LAPFF) advises. This follows announcements by the [Church of England Pension Board](#), proxy adviser PIRC, and several Dutch funds in favor of the climate resolution proposed by the activist group *Follow This*.

Podcasts & Videos



Tipping Point: The True Story of “The Limits to Growth”

It may be the most important book you never read. A podcast on how it came to be, the backlash – and its legacy, 50 years on. This podcast is about the true story behind the groundbreaking 1972 study “The Limits to Growth” and why the world ignored its message. Based on unpublished memoirs and featuring rare original audio recordings, it accompanies Dana and Dennis Meadows and their team on their mission to tell the world about coming ecological crises and their solutions.



[The Great Simplification - James Fleay: "What's The Deal with Nuclear Energy?"](#)

In this episode, energy systems expert James Fleay joins Nate to talk about the current state of nuclear energy and its potential applications in the future. Nuclear energy is one of the most frequently suggested as a savior of our modern lifestyles. What is the reality of the benefits and costs of nuclear energy?

The Arts

What's Next For Earth

ART CALL

Based on the Think Resilience Course
by Post Carbon Institute

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Open until June 30, 2023

[What's Next for Earth Art Call: Social
Justice - now open until July 15](#)

What's Next for Earth is a participative art project on Instagram that invites artists to respond to a bi-monthly topic, reflecting on the human predicament. You are invited to participate in the [@WhatsNextForEarth](#) art call **Social Justice**, now open until July 15, 2023.

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