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An interesting & thought-provoking question.

Is sustainable development inclusive of our individual idea of self?

Re-word

Our addiction to material growth as human beings is making us a more restricted and a less productive species. The culture that we are born into is non-negotiable. It is mostly filled with self-importance and self-accumulation, where your worth is measured by stuff. Our genes really are programmed by our cultural society, and our evolutionary stance is to pass these on. It is by implementing change within our communities and allowing that to become part of the makeup of our society, which in turn becomes our culture, where it is then passed on through time genetically.

What do you mean here?

These are implemented first and foremost by our own individuality, and how we see our place within the whole. What about if our cultural society then led us into a place in which we could sustain ourselves effectively?

Arguably, we already can,

Lovely idea but where's the growth? Would we just never evolve from this point? Just because we do not have a peak of growth, does not mean that we can't have steady growth that sustains the whole planet. "You may call me a dreamer but I'm not the only one" from our friend John Lennon. And he is so right if we never dream of a sustainable future then we will stay in a never-ending cycle of peak growth-lack of, and then war and discourse to re-accumulate. In this we go around and around in circles. Surely the time has come to take a leap of faith onto a new evolutionary path? Would it not then be evolutionary to construct a society of cooperativeness, that builds on steady growth? Which in turn is really a selfish act. Let me explain:

distribution problems not withstanding

Cooperativeness = growth and sustainability = healthy gene advancement, and evolution. Rather than a hedonistic spurge of abundance, and then going into a place of restriction. In this we then fight for resources.

In our current society, we have highs and lows. I believe that our natural human instincts are to be cooperative, and if that idea is well situated in society then it can be passed on genetically. So, from an evolutionary point of view we are indeed growing as a species, and at the same time enabling our species to survive and thrive. Isn't that true growth, true expansion?

I have a theory; a concept that enables us to have steady growth, evolutionary benefits and also a part that I am about to mention: universal governing.

Now in our super-fast connected time it has become more and more evident that life is of a self-interested nature. Whilst we are always adhering to the

What do you mean here?

> But 'evolution' is something that already in some sense exists, is it not?

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Gr. Write in full sentences

What do you mean here?

Appears to be a few here but I'm not entirely sure what you are trying to say



*Explain this concept*

centre of self we are constantly trying to make it happy. With this we then always have a pitch to sell happiness. Creating a good market for stuff. We now know, and things are becoming more evident that the stagnant self can become questioned. Is it just a ghost in the machine? What we really need to be thinking of, is how much more sustainable and beneficial to the individual is actually about how well we relate to and work with one another, and this stems from the understanding of ourselves. At such a time that resources are dwindling, and more and more division is happening, between not only humanity but our place within it. This truth should be undeniable that to thrive is to forget the self-interest driven paradigm, and adopt one of cooperation, and one that is in coherence with natural law. To expand our view of what it really means to be a person, a self. We need to take a whole human approach to enable a whole Earth approach. Take a human stance towards growth of being, if we are to move forward and continue to thrive as a species. In this the first step is to realise what we are, and what part we play?...

*Explain this concept*

*What concept are you thinking of here?*

HUMANALITY= SPIRITED HUMAN= Individually collective mind set: a whole human approach?

To have a sustainable world firstly we need to become self-sustainable individually, and this comes from what and how we think about and relate to THE SELF.

*Very disjointed paragraph*

I will be exploring the area of Environmental ethics, and whether or not it is touched upon as to give a foundation of sustainable development that consists of the idea we hold of self. I will be reading Environmental Ethics by robin Attfield. The key idea for me to look at will be that of Sustainable development. The four pillars: Social, Human Economic and environmental will be my main focus.

I will also be delving into the idea of personal identity and what SELF is construed of. In this I will like to re-read Derek Parfit's 'Reason and persons and also 'A dialogue on personal identity and immortality by John Perry. I feel these will give me groundings of what it means about personal identity.

I think overall my addition to such a high focused debate at present, will point out the significance of our outdated ideas, of that in what we truly are,



and how it goes against what we are trying to achieve. That to really move forward in becoming a more sustainable species, is to question this in which we hold. Not behind doors, or in a spiritual or religious context, but as we see ourselves as a human species that inhabits this planet. I think that as we see that we are indeed not a splintered being set apart from our environment, but a product of it; a transactional coherence of one thing. We will see that our only way to be is to align back with what is sustainable. If not just for now but to enable us to thrive as a species going forward. This is also of self-interest, for it is in our own interest to sustain our own well-being now and for future generations, and will only be done so by looking at the whole picture. This is by firstly allowing ourselves to become whole beings.

38%.

This proposal lacks coherence & clarity throughout. There are lots of different, conflicting claims made, & these claims appear loaded with problems & conceptual confusions. As such - and allow the initial, title question posed is very interesting - the proposal does not justify a pass mark. The proposal counts as 5% of the overall module mark. My advice now is to write a plan for the dissertation & show it to me before moving forward. Which the plan will necessarily involve using the library to read material on the self & sustainable development. Only once this has been done can it make sense to write a plan.

