

Millennial Person/Planet Pledge

The following is an effort to motivate people everywhere to take steps - both individually and in groups - to confront the awesome planetary problems that face us. The struggle is already ongoing on many fronts. This is a suggestion for an additional form of organization.

The basic notion is of a personal pledge - to be called the Millennial Person/Planet Pledge. "MPPP" for short.

That we face ultimate dangers has now become a truism. "Apocalyptic" is no longer a biblical word to frighten timid souls. It is simply a realistic description of where we are: facing the sorrows and terrors of extinction.

The MPPP is so-called because it is a pledge designed to galvanize people on two fronts:

- a) The personal front: to dedicate one's self to be more self-aware, more honest, more self-respecting, more courageous.
- b) The social front: to dedicate oneself to join with others, in accordance with one's interests, to help save our world.

The Pledge:

"With the knowledge that the entire human race is facing a struggle for survival, I pledge myself to join the forces of life and love, rather than the destructive forces of self-seeking and indifference."

"I recognize that this movement will take on infinite forms which must necessarily be spelled out and elaborated on by all those who wish to join in."

Here is one suggested form for organization: Supposing you are an urban African-American professional person who had to endure sacrifices to attain an education. You are sympathetic to youngsters who are in the same boat. You would like to join with others of similar background for the purpose of endowing scholarships and establishing mentoring opportunities for young African-Americans.

It must be apparent that possibilities for interest and action groups are very broad, ranging from philanthropy to political reform to civil disobedience and protest.

We will communicate with each other by all the usual means: e-mail, phone, in person, etc.

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