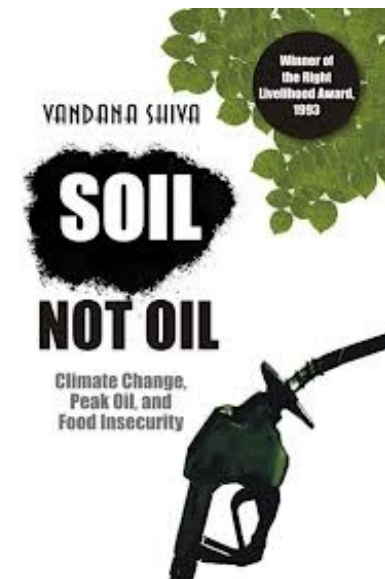


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"SOIL NOT OIL" FACILITATED BY JEANNE NEATH.

EVERYONE, THIS IS A TRULY WONDERFUL BOOK. Some free copies are available at OMNI. Come to the forum rather you've read it or not. HERE'S A QUOTE:

"The burden of global industrial production is now falling on countries like India, and in a distorted paradigm, this pollution is presented as proof of India's development. This is part of a new global environmental apartheid in which environmentally destructive and polluting economic activities are relocated to the South. This was Lawrence Summers' plan when he was chief economist at the World Bank.

In 1991, Summers wrote in a memo to senior World Bank staff, "just between you and me, shouldn't the World Bank be encouraging more migration of the dirty industries to the LDC (Less Developed Countries)?" Summers had justified the economic logic of increasing pollution in the third world on three grounds. First, since wages are low in the South, economic costs of pollution arising from the increased illness and death are lowest in the poorest countries. According to Summers the logic of "relocation of pollutants in the lowest wage country is impeccable and we should face up to that." Second, since in large parts of the South, pollution is still low, it makes economic sense to Summers to introduce pollution. "I've always thought," he writes, "that countries in Africa are vastly under polluted, their air quality is probably vastly inefficiently low compared to Los Angeles or Mexico City". Finally, he argues, since the poor are poor, they cannot possibly worry about environmental problems. "The concern over an agent that causes a one in a million change in the odds of prostate cancer is obviously going to be much higher in a country where people survive to get prostate cancer than in a country where under five mortality is 200 per thousand."

WHY 350?

Our Newsletter, 350PPM (parts per million concentration of carbon dioxide in the Earth's atmosphere) seeks to educate the public about the impending crisis of global warming and climate change. We must reduce greenhouse gas emissions and return the levels of CO2 in the atmosphere to no more than 350 parts per million. It is only at these levels or below that the climate and environmental systems of the earth as we know them

can be maintained. As a point of reference it was 1988 when the earth's atmosphere contained 350 PPM of CO₂.