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There is a primary cause for the global degradation of coral reefs and for the destruction of the last pristine forests of our Earth...

An urge for resource depletion and for using up beyond need, which is based on the same greedy attitude which leads to the exploitation of humans by humans...

For this global problem, we need a global solution!

I dedicate this thesis to everyone who dreams the alternative and “demands the impossible”, fighting for freedom, social justice and for the need to respect Nature and its equilibrium, upon which in the end we all depend.