

## Electric Vehicles

Okay everybody line up. We're going to save the world today. We're going to buy electric vehicles, and everything will be all right with the world.

Oh yeah? You believe that? Oh wow, have I got a bunch of bridges to sell to you. Just get in line to buy the next scam. Keep on dreaming.

Electric vehicles answer a big question. The question isn't "How do we reduce dangerous emissions and help rescue a badly-suffering planet?"

The question is: What is the next big scam capitalism, personified by the rich, who depend for their luxurious living on the profligate consumerism loose in the world, promulgate to those who eagerly look to their screens for the next meaningful movement to have fun with, to engage with, to use that will save the world and fulfill their needs, with fulfilling their needs much higher priority than saving the world?

What is happening with the still-developing myth that ever-improving machines will lead mankind into a more beautiful and enjoyable existence?

Eager consumers buy many new products of stylish fads, cooperate with capitalism gone wild and buy more machines so the world of business can keep production and use of goods and profits high in our consuming culture.

High production leads to ever more fulfillment for the individual or, more accurately, to ever more hope of fulfillment and more rapid degradation of our environment.

Machines aren't going to save us nor save the world. The industrial revolution is a failure. Machines destroy our world. capitalism is a failure. Consumerism destroys our world.

Real, living people run the machines. The failure isn't the machines, but the people who design, manufacture, advertise, sell and buy and run them. These people have too little identification with each other, with other species with the earth, this planet we live on, too little sense of the sacredness of life, of all existence to save the world. They would, and do, with little or no realistic thought, continue living in ways that will destroy the earth, even all life.

Think. Electric vehicles need roads, parking lots, factories

that use energy and materials to manufacture them, electric traffic lights that signal vehicles to stop, to start again. as much as petroleum-driven vehicles do.

Much energy and much material and much advertising goes into your electric car before it even hits the road.

Enterprising miners damage the earth in their work to attain materials for batteries to run these machines.

The needed change is not change to vehicles that are less polluting but change to many fewer vehicles, fewer roads, fewer parking spaces, less and less room for machines, more and more room for life, for living.

We need to change the way we think, the way we approach life. We need to change to deeper reverence for life, for all existence. We need to begin a more humble existence.

We must achieve responsible recognition that humans are not alone on this earth and have never been given the earth to destroy. We will achieve this change if we want life to survive, if we want the earth to survive.

It will be a hard change for humankind to achieve.

This change leads to a much higher-quality existence, to a higher level of joy than most of us could have imagined in our most hopeful dreaming and wishing.

Think.