

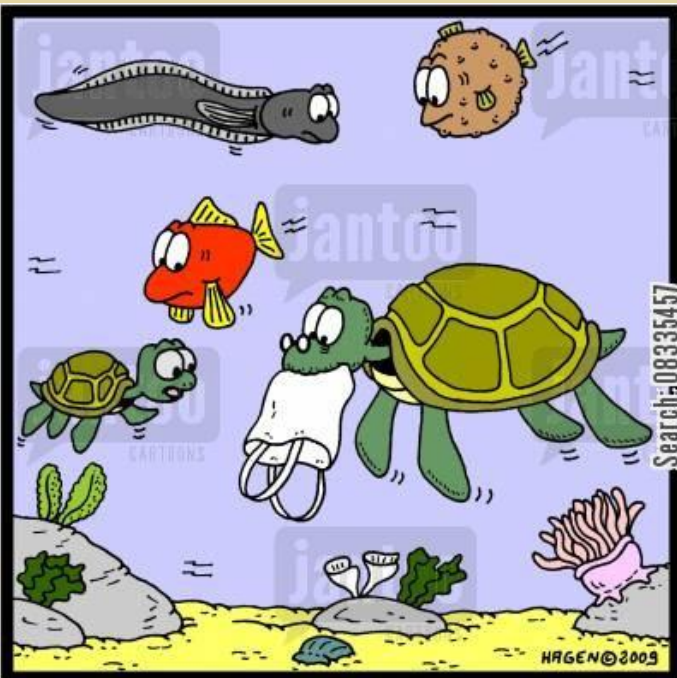
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The litany of modern environmental horrors

**If I was to say -----, your response
might be -----**



News flash

Plastics including microplastics.
Estimated 34.9 billion pieces of
visible plastic in Australian
waters, countless microplastics

Grandpa stop!
That's not a jellyfish! It's a plastic bag!

Scenario 1 Pessimist/alarmist



Scenario 2 Utopia



Scenario 3

D'oh!



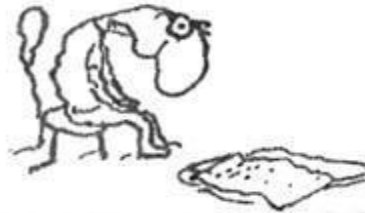
And here is the bad news!!!!

SUMMER diary

Yesterday I read
the newspaper.



It sucked
the life out
of me.



A feeling of gloomy
bitterness and futility
dragged me to the floor.



The dog came
and began to lick
my face.

After about five
minutes of licking,
hope started to
return to my body;

... not much, but enough
for me to be able to
slowly sit up and
say, "good dog."



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Ecotheology

- **Humanity must to respect what God has called Good**
- **Dominion requires humanity to rule as a benevolent monarch**
- **All of creation has value, both the living and the physical**
- **The earth is the Lord's, we are called to be its custodians and good stewards.**
- **Humanity is called to continue the creation according to God's goodness**

It's money that makes the world go round
Or more accurately,
greed and envy.

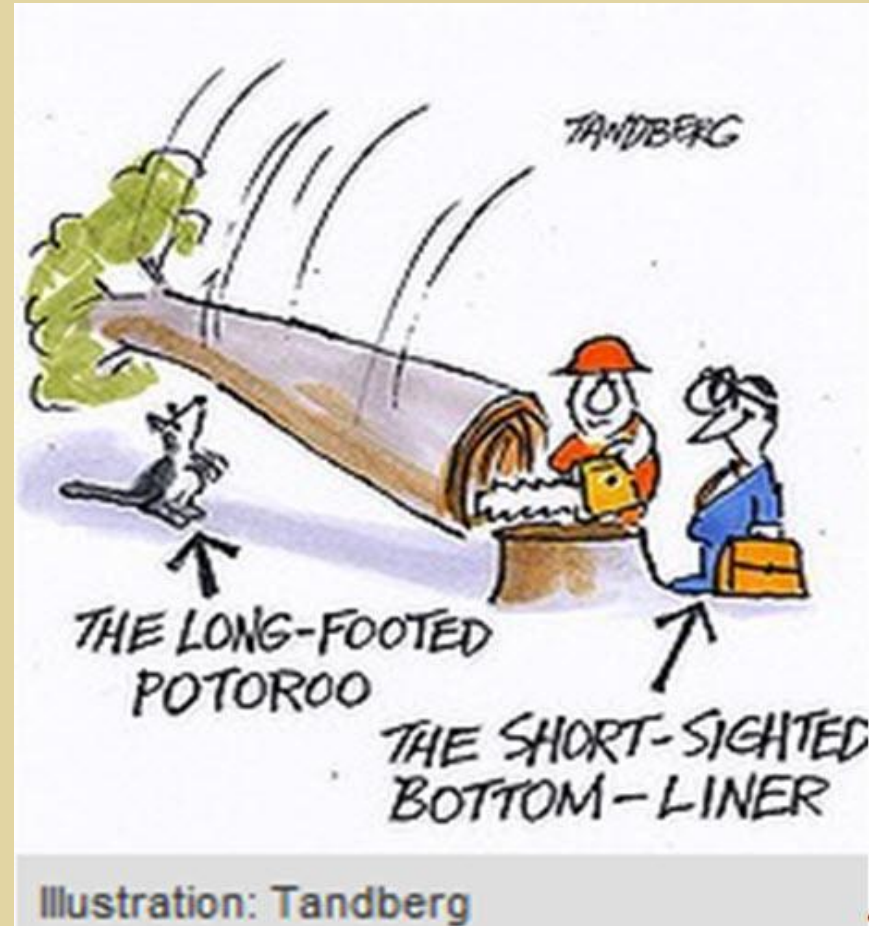


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Economics based on needs rather than wants

John Wesley, 18th century preacher



In one year his income was 30 pounds and his living expenses 28 pounds, so he had 2 pounds to give away. The next year his income doubled, but he still managed to live on 28 pounds, so he had 32 pounds to give to the poor. In the third year, his income jumped to 90 pounds. Instead of letting his expenses rise with his income, he kept them to 28 pounds and gave away 62 pounds.

The parable of the rich fool

Laudable aspirations?

Go to a good school, get good results, go to good university to study a profession or economics, get a high paying job, get married to another professional, buy a big house in a wealthy suburb, fill it with expensive art collections and the latest technology, go on OS holidays, send the children to wealthy private schools and entertain friends in top restaurants. And once this is all achieved buy a house in a better suburb, knock it down and build a much bigger house.



Living kingdom values in the lucky country

- **We are ridiculously wealthy compared to much of the world.**
- **Prosperity means we have consumed resources and energy at unsustainable rates,.**
- **Destruction and exploitation of the environment is never only someone else's fault or someone else's problem.**
- **Collectively we are accountable for the disrespect we have shown for God's good creation.**
- **Radical discipleship with respect to the environment requires us to live sustainable life styles and accept the material costs this will incur.**
- **When we act as ambassadors for God's creation, we will witness to the power and authenticity of the Gospel**