

A 21st Century Steward's Handbook 1992

This 230 page manuscript had final grooming with editor, professor [Richard Slaughter](#), (Co-director of [Foresight Institute](#)). Prior to acceptance, about 500 manuscript copies were distributed and sold to a wide variety of readers. A common comment from readers indicated this was a “magnum opus” of the big picture Gaia/human relationship. The manuscript was accepted for publishing in ‘95 by Adamantine Press of UK.

But regrettably, prior to publication the company suddenly closed. One reader was Alexander King, co-founder Club Of Rome, who [commented on the book by letter](#).

The 12 sections are now posted in pdf form.

[b-Preface.pdf](#) *Preface and Introduction*: introducing the idea that we all have a partial responsibility in the human predicament.

[c-Chapter 1.pdf](#) *The Triad of Energy, Time & Mass*: A general description of what the book is about. Systems, feedback and dynamics are introduced as fundamental concepts of big picture thinking.

[d-Chapter 2.pdf](#) *How It All Started*: From the Gaia theory to today's world, very abbreviated.

[e-Chapter3.pdf](#) *Energy, Fuel Of Life*: How energy relates to biology and civilizations with speculation of human carrying capacity if renewable energy was the only limiting factor.

[f-Chapter4.pdf](#) *Evidence of Gaiacide*: Gives facts and figures on ecological decline as seen in 1995. Today we have same as today, only it is much worse and human population has grown from 5.7 billion to 7 billion.

[g-Chapter5.pdf](#) *Evidence Of The Sacred Cow Syndrome*: Giving examples of how contemporary writers and society in general ignore the, in-your-face hard evidence that our human activity is destroying the fabric of life on Earth.

[h-Chapter6.pdf](#) *Anchored In The Past*: This section discusses the cultural, religious and economic bonds that keep us looking toward the future as if it were the past.

[i-Chapter7-1.pdf](#) *Human Nature Part One*: This section speculates on our biological characteristics that prevent us from collectively coming to grips with today's critical issue.

[j-Chapter7-2.pdf](#) *Human Nature Part One*: This section speculates on our cultural based behaviors that prevent us from collectively coming to grips with today's critical issue.

[k-Chapter7-meditation.pdf](#) **Meditation**: A brief section on leadership, beliefs and individual responsibility. Introduced are 12 personal *Gaia Principles*.

[i-Chapter8.pdf](#) **The Rise And Fall Of INDCOM** (Industry/Commerce): A brief history of Industry and Commerce showing some historical blips and the lack of systemic feedback with the real Gaia world.

[m-Chapter9.pdf](#) **Morality, Values and Other Considerations**: Summary of some elements of past chapters and suggests such thing as, *your right to procreate in our finite overcrowded world, is my partly my business*.

[n-Chapter10.pdf](#) **Recovery**: Discussion of advanced contemporary thinking, and visualizing and planning. A backcast (spoken from the future) describes an envisioned chaotic journey from 2000 era to 2100 times.

[o-Chapter11.pdf](#) **The New Story**: Brief summary and a personal note.

[p-Chapter12-Letters.pdf](#) Supportive letters from readers of the emerging manuscript.