

## **Integral Ecology – ‘everything is connected’ (91)**



**It is hard for us to accept that the way natural ecosystems work is exemplary: ... organic waste which give rise to new generations of plants. But our industrial system, ..... has not developed the capacity to absorb and re-use waste and by products. (22)**

*It is not enough, however, to think of different species merely as potential “resources” to be exploited, while overlooking the fact that they have value in themselves. (33) (42) (52) (68) (70) (84) (140)*

*We have to realize that a true ecological approach always becomes a social approach. It must integrate questions of justice in debates on the environment, so as to hear both the cry of the Earth and the cry of the poor. (48) (49) (92)*

*The establishment of a legal framework which can set clear boundaries and ensure the protection of ecosystems has become indispensable; otherwise, the new power structures based on the techno-economic paradigm may overwhelm not only our politics but also freedom and justice. (53) (54) (64)*

*We are free to apply our intelligence towards things evolving positively, or towards new ills ..... ‘must above all protect mankind from self-destruction.’ (79) (91)*

*We urgently need a humanism capable of bringing together the different fields of knowledge, including economics, in the service of a more integral and integrating vision. (141) (142) (144) (156) (160) (162)*