

Why I Do This Work

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Because it has to be done.

Because “*there are no passengers on spaceship earth, we are all crew*”.¹

Because it is OUR watch.

Because I can.

Because I couldn't live with myself if I didn't.

Because I stand on the shoulders of giants.

Because I refuse to believe that we cannot create a sane, just, sustainable, workable world.

Because the stakes are very high.

Because “*leadership is the inability to sit back and watch the world go to hell*”.²

Because I've been marked, shattered even, by the suffering of frogs and people and the world, innocents, mostly.

Because I have taken a solemn vow to do so.

Because I believe that awakening and responsibility are synonymous.

Because there is no “other”.

Because I love this incredible, magical, beautiful planet.

Because I believe that the very fabric of our world is sacred, even now, as it is, without an ounce of modification.

Because as fucked up we are, I believe in us, we human beings.

Because there is fierce joy in this work.

Because “*in our era the road to holiness must pass through the world of action*”.³

Because...I want to.

¹ Marshall McLuhan

² Robert Burkhardt

³ Dag Hammarskjöld