

Dear Humans:

It is time to wake up from our collective ignorance.

In this proposal, Nam will propose three things we MUST do to protect, and preserve our Planet. If we fail to do any of the following, we are guaranteed of losing this Earth.

We are already familiar with all datas - [ocean](#)'s rising, [temperature](#) fluctuation, [increasing](#) toxic greenhouse gas emission, ... so we won't discuss it in detail and also, it is just boring to see us keep reading data and not truly understand the problem we even try to solve. Professor [Albert Einstein](#) once said: "If I had an hour to solve a problem I'd spend 55 minutes thinking about the problem and five minutes thinking about solutions." So, let's ask this simple and middle-school type of question: *What is the problem are we trying to solve?*

Is it green house emission? Hell no. We have screamed the [same song](#) since 1850. Is it a profit conflict between rich and poor? Idiot. Have you heard of Standard Oil Monopoly lawsuits from the 26th United States President's government? It means the method of wealth distribution does not solve the issue. Have you learned the behavior of a [snake](#)?

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Exactly

What we are seeing is the surface of the issue: whether we call climate change or global warming.

The root of it? Human incentive

It is both nurtured and natured. Environment affects our race quite a lot. [Pavlovian](#) theory can be extended to an understanding of unconsciously learning behaviors. And the only way to break that theory is to change the source that drives terrible human behavior. So, let's say: humans has habit of using fossil fuels, we take away those fuels and replace them with renewable energies. That is one way to think. But, we haven't applied it to its full potential. Here are three thing I will lay out:

1. **We take Arts seriously. Arts have immense power to [affect](#) the collective consciousness of the human race.**

Arts must not be limited only for only a small group of people, but should be accessible to everyone. We need much more investments for Music and Arts in our education. We must create more good paid artistic jobs.

Many of us ignored our inner artistic callings because of [personal profits](#). It is getting rarer and rarer for our generation to pursue arts out of pure love. It is true that profit motivation drives our behavior, but we can change that for good, just by elevating the role of artists. In the past, women did [not](#) get paid well, but by encouraging others, stimulating conversations in the community, we encourage more women to take leading jobs. We can do the same for the Arts for this reason: Human species has lost its soul and we need to heal it. And if you wonder what the heck soul means? It is simply our capacity of understanding the interconnectedness between all species; the ability to feel the pain in other species when we do harm to others: plant, animal and mineral. If we fail to understand this part, we lose our souls.

Art has power to wake up our ability to feel compassion toward others.

I want to create an Art program that anyone can join. Your fundings will help supply painting/ drawing/ photography instruments. We estimate an initial funding of \$30,000 for the first year. In this art program, every local or far-away residents can come and make arts together. We are going to invite prominent artists to do some volunteering teachings for all of us. Everyone has innate artistic talents. We just have to wake up that ability. When we everyone learn and create Arts, we will be able to open our heart and feel more [compassionate](#) toward others.

We need to unify the human race. This is THE way.

2. **Ban animal protein on Virginia Tech campus (dining hall or other form of sellings included)**

Logistic perspective (science): Animal protein has caused many [diseases](#) in our race ([cancer](#) included). It is time to change our eating habits to eating a whole-plant diet: Organic foods. If you argue nutritions, please consult this [site](#)..

Legal perspective: When reaches are mounted more and more as mountains, it can challenge the system who provides food to us. Evidence lies in scientific research. You might use this as a counter-argument for those who oppose this suggestion. You need a collective collegiate organization to bring this one home: meaning, you have to collaborate with other universities to make sure this 2nd requirement becomes reality.

Moral perspective: Dr.Martin Luther King Jr once [raised](#) deep concerns on animal cruelty. We are all future Dr.King and Mother Teresa. We just have to wake ourselves up from our own ignorance and see how much pain we have caused other animals, and the damage we have caused on [environment](#).

Invest in building an organic farm on campus to supply foods to dining halls. SUSTAINABLE food chain.

In these organic farm projects, we let everyone come and do farming together. It is time to invest in expanding more organic farms or lands rather than building more empty stone buildings. A percentage of plants that are harvested here, will be shared among our meditation group to help support our mission of saving Planet Earth. This program can be modified and replicated in different universities. The leaders of VT have to communicate with other university leaders to execute this project.

3. **Local Meditation Group**

I have been in contact with Wake Up International Organization, following Plum Village tradition, founded by Zen Master [Thich Nhat Hanh](#) ([father](#) of Mindfulness), to form a local Wake Up group in our area. The university, meditation group, is a bit inconsistent in meeting and do not practice [5 mindfulness trainings](#) so **it is not right mindfulness**. As a result, any mindfulness club or places that do not follow 5 mindfulness training sessions cannot be called right mindfulness.

Mindfulness, from my understanding, is to open our mind and understand the interbeing

(sufferings and happiness of others) between all species so if we cannot see it, then, we are in the wrong practice.

If you want to donate to this group, more than welcomed, but we do not need significant investment in this part. You do not need to do much in this part besides encouraging everyone to join. This group will be led by a dharma Buddhist monastic.

This is the WAY to save this planet. Failing to execute any of this -especially the 2nd part- we will face our own extinction. Pandemics have proved enough that the human race can be the next species vanishing from this Earth.

As a result, I am formally asking you to follow this project without putting Virginia Tech's big name on this, but only silently supporting the mission. These ideas are not patented or protected for individual entity's benefits, but are used with some adjustment (that fit to each of us' situations- the bold parts are MUST-DO).

We are too divided in this society, it is time to heal our community. The three points are a must we must do.