

## Letter to the Editor

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Too much effort is going into retrofitting energy intensive lifestyles, habitats, and infrastructures, as solutions to the Climate Emergency--as if such lifestyles, habitats, and infrastructures are a practical response to the challenges ahead. How can they be practical, if they are not sustainable?

Such energy intensive lifestyles, habitats, and infrastructures were once in favor; however, “current high-energy consumer lifestyles were designed before we understood the very serious nature of the climate challenge....” (p. 9, in Section “Game Over For Wasteful Energy Use”, paragraph 1)

[From the Executive Summary of “Zero Carbon Britain: Raising Ambition” Centre for Alternative Technology (2018) (at <https://cat.org.uk/info-resources/zero-carbon-britain/research-reports/zero-carbon-britain-raising-ambition/>) (Main authors: Paul Allen and Isabel Bottoms)]

A shift now to low desire, high quality of life is practical, doable, and will be sustainable. In fact, it seems essential to bring cultures too complex to monitor, and endangering billions of people, back into transactional levels we can all understand and easily monitor. Especially since such a shift would eliminate so many of the problems of the high desire life, and can greatly accelerate the efforts of all cultures towards achieving Zero Carbon.

We are certainly capable--being alive at a time when teachings from the wisest and most compassionate and beloved spiritual teachers in past traditions are as accessible as those from receptive people who are finding new inspiration--of being the good people we really want to be, and living good and simple lives, even as if we were in the Presence of Those We Have Been Praying to.

“Key Sources of Inspiration” (51 pages) (Featured Resource at <https://www.cpcsi.org/>)

“Becoming a Greater Force than the Challenges We Are Facing” (6 pages)

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