

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC. AN EPIC MESSAGE. TRANSCRIPT

Fun fact. Planet Earth is 4.5 billion years old. Mankind? About one hundred and forty thousand years old. Let me put that in perspective. If you condense the Earth's life span into 24 hours, that's one full day, that we have been here on this planet for, drumroll please, three seconds. Three seconds, and look what we've done.

We have modestly named ourselves homo sapiens, meaning wise man, but is man really so wise? smart? Yes, and it's good to be smart, but not too smart for your own good.

Yes, we have split the atom. Yes, we build clever machines that navigate the universe in search of new homes, but at the same time those atoms we split created nuclear warfare. In our quest to explore the galaxy rejects and neglects the home that we have here now so no, that cannot be wisdom.

Wisdom is different. While intelligence speaks wisdom listens and we willingly covered our ears to mother nature screams and closed our eyes to all of her help wanted signs. Wisdom knows that every action has an equal and opposite reaction, so if we were wise we would not be shocked. We see storms that are stronger than ever before or more droughts, hurricanes and wildfire than ever before because there's more pollution than ever before. More carbon, more trees cut down than ever before at a record pace.

We have increased the extinction of animals by 1,000 times the normal rate. What a feat. In the next 10 to 100 years every beloved animal character in every children's book is predicted to go extinct. Lions? gone. Rhinos? Gone. Tigers, Gorillas, Elephants, Polar Bears? Gone, in 3 seconds. Species that have been here longer than us will be gone because of us in this 3 seconds.

And in existence shorter than a vine video we turn the circle of life into our own personal conveyor belt, somebody, anybody help. We were given so much the only planet in this solar system with life I mean, we are one in a million, no actually scientifically, we are one in a billion, trillion, trillion that's a one followed by 33 zeroes, and I don't want to get too spiritual, but how are we not a miracle?

We are perfectly positioned to the sun so we don't burn, but not too distant so we don't turn to ice Goldilocks said it best, We are just right. This paradise where we are given medicine from trees not coincidentally, but because like the song says we are family, literally everything every species is connected genetically from the sunflower to the sunfish and this is what we must recognize before it's too late because the real crisis is not global warming, environmental destruction or animal agriculture, it is us. These problems are symptoms of us, by-products of us. Our inner reflection, lost of connection that's created this misdirection, we have forgotten that everything contributes to the perfection of mother nature.

Corporations keep us unaware and disconnected, but they have underestimated our strength, contrary to popular belief, millions are waking up out of their sleep. We sing our home being taken right up under our feet. We cannot allow a history to be written by the wicked, greedy, and loony, it is our duty to protect mother nature from those who refuse to see her beauty, call me crazy, but I believe we should have the right to eat food that's safe with ingredients we can pronounce, drink water that is clean, marvel at trees, breathe air free of toxins, these are natural rights not things that can be bargained for in congress, see they want you to feel powerless, but it has been said that something as small as the flutter of a butterfly's wing can cause the typhoon halfway around the world, well when enough people come together, we too will make waves and watch the world into a new era filled with love and connection, freedom for all without oppression, but it is up to you.

Yes, you're watching this behind this screen to make the effort because time is of the essence and only together can we make it to the fourth second.

VOCABULARY

atom (noun) - the smallest particle of a chemical element that can exist

billion (noun) - 1 000 000 000; one thousand million

carbon (noun) - a chemical element. Carbon is found in all living things, existing in a pure state as diamond and graphite.

conveyor belt (noun) - a continuous moving band used for transporting goods from one part of a building to another, for example products in a factory or bags, cases, etc. in an airport

drought (noun) - a long period of time when there is little or no rain

drum roll (noun) - a continuous series of rapid beats on a drum, often to introduce an announcement or event

essence (noun) - the most important quality or feature of something, that makes it what it is

existence (noun) - the state or fact of being real or living or of being present

extinct (adjective) - no longer in existence

feat (noun) - an action or a piece of work that needs skill, strength or courage

galaxy (noun) - any of the large systems of stars, etc. in outer space

hurricane (noun) - a violent storm with very strong winds, especially in the western Atlantic Ocean

loony (adjective) - crazy or strange

misdirection (noun) - the deliberate release of wrong information in order to stop people from knowing the truth about a situation

modest (adjective) - not very large, expensive, important, etc.

neglect (verb) - to fail to take care of somebody/something

oppression (noun) - cruel and unfair treatment of people, especially by not giving them the same freedom, rights, etc. as other people

pollution (noun) - the process of making air, water, soil, etc. dirty; the state of being dirty

predict (verb) - to say that something will happen in the future

quest (noun) - a long search for something, especially for some quality such as happiness

reject (verb) - to refuse to accept or consider something

span (verb) - to last all through a period of time or to cover the whole of it

species (noun) - a group into which animals, plants, etc. that are able to have sex with each other and produce healthy young are divided, smaller than a genus and identified by a Latin name

spiritual (adjective) - connected with the human spirit, rather than the body or physical things

trillion (noun) - 1 000 000 000 000; one million million

typhoon (noun) - a violent tropical storm with very strong winds

vine video (noun) - A looping video clip of a few seconds in duration, frequently used on social media.

warfare (noun) - the activity of fighting a war, especially using particular weapons or methods

wicked (adjective) - morally bad

wildfire (noun) - a very big fire that spreads quickly and burns natural areas like woods, forests and

willingly (adverb) - in a way that shows you are happy or pleased to do something or that you do not object to doing something

wisdom (noun) - the ability to make sensible decisions and give good advice because of the experience and knowledge that you have