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¹⁰⁸³ Again, as far as offering an effective way to transcend the realities of the human condition, feminism's flaw was that while it superficially dispensed with the problem of humans' divisive reality, humans remained the focus of attention and that was confronting. The solution that emerged to counter this limitation was the Environmental or Green Movement, which removed all need to confront and think about the human state because all focus was diverted from self onto the environment—as the aforementioned quote acknowledged, **'The environment became the last best cause, the ultimate guilt-free issue.'** In response to a question about people's focus on 'climate change', the psychologist Jordan Peterson spoke the truth when he said, **'People have things within their personal purview [range of experience] that are difficult to deal with and that they're avoiding and generally the way they avoid them is by adopting pseudo-moralistic stances on large-scale social issues, so they look good to their friends and neighbours'** (Australia's ABC program *Q&A*, 25 Feb. 2019). Of course, the obvious truth is that by not addressing the cause of the destruction of the natural world, namely the issue of our human condition's massively upset, angry, egocentric and alienated state, there can be no real let up in the pace of our world's devastation, as these quotes emphasise: **'The trees aren't the problem. The problem is us'** (*Simply Living* mag, Sep. 1989), and **'We need to do something about the environmental damage in our heads'** (*TIME*, 24 May 1993). The bumper sticker **'SAVE THE HUMANS'** that parodies the green movement's **'Save the Environment'** slogan makes the point about how evasive of the real issue the environmental movement is—as does the following statement made by Ray Evans, an Australian business leader and political activist: **'Environmentalism has largely superseded Christianity as the religion of the upper classes in Europe and to a lesser extent in the United States. It is a form of religious belief which fosters a sense of moral superiority in the believer, but which places no importance on telling the truth [about the real issue of our corrupted condition]'** (*Nine Facts About Climate Change*, 2006; see <www.wtmsources.com/169>).

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¹⁰⁸⁴ So for all its guilt-relieving benefits, the environmental movement still contained a condemning moral component: if we were not responsible with the environment, 'good', we were behaving immorally, 'bad'. Moreover, nature, in its purity, exists in stark contrast to humans' corrupted condition—hence our ruthlessness towards it in the first place.

¹⁰⁸⁵ At this stage in the march of upset yet another form of extreme pseudo idealism had to be manufactured where confrontation with the by now extremely confronting and depressing truth of the dilemma of the human condition could be totally sidestepped. What was required was a completely guilt-stripped dogma that was devoid of any need to confront and wrestle with the issue of soundness and Godliness; with whether you are a cooperative, social, integrative person; with the issue of your troubled self; with the morality issue of how men and women treat each other; and with the issue of whether or not you are being good to the environment. Upset had become so great that the need was to simply be ideal without question. This demand for a totally non-confronting form of relief from feeling 'bad' resulted in the establishment of the Politically Correct Movement, which has no other focus or