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Abstract : The book describes some of the individuals and movements in the South who are seeking to develop new visions of society and to experiment with new lifestyles, new paths of development and new relations with them share a belief in the precious value of genetic, cultural and individual challenge the dominant world view with its 'monochrome future of endless

The book is based on the work of those groups and individuals who receive Livelihood Award between 1980 and 1990. The introduction raises the then transcending politics and obstacles to a coherent alternative. Under the heading 'protecting diversity', Part 1 considers the issues of biotechnology and genetic re-validating traditional knowledge, protecting cultural diversity, permaculture alternatives, and human rights. Part 2, entitled 'making visible' discusses the defending the biosphere, the mirages and miracles of the Western model, and radiation threat. With its theme of 'popular empowerment' Part 3 considers beautiful, regenerating local communities, learning from the South: revitalizing empowerment, and lessons from a decayed alternative. 'Moving towards a Part 4 focuses on the spiritual dimension of 'green politics', human-scale development, limiting consumerism, peace after the Cold War, and imagining the future.

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