

MIND OF NATURE

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As an opening to our discussion on where we are 100 years from now, I have prepared the following 8 'slides'.

NUMBER 1:

- The universe and Mother Earth is our origin.
- We have evolved through evolution.
- We are totally dependent on nature
- A mindshift is needed, as Ole Jensen said
- It may come voluntarily or will be forced upon us by reality.

NUMBER 2:

Man is a living and thus also deadly organism and as all other organisms dependent of nature. In 2111

- There are (still) biological imperatives: Death, essential needs and the culturally induced basic needs
- There are still anthropological taboos: murder, cannibalism, incest
- There are still sovereign life-expressions (Løgstrup) like: Openness, confidence, compassion, sincerity.
- Having these qualities and values attached to them we will also have room for policy.

NUMBER 3:

Nature exists

- The natural laws on matter, processes and organisms are still valid
- Man recognize himself as an organism and he thus care for his health and wellbeing/wellness
- Nature always/ most often 'knows best'
- Many people feel a need of a reduction of complexity: Simple living
- Many recognize nature as important for their own identification, recreation and thys somatic and spiritual health.

NUMBER 4:

- A hundred years from now Nature and environment are still under heavy pressure
- Nature needs Space, coherence, time and protection.
- If citizens in the democratic society shall support this, then they need access to nature

- You only protect what you love, you only love what you know, you only know what you have met.

NUMBER 5

Looking for the future in the present:

- Nostalgia is (still) abound: eg. 'Bonderøven', village life, wildlife and landscapes in advertisement like 'Closer to nature'
- Simple – organic living has besom more common: Organic-grown food, bicycles, communal life.
- "We already knows enough" – Who are we?
- 'The proof of the pudding is the eating' So let's see what is practiced with what we already knows.

NUMBER 6

Svanholm:

- Organic food production
- Large-scale benefits for the 100 dwellers eg. Shared cars
- Reuse of materials and clotrhing
- New more modest lifestyle when it comes to material and energy
- "More music – less material goods (more software – less hardware)

NUMBER 7

Christiania:

- Freedom
- Art (there live c. 50 artists among the 800 inhabitants)
- Justice (facilities should not only be for the rich)
- Close to /access to nature
- Houses made by reused materials
- Neighbor heating
- Agenda-21 plans

NUMBER 8

These examples demonstrate that besides of natural scientific and technical means human (lifestyle) and social means (incl. culture) are important – may be mare important.