

Do we really need Competition?

In today's society, we are led to believe that competition is necessary for our advancement. **But is it really true?**

At my company, for example, we used to invite several teams to compete against each other for development projects, but we don't do that now. Doubling the investment did not double speed development. Doubling the energy invested did not double the speed of development. The higher the expenses for personnel and research, the heavier the burden placed on our company management was. Can we imagine how much waste is created nationwide or even worldwide by this practice? Such pressures in company management have translated into the exhaustion of natural resources, environmental destruction and pollution. If we had company managers who could see larger picture then we probably wouldn't have such foolish policies.

Environmental Degradation in Socialist Countries

Environmental pollution in Russia, Eastern Europe and China is extremely serious. Moreover, economic progress without capitalism in socialist countries has been retarded and environmental pollution has increased. Yet, it is this so called "progress" which has led to severe environmental pollution. The very speed with which developed countries found economic wealth has allowed them to react quickly to environmental pollution. However, it is only after problems reach tragic levels similar to the smog in London, the pollution in the Rhine, the smoke pollution that resulted in law-suits between the U.S. and Canada, and the environmental pollution in the Minamata case in Japan, that governments and corporations began to take action. However, the essential problem remains unsolved. For example, they fail to employ countermeasures which are often unprofitable and end up transferring their problems to developing countries.

What about in the Natural World

It is said that severe competition rules the natural world, but is that really true? For example, a hungry lion devours an antelope and its leftovers are consumed by scavengers. But is there a lion which tries to eat more than other lions? That tries to eat two antelopes at once? Have you ever seen a lion chasing prey after eating too much meat? Is there a lion which lives in comfort by saving antelope meat? No. No such lions exist. If there had been such lions, antelopes would have disappeared, then lions as well as hyenas and vultures would have become extinct.

The Natural Rules

In nature only consumption for survival is permitted. This is the basic rule of survival. Even humans cannot survive in the natural world without following this rule. We must choose: live by the natural or unnatural rules. Our choice will determine our fate.