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Blood Sacrifice to the Salmon God

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Here in the lovely Pacific Northwest we worship the all-powerful Salmon God. We sacrifice our economy, our incomes and our freedom for the sake of our finned masters, but apparently our sacrifice is not enough, according to the high priests at the Seattle Post-Intelligence and the Environmental Protection Agency.

What is our sin? How have we offended the Salmon God? According to this article, our sin lies in the fact that we exist at all.

The biggest danger to the survival of wild salmon is the population juggernaut that will see the Pacific Northwest's population surge from today's 15 million to 50 million or more by century's end, researchers said at the World Summit on Salmon.

Is there no hope? Robert Lackey, an "Environmental Protection Agency fisheries biologist from Corvallis, Oregon" calls upon us to render even more unto the Salmon God:

Lackey called for "uncompromising ecological realism." He said the main factors affecting salmon abundance that are under human control are competition for natural resources, especially water; increasing human population; the drive for economic efficiency through globalization; and "individual and collective lifestyle choices and priorities."

We must abandon our sinful luxuries!

Several speakers cited urban sprawl in this region -- symbolized by our appetite for SUVs, computers, McDonald's, and Starbucks -- as a death knell for salmon.

But in the end, according to these holy men, it would be better if we would all just die. At least, that's what Malcolm Windsor, "secretary of the North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization" seems to be saying.

Yet in Kamchatka, the peninsula forming the remote eastern edge of mainland Asia, "salmon populations are the happiest and the human populations are the lowest," Windsor said.

The happiness of fish is all-important of course. For a moment, Mr. Windsor succumbs to a mood of weak-minded compromise:

"Maybe attitudes could change and a larger human population could put down a smaller footprint," Windsor said hopefully.

His true instincts soon reassert themselves, however.

But he said it's also possible that something unseen -- disease, a fertility drop or some other factor -- could lead to a crash of the human population.

"At least think of it the good way -- the salmon will be happy," he said.

Infidels might claim that the likes of Windsor and Lackey are hateful eco-Nazis, who are willing to sacrifice human lives for a wretched fish, and who disguise a lust for power and social control behind sanctimonious concern for the "environment."

Infidels might say that phrases like "individual and collective lifestyle choices and priorities" really translate in practice to an eco-Nazi dictatorship, a static hierarchy immune from economic reality and disturbing innovation, where power is wielded by resentful loser bureaucrats like Windsor and Lackey.

That, of course, would be blasphemy. All hail the Salmon God!

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