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Stan authored the book **Forest Regions of Canada** (1959, Queen's Printer, Ottawa) and **Home Place; Essays in Ecology** (NeWest Books, Edmonton, 1990; reissued 2002). At the time of his death, a third book (to be titled **Earth Alive**) was nearing completion. As well, he authored numerous articles, reviews, book chapters and was a celebrated public speaker on ecosystems and human ecology. The essays presented at this web site demonstrate the breadth of his insightful writings on the ecocentric valuation perspective as well as his outstanding literary skills. Following retirement from academic work, he moved to New Denver, B.C. where he remained active as a writer in environmental ethics.

Among his many quotable quotes, he made this observation about himself:

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He married Elvira in 1963: they have a son (Enrico, 1966) and a daughter (Valeria, 1969). They have ever been very fond of journeys and mountaineering and ascended some peaks in the Alps; restored a sort of hut in a remote village on the Alps, a place where cars cannot arrive.

Ever concerned in scientific-philosophical problems, since about 1970 Guido is very interested in nature, deep ecology, native and eastern philosophies (esp. Buddhism and Taoism).

He is author of some books, L'Ultima Scimmia (Last Ape) (Turin,1975), Inversione di rotta (Reversing the Way)(Roma, 2008),Guida alla sopravvivenza (Handbook for Survival)(Bologna, 2010), Ambiente: Codice Rosso (Environment: Red Code) (Roma, 2011) and L'Ecologia Profonda. Lineamenti per una nuova visione del mondo (Deep Ecology. Steps to a new worldview) (Milano, 2011). He has also written a lot of articles for many monthly Italian revues.

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Sandy Irvine: a biographical sketch Sandy was born in 1949 and lives with his wife, Julie, in Newcastle in the NE of England. He spent his working life teaching in colleges (16-18 age group), his core specialism being Film Studies. He retired at the end of 2009. He holds a BA Honours in History and a M.Sc. in Town and Country Planning as well as a Postgraduate Certificate in Education.

He has been involved in politics since 1965, starting in the Labour Party Young Socialists. In 1968, he joined the 'neo-Trotskyist' International Socialists (now the Socialist Workers Party) before he left in 1975 (or, rather, was booted out). During this period, however, he read *Blueprint for Survival* and *Limits to Growth*. The two books did lodge in his brain the nagging thought that, on a finite planet, there could not be infinite growth.

Through the 1970s, these first thoughts about the significance of the Earth's life-support systems and the nature of threats to them began to firm up. Writings by Paul Ehrlich, Edward Goldsmith, David Ehrenfeld, Herman Daly and Arne Naess were particularly influential. As a result, Sandy joined what then was known as the Ecology Party (now Green Party of England and Wales) towards the end of the 70s. At the start of the 1990s, he was elected to its first national executive. He co-authored *A Green Manifesto* (Macdonald Optima, 1988) and wrote *Beyond Green Consumerism* (Friends of the Earth, 1989). He also contributed a chapter on overpopulation to S. Parkin, ed., *Green Light on Europe* (Heretic Books, 1991).

For a number of years, Sandy was an Associate Editor of *The Ecologist* magazine. He has contributed articles and reviews to several magazines including *The Ecologist* and *Wild Earth*. He founded and then co-edited a 'deep green' quarterly magazine called *Real World* for several years. Sandy has also written on media matters for journals in that field, including a full-length study of the Ridley Scott film *Gladiator* (Auteur Publishing).

Direct contact with the Earth's marvels has been a truly life-enhancing experience and education, he says. Two events stand out for him. First was a hike through the Pacific Rim National Park in Canada. At one point, the trail crossed from secondary growth into primal forest. The contrast between the two was amazing. Shortly after that walk, his family went out on the Pacific in a little motorboat and found themselves right next to a huge whale. The magnificence of this creature only underlined the folly of people who wantonly destroy the wonders of creation.

However the realisation was dawning that the environmentalism of most greens was actually very shallow. Their agenda was a human-centred one, at whose core was a belief in expanding entitlements. The Green Party quickly distanced itself from any serious stance on overpopulation and soon began to put environmental issues on the back burner.

Such ecological myopia was true of other wings of the movement too. Thus *The Ecologist* magazine had changed radically since its early days. No longer addressing the realities of overpopulation, it began to talk about reproductive rights instead. Such experience led Sandy to look for others who took a deeper green view. There are too many to name but Sandy says he particularly learned a great deal from Stan Rowe, many of whose writings are recorded for posterity by Ecospherics.

Over the years, Sandy has been actively involved in many campaigns, not least opposition to American imperial ambitions. Some were successful, many, however, were not. Looking back, it now seems so obvious that, even if all these campaigns had been triumphant, none would have achieved anything of lasting value unless we humans find the right relationship to the rest of nature. Furthermore, in each and every one of those campaigns, the particular problem would have been less

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