

**The Global Sounding Code**  
**A translation of fifteen scientific and spiritual guidelines for**  
**evolution into tenets for a Global Ethic for the Obama years**

**1**

Honor and respect rather than plunder and rape our  
living environment.  
[cosmic evolution]

**2**

Honor and respect Earth as the Mother of us all  
rather than sell her into slavery.  
[chemical evolution]

**3**

100 years of science tells us Earth can still provide the  
resources for health for all of us if given a fair  
and practical human distribution system.  
Establishing health systems for the many rather than  
the chosen few is the moral requirement,  
and must be our goal.  
[biological evolution]

**4**

100 years of science tells us that a healthy brain and  
healthy mind depends on adequate food  
and love in childhood.  
Thus nurturing and expanding, rather than  
starving and blighting, is the moral requirement  
for the feeding of brain and mind,  
which must be our goal.  
[evolution of the brain]

**5**

Mind is the precious gift of life to be nurtured, enlightened,  
and celebrated, rather than orphaned at birth and  
thereafter degraded and exploited.  
[psychological evolution]

**6**

Culture is *the most precious gift of evolution*,  
to be cherished and nurtured in the wonder of its diversity,  
rather than seized, shucked and twisted to serve low ends.  
[cultural evolution]

**7**

Over thousands of years freedom and equality have been  
and will remain the most precious goals for evolution,  
rather than just words to be used by power-mad  
deceivers to sell control and inequality.  
[social evolution]

**8**

Three hundred years of capitalism and two hundred years  
of communism have shown us that a peaceful and  
practical distribution of Earth's bounty requires  
an economics moving beyond their failure  
to give our planet the economics of caring  
and fair sharing with others we know  
in our hearts to be what must be  
to end the breeding of corruption,  
misery, and war.  
[economic evolution]

**9**

Democracy,  
rather than the sham of the oligarchy of  
wealth, the creep by stealth toward  
fascism, or the prison of  
any other form of tyranny, is a moral requirement,  
and must be our goal.  
[political evolution]

**10**

Education for all,  
rather than the fact of good schools for some  
and bad schools or no schools for all  
others, is a moral requirement,  
which must be our goal.  
[educational evolution]

**11**

Develop technologies to strengthen and expand the voices  
of caring and reason and the abundance of life,  
rather than technologies that ever more  
powerfully threaten to, and indeed then  
are driven to, launch and kill life  
[technological evolution]

**12**

Differently stated but the same for all, the message  
of thousands of studies of progressive science is exactly  
the same as for thousands of years for progressive religion:  
Do unto others as ye would have them do unto you—rather than  
do it unto others before they can do it unto you.  
[moral evolution]

**13**

Affirm our identity but also our responsibility in tandem  
with a greater being, a greater reality, or a greater  
mission, rather than fool yourself by claiming  
some one and only holy being, idea, or cause  
for your own low ends.  
[spiritual evolution]

**14**

The most precious gift of evolution is consciousness.  
Love, nurture, and expand it, rather than  
automatically seek to narrow, blunt,  
or otherwise slap it into shape  
and seize the pitiful remnant  
for your own low ends.  
[evolution of consciousness]

**15**

For over 100,000 years the choice before our species  
has been unchanging. Either join those who take action  
on behalf of the better world, or fall back in shame or ignorance  
with those willing to sell out to the highest bidder and  
join the march to extinction.  
[evolution of action]

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