

## Species Survival

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By far the most accurate indicator of the 'health' and tenure of ANY species is the manner in which it treats its young and defenceless, and UNICEF has some very horrid news indeed. *"Never in recent memory have so many children been subjected to such unspeakable brutality."*

The horrific abuses referred to have today been institutionalised not only by minority extreme fanatical ideological groups and perverse fringe Yoga cults, I refer to the [Satyananda group](#) now known as an obscene and brutal cult with no relation to traditional Eastern Yoga values whatsoever, but to nations that consider the slaughter of over 500,000 children, mostly under the age of 8 as "[worth it](#)," referring of course to the avaricious and perverse grab for oil at any cost, clearly, the societal disease has reached terminal status. As John Lennon noted in a song lyric, "666 (sick, sick, sick) is y/our name!"

What becomes of a nation/species that values inanimate objects more highly than the lives of innocent children?

Consider drone pilots that have been allowed to classify any youthful male as an enemy combatant or a group gathered for weddings, funerals and other community social occasions as a target for a missile attack, the result of which is human body parts scattered over the landscape, '666,' is INDEED their/OUR name!

Need I mention that the USA considers itself a Christian nation, the founder of which religion likened the innocence of children to heaven itself, Jesus Christ considered ALL children extremely precious.

So we are faced with the obvious reality that all of us that are not directly engaged in opposing these evil forces, which have today infected all large societies, are COMPLICIT in the evil and perverse practices that infect the entire global community.

An old friend and mentor recently noted that there "are no excuses" for these horrid practices of child abuse and infanticide. The entire human species has become a case study in psychopathology and self-destruction, climate change etc, are merely symptomatic.

Nevertheless, ***as a species we know better and can always alter our behaviour for the better***, so I put it to you all, what are you/we going to do about it, because y/our survival depends on y/our response? It is a very simple matter to remove the sociopathic minorities that have hijacked our governments, societies and lives, ***we need only listen to our God-given instincts and ACT on the outrage we should feel.***

UNICEF media report follows:

**UN declares 2014 a devastating year for millions of children**

The United Nations children's agency UNICEF declared 2014 a devastating year for children on Monday with as many as 15 million caught in conflicts in Central African Republic, Iraq, South Sudan, Syria, Ukraine and the Palestinian territories.

UNICEF Executive Director Anthony Lake said the high number of crises meant many of them were quickly forgotten or failed to capture global headlines, such as in Afghanistan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Nigeria, Pakistan, Somalia, Sudan and Yemen.

Globally, UNICEF said some 230 million children were living in countries and regions affected by armed conflict.

"Children have been killed while studying in the classroom and while sleeping in their beds; they have been orphaned, kidnapped, tortured, recruited, raped and even sold as slaves," Lake said in a statement. "Never in recent memory have so many children been subjected to such unspeakable brutality."

Significant threats also emerged to children's health and well-being like the deadly outbreak of Ebola in the West African countries Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone, which has left thousands orphaned and some 5 million out of school.

"Violence and trauma do more than harm individual children - they undermine the strength of societies," Lake said.

In Central African Republic, where tit-for-tat sectarian violence has displaced one-fifth of the population, some 2.3 million children are affected by the conflict with up to 10,000 believed to have been recruited by armed groups during the past year and more than 430 killed or maimed, UNICEF said.

Some 538 children were killed and 3,370 injured in the Palestinian Gaza Strip during a 50-day war between Israeli troops and Hamas militants, it said.

In Syria, UNICEF said more than 7.3 million children have been affected by the civil war, including 1.7 million who fled the country. In neighboring Iraq an estimated 2.7 million children have been affected by conflict, it added, with at least 700 believed to have been maimed or killed this year.

"In both countries, children have been victims of, witnesses to and even perpetrators of increasingly brutal and extreme violence," UNICEF said.

Some 750,000 children have been displaced in South Sudan with 320,000 living as refugees. The United Nations said more than 600 children have been killed and more than 200 maimed this year, while some 12,000 are being used by armed groups.

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