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-Paul R. Ehrlich, Bing Professor of Population Studies, Stanford University

What a splendid overview of what will likely prove to be one of the most vital of all disciplines in the new millennium. Contrary to much conventional economics, the authors demonstrate-with splendid elan and massive documentation-that the global economy is a wholly owned subsidiary of the planetary ecosystem. I have just one basic reaction: right on, write on.

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