

Further Reading: Peter Singer, *Ethics in the Real World: 82 Brief Essays on Things That Matter* (2016)

The Ethics of the Earth: Climate Change

Ecological Footprint Calculator: footprintnetwork.org/en/index.php/GFN/page/calculators/

- *subsistence* emissions vs. *luxury* emissions
- need vs. greed
- # of deaths from climate change vs. 9/11
- “When you’re riding alone, you’re riding with bin Laden” (petro-dictators)
- transitionus.org/our-story

“Why Act Morally? Civil Disobedience, Violence, Terrorism”

- A.J. Muste: There is no way to peace, peace is the way. (//: MLK)
- Malcolm X: “By any means necessary.”
- Theodore Parker: “liberty is an end, and sometimes peace is not the means toward it”
- Sharon Welch, *A Feminist Ethic of Risk*: It is easier to give up on long-term social change when one is comfortable in the present — when it is possible to have challenging work, excellent health care and housing, and access to the fine arts. When the good life is present or within reach, it is tempting to despair of its ever being in reach for others and resort merely to enjoying it for oneself and one’s family.... Becoming so easily discouraged is the privilege of those

accustomed to too much power, accustomed to having needs met without negotiation and work, accustomed to having a political and economic system that responds to their needs.... Responsibility is equated with action that is more likely to succeed, thus identifying responsibility with action that is, by definition, supportive of the status quo (41, 104)

What's Fair? Who Decides?

- Louis C.K. on White Privilege: [youtube.com/watch?v=wkJOcpapKGI](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wkJOcpapKGI)
- Much easier to recognize the ways we are *oppressed* than to notice the ways we are *privileged* [don't stumble over them], so more invisible to you
- Video game on the “easy” setting vs. “expert” setting
- NOT about making anyone miserable/guilty; IS about unconscious to *conscious*
- from individualized/personal TO social/systemic
- irrespective of any individual's views, there are ways in which the laws, culture, and history of our society are *biased toward* rich, white, heterosexual, able-bodied Christian men.
- Collective liberation vs. Oppression Olympics [intersectionality]
- “White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Backpack” by Peggy McIntosh:
<http://code.ucsd.edu/pcosman/Backpack.pdf>
- Venn diagram: (unearned) privilege/entitlement/advantage
- “Loss of (unearned) privilege is NOT the same as reverse discrimination.”
- Zinn: can't be neutral on a moving train
- Howard Zinn, People's History of the United States: “p.o.v.— and in the words

of — America’s women, factory workers, African Americans, American Indians, working poor, and immigrant laborers.”

- Genderbread Person: <http://itspronouncedmetrosexual.com/2012/03/the-genderbread-person-v2-0/>
- #BlackLivesMatter: “All Cancers Matter”, All Bones Matter (if one is broken)
- John Rawls’s *A Theory of Justice* “veil of ignorance”
- “Calling out”—vs. “calling in” to right relationship, more authentic relationship

Related Blog Posts

- <http://www.patheos.com/blogs/carlgregg/2016/11/whats-fair-who-decides/>
- <http://www.patheos.com/blogs/carlgregg/2015/09/what-ta-nehisi-coates-taught-me-about-people-who-believe-they-are-white/>
- <http://www.patheos.com/blogs/carlgregg/2015/08/letting-go-of-fear-celebrating-differences-insights-from-intersectionality/>

Carl’s Next Course for Fall 2017 (FCC’s ILR):

“What Is Evil?: Theological & Philosophical Investigations”: We all know evil when we encounter it—the villains of history, routine brutality in the news, hateful violence of sociopaths. Using a twenty-first century, postmodern perspective, we will investigate what evil is, why it exists in history and the human heart, and how we might best respond.