

Reference text: "The Blessed Unrest", by Paul Hawken, Penguin, New York, 2007

transformed  
forest  
technologically  
landscape  
culture  
benefit  
automobile  
innovation  
environment  
dependency  
renewable

Beginning in the Pleistocene, humans have altered the land to \_\_\_\_\_ themselves and other species. If you walk into a primary Amazonian \_\_\_\_\_ with an ethnobotanist, you will find a \_\_\_\_\_ that has been \_\_\_\_\_ over thousands of years by the intervention of the native population. Forests were converted into silvicultural gardens (what is called agroforestry today), a dynamic and during relationship that supplied a year-round crop of medicines, fibres, fruits, and animals.

\_\_\_\_\_, Western culture dances to preeminence with an iPod plugged into both ears. When it comes to \_\_\_\_\_, literature, and creativity, it is dazzling. The ability to go deep into the ocean or as far as the moon is spectacular, but as Robert Oppenheimer reminded us, being blessed with technological insight does not confer self-insight.

If we measure Western \_\_\_\_\_ by how it has treated people of different ethnicity and race, it is anathema. If we judge it by the treatment of its own people, including children, the elderly, and the poor, it is an embarrassment.

And if we try to calculate American superiority by its treatment of the \_\_\_\_\_, the US is one of the least intelligent civilisations in the history of the planet. How do you describe an American administration that will spend \$1 trillion on winning a war for Iraqi oil while refusing to allocate any funds to reduce \_\_\_\_\_ on oil?

For \$1 trillion, the US could have catalysed the replacement of its entire \_\_\_\_\_ fleet with plug-in hybrid-electrics getting 500mpg (cars running on batteries 90% of the time), powered by \_\_\_\_\_ energy and biodiesel. If a culture does not become like us, it may not be a failure but a gift to what is now an uncertain future. (pp 98-99)