

Excerpts from:  
**Nobel Peace Prize Acceptance Speech**

By: **Al Gore** December 10, 2007

The distinguished scientists with whom it is the greatest honor of my life to share this award have laid before us a choice between two different futures - a choice that to my ears echoes the words of an ancient prophet: "Life or death, blessings or curses. Therefore, choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live."

We, the human species, are confronting a planetary emergency - a threat to the survival of our civilization that is gathering ominous and destructive potential even as we gather here. But there is hopeful news as well: we have the ability to solve this crisis and avoid the worst - though not all - of its consequences, if we act boldly, decisively and quickly.

The way ahead is difficult. The outer boundary of what we currently believe is feasible is still far short of what we actually must do. Moreover, between here and there, across the unknown, falls the shadow.

That is just another way of saying that we have to expand the boundaries of what is possible. In the words of the Spanish poet, Antonio Machado, "Pathwalker, there is no path. You must make the path as you walk."

We are standing at the most fateful fork in that path. So I want to end as I began, with a vision of two futures - each a palpable possibility - and with a prayer that we will see with vivid clarity the necessity of choosing between those two futures, and the urgency of making the right choice now.

The great Norwegian playwright, Henrik Ibsen, wrote, "One of these days, the younger generation will come knocking at my door."

The future is knocking at our door right now. Make no mistake, the next generation will ask us one of two questions. Either they will ask: "What were you thinking, or why didn't you act?" Or they will ask instead: "How did you find the moral courage to rise and successfully resolve a crisis that so many said was impossible to solve?"

We have everything we need to get started, save perhaps political will, but political will is a renewable resource.

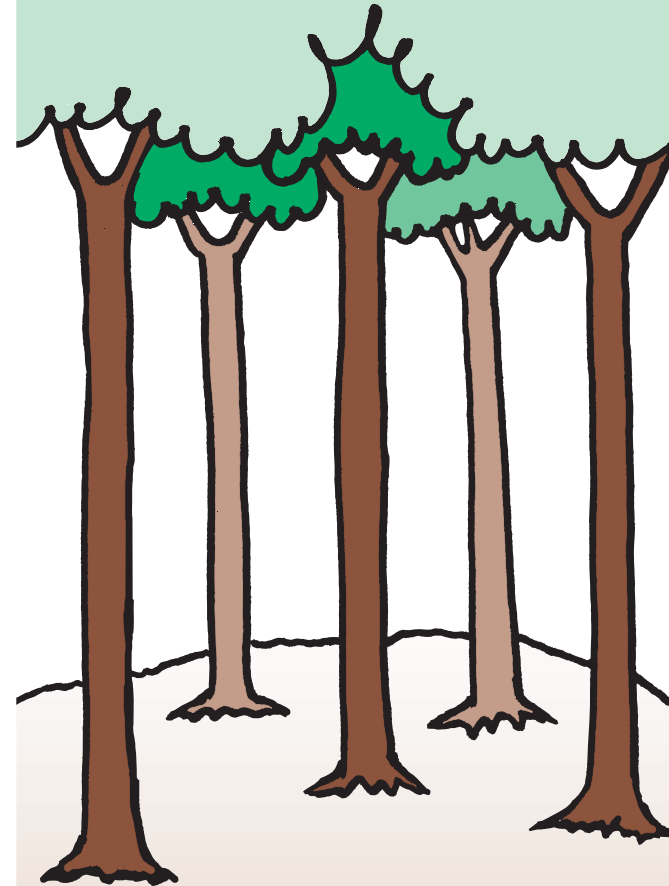
So let us renew it, and say together: " We have a purpose. We are many. For this purpose we will rise, and we will act."

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Global Climate Change  
The Effect Upon Wildlife and Wild Lands**



*Saturday, October 18, 2008, 8 A.M. - 4 P.M.  
Friendship Auditorium  
3201 Riverside Drive, Los Angeles CA 90027  
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## Working Schedule

- 8:00 **CHUMASH BLESSING AND WELCOME**  
**Dennis Garcia,**  
CHUMASH Song Carrier and Storyteller
- 8:30 **Dr. John Hadidion,**  
Humane Society of the United States. Moderator
- 8:45 **Jason Kramer,** Carpenter Middle School  
“Let’s Take Action Now to Save the Earth”
- 9:15 Introduction of **Professor Danny Harvey,**  
University of Toronto, by Dr. Hadidion
- 9:20 **Professor Harvey,**  
“Global Warming: The Implications for Wildlife and  
Ecosystems in the United States and Worldwide.”
- 10:15 **John Hadidion,** “Our Options: What Can We Do  
and How Can We Do it.”
- 10:30 **Fraser Shilling,** Road Ecology Center,  
University of California, Davis.  
“Standing at the Crossroads of Traffic and Wildlife.”
- 11:15 **Dr. Kathleen Rettie, Mr. Terry McGuire**  
“Connecting Vital Wildlife Habitats in the Heart of the  
Rocky Mountains, Canada.”
- ( Lunch will be delivered to tables )

- 12:00 **Ronald Kosinski,** Deputy District Director,  
Environmental Planning, CALTRANS - Los Angeles  
“Wildlife Bridges, Overpasses and Undercrossing Changes.”
- 12:40 **Dr. Raymond Sauvajot,** National Park Service  
**Barbara Marquez,** CALTRANS Resource  
Management “Habitat Connections, Wildlife Recovery.”
- 1:20 **Zoo Magnet High School,** Students  
“Building Bridges for Wildlife: OUR LEGACY.”
- 2:00 Panel Discussion:  
**Dr. Harvey, Dr. Sauvajot, Mr. Kosinski,  
Dr. Rettie, Zoo Magnet Students**  
“The Responsibility is Ours.”
- 2:30 **Workshops Are Announced.**
- A) **Species Recovery.**  
Dr. Danny Harvey, Dr. Hadidion,
- B) **Resilient Habitats:** Dean Walraff
- C) **Restoring Habitat, One Yard at a Time:**  
Adam Pollak
- D) **Wildlife Photographer:**  
Michael Caroff
- E) **Road Ecology**  
**Zoo Magnet Students:**
- F) **Building Bridges for Life**  
CALTRANS, Parks Canada:
- G) ( TBA )
- H) **As We See Our World**  
Susan Lummis, Poet  
Pamela Burgess, Painter  
Sharon Ryan, Painter