BOOK REVIEW OF "TECHNOLOGY VS. ECOLOGY" BY ROBERT A. SCHULTZ [ABSTRACT]

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ABSTRACT

Book exploration by the Author -
Technology versus Ecology: Human Superiority and the Ongoing Conflict with Nature

The book will be presented for discussion on technology and ethics. It has three sections:

Section 1 provides a summary of the ways human activities are divorced from and damaging to the ecosystem. Humanity is destroying its own support system as well as the support system of other creatures. So, rather than being superior, humanity seems more of a biological mistake.

Section 2 explains how humanity went from being a "wild animal" (=hunter-gatherer) to proclaiming itself "master of the world." This is the most original and least speculative part of the book and will be drawn out in a bit more detail.

Section 3 provides speculations for improving the relation of human beings to our supporting ecosystem. In other words, becoming a species among species.
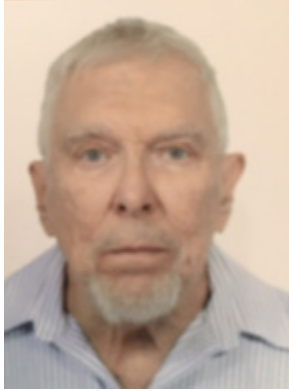
A revision and update of Part 2 of the book is in the works. Working title "Paleo history: The History of Humanity Before There Was History

BIOGRAPHY

Robert A. Schultz received his Ph.D. in philosophy from Harvard University in 1971. His dissertation in ethics was under the direction of John Rawls. He was a member of the philosophy faculty at the University of Pittsburgh, Cornell University, and the University of Southern California, taught courses and published articles and reviews in the fields of ethics, logic, and aesthetics. In 1980 he assumed the position of Data Processing Manager at A-Mark Precious Metals, a Forbes 500 company, then in Beverly Hills, CA. Since 1989, he has been Professor of Computer Information Systems (recently renamed Information Technology) and Director of Academic Computing at Woodbury University, Burbank, CA. He regularly teaches courses in database applications and design, systems development tools, and the management of information technology. He has numerous publications and has made numerous presentations in the areas of database design, I.T. education, and the philosophy of technology, including the books Information Technology and the Ethics of Globalization: Transnational Issues and Implications and Contemporary Issues in Ethics and Information Technology