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Summary:

I usually have the comment that the most of sustainable solutions are not else than looking back the past. To observe the previous systems of human lives before the first industrial revolution can help us to find the way out current crisis. I was thinking of our past and I found two edifying details: more local and ethical attitude. Locality is needed to produce energy and food; ethical attitude is needed to implement these old-new productions in a fair way.

Essay:

In the middle of January the natural gas was rejected from Ukraine and other European countries by Russia. However Hungary had enough gas to distribute for the inhabitants, my father started to heat with our paper and wood waste.

This is a simple example to see the dependence of the energy resources from “outside”. Depending on money; depending on foreign power; the influence of different multinational companies stops and transforms the autonomy and sovereignty of the individual nations. The rich countries have the poor countries beaten. We can see much examples of the problem of multinational companies during the financial crisis: states are the edge of bankruptcy because of economical regression of big foreign industries.

Nations should learn how to be sovereign and have an own working economy based on local production. The keyword is locality. The slogan as “Think globally, act locally!” has the biggest actuality.

The crisis of the whole world in environmental, social and economical points of view is originated in the first industrial revolution. Before that people had had their own systems how to survive, though they had many diseases and catastrophes. They had the system of natural being: have natural connection inside and between the families, the small communities, the villages or towns. The systems of using energy and producing food were based on those natural connections.

We do not have these ancient connection habits any more except very few examples. We cannot go back with 300 years and it is not worth either. But to look back and learn about our own ancients: how and why have they chosen the methods of building, cooking, treating with other people, plants and animals? Each nation, each community should think about how to implement old techniques to their current lives and forget the current bad solutions which are depending on different foreign powers.

These methods can lead us to produce the energy in a sustainable way: using renewable energy resources.

After Christmas celebrations some municipalities donated the Christmas tree – which had been standing at the main square of their cities – for poor families as firewood.

Passionate people are usually missing who could organize and lead the small communities towards a sustainable life which means for me: looking back to past and

learn from that. Maybe more such people exist somewhere but they do not start to act because of the ethical situation nowadays. The corruption is another reason for the mentioned problems worldwide.

The current economy network and the need of industrial and agricultural products require transporting and mediums of the flows of distributing. It cannot be cancelled. We have to shift to fair trade. It must not be a strange and foreign phenomenon any more. The virtue of business can cause developing economies on both sides of agreements. These business men need self confidence in ethical truth.

Training people to be ethical and honest is the hardest task in this issue. Without feeling responsible of other individuals – humans and ecological biodiversity – in our surroundings or in our businesses will not change anything towards the solution of unsustainable life on Earth.

Two Hungarian regions have joined to work together on producing electricity and heating energy from geothermal resources. Since then they do not need natural gas any more in those regions.....- future news from Hungary.