



Whose Earth?

Whose responsibility?

Psalm 104:5 - 26

Taken from Apollo 11: NASA

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'Humanity at a crossroads' after a decade in which all of the 2010 Aichi goals to protect wildlife and ecosystems have been missed



▲ Coral on the Great Barrier Reef, which has suffered its most widespread coral bleaching on record. Photograph: James Cook University/AFP via Getty Images

The world has failed to meet a single target to stem the destruction of wildlife and life-sustaining ecosystems in the last decade, according to a devastating new report from the UN on the state of nature.

Humans exploiting and destroying nature on unprecedented scale - report



▲ Mass soybean harvesting in Campo Verde, Brazil. Intensive agriculture has contributed to the collapse of some animal populations. Photograph: Alffoto/WWF

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40% of world's plant species at risk of extinction

Race against time to save plants and fungi that underpin life on Earth, global data shows



▲ Rice-planting season in Lalitpur, Nepal. Half the world's people depend on rice, maize and wheat. Photograph: Prabin Ranabhat/Sopa/Rex/Shutterstock

30 September 2020

Two in five of the world's plant species are at risk of extinction as a result of the destruction of the natural world, according to an international report.

“We would be able not survive without plants and fungi – all life depends on them said Prof Alexandre Antonelli, the director of science at the Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew, in the UK. RBG Kew led [the report](#), which involved 210 scientists from 42 countries.

Satellite images show rapid growth of glacial lakes worldwide

Number of glacial lakes rose by 53% in 1990-2018 to reveal impact of increased meltwater



▲ A glacial lake near Mount Cilo in Hakkari, eastern Turkey. Photograph: Anadolu/Getty

Northern hemisphere breaks record for hottest ever summer



▲ A policeman wipes sweat from his forehead while on duty in the summer heat in front of a Torii gate at the Yasukuni Shrine in Tokyo, Japan, in August. Photograph: Kimimasa Mayama/EPA

This summer was the hottest ever recorded in the northern hemisphere, according to US government scientists. The [new record](#) surpassed the summers of 2016 and 2019. Last month was also the second-hottest August ever recorded for the globe. The numbers put 2020 on track to be one of the five warmest years, according to Noaa.

If we are stewards of God's world,
how are we doing?

Why do we treat the world in the
way we do?

What can we do to change the
situation for the better?

NASA

<https://www.nasa.gov/feature/goddard/2017/new-night-lights-maps-open-up-possible-real-time-applications>



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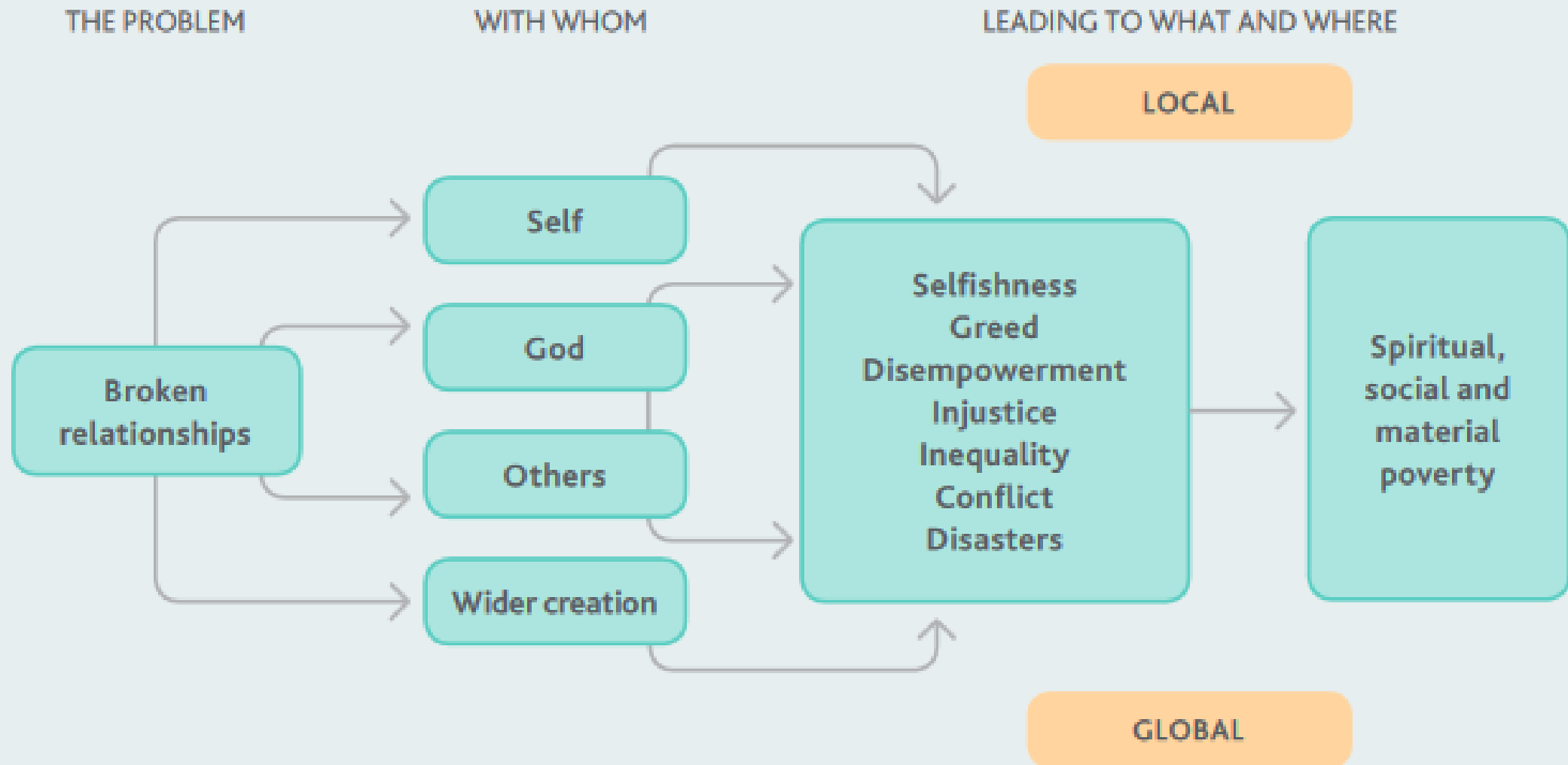


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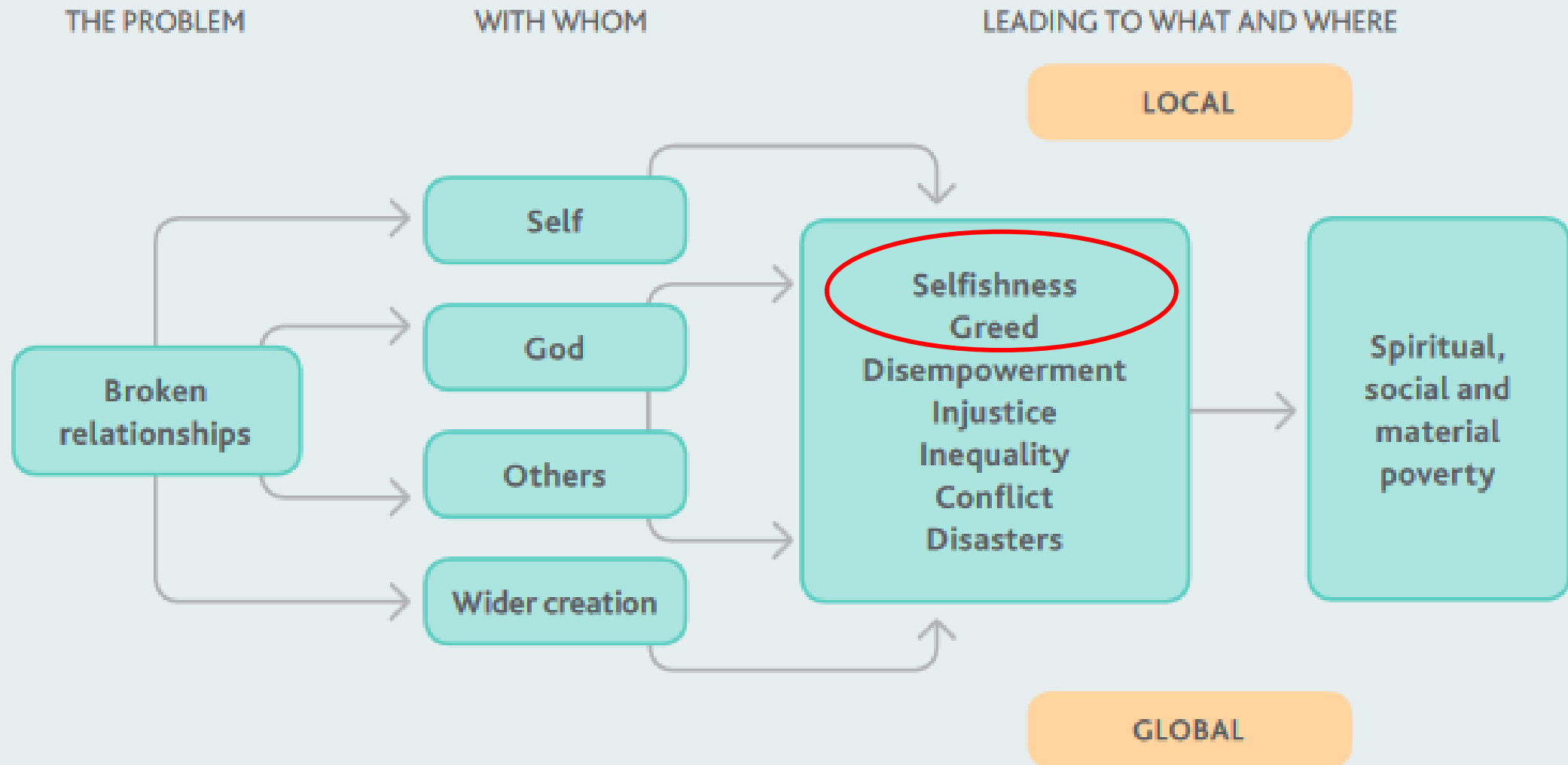


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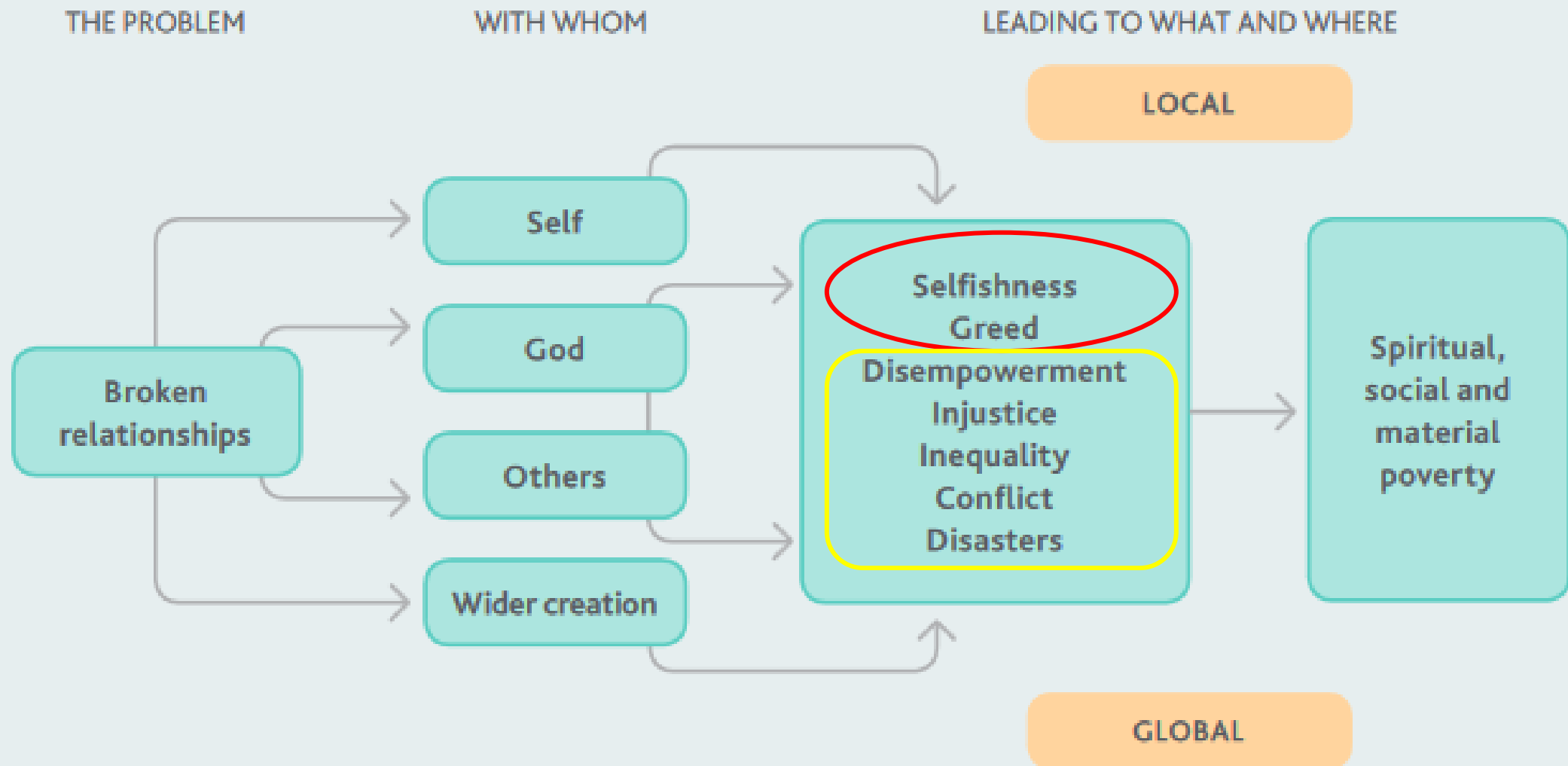
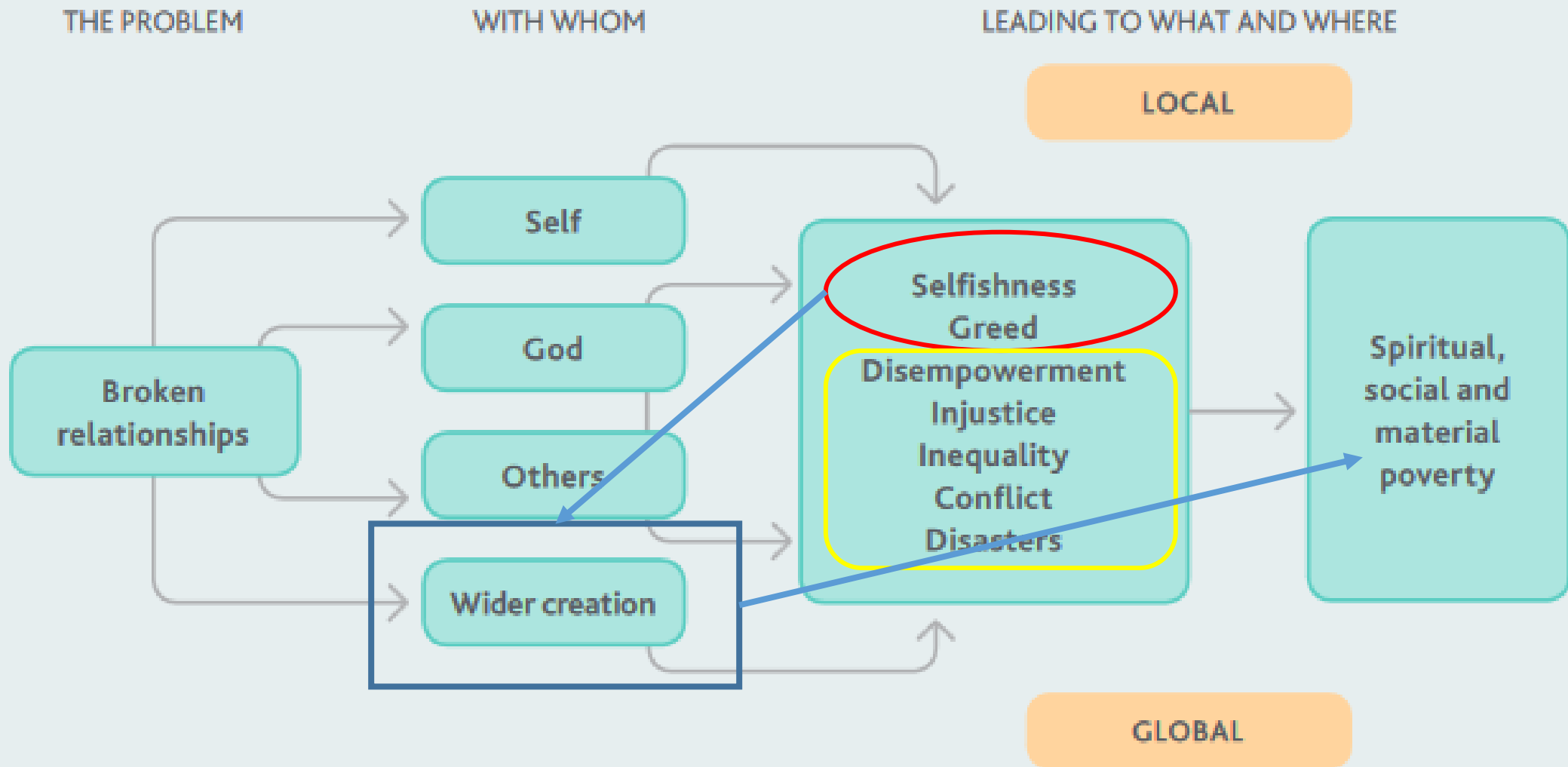


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Extinction: The Facts in 6 minutes

With a million species at risk of extinction, David Attenborough explores the consequences not just for them but for us all.

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THE SPECTATOR

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Loosely hooked to [a major UN biodiversity report published last year](#), which found that the survival of 1 million species was at risk, *Extinction: The Facts* is a whistle-stop tour of our destruction of nature. A stellar cast of academics and experts from NGOs tell the story of a decline in mammals, plants and fish that Attenborough says “isn’t just disturbing, it’s deeply tragic”.

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Population panic lets rich people off the hook for the climate crisis they are fuelling

George Monbiot



The formula for calculating people's environmental footprint is simple, but widely misunderstood: $\text{Impact} = \text{Population} \times \text{Affluence} \times \text{Technology}$ (I = PAT).

If we had the global population of 500 years ago (around 500 million), and if it were composed of [average UK plane passengers](#), our environmental impact would probably be [greater](#) than that of the 7.8 billion alive today.



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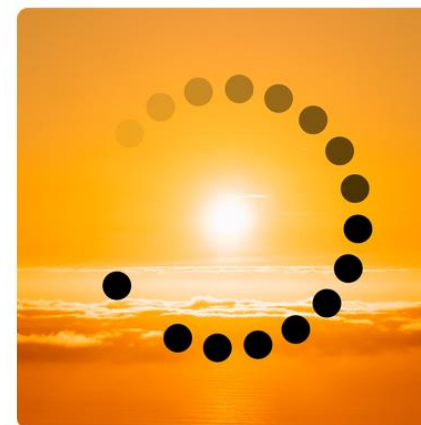
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PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION TO TACKLE POVERTY AND INJUSTICE



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UNDERSTANDING POVERTY

RESTORING BROKEN RELATIONSHIPS

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http://www.tearfund.org/~media/files/tilz/churches/integral_mission/2019-tearfund-understanding-poverty-en.pdf

BIBLE STUDY: BIODIVERSITY IN THE BIBLE

Christian Perspective

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https://learn.tearfund.org/en/resources/publications/footsteps/footsteps_41-50/footsteps_47/bible_study/

What can we do?

Get informed

Pray

Act



NASA: from ISS Feb 2019

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Energy

Tech

How is it made?
Where does it come from?
How long does it last?
Do you recycle it?
How much do you waste?

Clothing

Food

 INDEPENDENT

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So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 7:12

If anyone, then, knows the good they ought to do and doesn't do it, it is sin for them.

James 4:17

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them?

James 2:14



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