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reason, but because he thinks...

F.M. Function is probably sufficient unto itself. And the prime biological function is to fight for survival, not just of the individual but of life itself. I don't think you or I or anybody else needs to analyze our chances of success in the struggle to preserve life in order to justify being on the side of the angels.

D.S. Right. What matters is what we *do*. It's the action that defines us. Whether we make it or not is really not that important. Those who say there is no point in trying to stop "progress" and just want to make their money and have a good time at the expense of the future of the planet are effectively non-functional.

I think I define what I am and who I am and what my values are by my actions. My father taught me when I was very young: you are what you do, not what you say. One of the

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problems with our species is that because we can write and speak, we get hung up in what people *say*. Watch what people *do*, don't listen to what they *say*, just watch what they *do*.

As to the question of what we can do individually – everybody has to decide on what level they are ready to do something. We are all at different places in terms of our sensitivity. For some people it may be supporting Paul Watson, for others it may be a radical activist group spiking trees, for others it may be stopping herbicide spraying of the local school-ground. The important thing is to act, because sitting back