These days ....

1. Did God create this vast Mother Earth
   and all these marvellous living creatures on it
   for us humans to make all other creatures extinct
   and fill the earth to the brim with humans????

2. In streets packed with cars and trucks
   can a dust particle dropping from the sky
   fall on the ground these days?

3. Deserts are not deserts any more
   most of them are teeming with human beings these days.

4. To travel between any pair of locations
   it takes at least an hour in metropolitan cities these days.

5. Fish and other sea creatures rarely die from natural causes,
   do most of them have to perish prematurely,
   struggling with the unbearable pain of asphyxiation,
   to feed the cruel humans these days?

6. Large creatures like cows, buffaloes, pigs, camels;
   are they not animals like us with flesh, blood
   and motherly love for their kids?
   The babies they give birth to do not belong to them,
   they are human possessions these days.
7. All these creatures never get a chance
even to touch members of their opposite sex
they are made pregnant by humans
through artificial insemenation.

8. All these animals are actually living machines
specially designed to produce milk, meat, wool, leather
for the consumption of the already large
but still growing human population these days.

9. The only boon conferred by humans on these creatures
is total alleviation from the sufferings of old age,
as they are slaughtered for their flesh
as soon as their milk output shows a downward trend these days.

10. Birds like chicken, ducks, turkeys
don’t even have enough standing space,
also their life span is very short,
as soon as their egg output starts declining,
their flesh becomes human food these days.

11. The lush green forests covering all the
mountain surfaces once upon a time are no more;
replaced by tea gardens, coffee plantations etc.
for human consumption these days.
12. The gentle whales once roamed the seven seas in very large schools, no more; after humans developed harpoons piercing and exploding inside their bodies to kill them for their flesh, they are on the brink of extinction these days.

13. All the land on this earth is for human use only, other creatures get protection only inside cramped zoos that we set up to display them for human visitors these days.

14. Rivers do not flow into the sea anymore, their water is stored in reservoirs for the ever expanding human consumption these days.

15. Water for daily use in several countries is being manufactured by desalinating sea water using fossil fuels these days.

16. These days our policymakers think that there is space for any number of additional humans but not for a few more wild creatures like giraffes, elephants, American bison even though their numbers worldwide are only in the thousands; when their number exceeds the small quota allotted for them, some of them are shot dead.
17. Is it appropriate to bless a newly married couple with many children and grand children these days? Is it appropriate to congratulate a couple who delivered their 2nd or 3rd child these days? Our heartfelt gratitude to all couples who limited their family to one child!

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