



QUID SUSTAINABILITY?

THE SDG'S FROM A CRITICAL PERSPECTIVE

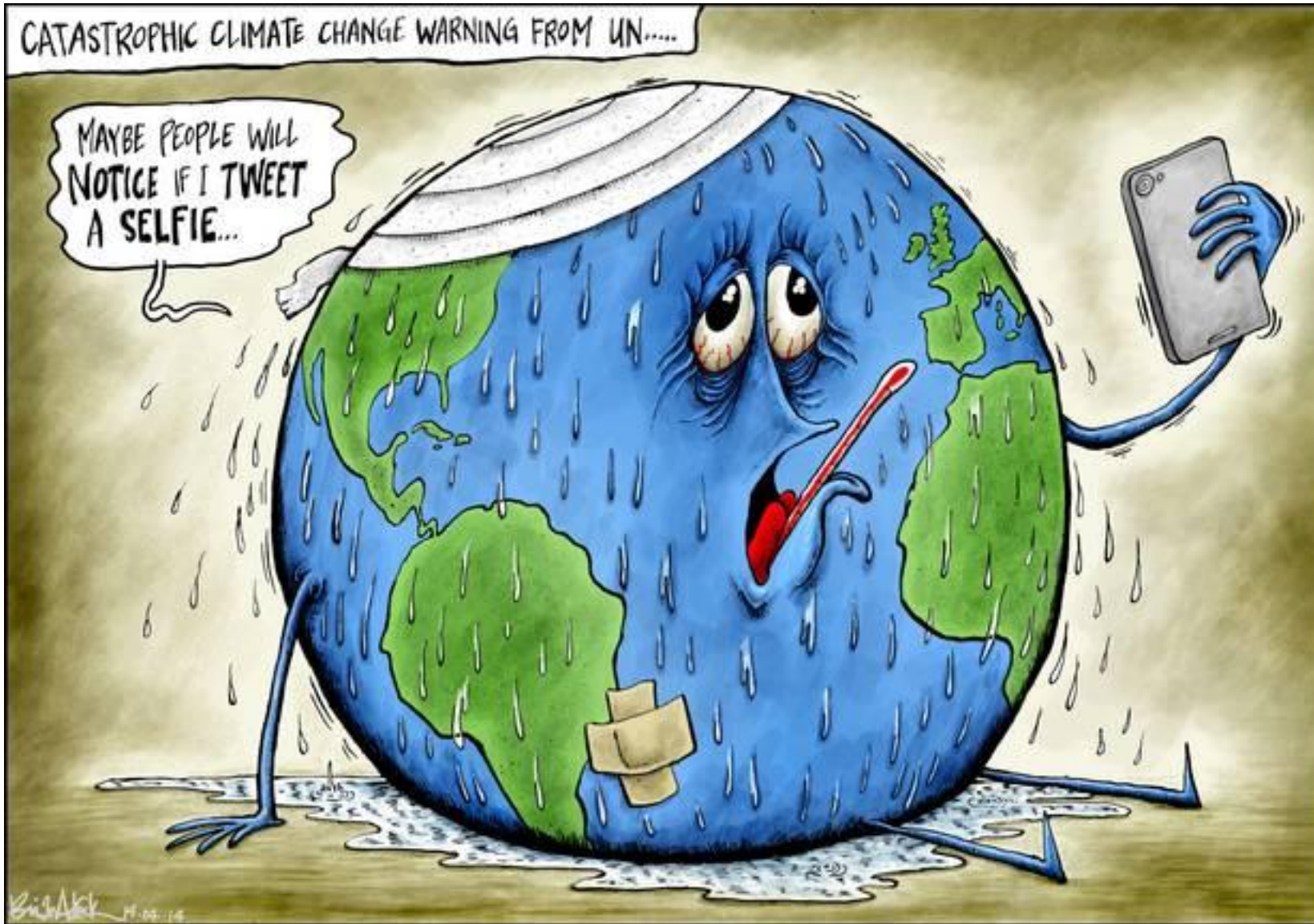
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PRO SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT?

CLIMATE CHANGE = PROBLEM?







Brundlandt:

“development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs”

Brundlandt:

intergenerational variation of needs ✓

intra-generational difference in needs ✗

intercultural difference in needs ✗

Brundlandt:

Who is the needy-one / greedy-one?

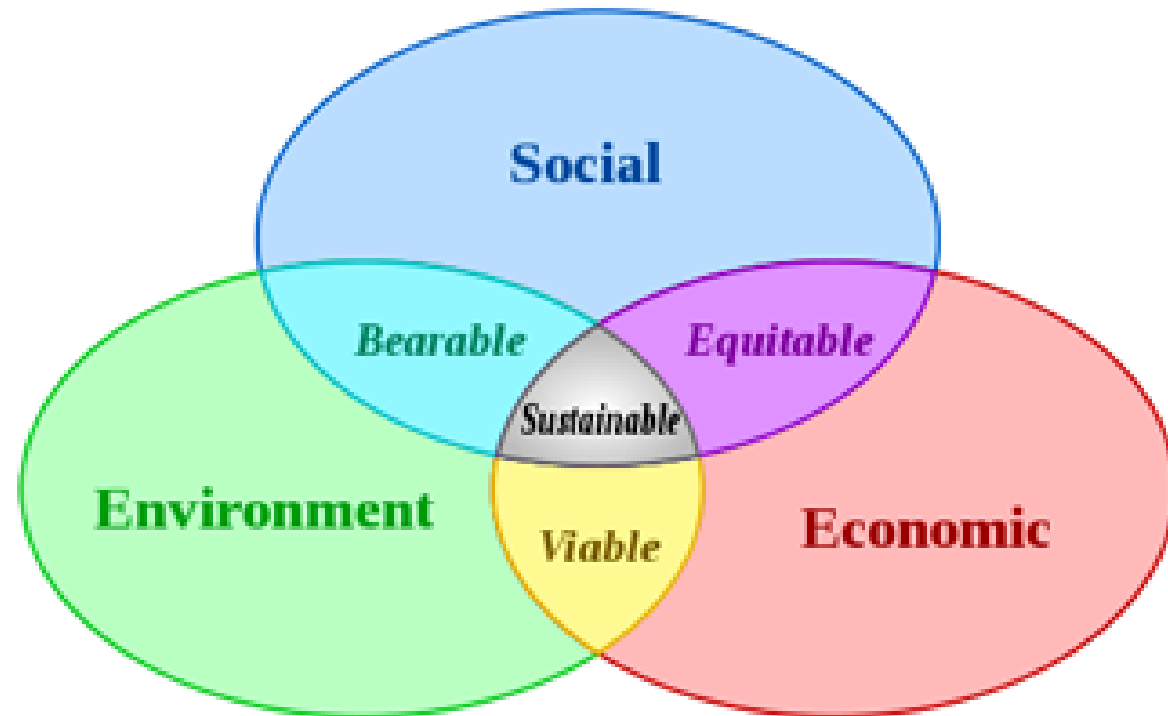
Universal set of needs or universality of the one who is in need?

Brundlandt: “Future generations”

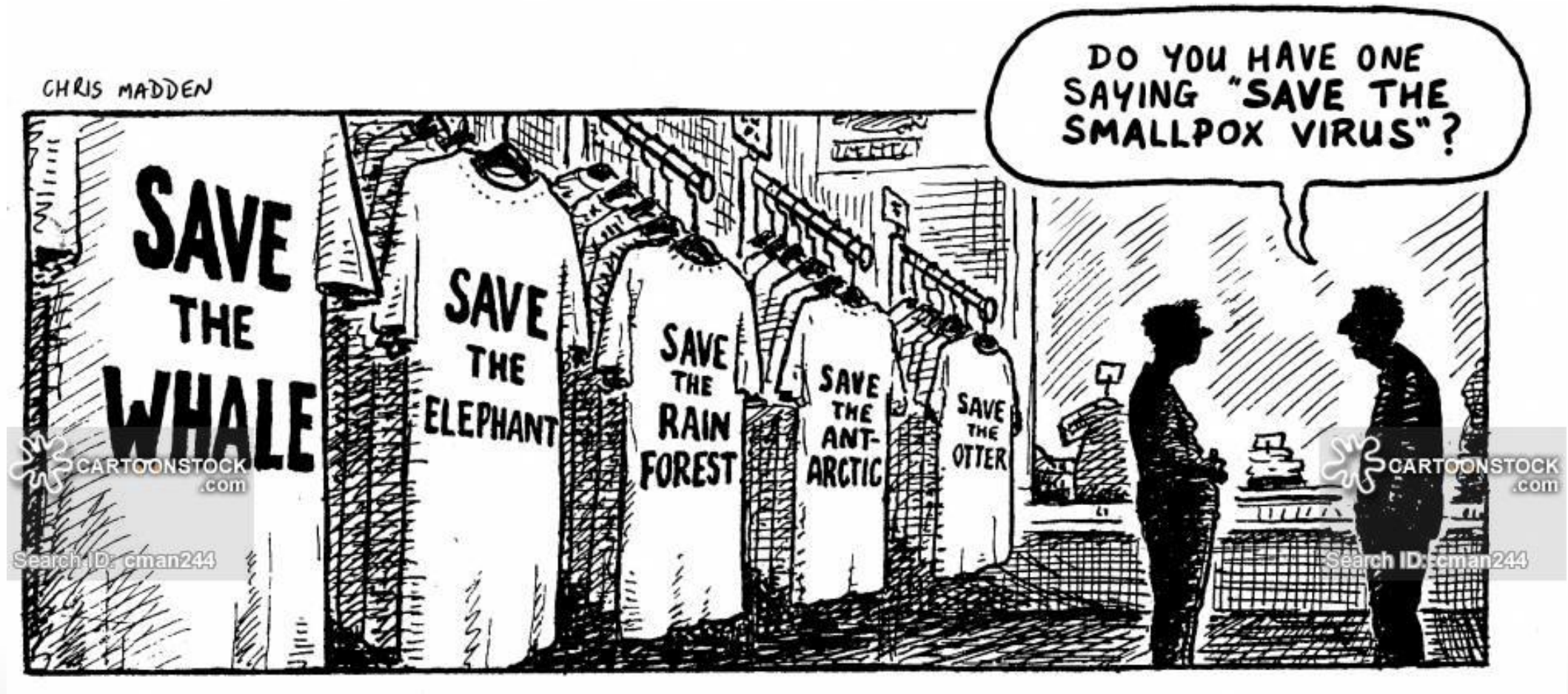
Man **vs** Bambi?

Anthropocentrism **vs** ecocentrism?

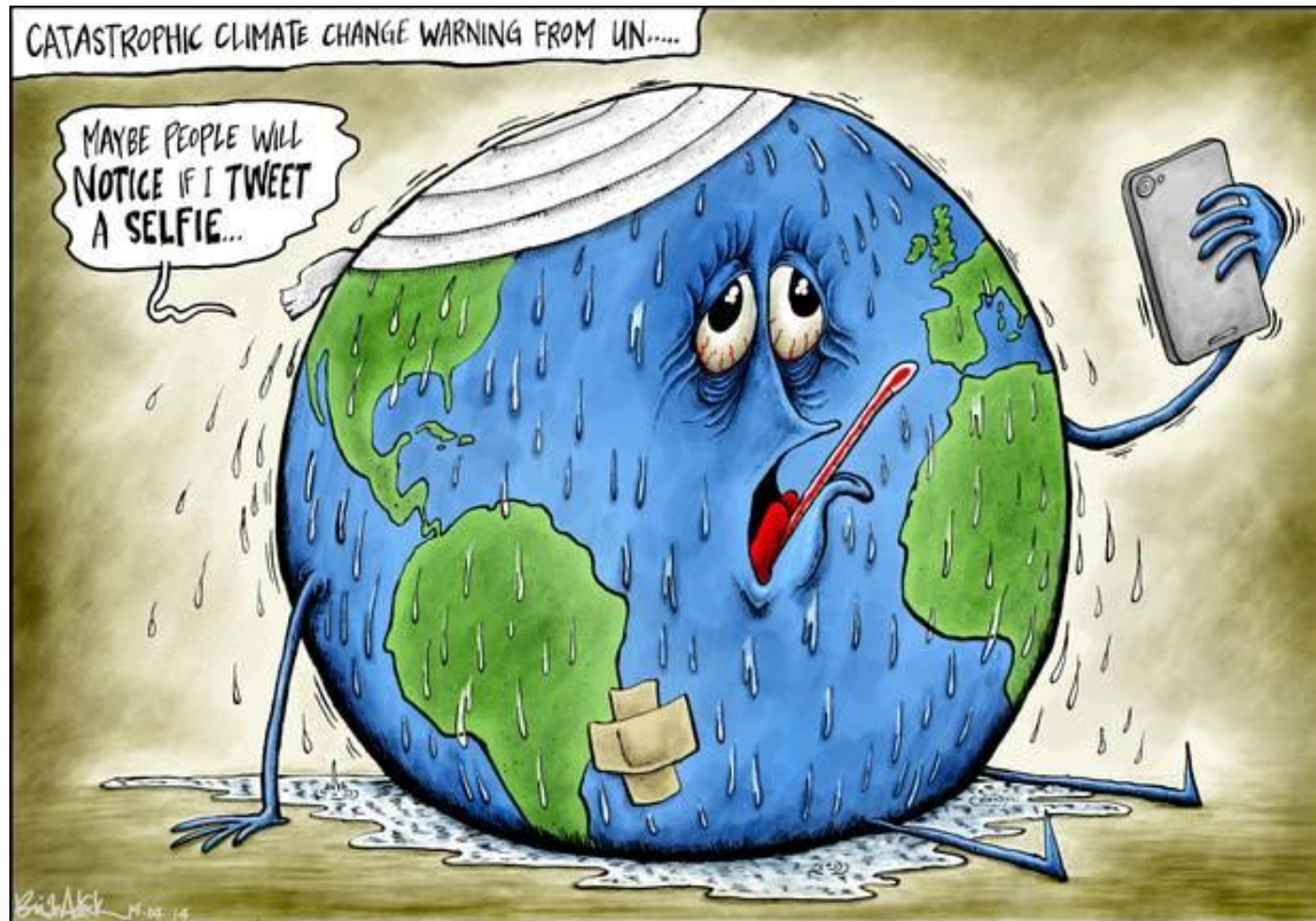
Triple Bottom Line



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WE MUST ALL DO SOMETHING AND
WHEN WE SAY "WE" WE MEAN YOU



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TICKING BOXES



SUSTAINABLE TRANSFORMATION

MAKING THE SDG'S HISTORY

