

The following is a revised version of a poem by author C. David Coates. Please view this as an invitation to look at our society from a fresh perspective.

*Humans...*

*They kill wildlife - birds, deer, all kinds of cats, coyotes, beavers, groundhogs, mice and foxes by the million in order to protect their domestic animals and their feed.*

*Then they kill domestic animals by the billions and eat them. This in turn kills people by the millions, because eating all those animals leads to degenerative - and fatal - health conditions like heart disease, stroke, kidney disease, and cancer.*

*Then humans spend billions of dollars torturing and killing millions more animals to look for cures for these diseases.*

*Elsewhere, millions of other human beings are being killed by hunger and malnutrition because food they could eat is being used to fatten domestic animals.*

*Meanwhile, few people recognize the inconsistencies - they kill so easily and violently, and then plead for "Peace on Earth."*

The good news is that each of us has the power to choose compassion. We can make choices that fit with our most life affirming values. These choices care for other humans, our own health, as well as the health of the planet and all species. Please visit these websites to help align your core values with your actions: <http://veganvideo.org> & <http://tryveg.com>