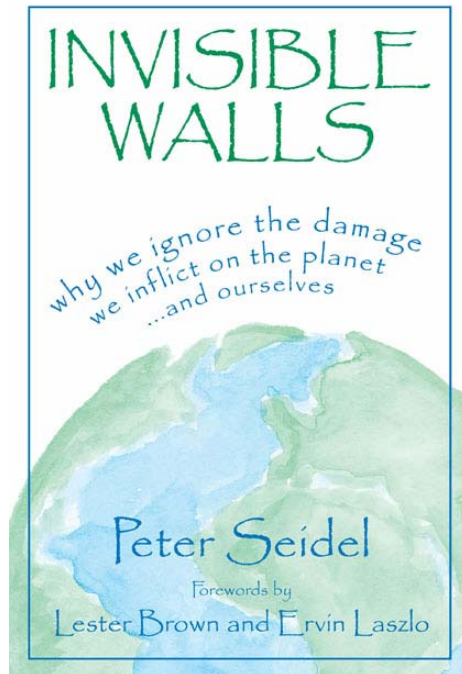


Why We Ignore the Damage We **Inflict on** the Planet...and Ourselves



Our wants for food, housing, medicine, transportation, luxuries, and all the other benefits of industrialization have resulted in the exploitation of our natural surroundings. We know our actions affect the physical world we depend on, **so why must we be faced with catastrophic problems--overpopulation, the loss of biodiversity, global warming, and the like--before we act to protect the planet's ecosystem--and then often inadequately?**

Educators and journalists must give us a better understanding of ourselves-creatures evolved to function in a hunter-gatherer society, not in the complex,.....

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