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An Introductory Ode.

Oh, Muses of divine Inspiration, your evocative powers are summonsed
Nine daughters of all-powerful Zeus, the supreme ruler of the Greek heavens,
And of fair and reasonable Mnemosyne, the graceful Titan goddess of Memory
Please provide us with clear Insight, and all the best understandings we can deduce.

Let heart-felt and passionate ideas ring forth --- ones that address the basic question
Of how our societies can balance today's needs with tomorrow's health and well-being
For it is quite crucial that we accomplish this vitally important and salubrious goal
So that we can achieve salvation, true security, clearer perspective and sane-seeing.

An integral new morality is needed to allow humanity to prosper and survive;
A natural reverence for the health and vitality of individuals, communities and ecosystems
And a cooperative respect for fair balance between competing interests, bound by a bold movement
Towards ecological sanity, international peace, and other essential wisdoms.

"I am the Poem of the Earth, said the voice of the rain,"
Whispering wistfully to us of our connectedness to the elements,
To the wild animals, to the birds singing, to ourselves, and to each other
Bringing our attention to the wonders of life, and to our joys and laments.

At this current juncture in time, open-mindedness and receptive versatility are needed
As ever-changing conditions favor nimbleness and adaptability, and far-sightedness
And conservative's support of the Status Quo proves to be inadequate in coping with rapid change
Mandating that we explore and embrace new ideas with courage and boldness.

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Note that most of the content of this Book Seven of the Earth Manifesto was written before the year 2012. I long considered this *Comprehensive Global Perspective* to be the magnum opus of my writings, long before *Common Sense Revival* evolved and I began assembling the online Earth Manifesto into twelve books to be self-published through Lulu Publishing. The latest updates to this document in March 2016 bring current day politics into this document to a minor extent, but the most current political perspectives on things like the sensational struggle over the Supreme Court are contained in *Entertaining Illumination Unleashed*, Book Two of the Earth Manifesto.

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