

## Simple and Practical Steps to Combat Climate Change

### I. To abstain from all evil (application of the stick)

1. **Rescind subsidies** to fossil fuel corporations
2. **Impose a carbon tax** to ensure costs of fossil fuel extraction and pollution are built into the market price of carbon
3. **Reject trade agreements** (TPP etc.) that allow corporations to prevail over sovereign governments
4. Reject the construction of **new mega-pipelines** (DAPL etc.) to transport oil and gas.
5. Protest the **leasing of public lands** for fossil fuel extraction
6. **Prohibit oil trains** (“train bombs”), a danger to communities along the routes
7. Shift **away from model of industrial agriculture** (including intensive livestock breeding), responsible for 30–32% of global carbon emissions

### II. To cultivate the good (offering carrots)

1. Provide subsidies and low-interest loans to **clean, renewable energy projects**: solar panels, wind, geothermal
2. Finance **refurbishing of old buildings** to make them energy-efficient
3. Develop better, **more efficient means of public transportation** to replace the private automobile
4. As a second choice, rely on **electric and hybrid cars**

5. Promote **agro-ecological models** of agriculture to replace industrial agriculture. Harmonizes agriculture with natural cycles.

### III. To purify one's own mind

1. Develop **contentment**, the basis for a **steady-state economy** based on the principle of sufficiency, dedicated to qualitative growth rather than endless production and consumption
2. Utilize **wisdom**, to understand the long-range and long-term consequences of our actions, rooted in the subtle interconnections of diverse chains of causality
3. Arouse a **heart of compassion**, extending loving concern to all people everywhere on earth, based on deep inner identification and respect for human dignity
4. Advocate for **justice**, to establish the necessary social, economic, and political institutions, laws, and modes of governance that offer everyone the conditions needed to unfold their potentials and realize their best aspirations

### IV. Concrete steps to benefit all sentient beings. How?

1. **Vote**: Though the political system is badly flawed, elections can make a difference. Vote only for candidates who admit human-caused climate change and are willing to act against it.
2. **Write and sign**: Write letters to your representatives, senators, and others. Call their offices and sign petitions and appeals to be sent to them. Local action may be most effective.
3. **MOM & POP**: Move Our Money, Protect Our Planet: divestment from fossil fuel corporations & related firms.

4. **Get moving:** participate in marches and demonstrations to convey a message to those in power.

**Get moving in another way:** join a movement to protect the climate: BCAN (Buddhist Climate Action Network), 350.org, Climate Mobilization, Greenpeace, support OneEarth Sangha.

5. **Take direct action:** to block climate-destroying projects, such as oil rigs, pipelines, fracking sites, etc. *But beware of risks:* long prison terms, large fines. Take precautions before taking action.