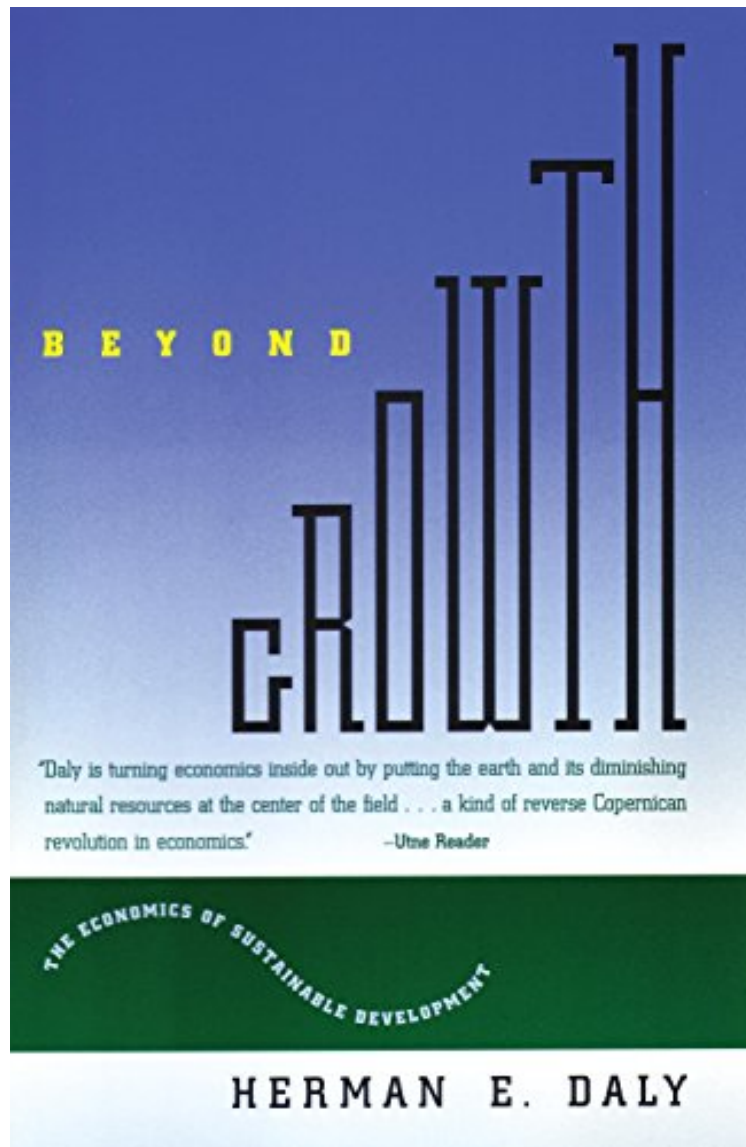


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Herman E. Daly : Beyond Growth: The Economics of Sustainable Development before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Beyond Growth: The Economics of Sustainable Development:

89 of 94 people found the following review helpful. The Giordano Bruno of Growth Heresy By Kenneth F Meyercord Herman Daly has been warning his readers of the dangers of unrestrained growth longer than some of them have been alive! He is a tireless, thoughtful, and informed proponent of sustainable economic policy who has enjoyed more success than most growth heretics, as attested by his six years at the World Bank. But, like other heretics -

whether of growth or of other dogmas - his teachings are largely ignored or ridiculed by the pharisees of proper thought. No doubt his professional status has been diminished by the stand he has taken. Felicitously, we don't burn heretics at the stake these days for undermining archaic beliefs purblindly held or the anti-growth movement might have its first martyr. In "Beyond Growth" Daly puts forth his beliefs in a concise and readable way. I found the first few chapters a bit heavy on economic theory and terminology (Daly is after all an economist first and foremost), but once that necessary underpinning has been laid Daly goes on to discuss growth-related topics (population, international trade, ethics) in terms more familiar to the layman, expressed in a thought-provoking and even moving way. Daly not only knows, he cares. The final chapter of the book, in which he attempts to meld the concept of stewardship common to most religions with principles of sustainable development, suggests Daly's concern for growth-addicted humanity springs from a religious upbringing. If he has forsaken some of the dogmatic teachings of his youth, he has retained the kernel of the faith, a devotion to Truth and the well-being of his fellow man, to which he adheres as firmly as did his Renaissance predecessor in heresy. Such adherence brought Bruno martyrdom at the stake; for Daly it is more likely to bring ultimate recognition as one of the most forward-thinking intellectuals of his time.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Twenty years old but still very relevant
By Waldorf Statler
This is a great book. It first illustrates how our current lifestyle is preying on the earth's ecosystem. It then clearly shows how the ecological degradation is exacerbated by the globally applied policy of maximizing economic growth. Daly argues, very convincingly in my view, that sustainable development can only be achieved if the objective of economic growth is replaced by a new paradigm. This requires an overhaul of the neoclassical economic model: not only should the model involve allocation and distribution but also the scale of the human economy with respect to the carrying capacity of a finite planet. As much as an economic analysis, this book is a rallying cry for action. Reading it now, in 2017, I find it even more frustrating and astonishing that so little progress has been made in 20 years. "Economic growth" is still the tune whistled by the IMF and the World Bank, seconded by numerous national governments. Some positive signs now are that the energy transition towards renewable energies appears to have taken off. And in some circles, there is talk about a "circular economy". The term is often used by people who don't really understand the Second Law of Thermodynamics and therefore don't see how difficult it would be for humanity to achieve it, but hey, it's a starting point. Still there is so much to do, we'd better get going.

In summary, important stuff. Highly recommended.
1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Insightful Discussion that is Banned from Mainstream Economics
By Eagles Soaring
I'll keep this short and sweet, like this book, itself. This is a book with few algebraic formulas. It is written in mostly lay language for normal human beings. It resurrects ideas long ignored by our soundbite culture and by an economics profession convinced of its own certainty and physics-like wondrousness. In other words it will almost surely never be read in mainstream business and economics schools. Why? Because Herman Daly speaks the unspeakable. Herman Daly makes the obvious point that finite resources will not last forever and will spell doom, sooner than expected, for GDP-addled policies and economies that strive always to solve their problems with more. More drilling, more burning, more mining, more waste, more polluting, more shipping, more exporting, more importing, more selling, more consuming, more discarding, more, more, more, more. He also realized early on that globalization as practiced in the 20th and 21st centuries is economic suicide for the US and other advanced economies and the people who live and work within them. He brings the context of David Ricardo's famous theory of Comparative Advantage into focus to explain why it is almost completely misused, misapplied and irrelevant these days. Prof. Daly points us in the direction of human preservation, of how to solve economic problems without destroying our natural inheritance and ourselves. He points to a future in which human beings are not self-extinguishing. This book speaks of sustainability. This book speaks of useful prosperity. This book speaks of ethics. This is one strange book on economics. This is one very useful book on economics.

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