

Passage One

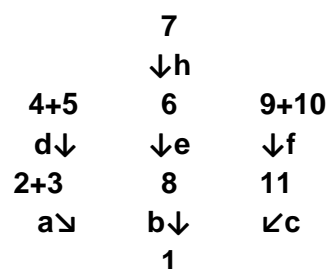
Mark Up:

1/Trying to “save” the environment is a waste of time/. [<Because>] 2/According to the latest UN report, one million animal and plant species are now threatened with extinction/, but 3/attempting to save all of these [threatened species] is going to come at a massive cost to humanity/. [<Because>] 4/Governments have enough to deal with at the moment without funnelling money into saving some frog no one cared about until now/. [And] 5/We have to take care of humans first/. <Besides>, 6/extinction is just a natural process/. [<As>] 7/Species have been going extinct since the beginning of time/ <so> I doubt 8/there’s [probably nothing] we can even do [to prevent further extinction]/. <Anyway>, 9/what these [environmental] activists don’t realise is that they exist within the economy/ [and] 10/if our economy tanks, then so will their [environmental activists’] livelihoods/. [<so>] 11/They’ll [environmental activists] find it much harder to afford their organic cotton bags and Keep Cups if that [the economy tanking] happens/.

Logical Structure:

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[<Because>]	4	Governments have enough to deal with at the moment without funnelling money into saving some frog no one cared about until now
[And]	5	We have to take care of humans first
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<Anyway>	9	what these [environmental] activists don’t realise is that they exist within the economy
[and]	10	if our economy tanks, then so will their [environmental activists’] livelihoods
[<so>]	11	They’ll [environmental activists] find it much harder to afford their organic cotton bags and Keep Cups if that [the economy tanking] happens

Diagram:



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<which in turn>	6	[overseas aid enabling bad governments] perpetuates the failed economic policies that created the problem in the first place
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<so>	8	we [New Zealand] should put our own house in order before spending on other countries

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