

Ecofeminist crusader: What makes anti-GMO activist Vandana Shiva tick?

There is no figure in the anti-GMO movement that commands more respect than Vandana Shiva. An Indian writer and activist, Shiva has placed herself at the center of the anti-GMO movement through her relentless opposition to biotechnology and her willingness to theorize the objectives of the anti-GMO movement into a broader vision of society. Shiva ... views her opposition to biotechnology as the linchpin cause in this great green revolution.

Despite her popularity as a speaker, there are very few analyses of Vandana Shiva's own eco-philosophy. In order to better understand ... I decided to read her book *Staying Alive: Women, Ecology and Development*. It is ... considered a serious statement on her "ecofeminist" ideals. ...I was shocked at both the content and the scholarship. It was full of fallacies and creative interpretations of history.... Most surprising though ... it became evident that Shiva's "ecofeminism" is a profoundly conservative, if not reactionary, ideology. ...[S]he is a vicious opponent of modernism, suspicious of enlightened humanism, a wily eco-mystic who has more in common with religious fanatics than the progressive activists who are her main audience.

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