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The Climate Catastrophe: Hard Realities of a Potentially Life Ending Occurrence ("LEO")

Are Humans Already "Game Over?" Are Humans Too Stupid to Survive?

Can Humans Adapt and Change Behavior to Survive? What Must Humans Do to Prevent Going Silently Into the Night?

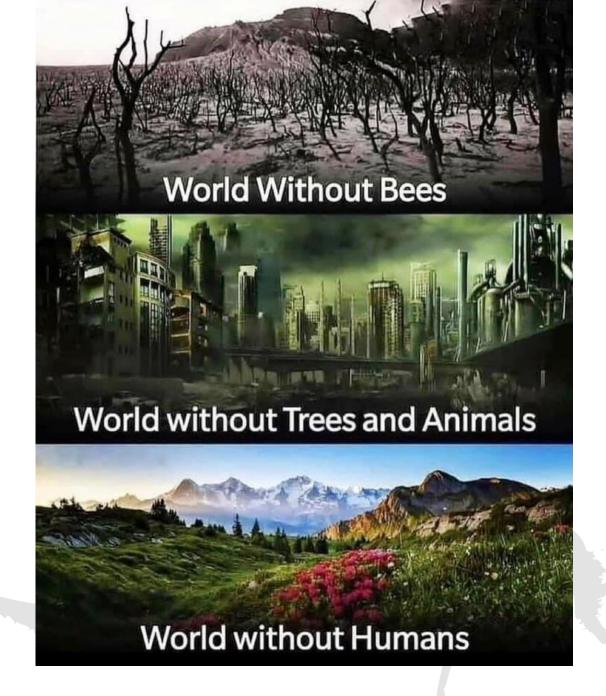
Achieving "R/R": Accumulated GHG/Heat Must be Removed and New GHG/Heat Must be Reduced ("R/R")

Are You Part of the Problem or Are You Part of the Solution?

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Preface

- The fossil fuel industry with the support of Governments and the financial industry (banks, institutional investors, insurance companies)("Cooperators") are financing the Climate Catastrophe (the extermination of everyone and everything on the planet) by:
 - Governments: Deploying massive fossil fuel subsidies (USD 13 million/minute, USD 7 trillion/yr)
 - Finance Industry: Financing (lending, investing, insuring) the use of fossil fuels and massive carbon emissions from fossil energy generation (See W) and emissions from industrial, buildings, transport, agriculture sectors and businesses and supply chains (See X)
- This financial support is a direct assault on the existence of humans and all living things on the planet (See: <u>The</u> <u>2024 State of the Climate Report: Perilous Times on Planet Earth</u>)
- The fossil fuel industry and their cooperators use an "illusion of solutions" (See Slide 13) to distract, delay and obstruct climate solutions.
- Humanity is not approaching a Climate Catastrophe. Humanity is in it. We, as a species, must act immediately and decisively to save all life on earth and future generations
- Everyone you know and your entire family, including your children, grandchildren, brothers and sisters and is facing climate death. Humanity will be extinct. Fact.
- The fossil fuel industry and their Cooperators are causing the death of all living things and future generations
- How has humanity allowed this madness to continue for the last 80 years? Are you going to do anything to change the end of humanity?
- Are you part of the problem or will you be part of the solution?
- Are you going to let the children and future generation down?

Executive Summary

- Humanity believes it is safe from the Climate Catastrophe if it:
 - (1) completes Energy Transition (replacing fossil fuels with zero-carbon energy), and
 - (2) achieves Decarbonization/Net-Zero (using zero-carbon energy sources, not fossil fuels to power industry, transport, buildings and infrastructure).
- Fossil fuel companies and their Cooperators (Governments, Financiers, Industry, Media) have pushed this comforting but false narrative to humanity for decades. Thus, many mistakenly believe this the reality (See: illusion of Solutions slide 11).
- The Hard Reality: Humanity is wrong. Humanity is not safe from the Climate Catastrophe. Even after achieving (1) Energy Transition, and (2) Decarbonization/Net-Zero, the planet keeps warming due to accumulated GHG/Heat in the atmosphere. With GHG accumulating in the atmosphere, the Earth's ability to cool is reducing.
- The first law of thermodynamics states that energy cannot be created or destroyed, but can only be converted from one form to another. When the Earth absorbs energy from the sun or from humanity's global warming activities, it must either store this energy or release it back into space in the form of heat. GHG prevents heat from escaping to the atmosphere and therefore the planet continues to get hotter. There is no GHG/Heat loss nor any planetary cooling
- The second law of thermodynamics states that entropy, always increases over time. In the context of the Earth's climate system, this means that energy flows from hotter to cooler regions, excess heat negatively impacts earth's ecological systems (Oceans, Atmosphere, Forests, Glaciers, Etc.) and accelerates carbon looping and tipping points.
- No one is talking about how to cool the planet. No one is working to cool the planet.
- Humanity's spotlight must be laser focused on deploying mass global solutions to Remove accumulated GHG/Heat and Reduce new GHG/Heat ("R/R"). This is the only criteria that matters for humanity's survival to cool the earth's temperature. Why is no one thinking of cooling?
- The impact of GHG/Heat in the atmosphere is cumulative and has been increasing since the Industrial Revolution.
- From 2020-2023 the planet has been heating at a rate of 11 Hiroshima bombs/second or 660 Hiroshima bombs/minute.
- Humanity has already entered a period of Climate Overshoot (Period of time when warming increases past 1.5°c)
- Another important Hard Reality: excluded from the Net-Zero model are (i) carbon looping (e.g. permafrost methane release), (ii) tipping points (e.g. AMOC collapse), (iii) carbon bombs (e.g. continued and expanded, additional massive fossil fuel use) and (iv) perpetual wars which are contributing to more GHG/Heat that all continue to warm the planet.
- Anything other than "R/R" of GHG/Heat and cooling the planet is a distraction and does not contribute to humanity's survival (See: illusion of Solutions).
- Despite decades of global warming discussions and climate pledges by all nations (<u>more than 80% of countries have failed to submit pledges</u>), nathing has been implemented to cause "R/R" of GHG/Heat and cooling the planet, the only criteria that matters for humanity's survival.

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- R/R of GHG/heat and cooling will require the combined effort of governments, industry, universities, experts, new technologies, financial industry, professors, NGOs and nations to use their prowess, political will, industrial, scientific and financial resources to implement scalable, commercial and industrial solutions to save humanity/life on earth and the world.
- In order for Humanity to be safe it must successfully go from W to X to Y and then to Z:



 "W" Achieve Energy Transition : requires replacing all fossil fuel energy sources with zero-carbon sources (~5,172GW)



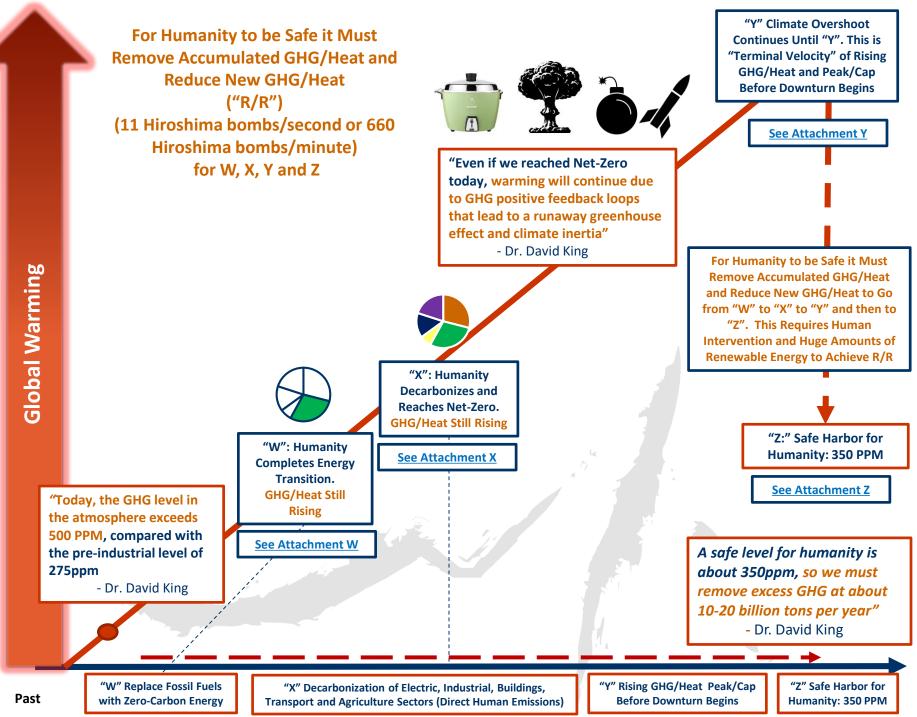
 "X" Achieve Decarbonization and Net-Zero: requires using zero-carbon energy instead of fossil fuels to power industry, transport, building and agriculture sectors (~16,500GW)



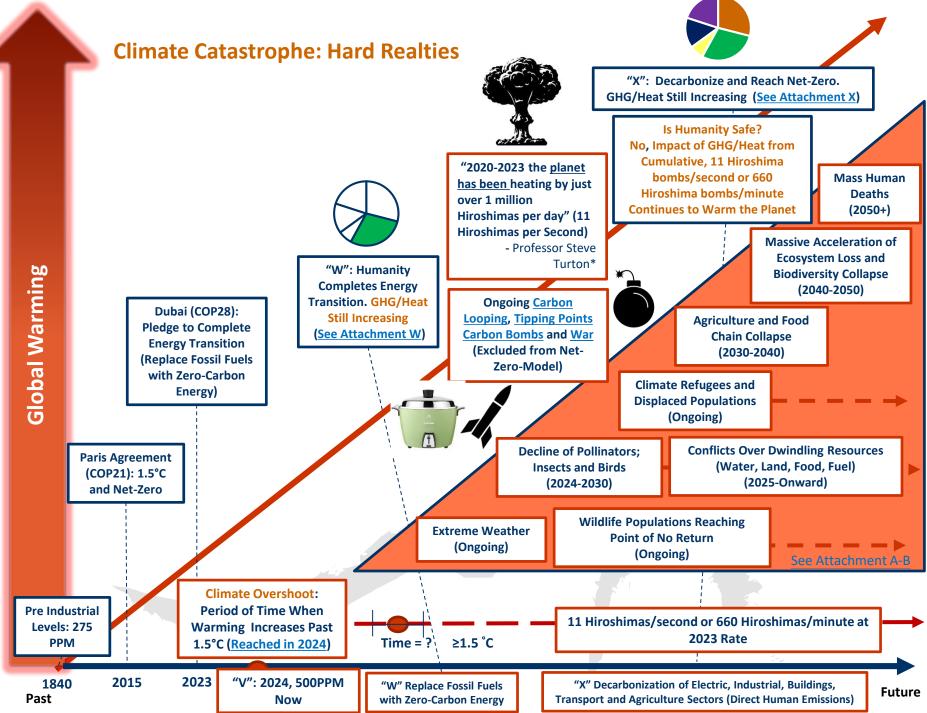
- "Y" Cap, peak and turndown of GHG/Heat: For humanity to be safe it must Remove accumulated GHG/Heat and Reduce new GHG/Heat ("R/R") that has been increasing at a rate of 11 Hiroshima bombs/second or 660 Hiroshima bombs/minute or 365 million Hiroshimas/year due to (i) carbon looping, (ii) tipping points, (iii) carbon bombs and (iv) war. <u>Requires massive unknown amounts of zero carbon energy.</u>
- "Z" Safe Harbor: Humanity implements massive geoengineering and R/R solutions. This requires human intervention, new technologies to deliver GHG/heat reduction/removal and additional <u>massive unknown amounts of zero-carbon energy</u>. Requires possibly 10x more energy than that needed to reach W and X (~216,720GW) or more. We will need climate scientist and experts to calculate this.

Executive Summary

- At the current (2023) rate of zero-carbon energy production 3,720GW (1.4% growth per year), Humanity:
 - Achieves Energy Transition (W) in 63 years (2086)
 - Achieves Decarbonization/Net-Zero (X) in 122 years (2145)
 - Achieves Y and Z in 294 years (2317)
- Humanity is experiencing mass die-offs in 26 years (2050) if it continues business as usual
- Humanity is catastrophically behind in deploying zero-carbon energy in order to reach safe harbor. To illustrate:
 - To achieve Energy Transition in 1 year humanity must increase zero-carbon energy production by **100x**
 - To achieve Decarbonization/Net-Zero in 1 year, Humanity must increase zero-carbon energy production by **174x**
 - To reach Y and Z in 1 year, Humanity must increase zero-carbon energy production by 4027x
- To save humanity, the production rate of zero-carbon energy must be massively accelerated
- Societies/leaders must cause Governments and the finance industry (banks, investors, insurers) to allocate all subsidies and financing towards the development and deployment of zero-carbon energy instead of fossil fuels
- Using 1GW Small Modular Reactors ("SMRs") to illustrate the zero-carbon electricity needed to save Humanity*
 - Energy Transition: 5,172 x 1GW zero-carbon energy (SMRs)
 - Decarbonization/Net-Zero: 16,500 x 1GW zero-carbon energy (SMRs)
 - Reach Y and Z: 216,720 x 1GW zero-carbon energy (SMRs)



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Climate Catastrophe: Hard Realties

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"X": Humanity Decarbonizes and Reaches Net-Zero

Politicians and Mainstream Media Have Inaccurately Implied that Reaching Net-Zero Means Humanity Is Safe. How Can Humanity be Safe? This Makes No logical Sense. The World Has Not Cooled Down

Unfortunate Reality: Humanity is Not Safe Impact of GHG/Heat from Cumulative, Past 11 Hiroshima bombs/second or 660 Hiroshima bombs/minute Continues to Warm the Planet. There Has Been No Reduction/Removal of GHG/Heat

Humanity Needs to Reduce/Remove GHG/Heat from Before and After Reaching Net Zero. Humanity is Still in Danger

In Fact, the Planet Has Not Yet Reached "Terminal Velocity" of GHG/Heat Increase. (i) Carbon Looping, (ii) Tipping Points, (iii) Carbon Bombs and (iv) War Excluded from Net-Zero Model (Triggered by Indirect Human Activity and Degrading Ecological Systems) [Orange Triangle on Previous Slide] Cause more GHG/Heat Which Continues to Warm the Planet, Including:

• 7 of the 8 Planetary Ecological Systems Have Passed Tipping Points (See Attachment A-B)

- Massive Methane Release from Permafrost Melt
- Fertile Soil and Agriculture Disappearing
- AMOC Collapse
- Ocean Current Collapse
- Coral Reef Die-off
- Habitat Destruction
- Rainforest Destruction
- Freshwater Scarcity
- Desertification
- 6th Mass Extinction



Trapped GHG Emissions From Both Before and After Net-Zero Prevents Heat From Escaping the Atmosphere and Continues to Heat it ≥ 11 Hiroshima bombs/second or 660 Hiroshima bombs/minute GHG/Heat and Climate Overshoot Continues and GHG/Heat Continue to Rise Until We Reach "Y". This is "Terminal Velocity" of Rising GHG/Heat and Peak/Cap Before Downturn Begins. This Downturn/Slowdown of "Terminal Velocity" will Not Happen Naturally.

Is Humanity Safe? No, GHG/Heat Continue to Warm the Planet. GHG/Heat Must be Reduced/Removed from the Atmosphere to Reach Safe Harbor "Z".

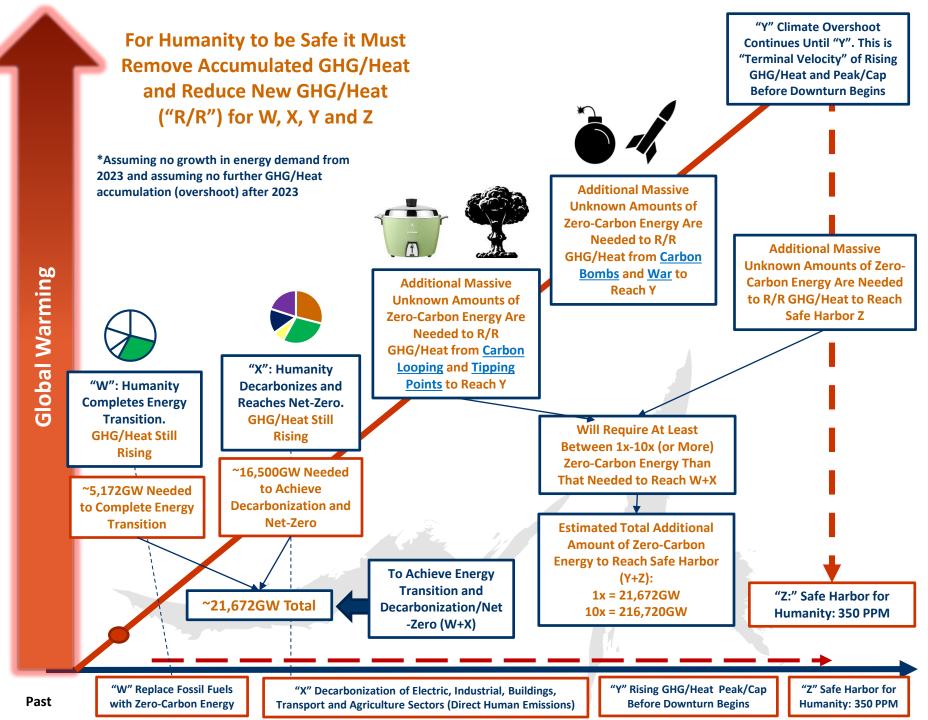
GHG and Heat Must be Removed from the Atmosphere to Get from "X" to "Y" to "Z". This Requires Human Intervention and Mass Amounts of Zero-Carbon Energy to Deliver GHG/Heat Reduction/Removal to Get to "Z"

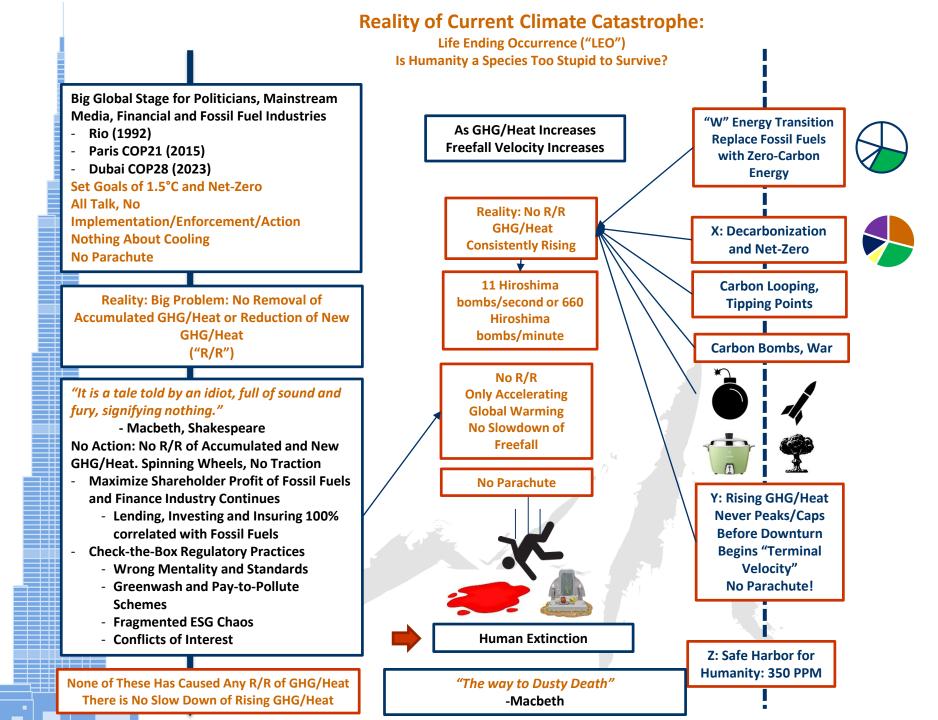
> "Z:" Safe Harbor for Humanity: 350 PPM

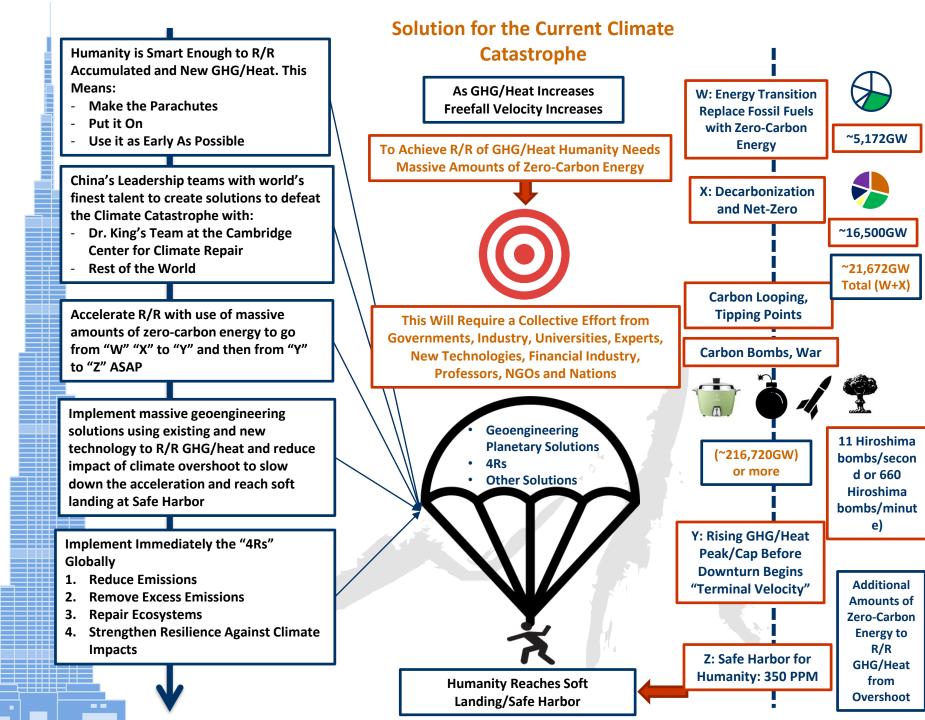
Climate Overshoot: The longer the Overshoot, the more heat and GHG accumulates and the planet cooks. GHG/Heat must be removed to reach safe harbor (350PPM) "Z"

"X" Decarbonization of Electric, Industrial, Buildings, Transport and Agriculture Sectors (Direct Human Emissions) "Y" Rising GHG/Heat Peak/Cap Before Downturn Begins "Z:" Safe Harbor for Future Humanity: 350 PPM

Past







"Illusion of Solutions*: Pay-to-Pollute"

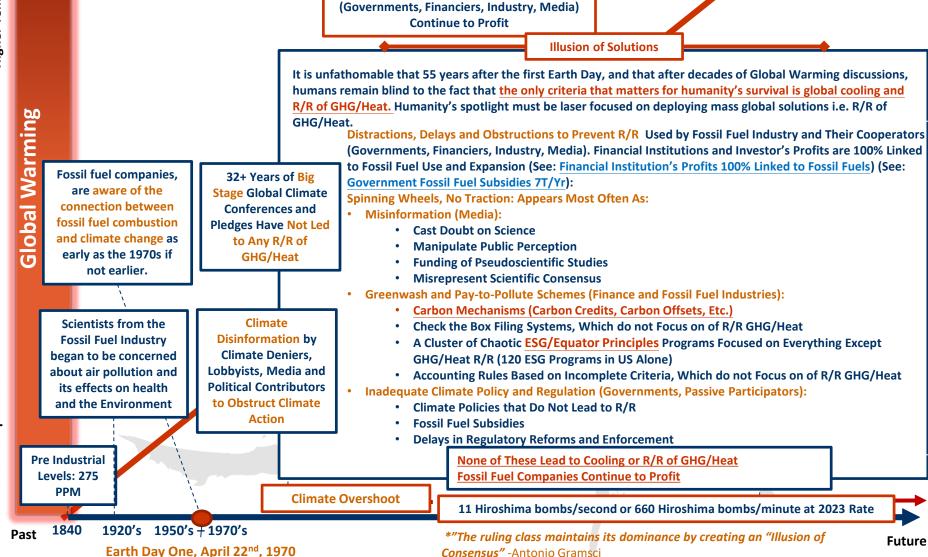
Removing Accumulated GHG/Heat and Reducing New GHG/Heat ("R/R") Is the Only

Criteria that Matters for Humanity's Survival

Anything Other Than R/R" of GHG/Heat and

Cooling the Planet is a Distraction, So Fossil Fuel Industry and Their Cooperators

Fossil Fuels Industry Uses the Same Tactics the Tobacco Industry Used to Deny that Smoking Causes Cancer "When others asked the truth of me, I was convinced it was not the truth they wanted, but an illusion they could bear to live with." - Anais Nin, French-American Essayist



<u>Humanity has less than a five-year window</u> to take decisive action on climate change...<u>We must realign our political will, economic priorities and societal</u> <u>values</u>...We are a part of the natural world and depend on it...we are facing a selfinflicted set of global challenges, <u>the need for such a cultural transformation will</u> <u>drive action. This process must begin now."</u>

- Sir David King, Former UK Chief Scientist, Advisor to Prime Ministers Blair and Brown



"On average over the last 3 years, the planet has been heating by just over 1 million Hiroshimas per day. (<u>11 Hiroshimas per second</u>)"

- Steve Turton, Central Queensland University Australia, Environmental Geography, Adjunct Professor

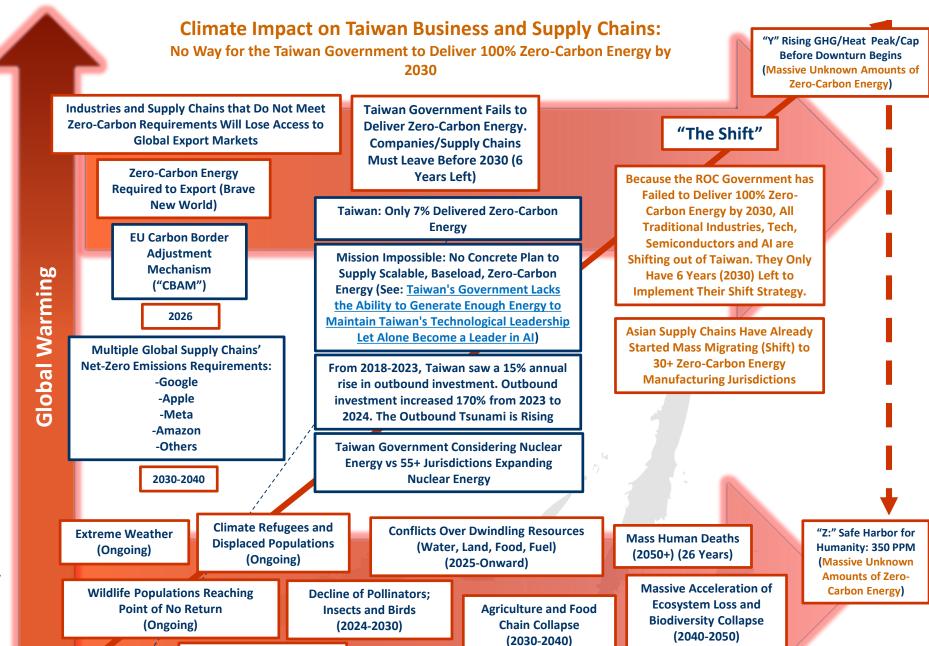
"The temperature rise we found is much larger than the <u>2.3 to 4.5°C</u> that the UN IPCC, has been estimating...A doubling of the amount of CO2 in the atmosphere could cause an increase in the average temperature... from <u>7°C</u> to even a <u>maximum of 14°C degrees."</u>

 Royal Netherlands Institute for Sea Research (Dutch Government Research Institute with over 200 Scientists and Researchers) Nature Communications Magazine, June 2024

"This will be greater than anything we have ever seen in the past [10,000 years of human civilization]... <u>Every living thing will be affected</u>...<u>we will not have</u> <u>anything left that we value</u>, if we do not address the climate crisis." - Katherine Hayhoe, Nature Conservancy, Chief Scientist

"2/3 of the world's population is under an effective death sentence due to climate change"

- Dr. Deborah Brosnan, Virginia Tech University, Adjunct Professor of Biology



Climate Overshoot: Period of Time When Warming Increases Past

1.5°C (Reached in 2024)

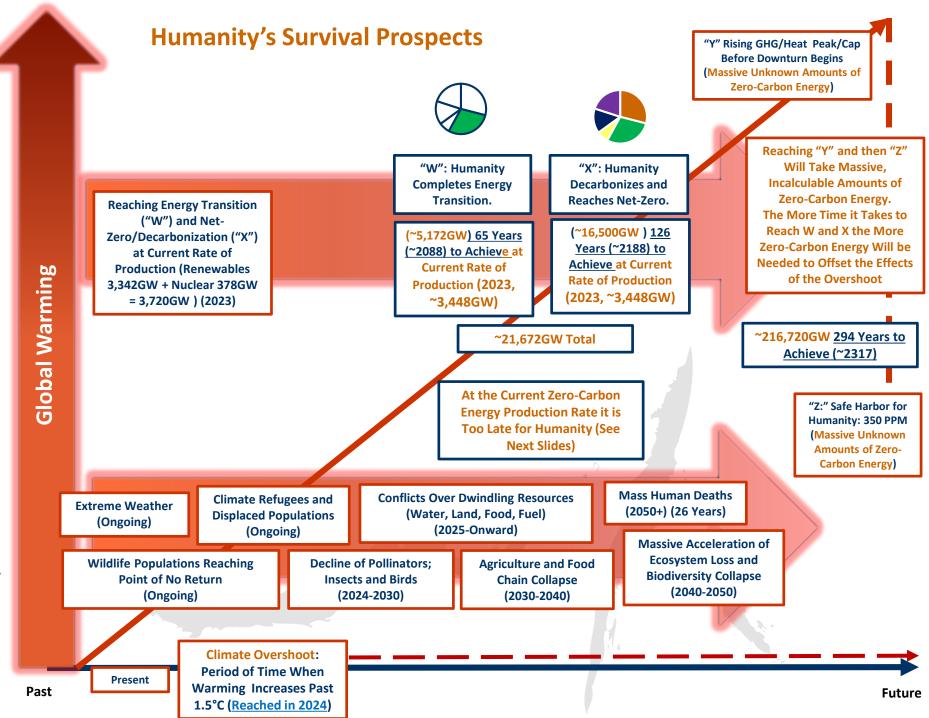
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Humanity's Survival Prospects: Humanity Must Reach W, X, Y and Z to Reach Safe Harbor								
Zero-Carbon Energy Rate of Production*		Years to Achieve Energy Transition (W) (Additional 5,172GW)		Years to Achieve Net- Zero/Decarbonization (X) (Additional 16,500GW)		Years to Achieve Y and Z (At Least 10x the Amount Need to Reach X+Y (216,720GW))		
Many Experts Conclude: The Consequences of the Climate Catastrophe Have Started and Will Worsen Exponentially to Catastrophic Proportions in 26 Years by 2050. Extreme Weather (Ongoing)								
Wildlife Populations Reaching Point of No Return (Ongoing)	Climate Refugees and Displaced Populations (Ongoing)	Decline of Pollinators; Insects and Birds (2024-2030)	Conflicts Over Dwindling Resources (Water, Land, Food, Fuel)Agriculture and Food Chain Collapse (2025-Onward)(2025-Onward)(2030-2040)		Massive Acceleration of Ecosystem Loss and Biodiversity Collapse (2040-2050)	Mass Human Deaths (2050+) (26 Years)		
Current (2023) Rate of Production (1.4% Growth Per Year) ¹ (Renewables 3,342GW + Nuclear 378GW = 3,720GW) ²		63 (2086)		122 (2145)		294 (2317)		
During COP28, Countries Pledged to Triple Nuclear Energy by 2050 ³ (Assume Renewables Maintain Current Rate)		52 (2075)		106 (2129)		272 (2295)		
At the Current Rate of Zero-Carbon Energy Production Humanity is Over Even if Nuclear Energy is Tripled by 2050 Humanity is Over Mass Death of Humans Starting 2050								
2x Current Rate of Production (2.8% Growth Per Year)		34 (2055)		64 (2084)		174 (2,197)		
8x Current Rate of Production (11.2% Growth Per Year)		9 (2031)		16 (2038)		38 (2061)		
An 8x Increase in Zero-Carbon Energy Will Not Save Humanity Food Chains and Agriculture Collapses by 2040 No, Animals, No Trees								
Assuming no growth in energy demand from 2023 and assuming no further GHG/Heat accumulation (overshoot) after 2023							17	

1. Global Share of Low Carbon Energy: https://ourworldindata.org/electricity-mix

2. US Energy Information Administration Global Electricity Generation: https://shorturl.at/CJbFY

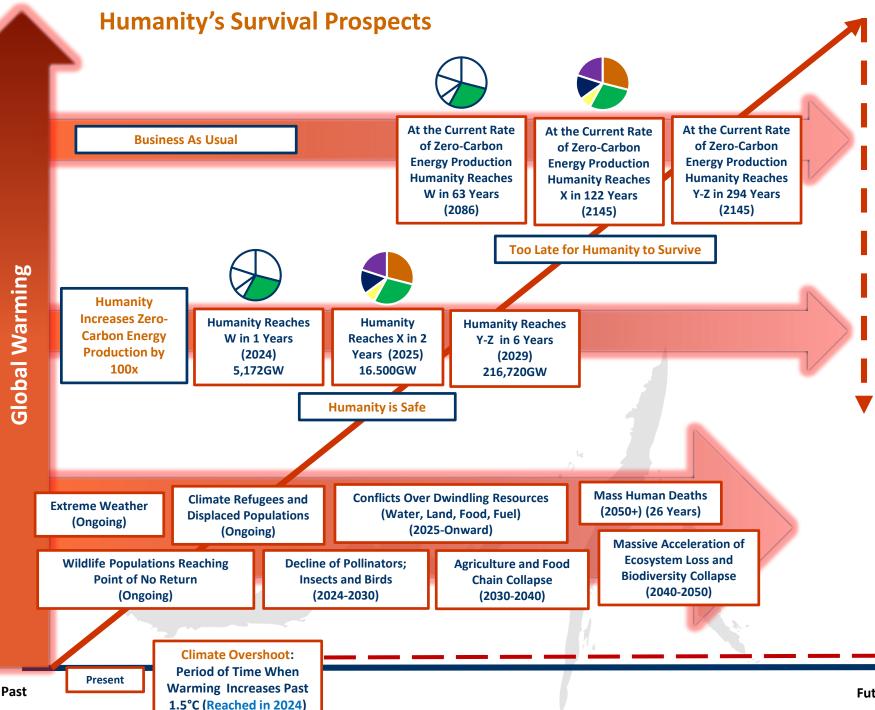
3. Countries Pledge to Triple Nuclear Energy by 2050: https://www.energy.gov/articles/cop28-countries-launch-declaration-triple-nuclear-energy-capacity-2050-recognizing-key

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10x Current Rate of Production (14% Growth Per Year)	7 (2029)	13 (2035)	30 (2053)					
Humanity is Still Not Safe. Humanity Must Reach Y and then go to Z to Survive. The More Time it Takes to reach W and X the More Zero-Carbon Energy will be Needed to Offset the Effects of Accumulated GHG/Heat Caused by Carbon Looping, Tipping Points, Carbon Bombs and War								
18x Current Rate of Production (25.2% Growth Per Year)	4 (2027)	8 (2031)	17 (2040)					
Below This Line Humanity Survives (Theoretically with Assumptions) Humanity Must Increase Zero-Carbon Energy Production by 100x and Develop and Commercialize Technology to R/R GHG/Heat in Order to Survive								
100x Current Rate of Production (140% Growth Per Year) Complete Energy Transition in 1 Year	Zero-Carbon Energy Must be Deployed at 100x the Current Rate To Reach Energy Transition in 1 Year (2024) (5,172GW)	2 (2025)	6 (2029)					
174x Current Rate of Production (243% Growth Per Year) Achieve Net-Zero/Decarbonization in 1 Year		Zero-Carbon Energy Must be Deployed at 174x the Current Rate To Achieve Net-Zero/Decarbonization in 1 Year (2024) (16,500GW)	3 (2026)					
4027x Current Rate of Production (5,637% Growth Per Year) Reach Safe Harbor in 1 Year			Zero-Carbon Energy Must be Deployed at 4027x the Current Rate To Reach Y and Z in 1 Year (2024) (216,720GW)					



Future

Humanity's Survival Prospects: Humanity Must Reach W, X, Y and Z to Reach Safe Harbor

- The Only Criteria that Matters for Humanity's Survival is the Removal and Reduction ("R/R") of GHG/Heat in the Atmosphere
 - Reduction: Completely transition from fossil fuels to zero-carbon energy and use it to power industry, transport, building and agriculture sectors (W and X)
 - Removal: Use new technologies to reduce the accumulated GHG and heat in the atmosphere from carbon looping, tipping points, carbon bombs and war to allow the planet to cool (Y and Z)
- The Production Rate of Zero-Carbon Energy Must be Massively Accelerated to Achieve R/R (See Slides 17-19)
- Achieving Removal and Reduction of GHG/Heat Must be Achieved Using the 4Rs
 - Reduce Emissions
 - Remove Excess Emissions
 - Repair Ecosystems
 - Strengthen Resilience Against Climate Impacts
- Using the 4Rs to Achieve R/R Of GHG/Heat and Cooling Will Require The Combined Effort Of Governments, Industry, Universities, Experts, New Technologies, Financial Industry, Professors, NGOs And Nations To Use Their Prowess, Political Will, Industrial, Scientific And Financial Resources To Implement Scalable, Commercial And Industrial Solutions To Save The World
- In Order to Save the Planet and All Living Beings, National Leaders Must Cause Governments, Regulators, Regulator's Implementers, Businesses (Enterprises, Supply Chains, Group Companies) and Deployers of Capital (Banks, Investors, Insurers) to Implement New Practical Systems, Standards and Tools Based on a New Value System To Change Behavior, Operations and Capital Deployment to Achieve R/R Of GHG/Heat by Using the 4Rs

Conclusion

- In order for Humanity to be safe it must successfully go from W to X to Y and then to Z
- To save humanity, the production rate of zero-carbon energy must be massively accelerated
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There is a Choice...

"Humanity has less than a five year window to take decisive action on climate change."

- Sir David Anthony King, Former UK Chief Scientist "Now is the time to mobilize, now is the time to act, now is the time to deliver. This is our moment of truth."

- Antonio Guterres, UN Secretary-General



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