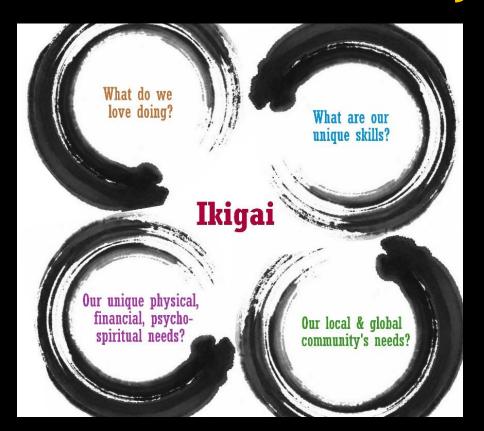
#### A discussion with Kritee (Kanko)

### Climate crisis and role of youth



Dr. Kritee (Kanko)

Website boundlessinmotion.org
Twitter @KriteeKanko

### **Gratitude** practice

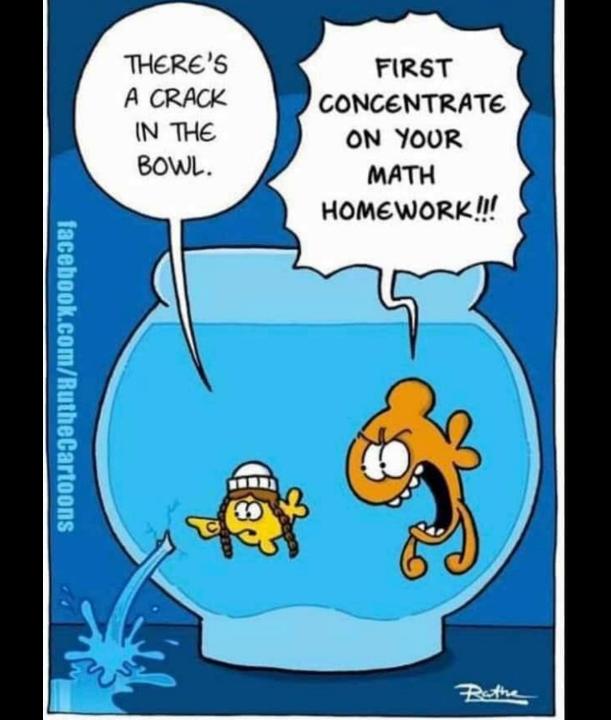
How was your week? What are you grateful for?

### Interactive question

What do you know about global climate change?

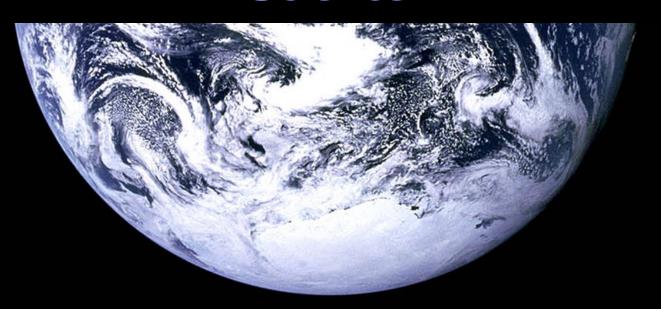
OR

How has climate change impacted Thailand so far?





### Science



#### What ultimately makes all life possible?

Thin inter-connected layers

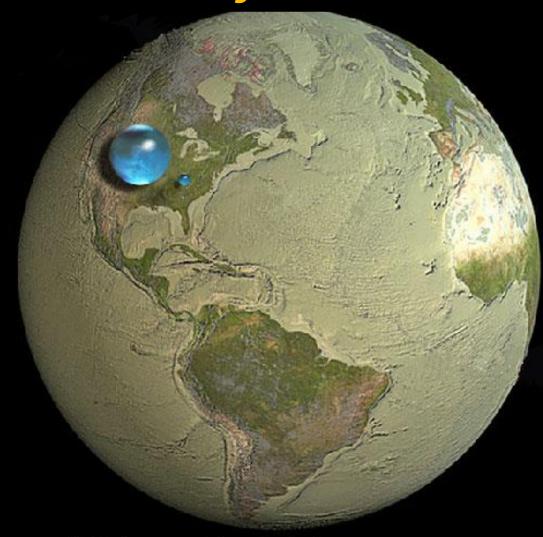
**Freshwater 50-100 miles sphere** 



Topsoil: 2-8 inches



**Atmosphere: 20 miles** 

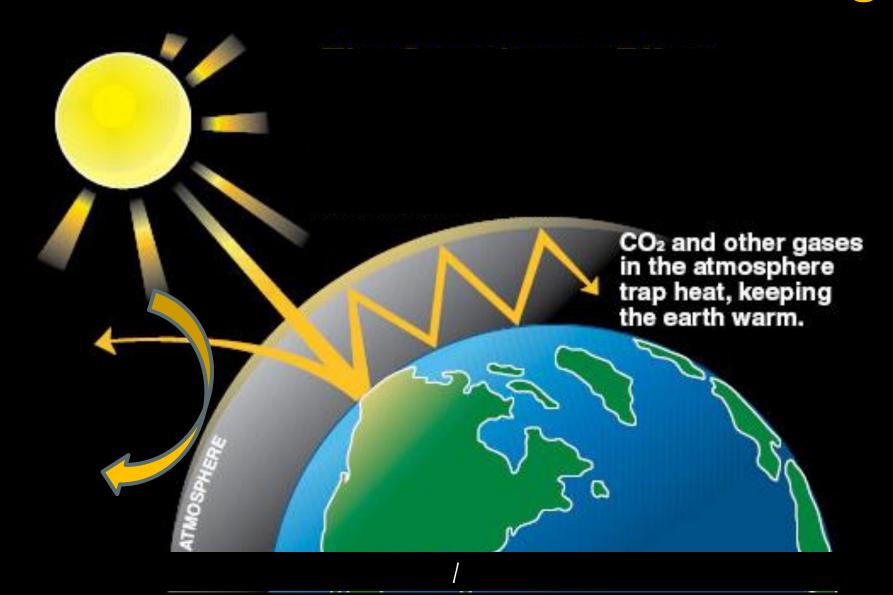


Water in, on, and above the Earth



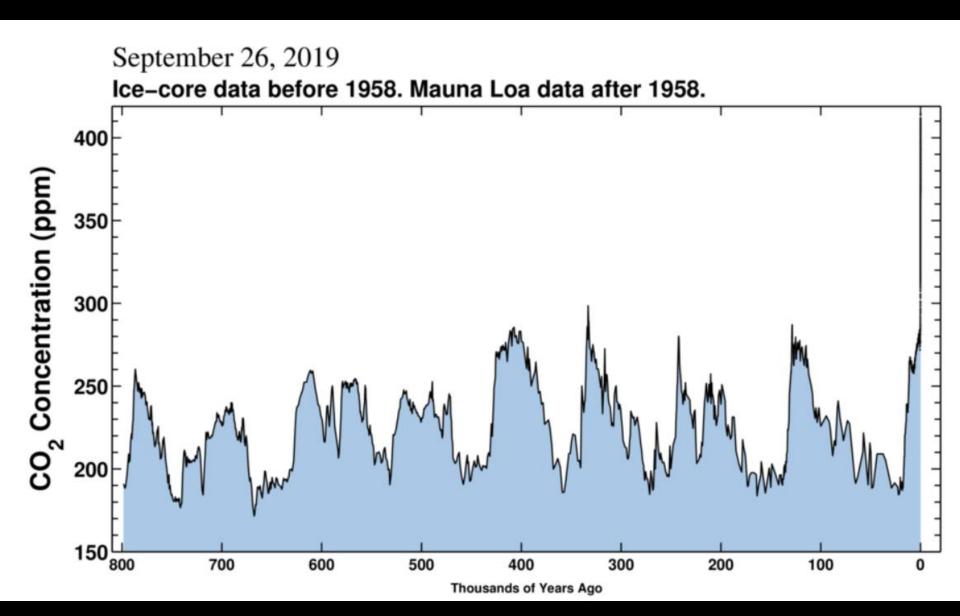
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# Basic Law of physics Greenhouse effect and climate forcings

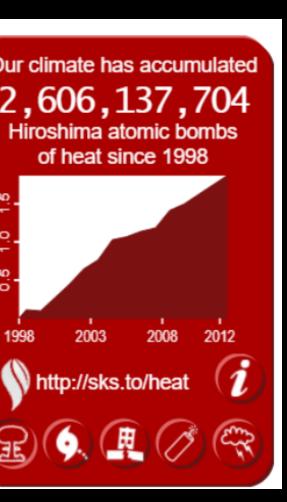


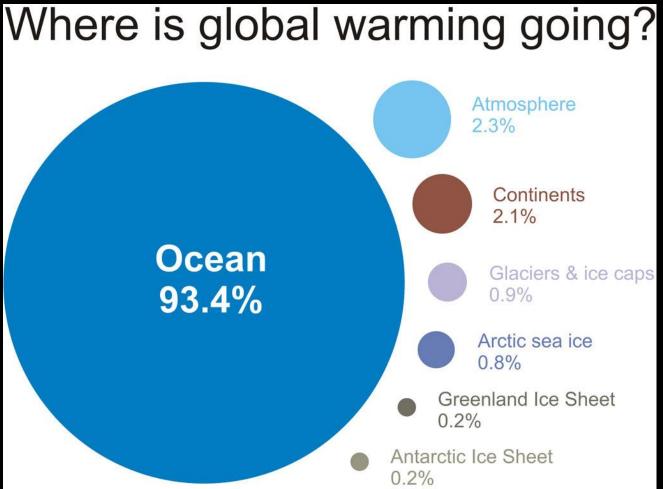
#### Our planet's atmosphere's EKG

180-280 ppm circle & the 400 ppm tangent



#### Heat = 4 atomic bombs per second



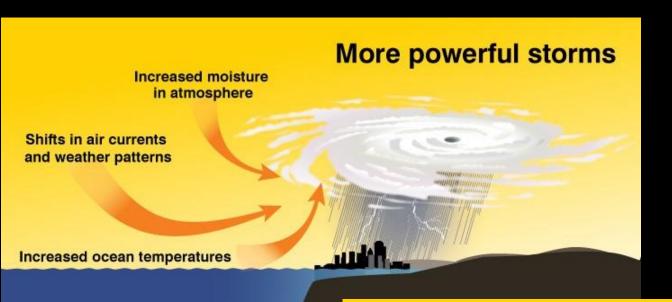


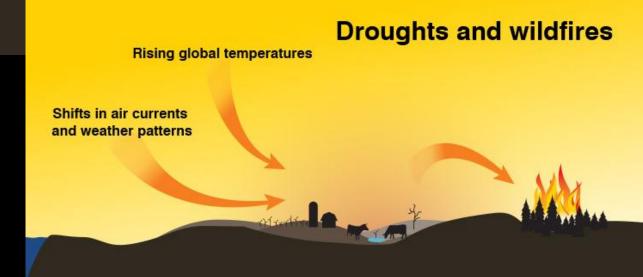
### **Temperature**

Heat + Drought +
Fires



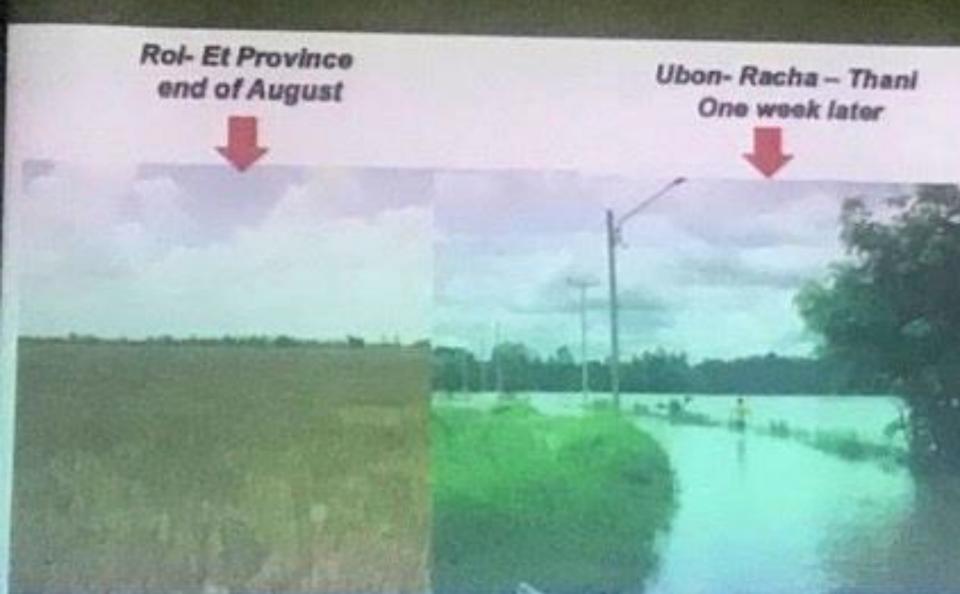
# Indirect result Weather on steroids







## Lost & Damage in 2019





#### CLIMATE RISKS: 1.5°C VS 2°C GLOBAL WARMING



#### **EXTREME WEATHER**

100% increase in flood risk.

170% increase in flood risk.

#### **SPECIES**

6% of insects, 8% of plants and 4% of vertebrates will be affected.

18% of insects, 16% of plants and 8% of vertebrates will be affected.

×

#### WATER AVAILABILITY

350 million urban residents exposed to severe drought by 2100.

410 million urban residents exposed to severe drought by 2100.

#### **PEOPLE**

9% of the world's population (700 million people) will be exposed to extreme heat waves at least once every 20 years.

28% of the world's population (2 billion people) will be exposed to extreme heat waves at least once every 20 years.

#### **SEA-LEVEL RISE**

46 million people

Ice-free summers in

the Arctic at least

once every 10

years.

**ARCTIC SEA ICE** 

Ice-free summers in

the Arctic at least

once every 100

years.

49 million people

impacted by sea-level VS rise of 48cm by 2100.

impacted by sea-level rise of 56cm by 2100.

#### **OCEANS**

Lower risks to marine biodiversity, ecosystems and their ecological functions and services at 1.5°C compared to 2°C.

#### **CORAL BLEACHING**

70% of world's lost by 2100.

Virtually all coral reefs are VS coral reefs are lost by 2100.

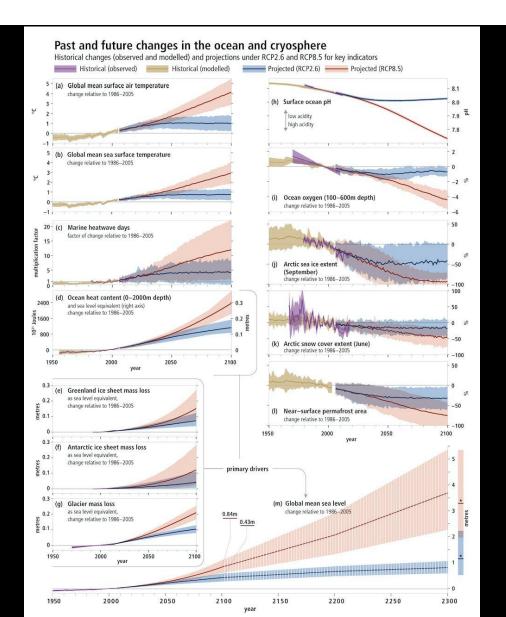
#### COSTS

Lower economic growth at 2°C than at 1.5°C for many countries, particularly low-income countries.

#### **FOOD**

Every half degree warming will consistently lead to lower yields and lower nutritional content in tropical regions.

### Recent special report on oceans



### **Soundscapes**



#### The New York Times

MATTER

#### Birds Are Vanishing From North America

The number of birds in the United States and Canada has declined by 3 billion, or 29 percent, over the past half-century, scientists find.

#### **Insects**

This article is more than 7 months old

## Plummeting insect numbers 'threaten collapse of nature'



@dpcarrington

Sun 10 Feb 2019 18.00 GMT





## IMPLICATIONS FOR BIODIVERSITY OF GLOBAL WARMING: 2°C

18% 8% 16% insects vertebrates plants

with further impacts on ecosystem function

One ice-free Arctic summer per YEARS

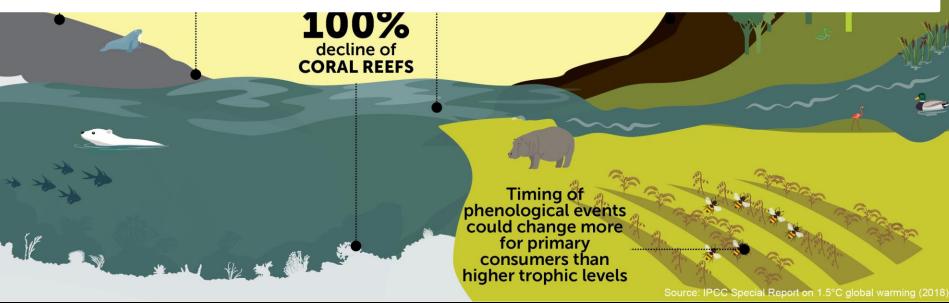
OCEAN
ACIDIFICATION
will further impact the growth, development,

ALPINE SPECIES
adaptation to warmer
temperatures limited
by mountain height
and habitability

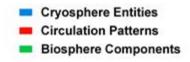


Limiting warming to arowth, developed to the control of the contro

One million plant and animal species on the verge of extinction because of us

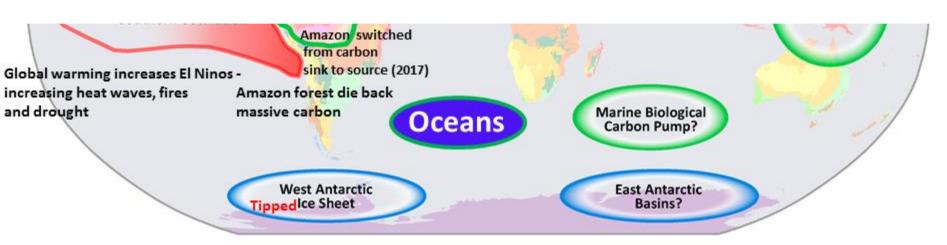


#### **Global Warming Vulnerable Tipping Points**



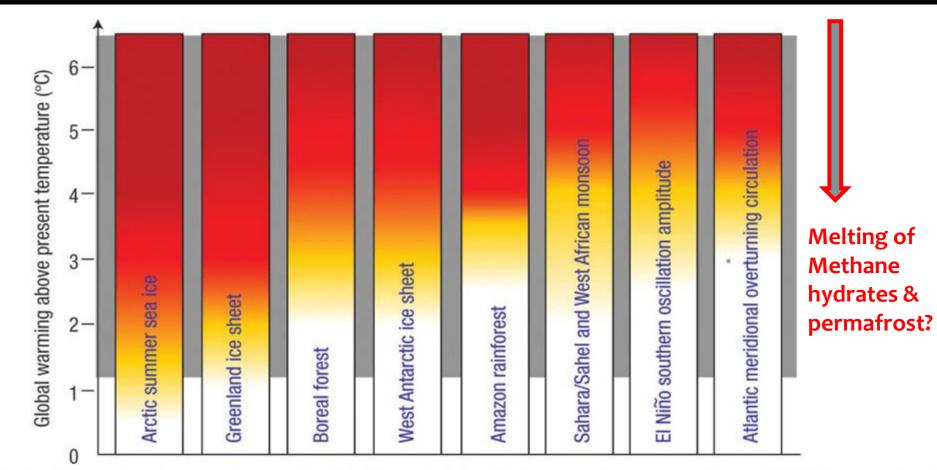


#### Lungs & heart of our biosphere are hurting



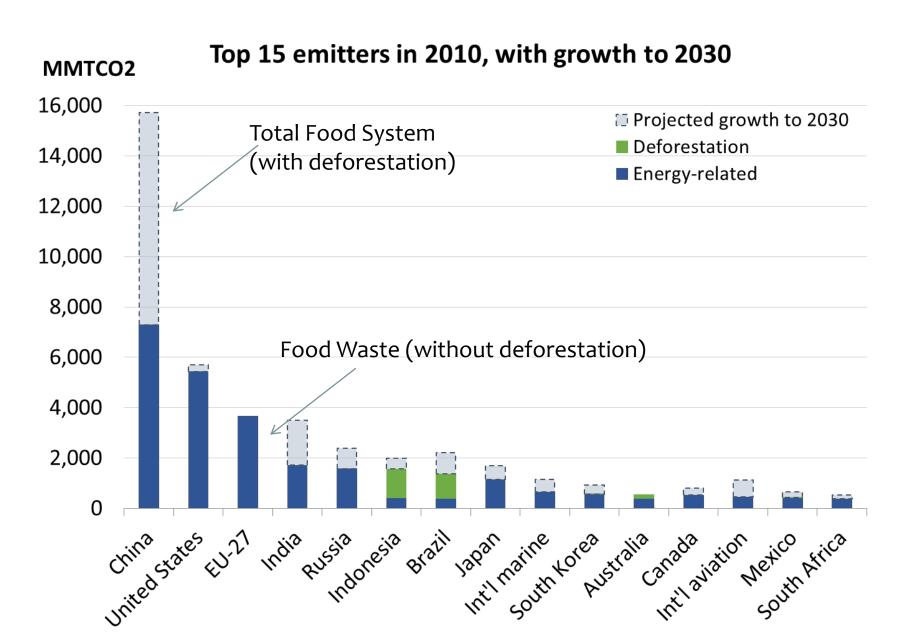
Adapted from Potsdam Climate Institute Tipping Elements the Achilles Heels of the Earth System

## Is it too late? Tipping point or tipping points?

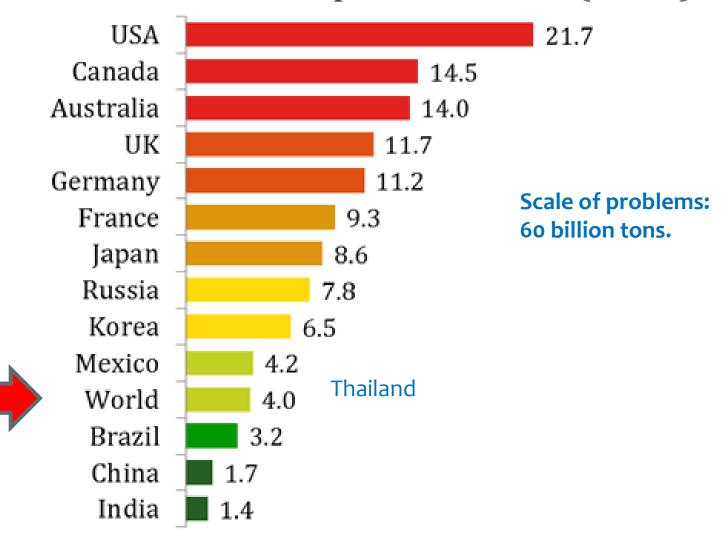


Effect of increasing temperature on Earth's life-sustaining features and processes, from a NRCC Commentary)

### What countries produce most GHGs



#### Personal Carbon Footprints: t CO2e (2001)



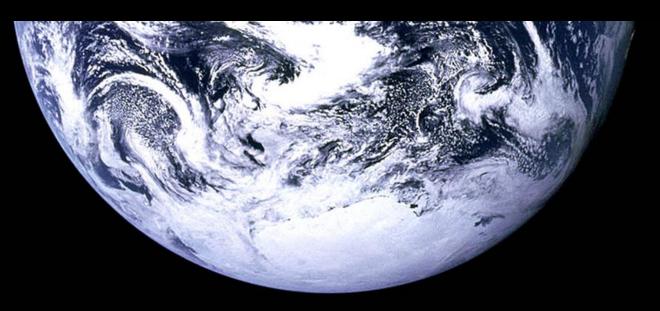
Note: The personal carbon footprint represents the combined emissions from personal consumption, inleuding housing, travel, food, product and service emissions. It excludes capital, government and land use emissions.

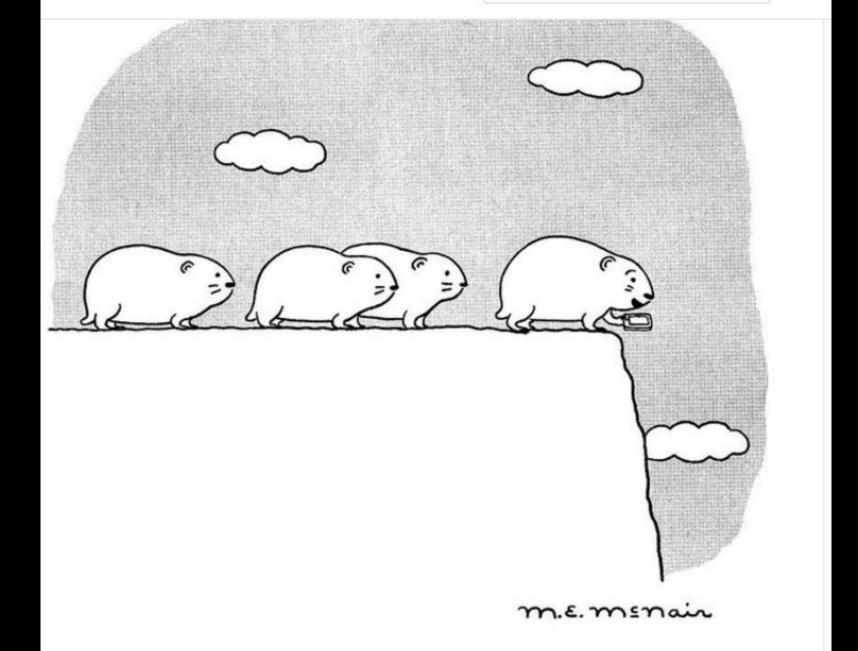
Sources: Hertwich & Peters 2009





### **Ethics**

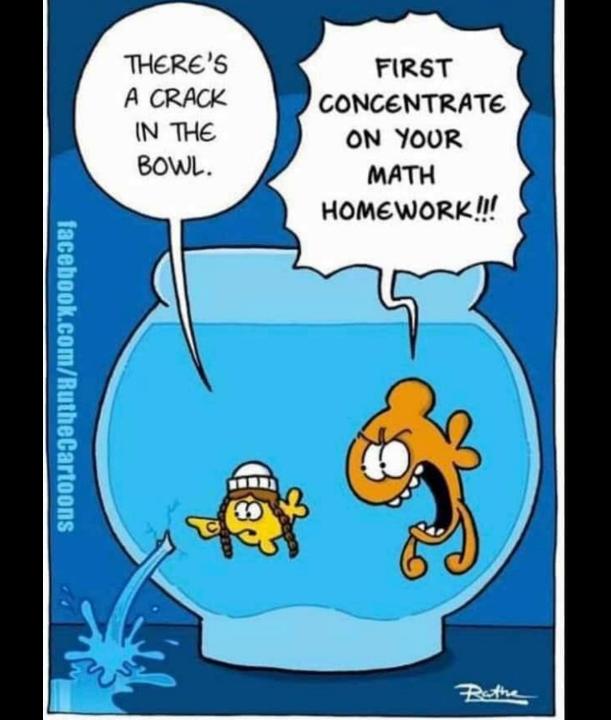




"Hey, I just got my thousandth follower!"



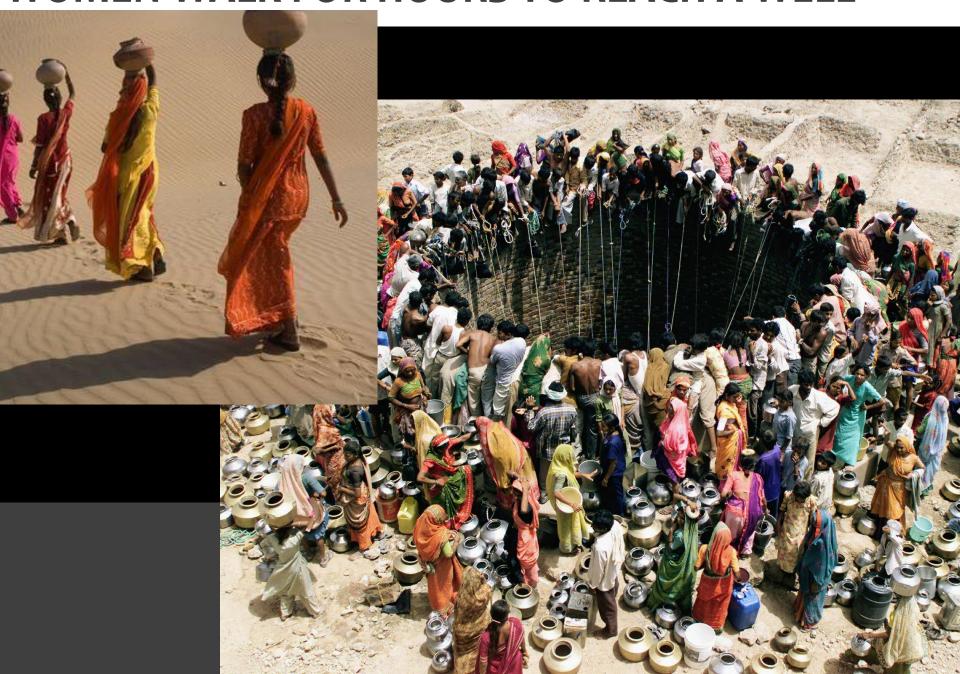




Why millennials are facing the scariest financial future of any generation since the Great Depression.

BY MICHAEL HOBBES

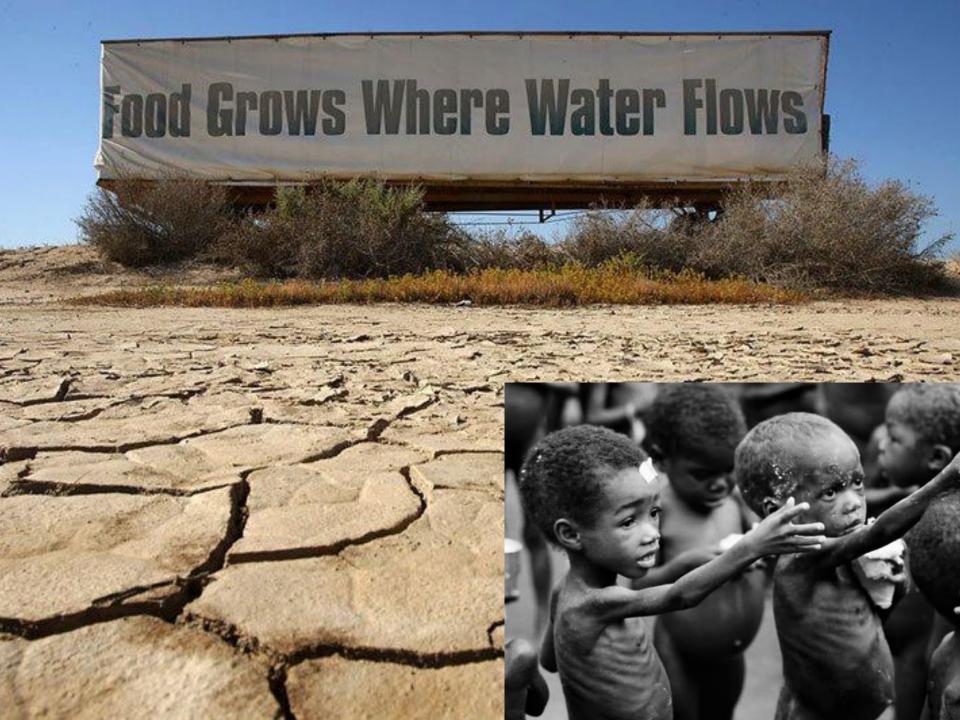
#### WOMEN WALK FOR HOURS TO REACH A WELL



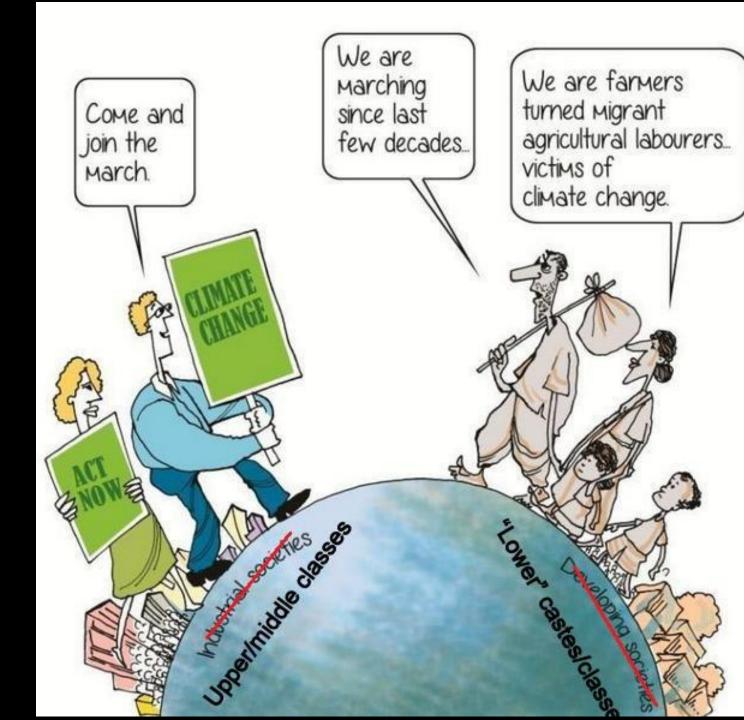
## Drought-hit sell blood to survive

Weather-weary Indian farmers resort to new cash crop -





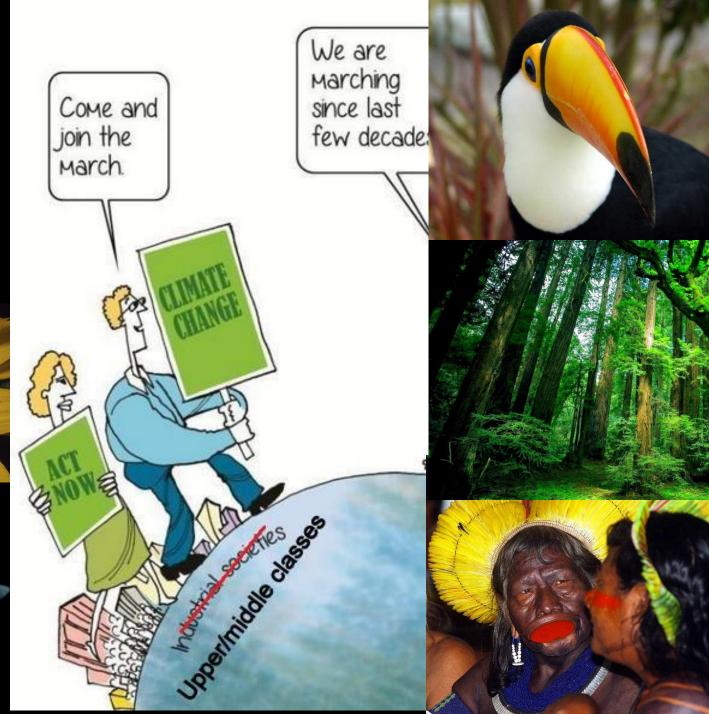
### **Justice**



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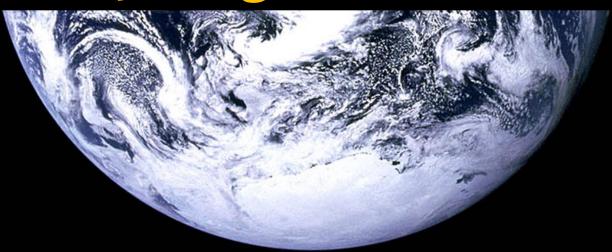


## World wildlife falls by 60% in 40 years

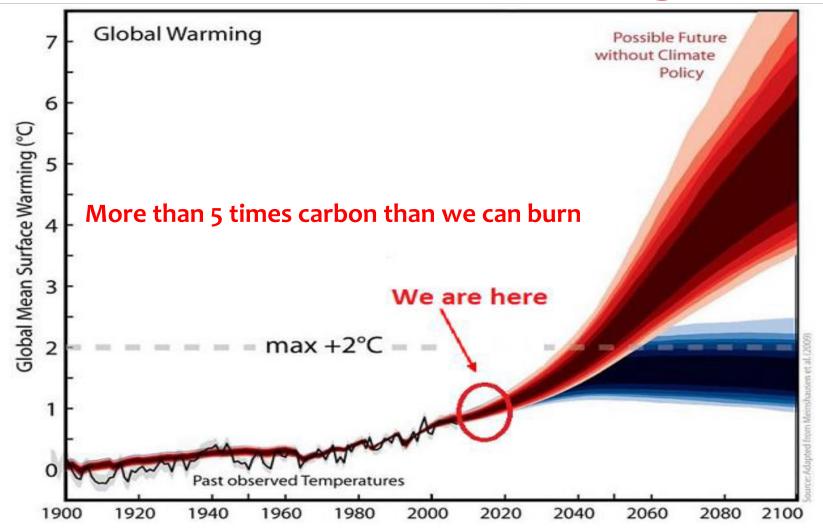




Where will we go from here?
What can young students really do?



## **Hope and Challenge**



(Figure 3: Fork in our global road: How do we get ready to take the blue, safer path?)

#### Greta's school strikes one year ago in Sweden



"Somebody's got to do it."



#### Bangkok's climate strike last week



#### **Sunrise movement**



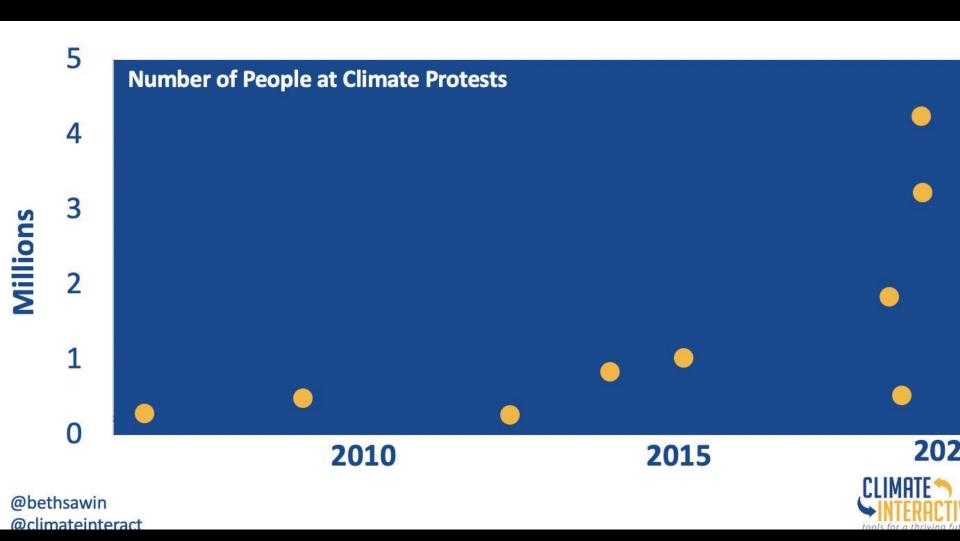


# CLIMATE STRIKE: WHEN THE WHOLE WORLD COMES TOGETHER TO SAVE THE WHOLE WORLD

#### What happened last week!

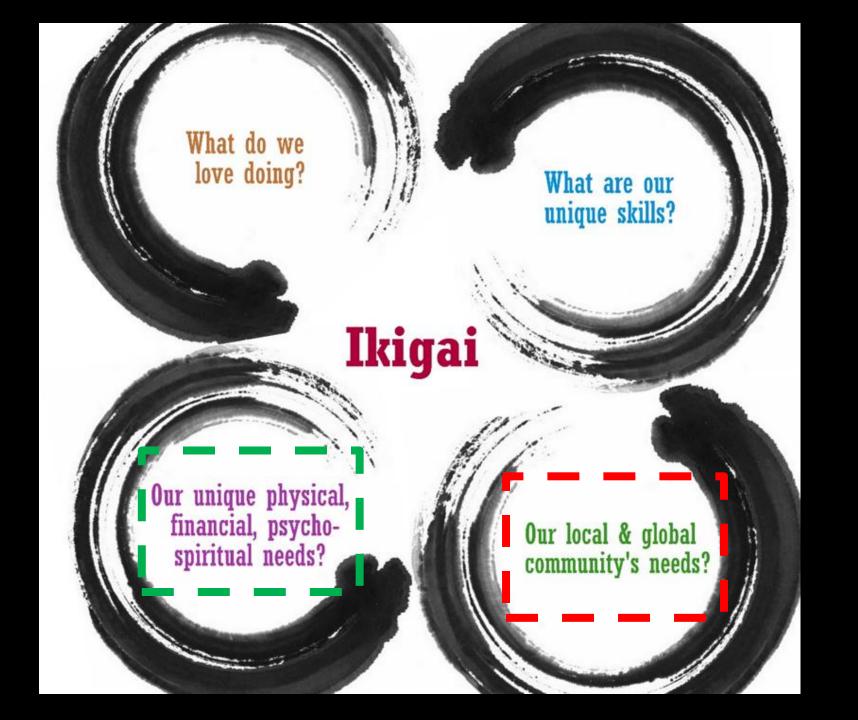
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#### Climate movement since 2005



#### Path ahead is hard

Each one of us is needed.....across religion, race nationality, age and gender.





# What problems do we face in the journey? Need ability to act in the midst of paradoxes

Unyielding when oppressed vs yielding when privileged

**Expressing grief-anger vs resilience & courage** 

Living in joy/gratitude vs distraction & complacency

Community's wisdom-resilience vs dogma-conservatism

**Urgency vs** panic

**Resignation vs patience** 

Expressing uniqueness vs being in community

## Emergence

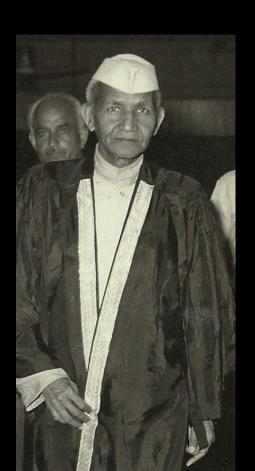
#### Murmaration of starlings



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## Nonviolence

Activism that heals....





#### Resources

Ecodharma, grief, resilience articles boundlessinmotion.org

Responses to skeptical question <u>skepticalscience.com/</u>

#### Spiritual/Buddhist responses

- Greenfaith & Interfaith Power & Light
- Joanna Macy
  - Work That Reconnects
  - Paradigm of Great Turning and our role in it

#### Solutions/advocacy

Personal <u>shrinkthatfootprint.com/</u>

Big Greens edf.org renewables100.org/ 350.org

Climate Disobedience Center

East Point Peace Academy

Jerusalem Farm

New Community Project -Vine & Fig

**Cultural Catalyst Network** 

**Evening Star Farm** 

Joyfield Farm

Possibility Alliance

# EXTRA SLIDES

#### Greta "Shame on you" video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TMrtLsQbaok

#### Greta and George Monbiot video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-QoxUXo2zEY

Nail and Hammer.



"Somebody's got to do it."

# How did we get here?

- Education: We don't know what we are spewing into our bigger body. We know cellphone models not our soils or farmers.
- Denial: Too bad but science isn't clear or technology will fix it.
- **Guilt:** We know but we feel pressure to be loved and approved and continue with lifestyles that we think our society approves.
- Anger without action: Society approves advertised lifestyles that corporations promote for their profits. It is corporate greed.
- **Hunger for approval/love**: I'm not lovable enough. Lack of genuine wise communities.
- Values: Lack of sense of oneness, connection & interdependence



# What is our psychological + spiritual need? Ability to act in the midst of paradoxes

Unyielding when oppressed vs yielding when privileged

**Expressing grief-anger vs resilience & courage** 

Things getting better and better vs worse and worse

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**Urgency vs panic** Resignation vs patience

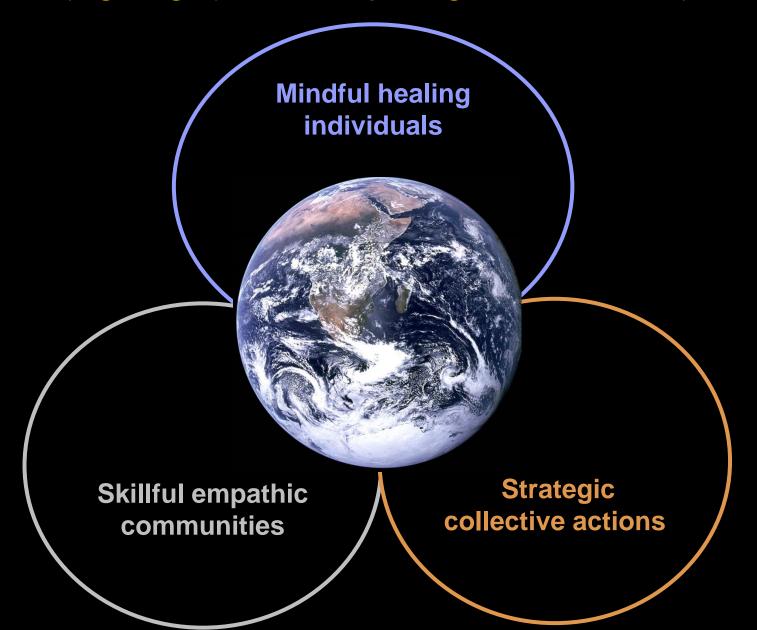
**Expressing uniqueness vs being in community** 

Being in the moment vs recognizing history/trajectory

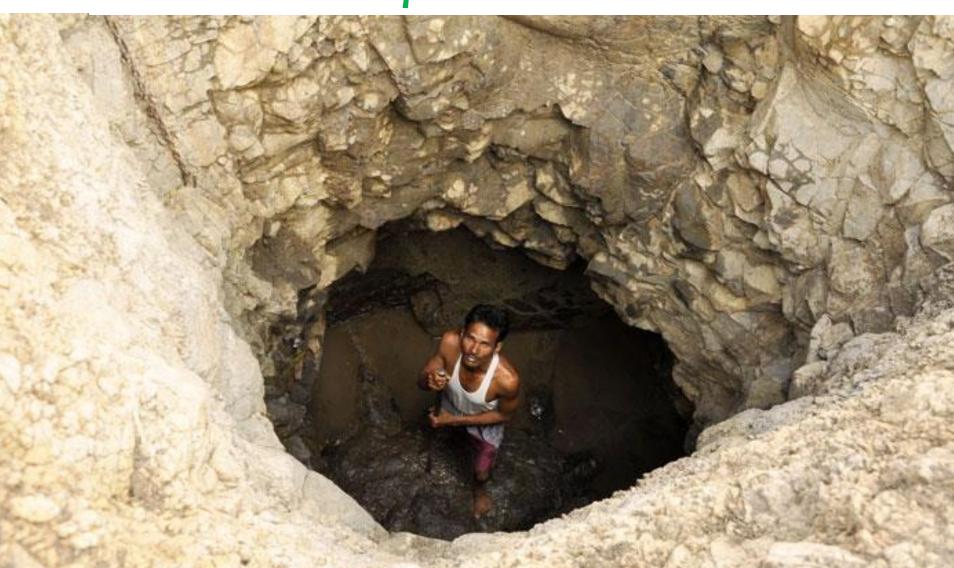
**Education vs** intellectualization

#### Psycho-spiritual basis for a path forward

(Neglecting any one of this tripod's legs is not wholesome...)

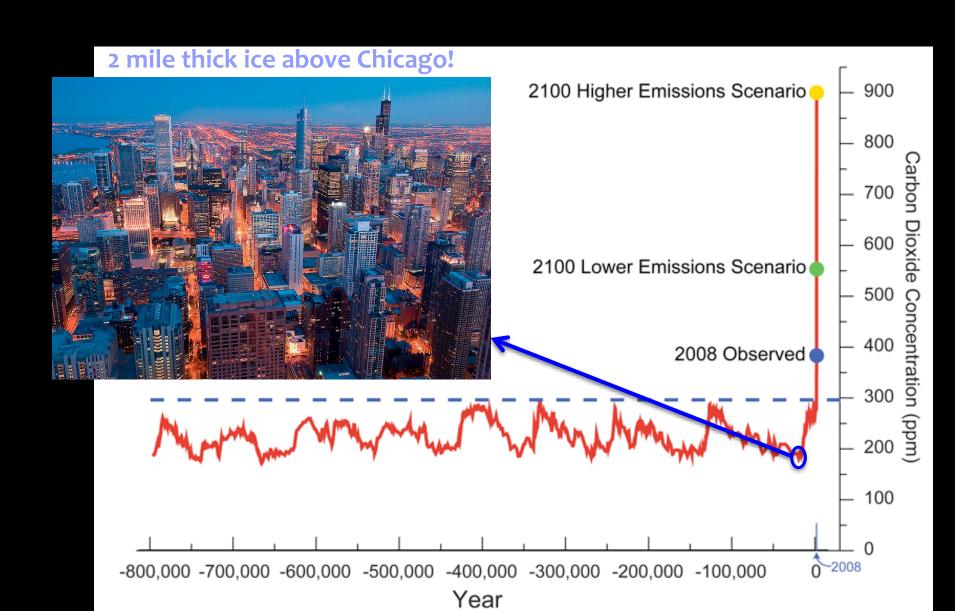


#### Dalit Man Digs Well In 40 Days After His Wife Was Caste Shamed And his well is "open to all"



#### Our planet's EKG: One hockey stick

Circle and the 400 ppm tangent

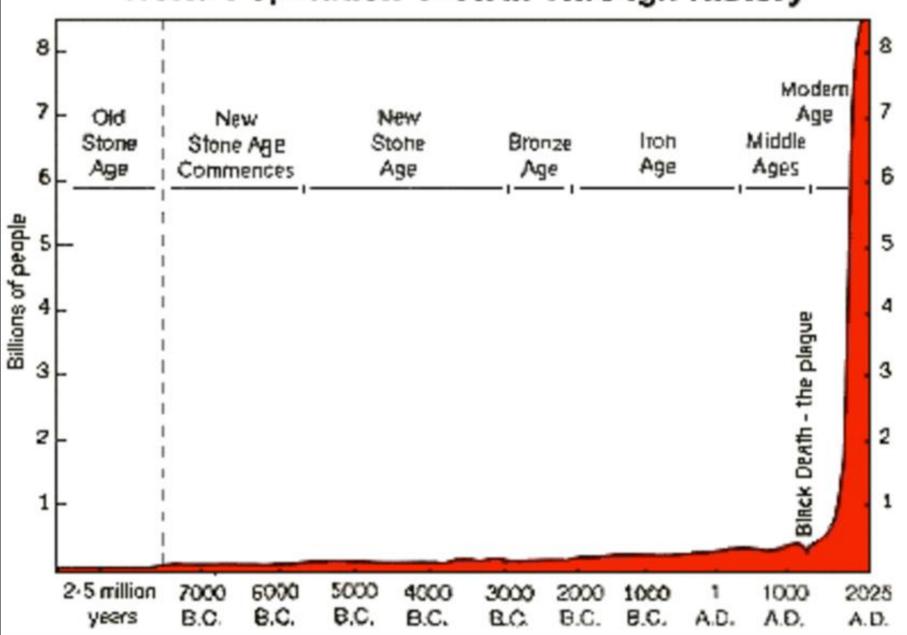




#### May 2017 Meditate-pray the frack out of Boulder



#### World Population Growth Through History



# What does the world truly need? Reforming a system vs deeply transforming all parts of life + economy?

direct action 91 Community integral uplift self transformation geared toward frontline action

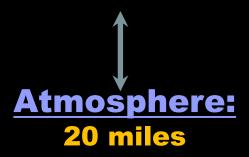
#### It isn't just about climate!

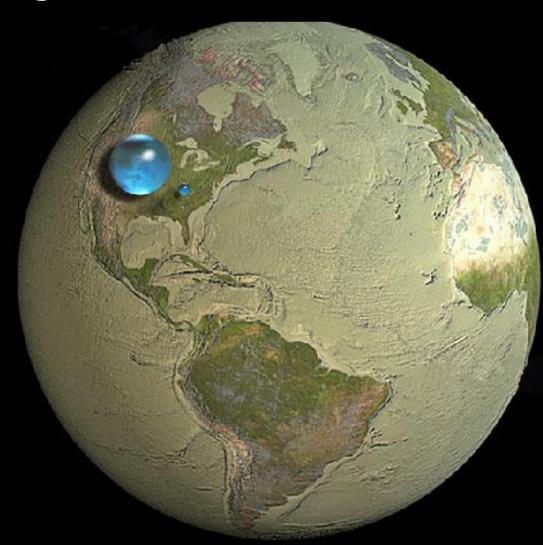
Geoengineering will not heal us!

Freshwater
50-100 miles sphere



**Topsoil:** 2-8 inches





Water in, on, and above the Earth

Liquid fresh water

Howard Perlman, USGS Jack Cook, Adam Nieman

#### Resilient mindful individuals

Work on physical, psycho-spiritual and economic health Loosen grip of consumerism & speed: Mindful conservation Transform consciousness via connection with nature or Buddha mind

#### Wise communities

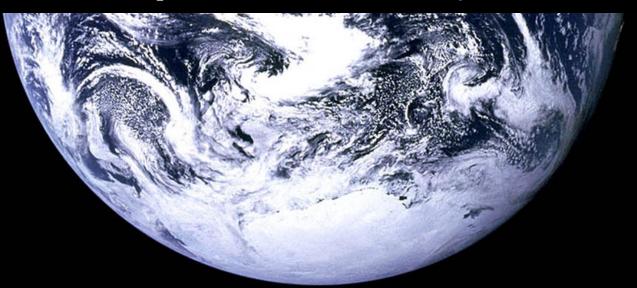
Question our values & spiritual institutions Bear witness to grief, confusion, gratitude & joy Stand in solidarity with the most vulnerable members Model harmonious relationship to nature for society

#### Strategic Actions (Constructive & Obstructive)

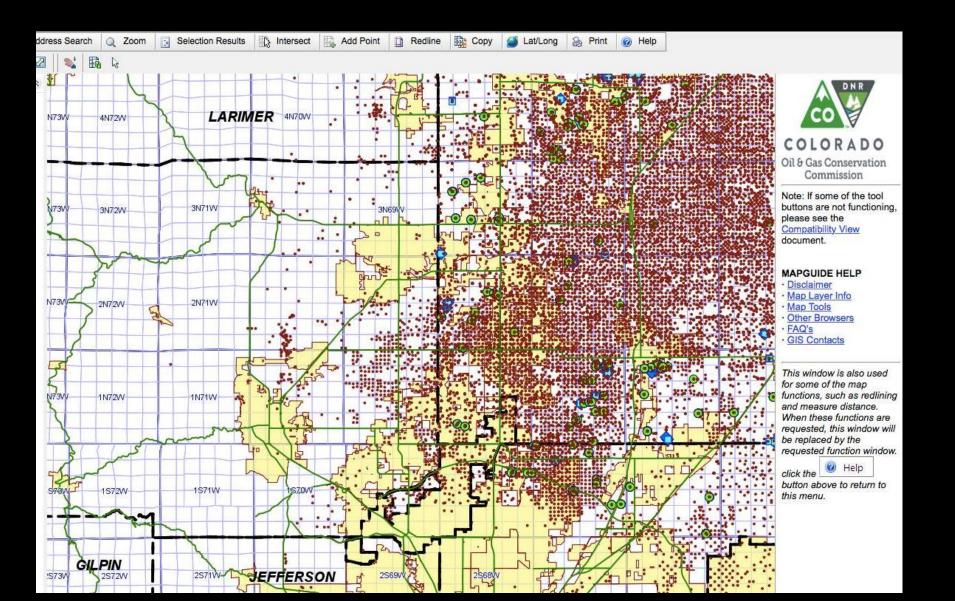
Communicate & build coalitions across difference & diversity
Use socio-political & economic levers to curb pollution & injustice
Transform economy through local investment and/or non-financial capital
Buildings, art, governments, educational & media institutions that serve all beings



#### Trump, women and youth!



#### Rape of mother Earth in Boulder, Colorado



#### Meditate-pray the frack out of Boulder



# We worked hard for 1.5 years & failed to limit fracking in Colorado

## Satyagraha = Asserting Truth



Grandpa with Vinoba Bhave, Gandhi's foremost satyagrahi

People gonna rise like water

We gonna calm this crisis down

I hear the voice of my great granddaughter

Please keep it in the ground (1)

Please know your neighbors now (2)

Get native history right (3)

Remember Black'n Chica-na lives (4)

Sing & dance with birds & winds (5)

Learn to be simple & still the mind (6)



#### Climate change in the Fertile Crescent and implications of the recent Syrian drought

This Issue



Colin P. Kelley<sup>a,1</sup>, Shahrzad Mohtadi<sup>b</sup>, Mark A. Cane<sup>c</sup>, Richard Seager<sup>c</sup>, and Yochanan Kushnir<sup>c</sup>

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Syria's Climate-Fueled Conflict, In One Stunning Comic Strip f





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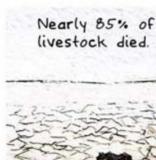
#### Significance

There is evidence that the drought in the instrumental families to urban centers. ( pressure, supported by clin increased the probability of a 3-year drought as severe alone. We conclude that hu conflict.



SYRIA

This drought was more intense and lasted longer than could be explained by natural variations in weather. This was climate change.



#### My roots -- My grandpa

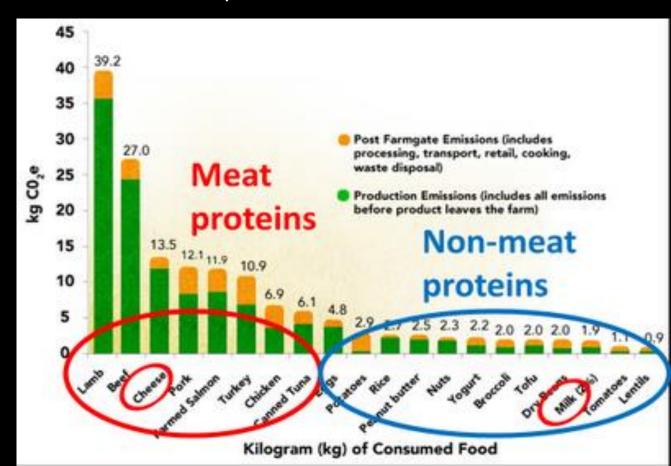


"One can not play safe and hope that a corrupt system will change itself. To weaken the cycle of corruption, it is essential that wise & courageous individuals step out of it and build public opinion even if it involves physical and financial harm". - Babuji

#### Lawyer, Gandhian, National leader: moolchandjain.org

#### SHIFTING DIETS AND REDUCING WASTE

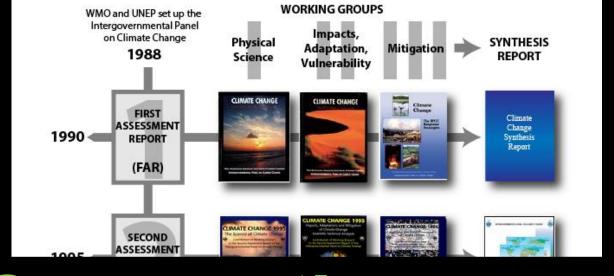
- Food waste: ~25 % of the world's food calories and 50 % of total food weight are lost or wasted before they can be consumed. (Rich vs. poor).
- Today ~55% of the world's crop calories feed people
  - 36% to livestock
  - 9% turned into biofuels and industrial products.
- For every 100
   calories of grain we
   feed animals,
  - 40% as milk,
  - 22 % eggs,
  - 12 % chicken
  - 10%pork, or
  - 3% beef.



### Methane & ongoing Extinction

# Please see this video online (not attached to powerpoint)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sRGVTK-AAvw



# Conservative process ~195 countries approve summaries line by line



#### **Trump's Executive Order: More Fossil Fuels, Regardless of Climate Change**

**Energy and Environment** 

One of the most troubling ideas about climate change just found new evidence in its favor

Scientists understood the climate 150 years ago better than the EPA head today

Trump has launched a blitzkrieg in the wars on science and Earth's climate

Trump's anti-science budget, anti-climate executive orders, and general disdain for scientific expertise come at a bad time

**Executive order to effectively withdraw from Paris climate treaty** 

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#### Naropa peace studies class notes

#### **Roadblocks for activists**

#### Root causes of problems

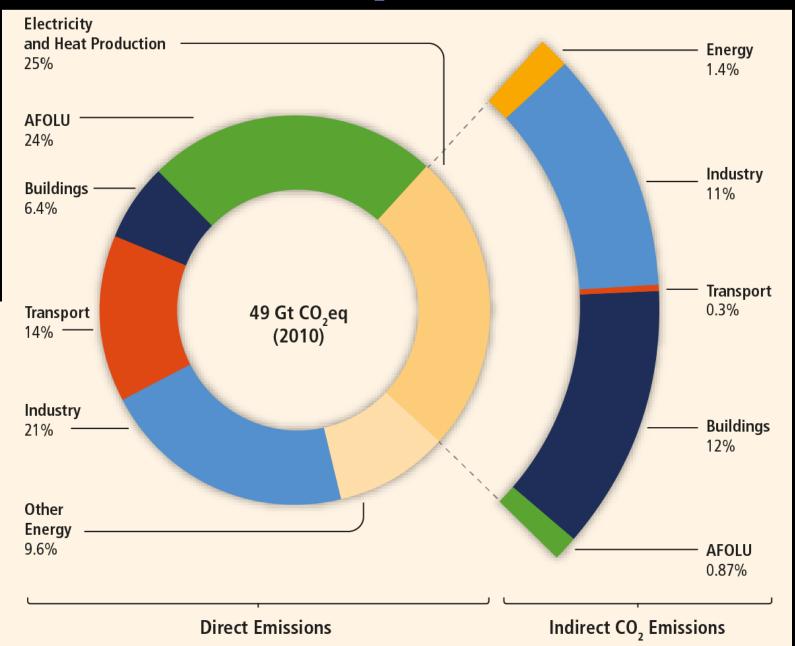
- Us vs them
- Lack of nature connection
- Level of ignorance about science & scale of problems
- Lifestyles
- Extractive economy
- Lack of connection with ourselves
- Aversion to suffering
- Psychic numbing
- Power structures
- Egotistical
- Value systems
- Individual actions don't matter
- Industrialization

- Bodily harm
- Financial harm
- Loss of relationships
- Sadness/grief
- Privileged NIBMY and lack of action on global issues
- Lack of education on law/power
- What is our YES?
- Privatized info/media
- Hierarchy

#### Path ahead + Solutions

- Step into wilderness
- Urban permaculture
- Mass civil disobedience
- Reconnect and bridgebuilding with family/friends
- Personal empowerment/meditation
- Sacred communication
- Art of community building
- Sacrifice/courage
- Strategic education

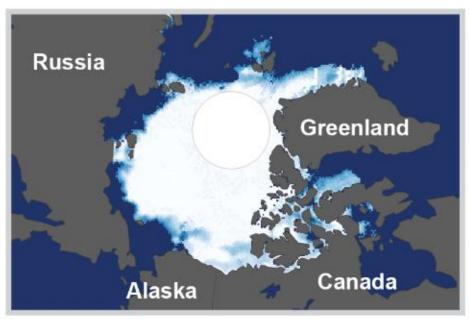
#### What sectors produce GHGs?



#### So far....

#### Direct links: Glaciers shrinkage, heat, drought, fires

#### **Arctic Sea Ice**





Sept. 1984

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