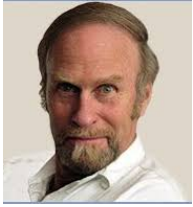


# Painting Our American Civilization Into A Corner



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This commentary may give you a sneak preview into the future of America's civilization. It's based on the facts that we know, and the coming facts that our children will endure or perish from, because we didn't take action to change the course of history. Everything I write about stems from my lifetime of world travel across the planet. I've seen countries that failed to change course. We cannot afford to follow them down the same rabbit hole.

Since Earth Day 1970, we humans have kept digging a hole for ourselves: ever deeper, ever wider, and ever more dangerous for ourselves and our children.

Did you notice that dozens of tornadoes ripped up Colorado, Illinois, Missouri, and Kentucky over the weekend? Did you notice two dozen deaths along with massive property damage? Did you notice the destroyed lives through all the rubble presented on the major news networks?

Do you remember the hurricane that destroyed Mexico Beach, Florida all the way into South Carolina several years ago? I witnessed them on a bike trip right after they occurred. You cannot get your emotional arms around such disasters until you see them firsthand. Everything gets pulverized in the wake of a tornado or hurricane. Katrina showed us Nature's wrath on a scale beyond imagination.

Did you notice that in the summer of 2024, the heatwaves scorched the southwest of America. Death Valley hit 130 degrees F. I've bicycled through Death Valley at 116 degrees. It's like riding through Dante's Inferno with no letup. At 130 degrees, I'm sure I would have shriveled-up like a prune and died. Heat rages over 120 degrees daily in Arizona in the summer.

Wildfires burned hundreds of thousands of acres California, Washington State, Oregon, Arizona, New Mexico...all the way to dozens of wildfires in North Carolina, Pennsylvania and beyond. Those fires destroy homes, cars, buildings, schools, and entire cities.

## **LET US CONNECT THE DOTS**

What am I getting at?

Whether or not you accept or reject "catastrophic climate destabilization" a.k.a., "climate change", you must understand that humans, at 8.2 billion of us, are burning 100 million barrels of oil every single day of the year. We're burning millions of tons of coal and wood annually. We're injecting millions of tons of carbon into the atmosphere beyond anything EVER realized on this planet since that last meteor hit 65 million years ago—and snuffed out 97 percent of all life. That carbon falls into the oceans. It changes the oceans' temperatures, which in turn, changes the dynamics of the air, which then creates massive hurricanes and tornadoes when hot and cold air collide.

Additionally, such massive carbon footprint changes the alkalinity of the oceans into acidity. Which, in turn, kills reefs and destroys the ecology for all living things in our oceans. That's why we're seeing horrific species extinction rates of over 100 species vanishing from the planet, DAILY!

What about here in the USA? Well, our population stands at 340 million. We've added a whopping 40 million, plus at least

another 25 million illegal migrants since October of 2006 when we reached 300 million. We're on course to jump "officially" from 340 million to 371 million (lowest projection) by 2050. That's 31 million more humans that will be crowding into every lick of land in America. If we hit the middle population projection of around 400 million just past mid-century, which we will definitely reach, that's 60 million more of us. Top demographic experts tell us the United States, at current growth levels driven by immigration and birth rates, will hit 675 million by the end of this century. That's a mere 75 years.

Can you imagine how those numbers of humans burning fuels in the USA will contribute to MORE DAMAGE to our landscape? It's going to get hotter and dryer. More wildfires will scorch the landscape. But it's going to destroy millions of lives from people living in homes engulfed by the fires or hurricanes, and tornadoes.

In other words, we keep driving the ecological disasters that destroy us by adding millions upon million of humans that drive the reasons for those disasters.

At some point, those disasters will accelerate as our numbers accelerate. That's just the climatic disasters! Can you imagine jamming our mega-cities like New York, Chicago, LA and Atlanta into even more population overload? What happens when we cannot supply water to them? What about when gasoline is exhausted? How do you feed THAT many people concentrated into such tiny places?

How do you keep up with ground water pollution? How do you keep up with exhausted acquirers? How do you deal with over 1,000,000 roadkills daily...when it reaches 2,000,000 roadkills daily? What about quality of life? What happens when our 800,000 homeless citizens become 1,000,000 homeless citizens? What happens when our 40 million people subsisting on food stamps becomes 100 million people subsisting on food stamps? I

could name another dozen nightmares we're facing as a civilization.

How about the "high speed" insanity of our frenetic society that's driving our kids to "live" in their cell phones?

Does anyone in America understand what's coming? Do you realize that we're painting future generations into a corner? From which there is no escape?

If we continue to import the rest of the world to our shores, we are importing the world's troubles, violence, misery and massive overpopulation to our shores. Along with that, we're importing our own demise as a functioning and sustainable civilization. What's coming stems from the sheer numbers that cannot be sustained.

Have I connected the dots well enough? Why aren't the top networks addressing what we face? What do they hope to accomplish by keeping the American public in the dark? Why wouldn't a sane-rational-educated-proactive civilization change course toward a sustainable future? Why can't America be an example for the rest of the world...by changing course?

Why would we want to repeat China's population nightmare? Why repeat India's population nightmare? Why? Why? Why?

## **THE GREATER OUR NUMBERS; THE GREATER OUR CONSEQUENCES**

"Whether we accept it or not, this will likely be the century that determines what the optimal human population is for our planet. It will come about in one of two ways:

Either we decide to manage our own numbers, to avoid a collision of every line on civilization's graph – or Nature will do it for us, in the form of famines, thirst, climate chaos, crashing ecosystems, opportunistic disease, and wars over dwindling resources that finally cut us down to size." – Alan Weisman, Countdown: Our Last Best Hope for a Future on

Earth?

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