

Greetings!

## Climate Solutions 101

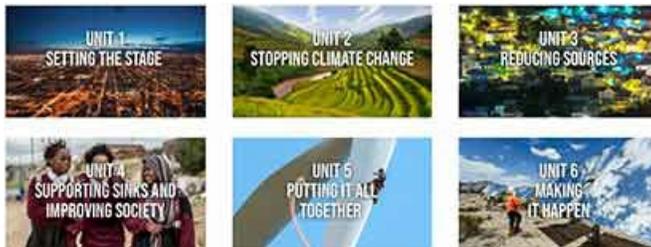


**We have everything we need to stop climate change! Do we have the will?**

**Project Drawdown** is a non-profit organization founded in 2014 to research the most substantive solutions to stop climate change. "Drawdown" is the future point in time when levels of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere stop climbing and start to steadily decline. This is the point when we begin the process of stopping further climate change and averting potentially catastrophic warming. It is a critical turning point for life on Earth. While "Climate Solutions 101" is a knock-off of how introductory courses in colleges are termed, there are actually that many solutions to climate change.

**The Project Drawdown website** is fascinating, informative and hopeful. After watching this online course, and learning a lot, I feel that it is our responsibility as planetary citizens to know what we are doing to our home planet. Right now we need to engage in solutions, choosing the forms of citizenship that are right for each of us. [View the 90 min. online course.](#)

**Read my summary of the course below.**



**Stories, insights and action for a world that works for all of us**

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*Justice is what love looks like in public.*

Cornel West

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### **Favorite Resources**

[Yes! magazine](#)  
[The Optimist Daily](#)

[350.org](#)  
[Climate Reality Project](#)  
[The Small Planet Institute](#)  
[Local Futures Network of Spiritual Progressives](#)  
[Project Heaven on Earth](#)

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[Desert Rose Press](#)  
[VirginiaMudd.com](#)

## Climate Solution 101 Highlights

**"Setting the Stage"** and **"Stopping Climate Change"** gives us a look at the conditions that are contributing to extreme weather: flooding, drought, fires, and rising sea levels. It's a harsh reality but necessary to get a grip on our

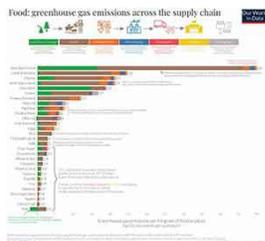
predicament in order to move on to solutions. The second video shows us exactly how climate change works. It shows us that we have everything we need to address climate change.

**"Reducing Sources," "Supporting Sinks" and "Improving Society"** address the sources of climate change. Food and agriculture, electricity, transportation and industry are the biggest sources of emissions. Next we learn that Nature is taking out 40% of the CO<sub>2</sub> we put into the atmosphere and how we can support and protect these "carbon sinks." We also see how improving education and health care for women and girls will also benefit climate solutions.



**"Putting it All Together" and "Making it Happen"** shows us how to utilize solutions that already exist to stop climate change. We must change our behavior, our rules and regulations, where investments are directed, our business practices, infrastructure and technology. For those who say this is all too costly, check out the graphs on that untruth in Unit 5.

Our course instructor wants us to see the climate crisis as an opportunity to make changes in our human lives for the good. He mentions that Martin Luther King didn't go around the country saying "I have a nightmare. He talked about a dream!" We are now called on to "exercise our leadership to build a future by design, not by default."



## What's on Our Plate?

**Most people can't afford to install solar panels but we all eat!**

A simple and effective contribution to reducing greenhouse gases is to eat less meat and adopt a more plant-based diet, and minimize food waste, [Check out this article and graph](#) to see how our diet impacts climate change. Here's a related article to give us more [food for thought](#).

For those who don't "believe" in climate change, Paul Hawken, co-founder of Project Drawdown, reminds us that **"science is not a belief system."**

## Check this out!

Texas and Georgia, states leading the charge for voter suppression, are also leaders in green energy development. Irony of ironies! Read Frances Moore Lappe's article, [It's Not Too Late to Make a Difference on the Climate Crisis](#). *It's a message of hope — hope of a certain kind: honest hope that takes it all in. In fact, hope organizes our brains toward solutions. Hope is a form of power.*



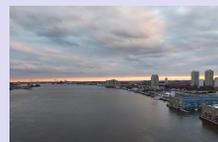
## Uplifting Stories & Innovations



**A Vegan Hospital!**  
**A Lebanese hospital is the world's first to go vegan.** Hayek

Hospital in Beirut is a private, family-owned hospital. Staff members

became more and more concerned as the World Health Organization classified meat as a carcinogen akin to tobacco. "Serving meat in a hospital is like serving cigarettes in a hospital. . . Adopting a plant-based exclusive diet has been



**No Fracking in the Delaware River Basin**

The governors of New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Delaware unanimously voted to permanently ban fracking in the Delaware River Basin. "But as much harm as the fracked gas industry causes, we can't simply cheer its downfall without caring for the people

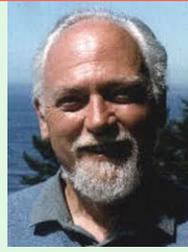
scientifically proven not only to stop the evolution of certain diseases but it can also reverse them. We have the moral responsibility to act upon and align our beliefs with our actions.” [Read the article here.](#)

within it.” (Michael Brune, Executive Director of the Sierra Club.) [Read the article here.](#)

## Wisdom for Our Time



*No magic bullet, not even the Internet, can save us from population explosion, deforestation, climate disruption, poison by pollution, and wholesale extinction of plant and animal species. We are going to have to want different things, seek different pleasures, pursue different goals than those that have been driving us and our global economy.”*  
—Joanna Macy



*The future is up for grabs. It belongs to any and all who will take the risk and accept the responsibility of consciously creating the future they want.”*  
—Robert Anton Wilson



*In the next 30 years we can destroy our world. With the very same powers - spiritual, social, scientific - we can evolve our world. Our mission is to serve as catalysts for a planetary awakening in our lifetime, to take a non-violent path to the next stage of our evolution.*  
—Barbara Marx Hubbard

*The Louvre has made its entire art collection available online, free*



**The Museum's collection of over 480,000 works of art** from eight departments—Paintings, Sculpture, Furniture, Textiles, Jewellery & Finery,



### My Column **Suppose climate change is a hoax?**

I asked myself that question as I went through the 100+ Drawdown Solutions. The thing is, all these proposals, changes and projects make sense even if there weren't a climate crisis!  
[Read why here](#)

Writings & Inscriptions, and Objects—can now be viewed online.

Here's the [article](#) and here's the [museum website](#).

*Wishing you a creative and merry month of May.*

*Virginia / Gibi*

