

Greetings!

Whoa!



"A Code Red for humanity"

—U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

The new landmark climate report says global warming limit will be hit within 20 years – and that we have to act now if we are to change anything. [Read summary here.](#)

The main point of this report is that we need to put massive pressure on

governments to take action. Call the Capital Switchboard, 202-224-3121, and demand climate action now. For starters demand an end to fossil fuel subsidies by supporting the End Polluter Welfare Act.

"The only way we can reduce energy consumption [and thus emissions] at the scale necessary is via policy and regulation." Read "[Renewable Energy Won't Change the World.](#)"



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Justice is what love looks like in public.

Cornel West

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[Renewable Energy Won't Change the World](#)

The belief that solar and wind power and electric cars will save the world from the "inconvenient truth" (Al Gore) of climate



change is in reality a "convenient lie." Production of renewable energy is essential and increasing, but so too is the worldwide demand for energy. "Unless we simultaneously and significantly reduce our energy use and our consumption of raw materials, all the good alternatives in the world will still see us hurtling toward extinction." [Read this brief and clear analysis](#) of how we must reduce our consumption of energy. **"The answer to climate**

change is about more than electric cars and renewable energy; we have an obligation not just to speak frankly, but also to tell the truth."



[Clean Energy Won't Save Us](#)

"We need to abandon GDP growth as our primary measure of progress, and we need to do this immediately." Here is another article that explains why

pinning our future on clean energy to stop climate change is a false hope. "The root problem is the fact that our economic system demands ever-increasing levels of extraction, production

and consumption. . . Clean energy, important as it is, won't save us from this nightmare. But rethinking our economic system might. GDP growth has been sold to us as the only way to create a better world. But we now have robust evidence that it doesn't make us any happier, it doesn't reduce poverty, and its "externalities" produce all sorts of social ills: debt, overwork, inequality, and climate change. " [Read this article here.](#)

Read also how "clean" energy is a myth in "[What is Energy Denial?](#)" Clean, renewable energy is neither clean nor renewable. "There can be good lives for all people if we abandon the goal of infinite energy growth. Our guiding principle needs to be that the only form of truly clean energy is less energy."



["Collapse, Renewal and the Rope of History"](#)

This is a bimonthly newsletter by *Future Crunch*. It is a publication like the *Optimist Daily* on steroids, full of good news from all over the world, and thoughtful perspectives as well as real facts. Below are the highlights of this uplifting issue. Subsequent newsletters are equally full of good news. Subscribe. Be encouraged. [Here's the September 3rd issue.](#)

"That IPCC report makes grim reading yes, but there are also reasons for hope . . .
 . . Not the hope of a new dawn and not the hope of sitting back expecting the gears of history to grind on towards prosperity, but hope for something much better; something that we are all a part of and that we each have a responsibility to work for, and hard."

The author uses a thickly woven rope as a metaphor to describe the story of humanity, not as narrative, but as a shared, evolving experience, and nobody really knows how that's all going to play out. "Ultimately, there's no way of judging whether we're living through Collapse or Renewal. Future generations will decide that for us. The only thing that matters is the part we play. We can choose which strand of the rope we belong to. We can add to its grand weave, in the way we treat other people, in the daily work we do, in the decisions we make about where to put our energy, in the leaders we vote for and in the words that come out of our mouths. . . And if, in the end, our worst fears come true, and we find ourselves in the last days, standing on the mountaintops, watching the waters rush in and the flames licking at the walls, whose company would we rather be in? The cynics insisting 'we told you so?' Or the people saying 'You know what? We gave it everything we had.' We know our answer. We'll be here, telling stories of Renewal, come what may."

Good Information, Stories & Resources



Paris lowers speed limit in continued efforts to implement climate change solutions

Reducing speed limits from 50 kph (36 mph) to



Feeling down about the

30 kph (18 mph) is the latest move by the municipality to advance the city closer to its climate targets and transform people's relationship to their vehicles. The aim is to gradually build a culture that moves away from cars as a primary transportation option, opting for public transportation and cycling instead.



No "Greenwashing"

The Netherlands issued a ruling that calls a halt to Shell's misleading ad campaign that claims it sells "carbon neutral" fuel. The lawsuit was filed by students who researched Shell's claims and found them to be questionable at best.

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news? Do This.

"Two years ago, **Today Do This** published its first 'do-something-about-the-news letter.' It was an antidote to the barrage of negative headlines; a way to spotlight people doing good, and a tool to inspire more of us to follow their lead. Every Friday since, we've picked a recent news story and shared *one simple thing you can do that day* to make a difference." Categories for action include Protect the planet, Confront discrimination, Defend democracy, Improve your Community, Respond to disasters, Do something for yourself. Here's the [Today Do This](#) website and the annual report of 52 practical actions from the past year's headlines. [I signed up here.](#)

Wisdom for Our Time



"What is clear is that the earth is mandating that the human community assume a responsibility never assigned to any previous generation...Our task at this critical moment is to awaken the energies needed to create the new world and to evoke a universal communion of all parts of life." -Thomas Berry

Wildlife Comedy Photos



My Column

As John Lewis said, "Make good trouble."

It's time we all did that.

The 2021 Comedy Wildlife Photography

Here's a collection of fun photos of a variety of critters to make you smile.

Have an enchanting month!

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