

Challenges

For a variety of reasons, all over the planet, war and famine are increasing and disease won't be far behind. All around the world, refugees are piling up on borders of fear and greed as more and more of the planet becomes unlivable.

For a generation, the primary cause of homeless refugees around the world has been the world's air forces as they pulverize city after city after city. The Russians in Afghanistan. The U.S. in Iraq. The Russians in Syria. Just about everybody in Libya. The U.S. again in Iraq. The U.S. and Saudis in Yemen. Duterte in the Philippines.

The Global Military Industrial Complex had been the largest single source of poverty and pollution on the planet for several generations, but it's being overtaken by climate change and consumption addiction; although a large percentage of climate change is due to the destruction and pollution of the military.

In North Africa, they're running from a combination of population explosion, war, and climate change that are resulting in rapidly increasing poverty and famine.

Most of the people fleeing Central America are running for their lives from the lawless gangs, cartels, and corrupt governments created, sponsored, and sustained by the U.S. prohibition industry, but a growing percentage are running for their lives from climate change induced drought.

South America west of the Andes is about to face an extreme water shortage as the glaciers that are their only source of water disappear. There will soon be a wave of climate refugees leaving western South America. The smoke from Australia's fires has significantly accelerated glacial melt in the southern hemisphere.

The earth's surface temperature will continue to rise for at least a generation and maybe centuries, but the new snows of the Fourth Northern Climate Zone are resulting in cooling as well. The temperature contrasts between the periodic cold waves over northeastern North America and eastern Siberia colliding with the rapidly warming oceans and atmosphere to the south are resulting in increasing crop failure in the Northern Hemisphere. Throughout the world, increasing temperatures are creating more floods, more droughts, more storms, more hail, more wind, altering seasonal timing, and generally wreaking havoc with the weather. Climate change is accelerating and threatens serious famine.

This civilization's hardcore addiction to consumption is headed for catastrophe. The poisonous byproducts of our consumption addiction are steadily piling up as we produce them many times faster than they decompose. Our worship of technology has blown the lid off of Pandora's Box.

The de-evolutionary side effects of birth control are rapidly turning into the single greatest tragedy in all of human history. For three generations now, the most intelligent, educated, responsible people are having the fewest children. Consequently, as a civilization, we're getting exponentially less intelligent, less educated, and less

responsible. Of utmost importance is to stop the de-evolution of birth control. We need new research to enable birth control that will entice those without the wit, the will, or the wisdom. Cheap, tasty, and mildly addicting would be a good start.

China's development and global dispersion of surveillance technology is a very scary realization of Orwell's 1984. It's a wolf in sheep's clothing. Don't bring it here and tear it down wherever you find it. 5G could turn out to be a serious tragedy. Our current complacency with 5G and surveillance technology is like leaving a loaded gun on the table in a house full of kids.

Throughout all of human history, every advance in communication technology was followed by a period of dishonesty, often followed by tragedy. Hitler used the new technologies of radio, movie theaters, and loudspeakers that could draw huge crowds, to con millions of Germans into a genocide and a world war. Now the dictators who rule most of the world [including Trump] use smart phones, algorithms, and the internet.

The fundamental purpose of democracy has always been to control capitalism and corruption. Bureaucratic alzyzers has severely ossified our current government and it ain't gettin it done. Capitalism is currently out of control. Capitalism inherently tends to concentrate the money into fewer and fewer hands. We're currently at a point where the very few who have almost all of the money are not spending it on much of anything we need to get through the coming crisis.

Until we address the fundamental causes of the emerging crisis for this civilization, government won't get it done. The actions we need to survive require immense changes in individual human behavior involving billions of people.

The enemy is ignorance, not ignorant people. When someone's ignorant and or misguided behavior is an existential threat to the health and safety of the community, it's hard not to get caught up in conflict, but people learn from friends, not adversaries. It's always better to make friends, but it takes a lot more effort than making enemies. To gain a friend, you need to accept their ignorance without bias. Making friends leads to peace. Making enemies leads to war. War leads to famine and disease, and if our nuclear umbrella rips, it could easily lead to extinction.