

ECONOMY AND ECOLOGY (FROM GREENPEACE)

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Global economic systems crash not only because greed fraud and toxic assets, but because those systems rest on fallacies about the natural world. In this article we learn some economic theories, which were proclaimed earlier. So, there are no more giant resource pools to plunder. The affluence relies not on fashioning loans with fantasy money and trading bets on the changing value of paper promises, but on the real wealth: nature.

We must recognize, that land is a community to which we belong. The ecologists warn, it becomes a shortage of fertile soil, the result of erosion, salivation, contamination and a swelling population. Iran comes begging to the US, its avowed enemy, to buy over 1 million tons of wheat. It's the ecological crisis. Ukrainian shipments are being closed.

Our age is called "the Big Bonfire". World oil production has stopped growing and will begin its inevitable decline during the next decade. Oil depletion is seen. However, the number of vehicle and fleet will increase and there will be new roads building. Wind and solar energy is interesting to modern economists, but will not replace cheap oil.

The best and cheapest energy source is conservation. The only environmentally feasible solution to the end of cheap liquid fuels is to burn less. We burn a million tons of fossil fuel every hour, releasing 80-million tons of CO₂ each day.

Scientists on board Russian research ship recorded methane bubbling to the sea surface, causing air-borne concentrations 100-times background levels. Similar releases have been recorded in the East Siberian and Laptev Seas, amounting to millions of tons of methane from melting sub-sea permafrost. The methane represents an unaccounted cost of doing business in the era of the "big bonfire".

Regardless of stopgap bailouts and more paper promises, economic collapse will continue until humanity finally understands that ecology is the foundation of human enterprise.

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