

# Manifesto for a New World Order

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I have a nightmare. The world is starved of energy and our motorways are silent. There is no food in our shops because there is no energy to produce fertilisers and no fuel for tractors to plough the fields. There are no pharmaceuticals because there is no oil-based industry to produce them. There is no sewage or water system, because there is no energy to pump and distribute water.

And then the indolent in power who have allowed this to come to pass, create scapegoats to blame others for what they are themselves responsible. There are wars for the possession of energy such as there have been none like them before, civilisation has collapsed and misery rules the Earth.

Then a greater catastrophe looms. The carbon dioxide in the atmosphere continues to warm the planet, the Arctic and Antarctic ice melt, and the heated oceans expand and raise the sea to levels at which major coastal cities are covered in water. The methane trapped in the ocean floor is liberated, warming the planet further, and the increased levels of water vapour in the atmosphere raise the temperature of the planet to horrific levels. Mankind is reduced to a new stone age of barbarism for mere survival.

Then I wake up, and I realise a new dawn has broken. Just as the day before became night, so night has become day. As I look around me I am astonished at the wonders of our civilisation, at the human capacity for ingenuity, intelligence and good, at our collective spirit and our capacity to survive and to flourish.

In a century before, our parents, grandparents and great-grandparents were promised nothing but “blood, sweat and tears”. But they knew we could survive, that we could work together for the common good, that we could rebuff and overcome repression and evil, and that we could work together for a new world order.

That commitment is needed with us again today. The twin perils of peak fossil fuels and climate catastrophe threaten world civilisation. If we harness in a united spirit the collective wisdom of the human race, in all its vastness and diversity, if we work together in a common aim to overcome these global problems on a global scale, then there is every chance that we will succeed.

What is needed is a New World Order of cooperation between all the nations of the Earth in ways that are unprecedented in human history. It requires from all governments, and from each and every individual, a commitment to renewable energy and a planetary map towards climate prosperity. This can be done. The task of human endeavour in the education for and implementation of this programme is vast, but the resources and the spirit of the human condition are even greater.