



## Sleepwalking to Extinction?

There is currently great turmoil in international affairs due to momentous events such as Brexit in the UK and the election of Donald Trump in the USA. The forecasts of potential catastrophic consequences resulting from such upheavals are causing people a great deal of anxiety.

Yet we need to take time to step aside from the hype of contemporary politics and remind ourselves of more fundamental concerns. The potential collapse of economies, or even of nation states, is as nothing compared to the real and ongoing demise of the Earth's biosphere.

For it's a hard fact that humanity, in its ignorance and hubris, is irrevocably destroying life on this Earth.

Everything is interconnected and all our actions have consequences. As individuals and as a society we need to become aware of the real impact of our activities. In our pursuit of wealth, power and progress the juggernaut that is Western Civilization is racing out of control on its road of death and destruction.

What is required is a dramatic change to the paradigm through which we perceive, think and act. What is required is a profound shift in society, its dependence on fossil fuels, its economic dogmas and banking systems. We need to abandon the mantra of *"short term gains at the expense of people and planet"*<sup>1</sup> because...

**"Very soon...if we do nothing... all systems, ecological and human made, will implode and we become mere spectators of our own destruction."**<sup>1</sup>

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