



“EMPEROR'S NEW CLOTHES”¹

“Human activities have been substantially increasing the atmospheric concentrations of greenhouse gases...these increases enhance the natural greenhouse effect, and...will result...in an additional warming of the Earth’s surface and atmosphere and may adversely affect natural ecosystems and humankind.”²

“But he hasn't got anything on!”
a little child said.

And one person whispered to
another what the child had said-

“A child says he hasn't anything on.”¹

“Human activities are estimated to have caused approximately 1.0°C of global warming above pre-industrial levels. Global warming is likely to reach 1.5°C between 2030 and 2052 if it continues to increase at the current rate.”³

“The Emperor shivered, for he suspected they were right.

But he thought,

“This procession has got to go on.”

“So he walked more proudly than ever.”¹

“Estimates of the global emissions...submitted under the Paris Agreement...would not limit global warming to 1.5°C. Avoiding overshoot...can only be achieved if global CO2 emissions start to decline well before 2030.”³

“In August (2018) a Swedish teenager refused to go to school and sat outside her parliament to protest [against] Climate Change inaction.”⁴



“Limiting global warming to 1.5°C...would require rapid and far-reaching transitions in energy, land, urban and infrastructure (including transport and buildings), and industrial systems. These... transitions are unprecedented in terms of scale...and imply deep emissions reductions in all sectors.”³

“Six months later her strike has spread around the world.”⁴

"But he hasn't got anything on!"
the whole town cried out at last.”¹

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The Emperor's new clothes

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