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Preface

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PART 1 - THE REASON



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1) INTRODUCTION

When Al Gore popularized the hazard of global warming in his book "An Inconvenient Truth: The Planetary Emergency of Global Warming and What We Can Do About It", he argued that we need to modify our behaviour regarding energy use to protect our planet¹. He presented the concept that if we adopt good environmental practices regarding energy utilization, the world will avoid the catastrophe of a major change in global temperatures. This concept, however, should not be considered as a panacea for the multitude of problems facing the world we are now living in. The issue that must be addressed is not global warming per se, but rather, it is the root cause of many of the problems the world is experiencing today, including global warming. The issue that must be confronted in the very near future is **global overpopulation**.

Today, the concept of global warming is generally accepted as a fact, although it does remain controversial, as shown by the following statement:

The global warming controversy is a variety of disputes regarding the nature, causes, and consequences of global warming. The disputed issues include the causes of increased global average air temperature, especially since the mid-20th century, whether this warming trend is unprecedented or within normal climatic variations, whether humankind has contributed significantly to it, and whether the increase is wholly or partially an artifact of poor measurements. Additional disputes concern estimates of climate

¹ An Inconvenient Truth: The Planetary Emergency of Global Warming and What We Can Do About It. New York: Rodale Books. 2006. ISBN 1594865671

sensitivity, predictions of additional warming, and what the consequences of global warming will be.

The controversy is significantly more pronounced in the popular media than in the scientific literature, where there is a strong consensus that global surface temperatures have increased in recent decades and that the trend is caused mainly by human-induced emissions of greenhouse gases. No scientific body of national or international standing disagrees with this view, though a few organizations hold non-committal positions.²

For the purpose of this book, the belief that global warming is caused, at least in part, by human activities will be assumed to be true. However, the argument will be presented that it is not how human behaviour is contributing to global warming, but rather, that there are just too many people consuming the earth's finite resources, including fossil fuels, and emitting greenhouse gases into the atmosphere on an increasing scale. So, what can we do about overpopulation?

The problem of global overpopulation is not a new revelation - it has been acknowledged by enlightened thinkers for hundreds of years, as exemplified by the famed British scholar, Thomas Malthus³. In 1798, Thomas Robert Malthus, in his publication "*An Essay on the Principle of Population*", noted that the dangers of population growth would preclude endless progress towards a utopian society. He wrote:

"The power of population is indefinitely greater than the power in the earth to produce subsistence for man"⁴.

Believing that one could not change human nature, Malthus went on to write:

"Must it not then be acknowledged by an attentive examiner of the histories of mankind, that in every age and in every State in which man has existed, or does now exist

That the increase of population is necessarily limited by the means of subsistence,

² http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Global_warming_controversy

³ http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas_Robert_Malthus

⁴ Malthus T.R. 1798. *An essay on the principle of population*. Chapter 1, p13 in Oxford World's Classics reprint.

That population does invariably increase when the means of subsistence increase, and,

That the superior power of population is repressed, and the actual population kept equal to the means of subsistence, by misery and vice"⁵.

Currently, global events seem to draw an obvious conclusion that overpopulation in the world does contribute to misery and vice. It is also plausible that overpopulation could push the world past a tipping point where abrupt and irreversible changes occur to the global ecosystem as a whole, with extremely negative implications for our species⁶. This suggests that if we ever hope to achieve a utopian society, overpopulation by the human species must be avoided.

The purpose of this book, therefore, is to explore the issue of global warming, not as a problem unto itself but as a symptom of a greater problem - overpopulation. The ugly truth is that there are just too many people on the earth, and that this problem is being ignored, largely because it is being circumvented, at least in part, by an obsession with global warming. After all, it is easier to tell people to stop burning fossil fuels than to stop having babies.

This book will attempt to enhance public awareness of the issue of global overpopulation by providing a perspective of the relevant characteristics of the problem from our historic past, through today, and into the future. Then, some thoughts will be presented for developing a potential strategy to address the problem, or at least to function as an initial starting point for further discussions. Hopefully, an earnest and intelligent discourse will follow.

To assist the reader in understanding the material in this book, it is structured in 7 parts and 25 chapters, as follows:

Part 1 - The Reason	Chapter 1	Introduction
Part 2 - The Issues	Chapter 2	The Issue of Climate Change
	Chapter 3	The Issue of Population Growth
	Chapter 4	The Issue of Quality of Life
	Chapter 5	The Issue of Human Groups

⁵ Malthus T.R. 1798. *An essay on the principle of population*, in Oxford World's Classics reprint. p61, end of Chapter VII

⁶ <http://www.nature.com/nature/journal/v486/n7401/full/nature11018.html>

UTOPIZATION is an invented word that was fabricated from two words, utopia and civilization, and is intended to reflect the advancement of humankind to societies that are based on the limitations of our planet, and the best behavioural characteristics of our species. This, however, can only be accomplished if we confront the root cause of many of our current problems, including global warming. The issue that we must confront now is **GLOBAL OVERPOPULATION**.

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Finally, it should be noted that the issue of overpopulation has been espoused by many advocates over the years, but little if anything has been done to address the problem. This book will attempt to rectify this deficiency by introducing the concept of utopization. This concept is not rocket science, but it may very well be a strategy that will move us towards a Utopian World.

So, what will our future hold for us? Will we avoid an apocalypse?

Stay tuned!!



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