

August **Newsletter**

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As a reader of our e-Newsletters, you are no doubt aware that overconsumption by us humans of the natural world has been and still is enabled by the availability of abundant, affordable, and always-available fossil-fuel-based energy. However, given that the availability of fossil-based fuels is now at or beyond its peak, we have a good reason to expect an imminent end to humanity's mindless pursuit of growth.

Now you may hear that a new source of clean, always-available energy, based on nuclear fusion, is in the wings so that humans can continue destroying the rest of Nature and themselves. Don't believe it.

It's a scam, and a physicist has written an excellent critique of the hype...

<https://www.resilience.org/stories/2023-08-16/fusion-foolery/>.

One of our readers, Mike Hanauer, has a wonderful take on this topic...

Fusion energy has been 10 years away for pretty much my entire life.

Whether it will happen is less important to me than what a bad idea I believe it to be, along with any source of cheap (and/or unsafe) energy.

At best it just provides another excuse to continue our growth and further escape any semblance of sustainability. To further destroy the beauty of the earth.

With technology, just because we can does not mean we should.

Thank you Mike!

Please forward this Newsletter to others.

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