



Environmental Threat : A Boon ?

Is global warming a wake-up call?

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"Sometimes, without warning, the future knocks on our door with a precious and painful vision of what might be" – said Al Gore in his Nobel Prize acceptance speech, pointing out at the humanity is sitting on a ticking time bomb.

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The human mind in its mindless quest to grow has tilted nature's balance and unleashed its fury. "This is the era of consequences" Al Gore points out rightly as we all stand witness to unprecedented climate changes and destructions across the globe the recent one being the devastating earthquake in China which left more than 40,000 people dead.

"Neglect in protecting our heritage of natural resources could prove extremely harmful for the human race and for all species that share common space on Planet Earth," said Dr. Rajendra Pachauri, Chairman IGPPC, in his Nobel Prize acceptance speech.



Prize acceptance speech. Environmentalists and scientists are alarmed enough about the situation to release facts and figures to common man hoping that somewhere it will make an impact on the politicians who have been aware of these facts much before.

How imminent and immediate is the danger? One asks. Well, here are a few pointers -

- Last September 21, as the Northern Hemisphere tilted away from the sun, scientists reported with unprecedented distress that the North Polar ice cap is "falling off a cliff." One study estimated that it could be completely gone during summer in less than 22 years but a new study, warns appear in as little as 7 years.

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- It was thought the entire Greenland ice sheet could melt in about 1,000 years, but the latest evidence suggests that could happen much sooner. It implies that sea levels will rise a great deal faster as well ... the comprehensive analysis found that the amount of ice dumped into the Atlantic Ocean has doubled in the last five years. If the Greenland ice sheet melted completely, it would raise

global sea levels by about 7 meters.

Even as scientists are struggling to work out solutions

which can reverse the process, a majority of human race prefers to ignore the issue. But the issue will not go away, it only grows worse.

As we stand at the brink of a major climate catastrophe - a thought arises - this maybe the worst of times but also this maybe the best of times. As a threat of a total wipe-out stares us in the face the humanity has no choice but to wake-up.

The threat is so real and immediate we have no choice but to act. This is the time when the Einstein has to wake up to his Buddhahood.

Interestingly, Al Gore's speech talks about the situation demanding a new consciousness. This new consciousness requires expanding the possibilities inherent in all humanity. "When we unite for a moral purpose that is manifestly good and true, the spiritual energy unleashed can transform us," he points out, reflecting the message of all enlightened masters through the ages. "Science now needs great meditators, otherwise this earth is doomed. Science now needs people

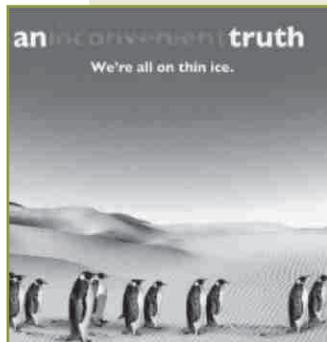


Al Gore and Dr. Rajendra Pachauri getting Nobel prize

through the ages. "Science now needs great meditators, otherwise this earth is doomed. Science now needs people who can use their minds, who are masters of their being, who can use science in a conscious way. Otherwise we are on the verge of committing universal suicide," says Osho. (Book of Wisdom #2)

Osho points out that so far the scientists have not been masters of their minds. "They neither used nor abused the mind; the mind used them, abused them. That's my work here, my basic fundamental work: to help you be free of the mind so that you can use it. And if you are the master, you cannot abuse it; that is impossible. When you are alert, conscious, meditative, abuse is not possible."

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An Inconvenient Truth

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If that sounds like a recipe for serious gloom and doom--think again. A global hit film, An Inconvenient Truth, offers a passionate and inspirational look at one man's fervent crusade to halt global warming's deadly progress in its tracks by exposing the myths and misconceptions that surround it.

That man is former Vice President Al Gore, who, in the wake of defeat in the 2000 election, re-set the course of his life to focus on a last-ditch, all-out effort to help save the planet from irrevocable change. In this eye-opening and poignant portrait of Gore and his "traveling global warming show," Gore also proves himself to be one of the most misunderstood characters in modern American public life. Here he is seen as never before in the media-funny, engaging, open and downright on fire about getting the surprisingly stirring truth about what he calls our "planetary emergency" out to ordinary citizens before it's too late.

Gore pulls no punches in explaining the dire situation. Interspersed with the bracing facts and future predictions is the story of Gore's personal journey: from an idealistic college student who first saw a massive environmental crisis looming; to a young Senator facing a harrowing family tragedy that altered his perspective, to the man who almost become President but instead returned to the most important cause of his life--convinced that there is still time to make a difference.

With wit, smarts and hope, An Inconvenient Truth ultimately brings home Gore's persuasive argument that we can no longer afford to view global warming as a political issue--rather, it is the biggest moral challenges facing our global civilisation.

Gore has screened the film personally all across the USA and in many parts of our depreciating globe. The film has shaken audiences and has been screened on global TV channels to arouse human awareness about the plight of our home planet. Anyone who loves this earth cannot miss to be shocked, awakened and inspired by this inconvenient truth.



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