



--- It is after world war II and taking advantage of new technologies the war had generated that human presence and human activity on earth started growing exponentially. This actual data shows a number of resulting developments, some undesirable (global warming one of them). Given the consistency of the multiple factors contributing to this growth, it is hard to imagine that the trend could be halted or reversed in the short term (a few decades, a few generations) by human intervention. Growth shall go on !

--- We are at a turning point in human history , a turning point that began a couple of centuries ago when it was found that the energy contained in fossil fuels could be converted into mechanical power. Our modern civilization depends on massive use of that energy, it would not be without it. But the existing amount is finite, it will be exhausted in a matter of few centuries. What shall be left is an irreversibly damaged world, possibly short of energy resources, a world where life shall be way less prosperous than that we live today.

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