

Our Civilization Is Going Down Hard

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Events are closing in on all the fraught mendacious fakery that permeates the world, and the USA especially, in this time of the proposed "great reset." James Howard Kunstler

"The weeks ahead will determine whether we are a coherent society that can function on the basis of a firm consensual reality. Events are converging. Everything is happening at once. Narratives are in collapse. Governments may soon commence to fall. Food and critical supplies of parts for things needed to run advanced societies are up next. What will you decide to do about yourself, your community, and your country?" asks Kunstler. It is not going to be easy to protect ourselves and our families from harm.

We are [running out of time!](#) It has been fun while it lasted, but after almost 300 trillion in debt, the party is over, but the bar is still open for some last-minute drinks.

Those who have any sense are being very careful, and I hope these people are monitoring their blood pressure for the sheer insanity of the world is enough to make anyone's blood boil. Collectively the [stress](#) is going off the Richter Scale, so it makes sense to monitor oneself and loved ones.

Cramer's week ahead: 'We're now [headed into a calm before the storm moment here.](#)'

For many years I wrote and published about economic and financial issues. Now I leave it to others. We both love and hate debt. But no matter what, we feel the debt is the glue holding everything together. However, a collapse of debt is as inevitable as gravity. The only doubt is when. We are in the final days of our present system. We can almost smell the end.

"Evergrande's going down. And it's taking the life savings of countless good people down with it. But while Evergrande's going down. Food prices are going up. Moreover, they're going up a lot," writes [M N Gordon](#).

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Even what it means to be human, what is decent behavior is going down. And our health officials have even ushered in new forms of child abuse. Witness this terrible short [Twitter video](#) to see what I mean.

The reality in certain places is worse than the return of the dead movies, so many of us have seen. "If you live near a major U.S. city, you don't have to go to a movie theater to see a horror show. Instead, just find out where [fentanyl-laced heroin](#) is being sold and go hang out with the drug addicts for a few hours. If you survive the encounter, it will be an experience that you will never forget. [In city after city, hopelessly addicted men and women wander the streets of our core urban areas like zombies,](#)" writes Michael Snyder. One look at [this video](#) will show you how low our civilization is going.

The fact that our world is [hurtling toward man-made obliteration on multiple fronts](#) should probably occupy more of our conversational bandwidth than it does. Caitlin Johnstone

["New York City has become the city of The Walking Dead,"](#) a former NYPD detective, Michael Alcazar, who also teaches at the John Jay College of Criminal Justice, told [The Post](#). The publication quoted neighbors and eyewitnesses who live near 35th and 36th streets, who say that busy sidewalks are now **"littered with used needles, broken glass crack pipes, trash, urine, and feces"** – and one can increasingly see junkies shooting up in broad daylight.



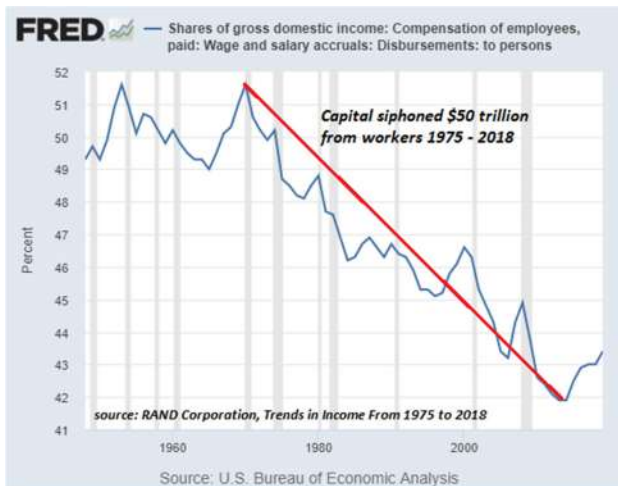
[Downtown Chicago is empty.](#) "This cannot go on. Chicago as we've known will not survive with as few people downtown as there are. And Illinois cannot survive without Chicago," writes Mark Glennon.

“Low consumer prices, low taxes, abundant consumer goods, low-interest rates, and low energy prices are coming to an end. The only question is what you’re going to do to protect yourself,” writes Kerry Lutz from the [Financial Survival Network](#).

Historian and documentary filmmaker Ken Burns said that the present day is one of the worst times in American history. [Burns compared current events with the Civil War, the Depression, and World War II](#).

Illusions cannot rescue the world economy. A heavily indebted and fake system can never be reset in an orderly manner. [Egon von Greyerz](#)

A global financial and economic collapse will not be like anything that has happened before. Getting one’s mind wrapped around such a catastrophe is difficult enough but there are added dimensions. With the financial system in the single largest bubble of all time, and leveraged to the hilt by easy debt courtesy of Central Bank policies, even a single spark can set the whole thing to blow. The problem with the everything bubble is you never know where the black swan is going to come from.



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Intense Climate Change

Coming up to bat is **intense climate change**, which has a strong effect on the agricultural sector. When combined with other factors, like the COVID pandemic, which has many farmers dumping milk, fewer people working in butcher plants, fewer truck drivers to bring food to market, what we have is shaping up to be an agricultural apocalypse.

Climate issues are starting to touch down on billions of bellies. Billions of people cannot eat what they want and need because the price of food is so high. And prices are about to get higher, much higher. As food production contracts prices, malnutrition and starvation will explode.

[A perfect storm of events](#) — from extreme weather and plant shutdowns to new government sanctions — has hit the chemical fertilizer market this year,

slamming farmers already buckling under the strain of rising costs to produce food. *Food Prices Poised to Surge With Fertilizer at Highest in Years*.

As the declining flow of Russian natural gas into Europe is triggering an energy crisis that is quickly bearing down on food supply chains in the U.K. and possibly Europe, it has the potential to create widespread disruptions. As for the 2022 growing season, farmers might become hesitant to plant with fertilizer prices at high levels.

“The sun may be shining... but there is a chill in the wind. It’s all about gas – how futures are soaring on fears of a supply crunch this winter, and how the National Grid found the electric tank was nearly empty,” writes Bill Blain.

There is already a U.K. gas shortage. British Petroleum says panic buying has caused 30% of its 1,200 gasoline stations in the U.K. to run out of the two primary fuel grades. A lack of truck drivers began to hit some fueling stations earlier this week, and lines of vehicles formed at stations over the weekend as some motorists waited for hours to fill up tanks.

Prices for heating and power-generation fuel are skyrocketing globally amid mounting concern that inventories **won’t be able to meet demand in the northern hemisphere this winter**.

The climate will break the back of modern civilization. Growing seasons are getting shorter not because of the heat but because of the [increasing cold](#) as solar output diminishes. But it does not matter what you believe, hot, cold. [The climate is intensifying, and the crops are suffering](#).

E.U. wheat, barley harvest losses create ‘explosive’ world supply outlook.

Millions in the west of North America are facing a water catastrophe. With the extended drought, water is running out. Life is running out there, and where will millions of people move to?

Keeping Warm and Keeping Hydrated Will Be Hard For Millions

The poorest will soon have to choose between eating and heating. Energy prices impact EVERYTHING, including the availability of food.

For decades it has been important where a person lives [because of toxicity issues](#). Now [it matters where you live](#) because of water issues and drought. Fifty million Americans who live out west are crashing into a wall of dryness, and what are they going to do? Where will they move to, and with what money are they going to use during a financial meltdown?

What are Europeans going to do this winter to keep warm? How many will freeze because of the lack of natural gas and coal-fired plants if this fall and winter

are as cold as the last few years? How many will be able to afford to stay warm as the prices of energy explode higher?

Stockpiles of everything from gas to coal and Norwegian water for electricity production are dwindling, and there are few signs the situation will improve anytime soon as demand continues to roar back from a pandemic-driven lull.

Analysts said that china's power crunch, caused by [tight coal supplies](#) and toughening emissions standards, has hurt production in industries across several regions and is dragging on the country's economic growth outlook. This comes after China has invested heavily in coal-fired power plants. They have built more than the rest of the world combined, yet what good are they going to do when they cannot get enough coal?

The impact on homes and non-industrial users comes as night-time temperatures slip to near-freezing in China's northernmost cities. The National Energy Administration (NEA) has told coal and natural gas firms to ensure sufficient energy supplies to keep homes warm during winter.

The truth is that we are heading into a winter that will kill. If there really were any truth to man-made global warming, there would be nothing for Europeans and others to worry about this winter. It should be warm and mild, but all indications are for a brutal winter to start about now, only a week after the end of summer.

Already end of summer (beginning of fall), snow and bitterly cold weather are killing people. Mountain climbers in Russia got massacred by a surprise Arctic attack. [Europe is already way colder than usual for this time of year](#).

The climate change we do have, but there will be people wanting to tar and feather global warming maniacs when they are freezing to death. This year will give new meaning to the expression *Cruel Winter*. Winter-like conditions have begun early across Europe.

Beating Up on the Human Race

For certain influential people, it was not enough that humanity was suffering from antibiotic-resistant bacteria and fungal infections that outsmart all anti-fungal medicines except sodium bicarbonate and iodine. People like Fauci and Gates have been busy behind the scenes with a gain of function research making viruses more harmful. Yes, bad people are doing nasty things; stupid people are doing idiotic things.

With almost 2 billion people vaccinated for COVID-19, hospitals are filling up with the vaccinated and predictions over the next 2 to five years from some professionals that most of these people will die from

immune disorders, cancer, and heart inflammation, to name the shortlist.

There is no shortage of people living with cancer; [imagine if the cancer rates explode dramatically higher \(by a factor of 20\)](#) BECAUSE THE SPIKE PROTEINS ARE GUMMING UP THE WORKS IN THE CAPILLARIES. What happens is that the spike proteins block up the narrow blood vessels causing hypoxia in the most vulnerable tissues. Oxygen-deprived cells more easily turn cancerous.

"We are now in the world of a vaccine that only kind of works, and this is the most dangerous and unpredictable scenario of all. [There is nothing surprising about the failure of our vaccines](#). It was predictable." In terms of killing a seriously injuring folks, the vaccine seems extraordinarily successful.

The medical profession that took for its motto first do no harm looks increasingly like an accomplice to mass murder — suppressing effective early treatments of Covid, promoting the known iatrogenic fiascos of intubation and Remdesivir, continuing to use the discredited PCR tests, and utilizing a VAERS system with such a defective website that doctors can't be bothered to even report harmful reactions to vaccines while the medical bureaucrats hide and game whatever data leaks through their mighty filters. Not to mention developing the Covid-19 bioweapon in the first place and then a toxic vaccine to neatly finish the job.

Conclusion

Human madness and suicide are advancing as the cruelest have their field day with the rest of us. Politicians are divorced from reality and truth, leading humanity around in vicious circles, but now it is down the drain we go. What do we expect from following greedy madmen?

Being prepared in every sense is the charm we need to wrap around ourselves, and that includes the spiritual strength to be alive when billions die. If you want to survive and keep your family safe, you need to wake up to what is happening and about to happen. It is late in the game.

Just another sign of how sick the world is, a mentally incapable man was elected to the most powerful political position in the world with responsibilities to a nuclear suitcase never further than a few meters away. "[Biden's mental deterioration](#) must be even worse than we realize if his staff members are willing to treat foreign leaders with wanton disrespect to prevent him speaking to the press," writes [Amber Athey](#).

The frogs are dropping dead in Australia. Animals are dropping dead everywhere. Ocean animals wash up packed full of plastic, insect animals fall from the sky, [and we barely notice](#). Caitlin Johnstone