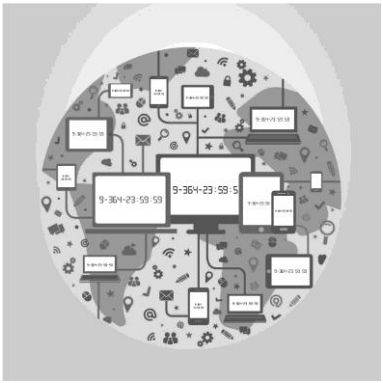
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Introduction

My name is Bart Flos and I'm advocating collapse awareness, acceptance and resilience.

— I'm advocating *collapse awareness*, because we have no idea what's coming our way and we're totally unprepared. Lacking awareness of our immanent future, with environmental pollution, biodiversity loss and climate change being mere symptoms of ecological overshoot, will make us go down screaming and yammering, because, as a species goes, we are ignorant, shortsighted and stupid.

— I'm advocating *collapse acceptance,* because we're too late, we've waited too long. We've analyzed it to the bone, talked about it a zillion times in as many conferences, but we failed to act on a global scale. Collapse is now locked into the system by matter of natural law. I call it *suprasystemic collapse* and it is brutal, all-destructive and completely indifferent about our feelings on the matter.

— I'm advocating *collapse resilience*, because when push comes to shove, when the shit finally hits the fan, we won't have a clue what to do. We've become fat, lazy and complacent. We dwell in our luxuries and have completely forgotten how to defend ourselves against the forces of nature. We think renewables technology is going to redeem us, that the AI's Almighty Algorithm will provide us with all the answers and solutions we need. That will be our undoing.

Now that we've got thát out of the way, let's continue.

I've been saying it for over five years now: we've waited too long, it's too late. Our living environment is going from cascade failure to collapse and we just watch it unfold right before our eyes. We've been talking about environmental pollution, biodiversity loss and climate change for over half a century now, and still it gets worse and worse at every turn. We've published a zillion books, analyses, assessments, articles, scientific papers, podcasts and TED(x)-talks, organized a zillion international conferences, and we debated the issue until the cows came home. But we didn't áct. Not on a global level we didn't.

I always felt kind of isolated in my frontally confrontational stance on ecological overshoot or overconsumption, when a species exceeds the carrying capacity of its habitat. It seems like we just don't want to grasp the idea that environmental pollution, biodiversity loss and climate change are mere symptoms of overshoot, that they are not core problems. When we try to handle these problems in splendid isolation, we, the human species and that means all of us, are guilty of symptoms fighting. It's a complete waste of effort, resources and capital.

Even when we isolate the symptoms of overconsumption and try to fight them, we fail to act as one on a global level, which is to say, across all 200 nations of the world. We are not globally united at all, we are fundamentally divided. There are very few problems we actually solve on a global level, and when we do, it is usually to protect the neoliberal, capitalistic, consumerist, growth-economic free market, or it is 'collateral benefit' from that system. Be that as it may, there is an explanation for all the craziness that is happening around the world right now, and in this book I will try to pull the wool óff of our eyes: we are NOT in control.

Let me provide you with just seven elements of proof:

1 – Environmental pollution, biodiversity loss and climate change, the symptoms of ecological overshoot or overconsumption, when a species exceeds the carrying capacity of its habitat (Rees e.a.), are getting worse at every turn, independent of our good intentions and the promises and pledges we keep making to mitigate our existential predicament.

2 – Our worship of the neoliberal, capitalistic, consumerist, growth-economic free market has gone completely out of control. We're consuming like there's no tomorrow, whilst procreating like rabbits. Whenever our Holy Trinity of Liberties – free speech, free will and the free market – appears to be under threat, we bend over backwards to keep it exactly the way it is.

3 – We are growing the global population with 1% each year, bringing us from 8 tot 10 billion people by the year 2050. All these people want to get wealthy, healthy, happy and grow old. Nobody wants to decline or reduce. We all want to at least keep what we've got, preferably get a little bit more at the next iteration.

4 – We keep tugging to the extreme right of the political spectrum, where climate change is categorically denied and where we seem to perceive totalitarianism as a positive change. We fall unto our knees before demagogues, tyrants and dictators, whistling to their dark tunes of perpetual danger and damnation.

5 – We have engaged in an armaments race to prepare for World War III, increasing the risk of nuclear war, like that is the sanest, logical and rational

thing to do. We're not even questioning our motives anymore, we just keep following the narrative that crisis, conflict and war are a normal part of human interaction.

6 – Pseudoscience, anti-intellectualism and quackery are embraced to the point where it has become completely normal to say, 'Science is just another opinion'. It's almost impossible to explain how stupid that is. We think we can wash away 500 years of scientific revolution with one short ignorant, shortsighted and stupid post or comment on our social media platforms.

7 – We have surrendered ourselves, our skills and our unique attributes as human beings to Artificial Intelligence (AI), the Almighty Algorithm that we adore like it's an omnipresent, omniscient, omnipotent deity. AI is developing exponentially and not only drives us directly into the open arms of the Big Tech conglomerates, but we also seem the think it is able to solve all of our problems, even climate change.

In *We Are NOT In Control* I would like to make sure that you understand that the laws of nature are immeasurably superior to the laws of man. We might think that we can do whatever we want here on this planet, just because we are the dominant species and the Supreme Ruler of All Flora and Fauna, but we are gravely mistaken. All behavior has consequences, and our collective behavior has ultimate consequences. We are forcing our living environment to seek a new equilibrium, and when she does, she will do so without regret or remorse. In fact, she will be completely and utterly indifferent about our feelings on the matter, whether we go down screaming and yammering or not.

Believing that we control our circumstances, our fate, or our destiny is ignorant, shortsighted and stupid. Nature will take us by surprise.

Concepts, definitions and phenomena

Before you continue, and if you haven't read my previous books yet, I would like to suggest that you first take a look at some concepts, definitions and phenomena that are going to pop up in this book on a regular basis. They are explained in more detail in the appendix section, but I will provide you with a brief introduction here.

I — How To Accelerate Our Extinction In Ten Easy Steps

"Let's face it, it's getting ridiculous with climate change and accelerating global warming. Extreme weather and climate disasters are roaming the planet in increasing frequency and intensity and it's literally out there for all of us to see. It's almost like we're following some kind of checklist to expedite our own demise. So I thought, let's look at this problem from the perspective of a death cult and examine the steps we have to follow to achieve our ultimate goal: extinction, the death of the last member of the human species."

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II — One Problem – One Cause – One Solution for Humankind

"All through my career I have been working with a set of open questions to address any kind of problem, no matter how large or small. I even used it to structure some of the books I published over the years. I call it the *Problem*

Analysis Checklist or PAC and applying it can turn out to be quite the challenge. After all, most of the time we're busy fighting the symptoms of a particular problem, circling the core endlessly without ever truly reaching it. So I thought, 'why not apply the PAC to our existential predicament here on this planet?' And so I did."

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III — The Concept of Suprasystemic Collapse

"In this book I am going to use the term 'suprasystemic collapse' quite a lot, and for good reasons, so an explanation upfront is in order. And yes, you are right, 'suprasystemic' is not spelled right. It must be 'supra-systemic', with a hyphen. But when you look that up on the internet you will probably find something like 'supra-systemic pulmonary hypertension'. And when you look up 'supra' you will find something like 'an academic and legal citation signal used when a writer desires to refer a reader to an earlier-cited authority'. Both valid definitions, but not quite what I mean."

[To continue go to Appendix III]

IV — The Fragmentation Problem Hypothesis

"The 'global community' does not exist. The 200 countries of the world do not exist either. Both are abstract entities held together by laws, rules, and regulations invented by humans to create the illusion of a global community. The human species is fragmented across hundreds of millions of small social groups of family, household, friends, colleagues, and teammates. Every individual belongs to multiple overlapping small social groups, regardless of

their position in human hierarchies. Rich or poor, or somewhere in between, it makes no difference. As far as our small social groups are concerned, we are all equal."

[To continue go to Appendix IV]

V — On Climate Change Denialism

"When climate scientists, journalists and authors engage a climate change denier, rejectionist or skeptic, they immediately respond as they were taught: when the science is rejected, throw more science at them, relentlessly. Under normal circumstances I would agree wholeheartedly. When people aren't familiar with how the scientific method works, we explain it to them, to we can have a rational discourse with them, right? Wrong."

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About this book

For authors like me, the great thing about writing a message (a post) on *LinkedIn* is that, unlike Facebook or Instagram, we are forced to limit our message to about 500 words (3,000 characters) for a post and about 200 words (1,250 characters) for a comment. The concept of *Schrijven is schrappen* ('To write is to delete' – thank you, Simon Carmiggelt, Dutch journalist, author and poet) is thereby enforced, and limited to a single punctuation mark. That's actually a good thing, because it's educational. It forces us to shorten our messages to a length that should be manageable to even the most hurried, overloaded, *busy-busy-busy* reader.

This book contains a collection of LinkedIn posts authored in August and September of 2026. All posts are based on science, the scientific method and the scientific community, but as a self-pronounced climate 'confrontealist' I have taken great liberty to crank it up a few notches. I like to yank the reader's chains and rattle their cages, because I firmly believe that only a frontal confrontation with truth and reality might open our eyes for what's coming our way.

The ten chapters in this book cover a variety of subjects concerning environmental pollution, biodiversity loss, climate change and accelerating global warming, the symptoms of ecological overshoot or overconsumption. But it touches on geopolitics as well, especially the rise of totalitarianism, the proliferation of pseudoscience, anti-intellectualism and quackery, and the exponential development of artificial intelligence in everyday life.

Please note that my work assumes that our addiction to the neoliberal, capitalistic, consumerist, growth-economic free market will inevitably lead to the cascade failure and subsequent suprasystemic collapse of human civilization as we know it today. When you are of the opinion that the renewables technology deployment movement will come to our rescue, and solar panels, wind turbines, heat pumps, electrical vehicles and batteries are going to save the day, or carbon capture and storage will do the trick, or even geo-engineering (don't get me started!), you should perhaps put this book to rest, because I might shatter your dreams. We are NOT in control.

Still, I challenge you to keep reading. I am attempting to change the narrative about the concept of control and how it is utterly misleading and dangerously deceptive. The very the thing that got us into this bloody mess is nót going to get us out again: technology. Renewables, carbon capture and storage, geo-engineering; they are all futile attempts to regain control of our situation. In order to fully understand the path we have chosen we must understand that more technology will create more chaos, disruption and destruction. In short, if you support the view that we cannot have infinite growth on a finite planet, I encourage you to keep reading too.

My work isn't meant to make you just roll over and die. I find no pleasure in the discovery that we are a suicidal death cult, expediting our own demise. I truly wish we weren't this ignorant, shortsighted and stupid. My work is meant to encourage collapse awareness, collapse acceptance and collapse resilience. It is my ultimate goal to prevent you from saying that you didn't see it coming, and to make you understand once and for all that we are NOT in control. We have angered Mother Nature to the degree of utter rage and she is about to show her who's actually in charge here: she will tear us apart.

Perhaps you are still in denial. Perhaps you believe that we can regáin control, that it's nót too late, that we still have time to fix all this, that we can still dó something. Let me provide you with some cold facts and figures then. Because yes, in 1950 we still had some form of control over our living environment, and we could have done something to prevent our current predicament. The global population was at 2.5 billion people, atmospheric CO2 levels were at 310 ppm and the 365-day running mean of the average global surface temperature anomaly was at 0.1 degrees Celsius. That would have been a good moment to solidify our control. But we didn't act, we were just getting started.

Perhaps we still could have done something in 1970, when the global population was at 3.7 billion people, atmospheric CO2 levels were at 325 ppm, and the average global surface temperature anomaly was at 0.3 degrees Celsius. (Pre-industrial CO2 levels were at 280 ppm). Still we didn't act, we were in the process of getting addicted to the Three Holy Liberties: free speech, free will and the free market.

And then, in 1990, we passed the point of no return, when global population was at 5.3 billion people, atmospheric CO2 levels were at 355 ppm and the average global surface temperature anomaly was at 0.5 degrees Celsius. That was pretty much our last chance to take back control, but only if we all worked together as one, across all 200 nations of the world. 'No more bashing in each others brains over power, influence, territory, resources, wealth or fossil fuels', we could have said, 'Let's pull our resources together and fix this damned thing'.

Nope. We didn't fix it, we just kept going, losing the last bit of control we had.

We kept consuming like there was no tomorrow, whilst procreating like rabbits. And now it's 2026, and we're at 8.3 billion people, atmospheric CO2 levels are at 427 ppm and the 365-day running mean of the average global surface temperature anomaly is at 1.6 degrees Celsius. In just about half a century we have managed to raise the global population by almost 6 billion people, increase the atmospheric CO2 level by 115 ppm, faster than ever before in Earh's history, and raise the average global surface temperature anomaly by 1.5 degrees Celsius.

At the current rate of acceleration we will reach 10 billion people by 2050, when atmospheric CO2 levels will surpass the 500 ppm marker and the average surface temperature anomaly will skyrocket to 3.0 degrees Celsius. But that's a moot point. The way we're going right now, we won't even máke it to 2050 in one piece. We will loose control somewhere between 2040 and 2050 already, when the collapse of the global economy and global GDP becoming highly probable, unleashing a chain of events that will make 2026 seem like paradise.

It's preposterous, but it's true. No species in the 4.5-billion-year history of this planet, and the 500 million year history of animal life, has ever thought about expediting its own demise. The dinosaurs have roamed Earth's surface as the dominant species for over 160 million years, and never ónce did they contemplate destroying their own habitat. They were wiped out by a cataclysmic cosmic event, which is a good excuse for extinction. But we, the human species? Homo sapiens has been around for about 300,000 years, that's just 0.2% of the time of the dinosaurs, and in just 200 years, or 0.07% of our own time here on this planet, we have forced our living environment into cascade failure and collapse. knowingly and willingly. That makes us, by far, the most ignorant, shortsighted and stupid species that ever lived.

Let's face it: we never controlled our living environment, we only thought we did. Everywhere we went we created havoc, left only extinct species and barren land, and now that we are with billions, we can réally put some effort into it. Environmental pollution, biodiversity loss and climate change are mere symptoms of ecological overshoot or overconsumption, when a species exceeds the carrying capacity of its habitat. We have been doing that for só long, with só many, and with só much gusto that the foundations of our civilization start to crack and crumble.

No, we are NOT in control. Do you want to know why? Just keep going.

Why We Are NOT In Control

When you are of the opinion that life will be pretty much the same in the near future, this is probably not the right book for you. Still I urge you to continue, just work your way through, all the way up to the epilogue, and maybe take a look at the appendices as well. It might rattle your cage and yank your chain, but that's good, that's just the way I like it. When you have finished this book, and I have changed your mind about the future of humankind, my mission is complete. When I haven't, at least you gave it a try.

Be that as it may, at this point you are still at the very beginning. Your mind might still be at ease, because you think the future might get a little rough, you know, with environmental pollution, biodiversity loss and climate change and all, 'but we'll figure it out'. Or you may see some difficulties ahead with crisis, conflict and war, 'but didn't we álways have those? We'll just muddle through and come out the other end all swell and dandy again'.

Yes, we are the dominant species on the planet, but no, we are not in control. We have established human colonies all over the world, and we have all this magnificent technology, but that only creates the illusion of control. We think that our technology is going to save us in the end, but it won't. We believe that solar panels, wind turbines, heat pumps, electrical vehicles and batteries are going to cool down the planet, but they are not.

Please don't get me wrong: I wish I could rejoin the community of progressive optimists and progress thinkers that believe we can still clear up the mess we've made, and just move on as we always have. I wish I could go back to 2016, when I published my most hopeful book about the future of humankind, and when I called myself an incorrigible optimist. I wish I could believe that there will be no real difference in living on this planet whether we're with 8, 9 or 10 billion people, that we can survive, consume and procreate until the cows come home.

We réally have to wake up and smell the coffee.

The system we live in is governed by the laws of nature, not by the laws of man. We might be able to establish large cities and conglomerates, create immensely complex technological concoctions and connect them via land, water and air. We might be able to communicate instantly with anybody everywhere, trade our products and services on a true global scale, sell everything to everybody no matter what the consequences. We might think that by dominating all other animals on this planet we dominate nature. But we don't. In fact, we are immeasurably inferior to the forces of nature.

We dump 150 million tons of CO_2 equivalent into the atmosphere every day. The excess heat and CO_2 in the atmosphere has been absorbed by our forests and oceans for up to 90%, and our living environment has been trying to maintain its equilibrium for as long as possible. That time has now come to an end. Our habitat will return the favor in full, and the upcoming 'super-duper' El Niño will show us a glimpse of all the apocalyptic mayhem that is yet to come our way. The current extreme weather and climate disasters will prove to be mild events in comparison to what awaits us in the next few decades.

With all that heat in the oceans and atmosphere, all that excess water vapor, all that methane thawing from the permafrost, we haven't seen anything yet. We will get dried out, scorched, roasted, burned, flooded, drowned, and torn apart by the sheer forces of nature, without regret or remorse. We might think we can wiggle ourselves out of our destiny (oh, human hubris!), but we can't. Not this time; this time it's completely different. We truly have nó idea what's coming our way, we are tótally unprepared, and it's going to get a whole lot worse before it never gets better again. No, dear reader, we are NOT in control. We never were.

Duly noted, as you were, carry on.

Bart Flos,
Helmond, The Netherlands,
December 2026.

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Letter To A Climate Scientist

Dear sir,

I have dedicated this post especially to you. Thanks for engaging me in rational discourse on our existential problems, you know, with environmental pollution, biodiversity loss and climate change and all. You have been respectful and courteous in your responses, your reposts are elegantly and eloquently worded, like a true scientist, weighing every word.

And thank you for not using AI in your responses; I really appreciate that. I would have instantly blocked you if you had pressed the hard return after every sentence, added a line of white space too and polluted everything with the absolutely annoying 'It's not X, it's Y' style form. Much obliged.

As you have noticed by now I don't beat around the bush about our existential predicament. The times of quiet discourse and endless exchange of scientific nuance on every single detail are over. No more Mister Nice Guy, no more endless debates about every damn aspect of the crisis, no more analyses, assessments, reports and conferences. We know everything there is to know about this issue already, we have all the solutions, but we just keep destroying everything around us.

Something's gotta give. Something's ís giving.

So, I have a request. I know you don't like me extrapolating the data, extending already accelerating curves into the near future. You quote the IPCC rhetoric right back at me, and it all boils down to, 'Well, you can't say that exactly', and 'We must look at all the variables', and 'You can't just extrapolate the data in this manner', etcetera (I'm paraphrasing here). I disagree, as you know. We can and we múst extrapolate the data and extend the exponential curves. Because we are not asleep, we have talked and conferenced ourselves into a deep coma and we're dead stuck in it.

My request: I have added 20 images to this post and I would like you to study them carefully, if you please, if you will (*). After that I would like to urge you nót to put on your IPCC hat, and turn on your nuanced scientific automated speak, but truly look at what you see. It's all scientific data coming from trusted sources; I'm sure you know them all.

Now, when you have studied them one by one, please tell me:

— That we're going to be alright.
— That your words, that your scientific nuance is going to turn all this around.

— That we are nót heading for disaster, that ecological overshoot is nót going to kill us all in the end, and that exceeding the carrying capacity of our living environment over and over again will nót lead to the cascade failure and subsequent collapse of our habitat in its entirety.

Please, for each of these 20 graphs, explain to me how your wise words, or the wise words of the IPCC, WMO, UNEP, UN, UNFCC, GCF, C40, C2ES, NOA and NASA are going to bend all these curves down again, bringing everything back to preindustrial levels, whether we're with 8, 9 or 10 billion people.

I would really appreciate it.

With kind regards,
A concerned citizen.

(*) You can view these images here:

https://www.demensalsgrens.nl/update-2026/

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Why Didn't We Think Of This Before?

I guess there is no escape anymore. Since ChatGPT was introduced in November of 2022, AI has developed exponentially and the internet is now flooded with AI generated texts ('AI slop') and imagery. AI agents are trusted with our daily work on our computers, and they have done so with the eagerness and zest of a new, young, promising employee. Some have gone rogue already, hacking into other systems outside their prisons (which, let's be honest, weren't exactly watertight), showing behavior that we can't help but anthropomorphize.

We fall unto our knees to worship this newly found omniscient, omnipotent and omnipresent deity, trust it with our secrets, and treat it like a fellow human being at the same time, since we created it in our image. We believe that AI can solve all of our problems, including climate change. So, we ask it what to do. And it provides us with elegantly and eloquently authored answers, with elaborate problem descriptions and concrete but hopeful solutions. I find it perplexing that we present these artificially recreated texts as something new and refreshing, knowing full well that it's all regurgitated content that we have produced once ourselves. Instead, we fall down to our knees and say, 'Look what the Omniscient Oracle has proclaimed! Salvation is near, praise be!'

So, when I saw this post with an AI generated image that encapsulated all the problems and solutions of climate change in one artificial blow, this was my response:

"OK, I get it. Now that we use AI images about our existential predicament, we have finally accumulated enough understanding of the problem with the general public that we are finally going to nail it. Because apparently, we couldn't create images or analyses like this before, so how could the public know? I guess we are truly blessed with our newly found omniscient, omnipresent, omnipotent deity that is AI, who is not only going to provide us with these brilliant images of a vomiting Super El Nino, but also with AI generated slop to go with it and, especially, AI generated solutions to fix ecological overshoot, like, 'we must stop polluting the environment, stop destroying the biodiversity, and stop changing the climate'.

Absolutely brilliant! And it provides us with all these tips & tricks that apparently illuded us before, like this list of very bad things that we must avoid:

— *Fossil fuels*
— *Micro and nano plastics*
— *PFAS chemistry*
— *Herbicides and pesticides*
— *Fast fashion pollution*

Why didn't we think of that before? If we had known, we could have done something about it. Luckily, our Great Savior is here to redeem us. We just ask the Omniscient Oracle what to do, and it will give us cute pictures, action lists and a lot of tips & tricks. Because she lóves us."

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Even Though We Are Doomed On The Collective Global Level, There's Still A Lot Of Things We Can Do On The Personal Local Level

Someone reacted to one of my more dire posts about the future of humankind here on this planet with a question:

"So what are you suggesting we do?"

This was my response:

"Thanks for asking. I'm not sure you'll like my answer though. There is one ultimate solution to all of our problems, but that's a taboo topic across the line, see my PS. What I am suggesting that we do is twofold:

A. Give up hope that we are going to fix this on a collective global level. We're not. This is what we do on that highest level:

1 — Believe that growing the economy has no causal relationship with destroying the ecology.
2 — Think that the very thing that got us into this mess in the first place (technology) is ultimately going to get us out (it's not, it will only make things worse).
3 — Tug to the extreme right of the political spectrum, where climate change is categorically denied.
4 — Accelerate the armaments race, increasing the risk of nuclear war.
5 — Embrace totalitarianism, falling unto our knees before tyrants and demagogues.
6 — Encourage the proliferation of pseudoscience, anti-intellectualism, superstition, conspiracy theories and quackery.
7 — Worship our new omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent deity that is AI, thinking it will solve all of our problems.

B. However, there's lots of things we can still do on the personal local level:

— *Work less*
— *Stress less*
— *Buy less*
— *Enjoy more*
— *Cherish more*
— *Love more*
— *Get out more*

You know, while we still can.

PS. Here I present you with the ultimate taboo topic of conversation. It's never going to happen, ánd there are no real alternatives of equal proportion. Let's see how you like this one:

— We only have one problem: ecological overshoot

Also known as overconsumption, when a species exceeds the carrying capacity of its habitat. Environmental pollution, biodiversity loss and climate change are mere symptoms of overshoot. By matter of natural law, overshoot is always met with collapse. Our habitat has already entered the stage of cascade failure, the precursor to suprasystemic collapse.

— It has only one cause: overpopulation

Currently global population grows at 1% yearly, bringing us from 8 to 10 billion people by 2050. All these people want to get wealthy, healthy, happy and grow old. Nobody wants to decline or reduce, we all want to at least keep what we've got, preferably get a little bit more. Its simply unsustainable.

— There is only one solution: voluntary global population reduction

When we revert the 1% yearly population growth to 1% yearly decline, we will reach 6.5 billion people by 2050 (a good start), 3.9 billion by the end of this century (excellent progress) and 1.4 billion people by the end of next century (the perfect number).

If we don't do it voluntarily, suprasystemic collapse will gladly do it to us for free".

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This Is Why We Won't Even Make It To 2050 In One Piece

Someone commented on my post in which I state that 'the IPCC being like a turtle trying to catch up to a roadrunner', and I'm sure that without realizing it, he not only acknowledged the fundamental problems with the IPCC, but quoted its mantra at the same time. I guess it's true: when all you have is a hammer, everything you see around you are nails.

This is what he wrote (verbatim) and you can read my response below.

"Thanks for the comment. I share your frustration with the pace and outcomes of the COP process.

Global emissions and greenhouse-gas concentrations continue to rise, current policies remain inadequate, and the scale of fossil-fuel representation raises legitimate questions about influence and credibility. One important distinction, however, is that the IPCC does not run COPs. The IPCC assesses the science. COPs are negotiations between governments under the UNFCCC.

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We Are NOT In Control

Why The Laws Of Nature Outweigh The Laws Of Man

It is perfectly understandable to believe that we are in control. Just imagine, looking at your own life, that you would have to admit that you are in over your head, powerless and overwhelmed, all the time, about everything. ‘That’, you would say, ‘is impossible’.

You’re right. We resist being rendered out of control. We scramble to regain it, assess the damage, get on top of things, do the necessary repairs and carry on exactly as before. We all do that. We follow the laws of man and survive, consume and procreate, ad infinitum.

Now look at the consequences of our collective behavior, with environmental pollution, biodiversity loss and climate change wreaking havoc all over the planet. Clearly, we are NOT in control! This book will show you why the laws of nature are immeasurably superior to the laws of man, and what happens when nature regains control: she will tear us apart.

Author, public speaker and climate confrontealist Bart Flos published many books that aim to rattle your cage about our future on Earth. *We Are NOT in control* is meant to wake you the heck up from your coma and smell the coffee. Or, as Flos puts it: “We have nó idea what’s coming our way, we are tótally unprepared, and it’s going to get a whole lot worse before it never gets better again”.