



THE AGE OF LIMITS

May 25th thru May 28th
Memorial Day Weekend at Four Quarters

Limits to Growth on a Finite Earth

For 50 years serious thinkers have questioned the assumptions of our global industrial culture and its prospects over the longer term. In recent decades they have succeeded in bringing at least some of the core science into popular discussion, notably petroleum depletion and especially climate change. Through these years proposals have been made outlining the governmental policies that would be necessary to begin “solving” these problems. Sadly, we can now see through the course of events, or rather non-events, that the window of opportunity is closing, if not already closed. We are now confronted not by a problem, but by a predicament; one which has no solution, but only adaptations and mitigations.

- Environmental and Resource Depletion, Global Population Demographics.
- Debt/Growth Based Finance and Climate Change.
- A world now reaching The Limits of Growth on a Finite Earth. The Age of Limits.

In-Depth Conversations With:

John Michael Greer: Scholar and author of more than twenty books on a wide range of subjects, including *The Long Descent: A User's Guide to the End of the Industrial Age*, *The Ecotechnic Future: Exploring a Post-Peak World*, and *The Wealth of Nature: Economics As If Survival Mattered*. thearchdruidreport.blogspot.com

Carolyn Baker Ph.D.: Professor of history and psychology, psychotherapist and author of *Navigating The Coming Chaos: A Handbook For Inner Transition* and *Sacred Demise: Walking The Spiritual Path of Industrial Civilization's Collapse*. carolynbaker.net

Dmitry Orlov: Essayist, wry social commentator and author of the acclaimed *Reinventing Collapse – The Soviet Experience and American Prospects*. cluborlov.blogspot.com

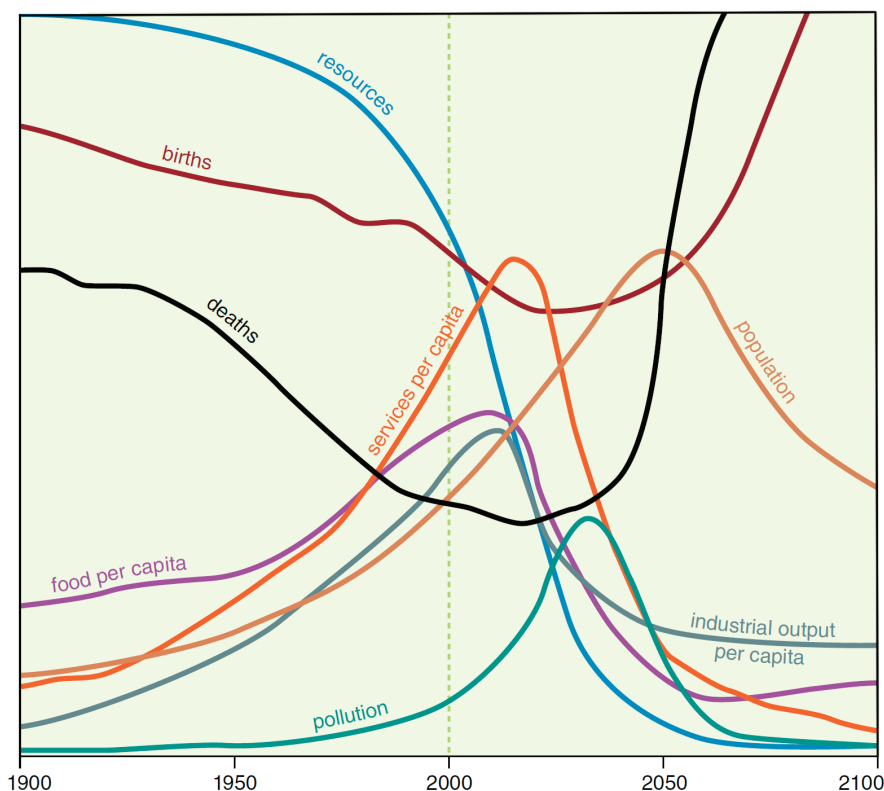
Gail Tverberg: Professional Actuary and Mathematician, global limits analyst and writer. ourfiniteworld.com

Thomas Whipple: Retired senior analyst for the CIA and a well-known researcher and writer on energy and oil issues, Tom is the chief editor of the Association for the Study of Peak Oil-USA's flagship publication, *Peak Oil News and Review*. aspo-usa.com

...and others being confirmed.

Workshops for Understanding and Adapting to Decline

- Localized food production, transport and consumption.
- Debt based finance, fiat currencies and the global economy.
- Climate change, the current state of the science.
- Personal energy production and shelter creation.
- Fossil fuel production and consumption metrics.
- The new extended family and local community.
- Flexible livelihood and living in place.
- Understanding the limits of renewable energy systems..



The original “Limits to Growth Report” (1972 Meadows et al) did not include a time line for the global growth scenarios it examined. With the addition of statistical data for the following 40 years it is now possible “to fit to the curve” and make rough predictions based on observed resource production and consumption patterns, overlaid upon continued population growth.

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Registrations begin at \$85 for the full three nights and two days of presentations.

For more information call or write our offices at 814-784-3080, office@4QF.org or visit us at TheAgeofLimits.org and 4QF.org

The Age of Limits is organized by Four Quarters InterFaith, the Mid-Atlantic non-profit center supporting nature based spirituality and sustainable living techniques. Located just 100 miles from the DC metro area, our center is off-grid and we provide our campers with advanced flush toilet, hot shower and drinking water systems. Our kitchen staff serves meal plans created with our own produce or that of our neighboring farms. Private rooms in nearby B+B's are available.

The Age of Limits directly addresses our developing understanding of the core issues relating to the emerging decline of the western industrialized model and the practical adaptations and preparations that apply on the personal, family and local levels. Because our science understands that business as usual cannot continue, that the degree of catastrophe from Climate Change is simply unknowable in its scope and that global population die-off is a real possibility within the lifetimes of our young people. We want to present this information in a level, thoughtful and non-hysterical manner; as the situation is so dire that it needs no amplification, but rather, compassion.

So this is not intended to be a conference in the usual sense of presentations to a passive audience. We will instead foster “Weekend Community” through the creation of physical spaces that encourage attendees meeting and exchanging with each other and with our presenters... in a very natural and beautiful setting. In addition to two full days of presentations and workshops, there will be low-key Appalachian string music in our community spaces featuring a finger foods social meet and greet Friday evening, a stage performance Saturday evening and an old style barn dance Sunday evening. And we will be offering community meal plans through our “Starvin’ Artist Kitchen.” It is not all Doom and Gloom!