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It doesn't much matter whether people care or don't care. What matters is that people change the world.

~Elizabeth Kolbert

It may seem impossible to imagine that a technologically advanced society could choose, in essence, to destroy itself, but that is what we are now in the processnof doing.

~Elizabeth Kolbert

If in your lifetime you watch a species go extinct, or plummet almost to the point of extinction, that is a sign that something really serious is going on.

~Elizabeth Kolbert

Neanderthals were pretty smart, and if we actively killed them off, then probably we did so in the same way that humans kill each other.

~Elizabeth Kolbert

Though it might be nice to imagine there once was a time when man lived in harmony with nature, it's not clear that he ever really did.

~Elizabeth Kolbert

Humans will eventually become extinct. People treat that as a radical thing to say. But the fossil record shows us that everything eventually becomes extinct.

~Elizabeth Kolbert

Most of us live in parts of the world where we don't expect to see much, and we wouldn't necessarily notice things that are crashing.

~Elizabeth Kolbert

There's this idea of shifting baselines. It was coined by a guy named Jeremy Jackson. It's the idea that every generation takes what it sees, and says, "Okay, well, that's the norm."

~Elizabeth Kolbert

No matter what Donald Trump says, it's clear that global warming is rapidly changing conditions on our planet.

~Elizabeth Kolbert

In a poll commissioned by Time and CNN, two-thirds of American parents said they think that their children are spoiled.

~Elizabeth Kolbert

There are a lot of things that we could do to minimize what we're doing, but we're not getting back those frogs that I saw that no longer exist.

~Elizabeth Kolbert

[On the birther movement:] Here we are, quadrillions of bytes deep into the Information Age. And yet information, it seems, has never mattered less.

~Elizabeth Kolbert

Parents want their kids' approval, a reversal of the past ideal of children striving for their parents' approval.

~Flizabeth Kolbert

I don't think there are too many places left that humans haven't pretty thoroughly explored.

~Elizabeth Kolbert

We're talking really huge global-scale change, and I did not feel that I had the prescription for that kind of action, so I'm going to leave it to the reader.

~Elizabeth Kolbert

You're an animal that needs to move across the landscape, you can't anymore, and that's another way we're just changing the surface of the

Earth in very dramatic ways.

~Elizabeth Kolbert

The Earth is big. There are huge natural forces that have worked over geological time. But it turns out, when you look carefully at the geological time, you can't find anything like us.

~Elizabeth Kolbert

Increasingly developing countries are asking for aid to help deal with the consequences of climate change, which we don't want to give.

~Elizabeth Kolbert

Some of these species that are now no longer with us were killed off by a fungal disease that was moved around the planet by people.

~Elizabeth Kolbert

Mitochondrial DNA, which is a sort of abridged version of DNA, is passed directly from mother to child, so it's something that can be looked at to trace matrilineal descent.

~Elizabeth Kolbert

You've got to do everything, everything's got to be pointing in the same direction and you've got to really turn this whole economic engine from one that's based on fossil fuels to one that isn't.

~Flizabeth Kolbert

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