

Lester R. Brown

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Generation, Growth, Sea, Aquifers, Oxygen, Breathing, Air, Children, Ice, May,
Country, Wind, Fuel, Generations*

One way or another, the choice will be made by our generation, but it will affect life on earth for all generations to come

~Lester R. Brown

Saving civilization is not a spectator sport.

~Lester R. Brown

No civilization has survived the ongoing destruction of its natural support systems. Nor will ours.

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Today, more than ever, we need political leaders who can see the big picture, who understand the relationship between the economy and its environmental support systems.

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Our numbers expand, but Earth's natural systems do not.

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The foundation is being laid for the emergence of both wind and solar cells as cornerstones of the new energy economy.

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The throwaway economy that has been evolving over the last half-century is an aberration, now itself headed for the junk heap of history.

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Population growth is exceeding farmers' ability to keep up...Our oldest enemy, hunger, is again at the door.

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Humanity's greatest challenge may soon be just making it to the next harvest.

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Socialism failed because it couldn't tell the economic truth. Capitalism may fail because it couldn't tell the ecological truth.

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The biggest threat to global stability is the potential for food crises in poor countries to cause government collapse.

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In today's integrated world economy, ... eradicating poverty may contribute as much to U.S. security as eradicating terrorism.

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Nations are in effect ceding portions of their sovereignty to the international community and beginning to create a new system of international environmental governance.

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Farmers...can no longer keep up with rising demand; thus the outlook is for chronic scarcities and rising prices.

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Global food insecurity is increasing...the slim excess of growth in food production over population is narrowing.

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They have also been adopting fuel efficiency standards for automobiles in China.

~Lester R. Brown

Yet, most of the readily accessible reserves of oil formed over hundreds of millions of years will be consumed within a single generation, spanning the years from 1960 to 1995.

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Nuclear power, once regarded as petroleum's natural heir, has become less and less attractive as its numerous drawbacks come to light. Coal, the other fossil fuel, is ultimately as exhaustible as oil.

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If an economy is to sustain progress, it must satisfy the basic principles of ecology. If it does not, it will decline and eventually collapse. There is no middle ground

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The 20th century was the time when the world turned to use of fossil fuels and the 21st century will be the century of the renewables.

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