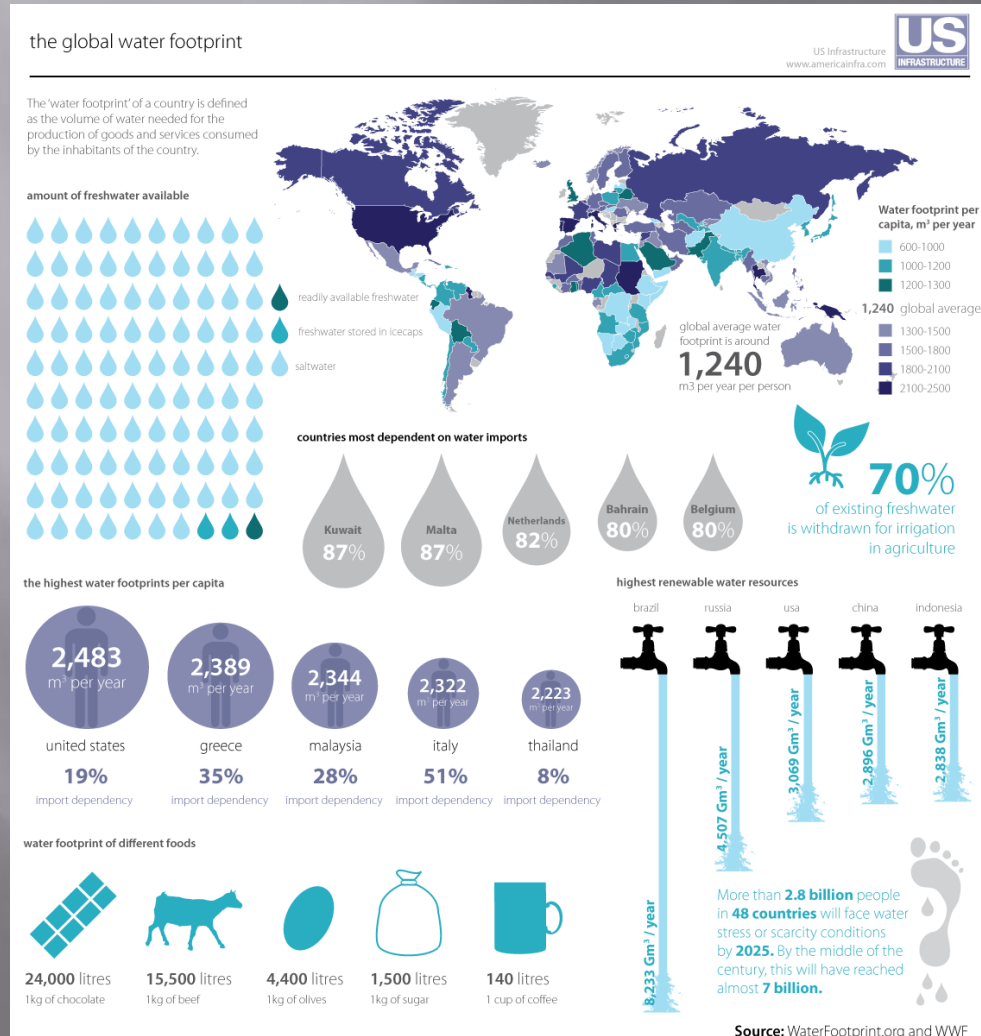




# PEAK WATER AND THE GREAT UNRAVELING

By what name will future generations know our time? Will they speak in anger and frustration of the time of the Great Unraveling, when profligate consumption exceeded Earth's capacity to sustain and led to an accelerating wave of collapsing environmental systems, violent competition for what remained of the planet's resources, and a dramatic dieback of the human population? Or will they look back in joyful celebration on the time of the Great Turning, when their forebears embraced the higher-order potential of their human nature, turned crisis into opportunity, and learned to live in creative partnership with one another and Earth? [David Korten](#)

# Climate Change, Global Economic Instability, Overpopulation, Erosion of Traditional Community Values, Declining Biodiversity, and Wars Over Natural Resources.



Source: WaterFootprint.org and WWF



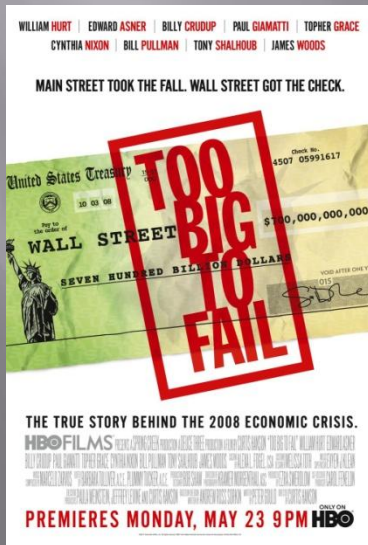


Most of the books, films, and experiences that inspired me to compile these ideas essentially say, "No, seriously folks, we're SCREWED." And this paper says, "Yes, things are bad. I mean bad – REALLY bad.



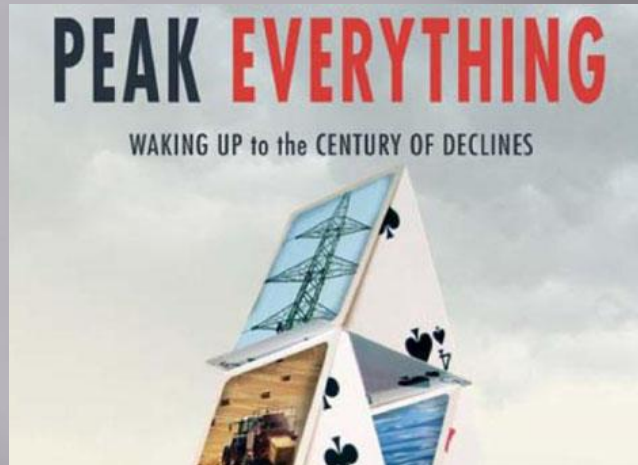
But we are only SCREWED if we stick to the old paradigms of economics and the institutions of big finance and the captive corporations that serve them.

# Too Big to Fail?



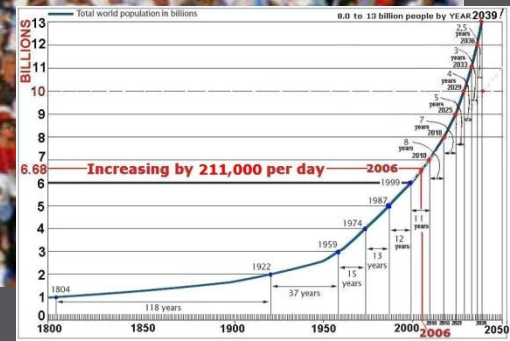


# Peak Everything





# Population and Water





# Hot spots of water risk, as reported in the World Resources Institute include but are not limited to:

Australia's Murray-Darling basin;  
the Colorado River basin in the U.S. Southwest;  
the Orange-Senqu basin, covering parts of South Africa, Botswana and  
Namibia and all of Lesotho;  
and the Yangtze and Yellow river basins in China



# Peak Water

- ❑ Water use has been growing at more than twice the rate of population increase in the last century
- ❑ Water use is predicted to increase by 50 percent between 2007 and 2025 in developing countries and 18 percent in developed ones, with much of the increased use in the poorest countries with more and more people moving from rural areas to cities.
- ❑ Factor in the expected impacts of climate change this century — more severe floods, droughts and shifts from past precipitation patterns — that are likely to hit the poorest people first and worst “and we have a significant challenge on our hands.





# Water and Climate Change





# We are Polluting Water to Death



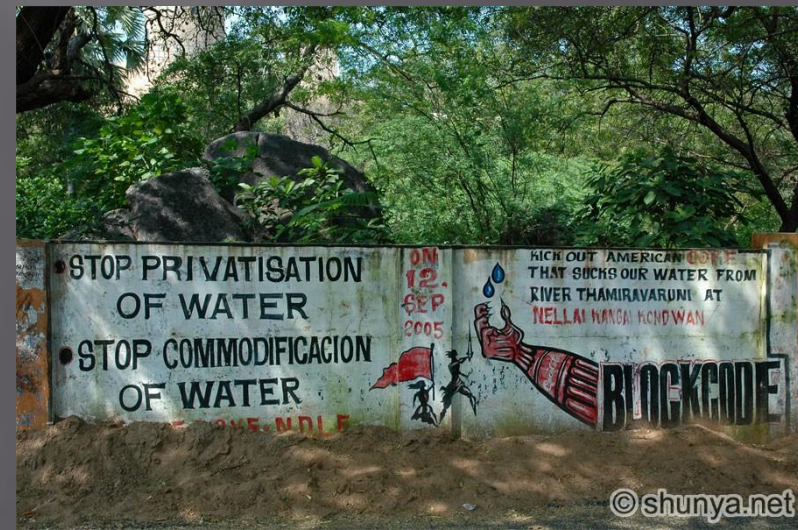


# Loss





# Water Privatization and Commodification





# Alternative World Water Forum



# Waterkeepers and Grassroots Action





# Climate Justice



# Water as a Human Right



## RESOLUTION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

" Access to safe and clean drinking water and sanitation is a human right essential to the full enjoyment of life and other human rights. "



# Rights of Mother Earth



# Crony Capitalism

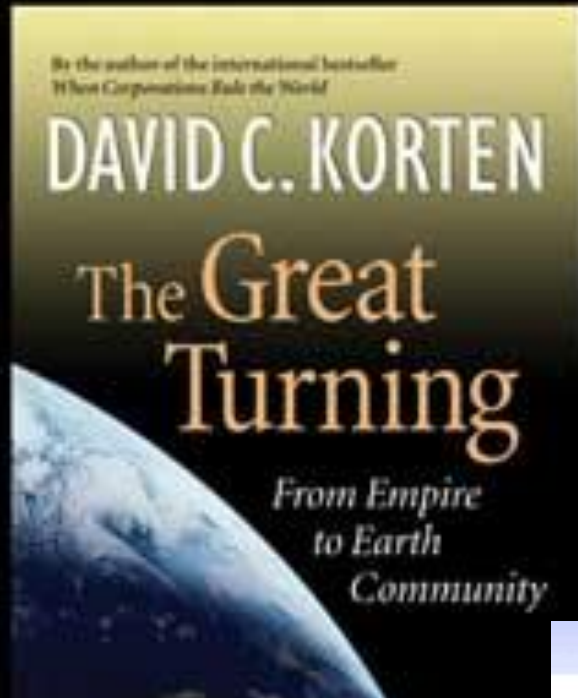




# We Already Have Everything We Need



# The Great Turning



*“We stand at a critical moment in Earth’s history, a time when humanity must choose its future.”*

*– The Earth Charter*





# We Are The Ones We Have Been Waiting For

