

# Collected Climate Quotes

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1.	21 <sup>st</sup> Century regenerative farming is the brightest hope for our planet to reverse the effects of global warming, and to protect and improve the health of farmers, global citizens and future generations. - Timothy LaSalle, CEO, Rodale Institute
2.	74% of people think businesses are not doing enough to cut their carbon emissions and tackle climate change. - 2006 Carbon Trust Survey
3.	A 2°C warming would be a magnitude of warming greater than any that human civilization has ever experienced. We would need to return to the Miocene era, some 5–25 million years ago, to find a climate that is warmer than today's by more than 2°C. - Simon Retallack, IPPR
4.	A challenge so far-reaching in its impact and irreversible in its destructive power, that it alters radically human existence... There is no doubt that the time to act is now. - Tony Blair
5.	A child born in a wealthy country is likely to consume, waste, and pollute more in his lifetime than 50 children born in developing nations. Our energy-burning lifestyles are pushing our planet to the point of no return. It is dawning on us at last that the life of our world is as vulnerable as the children we raise. - George Carey, Archbishop of Canterbury, UK
6.	A day will come when our children and grandchildren will look back and they'll ask one of two questions. Either they will ask: "what in God's name were they doing?" or they may look back and say: "how did they find the uncommon moral courage to rise above politics and redeem the promise of American democracy?" - Al Gore
7.	A family-friendly "eco-populism" can mobilize and unite millions who, at this point, would be turned off by a more extreme set of demands. The momentum will build, through these early efforts, for more comprehensive solutions. - Van Jones
8.	A firm and ever-growing body of evidence points to a clear picture: the world is warming, this warming is due to human activity increasing levels of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere, and if emissions continue unabated the warming will too, with increasingly serious consequences. - New Scientist
9.	A growing body of scientific evidence suggests that the risk of a climatic catastrophe is high enough for the world to spend a small proportion of its income trying to prevent one from happening. - Economist, 9 September 2006
10.	A lot of people go straight from denial to despair without pausing in the middle and doing something about it. - Al Gore
11.	A new politics can spark the clean-energy revolution that will serve as a foundation for a new era of human prosperity, protect the world's forests, stabilize the climate, and preserve the diversity of life on the planet. - Eban Goodstein, <i>Fighting for Love in the Century of Extinction</i>
12.	A rise of 5C would be a temperature the world has not seen for 30 to 50 million years. We've been around only 100,000 years as human beings. We don't know what that's like. -Nicholas Stern
13.	A rising carbon price is essential to 'decarbonize' the economy – to remove the nation towards the era beyond fossil fuels. – James Hansen
14.	A warming of this magnitude would risk the end of civilization as we know it by the end of this century. - Peter Barrett, director of Victoria University's Antarctic Research Centre in Wellington
15.	All the world's energy could be achieved by solar many thousands of times over. - Roger Booth, Head of Renewable Energy Supply and Marketing, Shell. Feb 1995
16.	Americans are driving more in less-efficient vehicles. Sales of sports utility vehicles and pickup trucks have been amazingly strong considering the recession, and low pump prices are keeping people on the roads. - Mike Lucky, analyst for John S Herold Inc, December 2001

17.	An acre of windy prairie could produce between \$4,000 and \$10,000 worth of electricity pre year – which is far more than the value of the land’s crop of corn or wheat. - Denis Hayes
18.	An awful lot of people are living only a foot above high water and do not know it. - Jim Titus, US EPA, June 2001
19.	An electron is an electron, but you can decide where to send your electric-bill payment. You can't redirect the electrons, but you can your dollars. The dollars will drive generation choices. - Ralph Cavanagh, an attorney with the Natural Resources Defense Council.
20.	An increase of two or three degrees wouldn't be so bad for a northern country like Russia. We could spend less on fur coats, and the grain harvest would go up. - Vladimir Putin, Russian President, October 2003.
21.	An outdated view still prevails that a low-carbon lifestyle requires immense personal suffering and sacrifice. In my view, nothing could be further from the truth. All the evidence shows that people who do not drive, do not fly on planes, do shop locally, do grow their own food, and do get to know other members of their community have a much higher quality of life than their compatriots who still persist in making the ultimate sacrifice of wasting their lives commuting to work in cars. - Mark Lynas, Six Degrees
22.	Any difficulties which the world faces today will be as nothing compared to the full effects which global warming will have on the world-wide economy. – Prince Charles
23.	Any successful long-term strategy will require that the green wave fully and passionately embrace the principles of eco-equity. - Van Jones, The Green Collar Economy
24.	Anyone who would tackle our current addiction to fossil fuels is going to have to maneuver around denial. - William H. Calvin,
25.	Apparently, the fossil-fuel industry’s strategy is to convince the American people that we should just burn all the way through the last of our oil and coal reserves. - Van Jones, The Green Collar Economy
26.	As long as a handful of U.S. scientists, most receiving funds from the fossil fuel industry, get equal time with hundreds of the world’s leading climate scientists, the public inevitably ends up with a misimpression about the state of our scientific understanding. - Joseph Romm, Hell and High Water
27.	At [the current] rate, it will take almost 200 years to get the tenfold improvement we need. The deep changes required across the global economy will not happen without new incentives and policies at the national and international level. - McKinsey and Company.
28.	Australia has lengthened its lead as the world's worst per-capita greenhouse polluter. - The Australian Age, September 2001.
29.	Before, if we screwed up, we could move on. But now we don’t have an exit option. We don’t have another planet. - Tim Flannery
30.	Besides the noble art of getting things done, there is the noble art of leaving things undone. The wisdom of life consists in the elimination of non-essentials. - Lin Yutang
31.	Building a new national high speed train network is the single most important action we can do to get us off oil, and change the direction of the nation for the better. It is the backbone of a truly sustainable society. Andy Kunz
32.	Bush and Inhofe will go down in history with other leaders such as Herbert Hoover and Neville Chamberlain who were blind to their nation’s gravest threats. - Joseph Romm, Hell and High Water
33.	By kicking its carbon addiction, America will increase its national wealth and generate millions of jobs that can’t be outsourced. - Van Jones, The Green Collar Economy
34.	By skimping on design, the owner gets costlier equipment, higher energy costs, and a less competitive and comfortable building; the tenants get lower productivity and higher rent and operating costs. Amory Lovins, Hunter Lovins, and Paul Hawken.
35.	By spending just \$30 a year on wind power, an average Colorado family can cut its household CO <sub>2</sub> production by about 10%. - Colorado Wind Power
36.	C’mon kids! Wake up and smell the CO <sub>2</sub> ! Take over your administration building, occupy your university president’s office, or storm in on the next meeting of your college’s board of trustees until they agree to make your school carbon neutral. - Thomas Friedman
37.	Cap and trade generates special interests, lobbyists, and trading schemes, yielding non-productive millionaires, all at public expense. The public is fed up with such business. Tax with 100% dividend, in contrast, would spur our economy, while aiding the disadvantaged, the climate, and our national security. – James Hansen, NASA
38.	Carbon-free energy is simply something we have to do. The time for talk is past. If we turn around net carbon emissions by 2020 rather than 2040, we get another 2° of fever rather than 3° - and that’s a big difference. - William H. Calvin, Global Fever
39.	Carrying on as usual carries enormous risks, condemning today’s students to a world of constant insecurity and frequent catastrophes. - William H. Calvin, Global Fever
40.	“Clean coal” represents a breakthrough in the marketing of coal, but not in the science of burning coal. - Van Jones

41.	Climate change has a very high procrastination penalty that just grows with each passing year of inaction - rather like what happens if you don't pay off your credit card. But for climate, there is no such thing as a fresh start from bankruptcy. - William H. Calvin,
42.	Climate change is the most severe problem that we are facing today, more serious even than the threat of terrorism. - David King, UK government chief scientific adviser, January 2004.
43.	Climate change presents a unique challenge for economics. It is the greatest and widest-ranging market failure ever seen. - The Stern Report, 2006
44.	Climate change will bring warm, wet weather, which will encourage plants to grow, followed by long periods of drought, during which they will burn. We can already see this in Florida. - Meinrat Andreae, Max Planck Institute for Chemistry, August 2001.
45.	Coal is the single greatest threat to civilization and all life on our planet. - James Hansen, NASA
46.	Come, then, let us go forward together with our united strength - and win a better future for generations to come. - Van Jones
47.	Conservative Denyers and Delayers are the main reason America lacks the consensus and the political will to take up the fight against catastrophic climate change. - Joseph Romm, Hell and High Water
48.	Conservatives... are so opposed to government regulations that they are skeptical of anyone who identifies a problem that requires regulatory solutions - and they are inherently accepting of those who downplay such problems. - Joseph Romm
49.	Control of black carbon, particularly from fossil-fuel sources, is very likely to be the fastest method of slowing global warming. - Dr Mark Jacobson, Stanford University
50.	Conventional economic theory... counts the depletion of resources as the accumulation of wealth. - Mark Lynas, Six Degrees
51.	Countries that innovate first get the new jobs, developing an economic edge over the C-free laggards that end up having to later import the technology. - William H. Calvin, Global Fever
52.	Dad, I'm scared and angry. Your generation created this problem. What are you going to do to fix it? - Mary Doerr, 15-year old daughter of John Doerr, Greentech Network
53.	Do politicians understand just how difficult it could be, just how devastating rises of 4C, 5C or 6C could be? I think, not yet. -Nicholas Stern
54.	Do we want to be remembered as the generation that saved the banks and let the biosphere collapse? - George Monbiot
55.	Doubt is our product since it is the best means of competing with the 'body of fact' that exists in the mind of the general public. - 1969 tobacco-industry memo
56.	Each and every one of us should stop playing small and license ourselves to become one of the giants of the new century. We will need champions by the truckload. - Van Jones, The Green Collar Economy
57.	Each of us has the ability to act powerfully for change; together we can restore that ancient and sustaining harmony. - David Suzuki
58.	Electing clean-energy leaders into the Senate, the House, and the Oval Office - and getting it done in the next few years - is the only real solution to climate stabilization at acceptable levels. - Eban Goodstein, Fighting for Love in the Century of Extinction
59.	Energy efficiency is the cheapest, quickest, and cleanest way to extend energy supplies, while also taking great strides toward addressing global climate change. - Kateri Callahan, Alliance to Save Energy
60.	Energy is the Achilles' heel of the United States of America and if we don't get our, get ourselves figured out on how we can control that and deal with it on a long term basis, what are we leaving our kids besides a polluted mess? - Dan Juhl, Woodstock Wind Farm, Minnesota
61.	Even if we can solve the carbon problem for coal, it is still a non-renewable resource. At some point, coal supplies will drop. - Van Jones, The Green Collar Economy
62.	Even if we stop the growth, we'd still be adding a constant amount of fossil carbon to the atmosphere each year. - William H. Calvin, Global Fever
63.	Every generation faces a challenge. In the 1930s, it was the creation of Social Security. In the 1960s, it was putting a man on the moon. In the 1980s, it was ending the Cold War. Our generation's challenge will be addressing global climate change while sustaining a growing global economy. - Eileen Clausen, Pew Center on Global Climate Change
64.	Every person is the right person to act. Every moment is the right moment to begin. - Jonathan Schell
65.	Everyone wants to drive electric cars, they just don't know it yet. - driver who converted his Prius to a plug-in
66.	Everything we know and love is at risk if we continue to ignore the warnings. - Laurie David
67.	For the sake of our security, our economy and our planet, we must have the courage and commitment to change. - President Barack Obama
68.	Forget hydrogen, forget hydrogen, forget hydrogen. - former CIA director James Woolsey, 2006

69.	Former brownfields, depressed urban areas, and hard-hit rural towns blossom as eco-industrial parks, green enterprise zones, and eco-villages. Farmers' markets, community co-ops, and mobile markets get fresh, organic produce to the people who can't afford to shop at health-food stores. - Van Jones, <i>The Green Collar Economy</i>
70.	Fuel-cell cars, in contrast to hybrids, as expected on about the same schedule as NASA's manned trip to Mars, and have about the same level of likelihood. - Scientific America, May 2004
71.	Global warming is a matter of national security. Will we live in a world where we must fight our neighbors for fresh water and food? Or will we take the lead now and leave to our children and grandchildren a world better off than the one we inherited from our parents? – General Wesley Clark
72.	Globally, emissions may have to be reduced, the scientists are telling us, by as much as 60% or 70%, with developed countries likely to have to make even bigger cuts if we're going to allow the developing world to have their share of growing industrial prosperity... The Kyoto Protocol is only the first rather modest step. Much, much deeper emission reductions will be needed in future. The political implications are mind-blowing. - Michael Meacher, UK Environment Minister, November 2000
73.	Goals and caps on carbon emissions are practically worthless, if coal emissions continue, because of the exceedingly long lifetime of carbon dioxide in the air. – James Hansen, NASA
74.	God has charged us to be loving and responsible stewards of creation -- but global warming threatens all creation. - Rev Milton Jordan, United Methodist Church, Texas
75.	Government-mandated and -subsidized ethanol from corn will go down in history as the “Iraq War” of environmental solutions: ill-considered, costly, and disastrous. - Van Jones, <i>The Green Collar Economy</i>
76.	Greening school design provides an extraordinarily cost-effective way to enhance student learning, reduce health and operational costs and, ultimately, increase school quality and competitiveness. - Gregory Kats, <i>Greening America's Schools</i>
77.	Having been a lobbyist myself you can't overstate how easy it is to get things done your way. It's a complicated policy and many lobbyists are trying to wreck amendments as we speak. - Bryony Worthington, British emissions trading expert, founder of <a href="http://Sandbag.org">Sandbag.org</a>
78.	Healing the wounds of the earth and its people does not require saintliness or a political party, only gumption and persistence. It is not a liberal or conservative activity; it is a sacred act. - Paul Hawken, author of <i>Blessed Unrest</i>
79.	How far can it go? The last time the world was three degrees [C] warmer than today – which is what we expect later this century – sea levels were 25m higher. So that is what we can look forward to if we don't act soon. - Dr. James Hansen, Director of the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies.
80.	How is it that we have created an economic system that tells us it is cheaper to destroy the earth and exhaust its people than to nurture them both? Is it rational to have an pricing system which discounts the future and sells off the past? How did we create an economic system that confused capital liquidation with income? - Paul Hawken, Amory Lovins and L. Hunter Lovins, in <i>Natural Capitalism</i>
81.	How long have we got? We have to stabilize emissions of carbon dioxide within a decade, or temperatures will warm by more than one degree... We don't have much time left. - James Hansen, NASA
82.	Huge temperature swings and a doubling of precipitation have occurred “in periods as short as decades to years”. - National Academy of Sciences, 2002
83.	Human releases of carbon dioxide are almost certainly happening faster than any natural carbon release since the beginning of life on Earth. - Mark Lynas, <i>Six Degrees</i>
84.	Humankind evolved to be active when the sun was up, and this is why human activity and energy usage correlate significantly with the energy delivery from direct solar systems. - David Mills, <i>Ausra</i>
85.	Humans are motivated by syntropic dreams of life and wholeness, not by entropic nightmares of death and collapse. - Guy Dauncey
86.	Hurricane seasons with four or more super-hurricanes, those with sustained wind speeds of 131 mph or more will soon become the norm. - Joseph Romm, <i>Hell and High Water</i>
87.	I am shocked, truly shocked. I was in Siberia a few weeks ago, and I am now just back in from the field in Alaska. The permafrost is melting fast all over the Arctic, lakes are forming everywhere and methane is bubbling up out of them. - Katey Walter, ecologist, University of Alaska, Fairbanks. Spring 2009
88.	I do believe that if we fail to act in time, it will be the single biggest regret any of us has at the end of our lives. - Joseph Romm,
89.	I get to be the mayor of the capital city of the most polluting state of the most polluting country on the planet. ... I see truly a non-carbon economy. It's cleaner. It's healthier. We're about out of alternatives, so it's going to be easier and more cost effective to start to do the right thing. - Will Wynn, Mayor of Austin
90.	I say the debate is over. We know the science, we see the threat, the time for action is now. - Arnold Schwarzenegger

91.	I think Detroit is starting to get it. We consider it a victory for the grassroots, CalCars, and the Internet-led effort. - Felix Kramer
92.	I think we have a very brief window of opportunity to deal with climate change... no longer than a decade, at the most. - James Hansen, NASA
93.	I think you just have to turn it around and say we are at this absolute historical moment. No generation has ever been as powerful as us. We have the future of our species in our hands. We could be the generation that people look back on and say, 'They bloody did it!', not 'They didn't bother.' - Franny Armstrong, Director of The Age Of Stupid.
94.	I'm in the dark as to how close to an edge or transition to a new ocean and climate regime we might be. But I know which way we are walking. We are walking toward the cliff. - oceanographer Terry Joyce
95.	I'd put my money on the sun and solar energy. What a source of power! I hope we don't have to wait 'til oil and coal run out before we tackle that. - Thomas Edison (1847–1931)
96.	Ideology trumps rationality. Most conservatives cannot abide the solution to global warming - strong government regulations and a government-led effort to accelerate clean-energy technologies in the market. - Joseph Romm, Hell and High Water
97.	If Americans in 2100 came to see 12 meters sea-level rise as inevitable by 2200, who can even begin to fathom how the nation would respond? - Joseph Romm, Hell and High Water
98.	If global warming is not contained, the West will face a choice of a refugee crisis of unimaginable proportions, or direct complicity in crimes against humanity. - George Monbiot, The Guardian, Feb 10 <sup>th</sup> 2000
99.	If it were only a few degrees, that would be serious, but we could adapt to it. But the danger is the warming process might be unstable and run away. We could end up like Venus, covered in clouds and with the surface temperature of 400 degrees. It could be too late if we wait until the bad effects of warming become obvious. We need action now to reduce emission of carbon dioxide. - Stephen Hawking, Physicist, on Larry King Live, Dec 25, 1999
100.	If our government won't spend the money to protect New Orleans sufficiently today, what are the chances we will spend the money to protect dozens of coastal cities post-2050, once everyone knows that sea levels will keep rising and intense hurricanes will occur relentlessly? - Joseph Romm, Hell and High Water
101.	If substantial methyl hydrate melt begins to occur in the Arctic Ocean basin, then the (carbon) accelerator will be jammed, and there will be nothing we can do to cut the speed of climate change. - Mark Lynas, Six Degrees
102.	If the politics of inaction and delay that have triumphed in this country continues for another decade, then Planetary Purgatory in the likely future facing our country before midcentury - probably in your own lifetime. - Joseph Romm, Hell and High Water
103.	If the rainy season starts late, crops fail and people suffer. Children eat leaves. In that situation, only God can help us. - Kasko Ajikara, farmer and father, Gadabedji village, Niger
104.	If we are to save humanity and the planet from the worst mass extinction of all time, worse even than that at the end of the Permian, we must stop at two degrees. - Mark Lynas, Six Degrees
105.	If we control methane ... we are likely to mitigate global warming more than one would have thought, so that's a very positive outcome. - Drew Shindell, NASA Goddard Institute
106.	If we don't start thinking big about the CO <sub>2</sub> problem, we may miss our opportunity to stop a climate runaway that will trash the habitable parts of the earth. - William H. Calvin, Global Fever
107.	If we had continued making progress at the rate we were during the Carter administration, we would be free of oil imports from Saudi Arabia today. - Jay Inslee & Bracken Hendricks, Apollo's Fire
108.	If we stand for change, we can spark a popular movement with power, influence, magic and genius. - Van Jones,
109.	If you assume that there is no hope, you guarantee that there is no hope. If you assume that there is an instinct for freedom, there are opportunities to change things; there's a chance you may contribute to making a better world. That's your choice. - Noam Chomsky.
110.	If you invest enough in green staff capacity, you <u>will</u> see a financial return. - Leith Sharp, Harvard Office for Sustainability
111.	If you think about your and my grandchildren, this is what really worries me. I don't want them — if I'm still alive by then — to say, 'Why didn't you do something about it?', when you could have done. Prince Charles
112.	In 2003... the White House conspired with an oil-company funded think tank to block a major government scientific report that sought to spell out the dangers of climate change to Americans. - Joseph Romm, Hell and High Water
113.	In 2005... Mumbai, India, saw that country's most intense recorded instance of rainfall - 3 feet of rain in twenty-four hours. - Joseph Romm, Hell and High Water
114.	In almost all areas of application, it is possible to replace fluorinated greenhouse gases by halogen-free alternatives. - Germany's EPA

115.	In order to avoid getting out-manuevered politically, green-economy proponents must actively pursue alliances with people of color, and they must include leaders, organizations, and messages that will resonate with the working class. - Van Jones
116.	In the battle against global warming, CCS will arrive on the battlefield far too late to help the world avoid dangerous climate change. - United Nations Development Program, 2007
117.	In the fourth quadrant (lower right), working-class people are motivated to take on green-collar jobs and start green businesses. - Van Jones, The Green Collar Economy
118.	In the next 24 hours, deforestation will release as much CO <sub>2</sub> into the atmosphere as 8 million people flying from London to New York. Stopping deforestation is the fastest and cheapest solution to climate change. - Daniel Howden
119.	In the year 2007, seals, otters, lions, turtles, frogs, apes, snakes, butterflies, polar bears, cheetahs, whales are disappearing along with their variously furnished homes: cloud forests, rain forests, ice pack, boreal forests, coral reefs, forests of deciduous trees, conifer and palm. - Eban Goodstein, Fighting for Love in the Century of Extinction
120.	In the year 2065, on current trends, damage from climate change will exceed global GDP. - Andrew Dlugolecki, General Insurance Development
121.	In the years to come, this issue will dwarf all the others combined. It will become the only issue. - biologist Tim Flannery
122.	Instead of being part of the problem, the industry could be part of the solution. - John Harrison, TecEco
123.	Investing in a home on your street could be more profitable than investing in Wall Street. - Home Energy Saver
124.	It drives me crazy to see so much of this planet's life so casually endangered. The first steps are so easy (drive smaller cars, for instance) that it's very hard to understand why we haven't taken them. But I know that this is the issue our generation will be judged by. - Bill McKibben
125.	It is about time that the religious and environmental faithful joined forces. Noone wins when divisive politics pits the right to human life against the sanctity of biodiversity, or family values against ecosystem services. There are infinite compatible reasons to love, cherish and steward Earth. - Bruce Hull, author of Infinite Nature
126.	It is time to start going door to door and convincing our neighbours to vote for a clean-energy future. - Eban Goodstein, Fighting for Love in the Century of Extinction
127.	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 process of doing. - Elizabeth Kolbert, Field Notes from a Catastrophe
128.	It will be politics that determines the material welfare of future generations: the pace at which we advance toward "our destination of economic bliss," and perhaps, whether we continue to advance at all. - Eban Goodstein
129.	It's going to be like herding stray cats, and the political leaders who can do it will be remembered as the same kind of geniuses who pulled off the American Revolution. - William H. Calvin, Global Fever
130.	It's not five minutes to midnight. It's five minutes after midnight. - German Chancellor Angela Merkel, on the urgency of combating climate change, March 8, 2007
131.	Let the land dictate the practices, not the mill's need for logs. Be patient, be prudent, be good stewards -- of the whole forest...t he watersheds, the birds, the plants, the animals. - Kane Hardwood, Collins Pennsylvania Forest
132.	Major and widespread climate changes have occurred with startling speed... roughly half the north Atlantic warming since the last ice age was achieved in only a decade. - National Academy of Sciences, 2002
133.	Make no little plans. They have no magic to stir men's blood and probably themselves will not be realized. Make big plans. Aim high in hope and work. Remembering that a noble, logical diagram once recorded will not die. - Daniel H. Burnham
134.	Make no small plans, for they have no power to stir the soul. - Niccolo Machiavelli
135.	Most comprehensive and objective analysis tends to rank mobility management strategies among the most cost-effective emission reduction options. - Todd Litman, Victoria Transport Institute
136.	Most green-collar jobs are middle-skill jobs. That means they require more education than a high-school diploma, but less than a four-year degree. - Van Jones, The Green Collar Economy
137.	Most people walking around in a mall or on a college campus are carrying on them better technology than the entire U.S. government had when it put a man on the moon. Each one of us is a walking technological superpower. - Van Jones,
138.	Much of the scientific community has been astonished that their increasingly strong and detailed warnings have been either ignored or attacked. - Joseph Romm, Hell and High Water

139.	My home island will sink under the water, and there will be no place for me to live. - Vaimaila Teitala, age 12 , Tuvalu
140.	Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, concerned citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has. - Margaret Mead
141.	No generation before us has faced a decade of choices that will so profoundly impact the course of life on this planet as those we now face. And no generation before us has had the opportunity to enrich the future so vastly. - Eban Goodstein, Fighting for Love in the Century of Extinction
142.	No problem of human destiny is beyond human beings. Man's reason and spirit have often solved the seemingly unsolvable – and we believe they can do it again. - President John F. Kennedy, American University, June 10 <sup>th</sup> , 1963.
143.	Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could do only a little. - Edmund Burke
144.	Now is not the time to shrink from the challenge of saving our only home in the universe. Now is not the time to pull into ourselves, retreating into either survivalist or escapist mode. To the contrary, this is the time for titans, not turtles. Now is the time to open our arms, expand our horizons, and dream big. Big problems require big solutions. - Van Jones, The Green Collar Economy
145.	Now is the time to scrub ideology out of the energy discussion, so we can make bi-partisan progress towards investing in a shared and better future. - Jay Inslee & Bracken Hendricks, Apollo's Fire
146.	Now we stand at our own crossroads, looking out upon two futures: one with rising temperatures, rising oceans, and rising violence on a hot and strip-mined planet and another with expanding organic harvests, growing solar arrays, and deepening global partnerships on a green and thriving Earth. - Van Jones, The Green Collar Economy
147.	Nuclear power and fossil fuels are the choices of the past. Renewable energy is the choice of the future that is here today. - Dr Herman Scheer
148.	Nuclear power has died of an incurable attack of market forces and is way beyond any hope of revival, because the competitors are several-fold cheaper and are getting rapidly more so. - Amory Lovins
149.	On our current path, all our great Gulf and Atlantic coast cities are at risk of meeting the same fate as New Orleans. - Joseph Romm, Hell and High Water
150.	Once the 'portals of the future close' - in Amazonia, Siberia or the Arctic - we will find ourselves powerless to affect the outcome of this dreadful tale. - Mark Lynas, Six Degrees
151.	Once the snow is gone, I don't know what we'll do. Only God knows our fate, once the water and snow are gone. - Felipe, Andean alpaca herder whose flocks depend on Peru's melting Ausangate glacier.
152.	One expert summed it up by saying: "Trying to cure traffic congestion by building more roads is like trying to cure obesity by loosening your belt." One study of 30 California counties over several decades found that, for every 10% increase in road capacity, traffic increased by 9% within four years. - David Sandalow, Freedom from Oil
153.	One hundred years ago, visionary political leaders from the Progressive Era established a system of national forests and parks in our country that are the envy of the world and today are the treasure of an entire nation. Why not a similar, global vision for our generation? - Eban Goodstein, Fighting for Love in the Century of Extinction
154.	One person flying in an airplane for one hour is responsible for the same greenhouse gas emissions as a typical Bangladeshi in a whole year. - Beatrice Schell, European Federation for Transport and Environment, November 2001.
155.	Only by advocating 'politically unrealistic' CO <sub>2</sub> concentrations can runaway global warming be avoided. But what is politically realistic for humans is wholly unrelated to what is physically realistic for the planet. - Mark Lynas, Six Degrees
156.	Only in the last few years did the science crystallize, revealing the urgency – our planet really is in peril. If we do not change course soon, we will hand our children a situation that is out of their control. – James Hansen
157.	Our children and grandchildren are going to be mad at us for burning all this oil. It took the Earth 500 million years to create the stuff we're burning in 200 years. Renewable energy sources are where we need to be headed. - Jack Edwards, Professor of Geology, University of Colorado
158.	Our CO <sub>2</sub> mixes with everyone else's within a year, then hangs around for centuries like a shroud. - William H. Calvin, Global Fever
159.	Our evolutionary psychology preconditions us not to respond to threats which can be postponed until later. - Mark Lynas, Six Degrees
160.	Our experience shows that making buildings energy efficient requires more thinking, not more money. - Ronald J. Balon, Senior Energy Engineer, Montgomery County
161.	Our house is burning down and we're blind to it...The earth and humankind are in danger and we are all responsible. It is time to open our eyes. Alarms are sounding across all the continents . . . We cannot say that we did not know! Climate warming is still reversible. Heavy would be the responsibility of those who refused to fight it. - French President Jacques Chirac, World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, August, 2002

162.	Our kids are going to be so angry with us one day. We've charged their future on our Visa cards. - Thomas Friedman
163.	Our planet has a rising fever. If the crib catches fire you don't say: 'Hmmm, how fast is that crib going to burn? Has it ever burned before? Is my baby flame retardant?' - Al Gore
164.	Our planet is in peril. If we do not change course, we'll hand our children a situation that is out of their control. One ecological collapse will lead to another, in amplifying feedbacks. -James Hansen
165.	Our problems are man-made. Therefore, they can be solved by man. And man can be as big as he wants. No problem of human destiny is beyond human beings. Man's reason and spirit have often solved the seemingly unsolvable -- and we believe they can do it again. - John F. Kennedy, American University Speech June 10, 1963
166.	Over the long term, it is more profitable to do the right thing for the environment than to pollute it. - Aaron Feuerstein, CEO, Malden Mills
167.	Passion begins with a burden and a split-second moment when you understand something like never before. The burden is on those who know. Those who don't know are at peace. Those of us who do know get disturbed and are forced into action. - Wangari Maathai
168.	People here feel less vulnerable because they know their energy's coming from renewable sources and not imports. This should be the top priority of anyone who goes into politics, anywhere in the world. – Peter Vadasz, Mayor of Güssing
169.	Perhaps the single most important thing that we can do to undo the harm we have done is to fix firmly in our minds the thought: the earth is alive. - James Lovelock
170.	Perhaps we should put up posters in such places reminding people that where they stand was underwater the last time that the Earth ran a 3°F fever. (Referring to Southern Florida). - William H. Calvin, Global Fever
171.	Rather than continuing to base our economy on a finite supply of dead things, we can base it on sources that are practically infinite and eternal: the sun, the moon, and the Earth's inner fire. - Van Jones, The Green Collar Economy
172.	Replacing half of the U.S. ground-transport fuels with hydrogen from wind power by 2050, for example, might require 1,400 gigawatts of advanced wind turbines or more... replacing those fuels with electricity might require less than 400 GW. - Joseph Romm, Hell and High Water
173.	Reversing global warming will take a World War II level of mobilization. It is the work of tens of millions, not hundreds of thousands. - Van Jones
174.	Right now, the government is spending billions of dollars supporting the problem-makers in the U.S. economy - the polluters, despoilers, incarcerators, and warmongers. - Van Jones, The Green Collar Economy
175.	Science is warning us that if we do not quickly reduce the global warming pollution that is trapping so much of the heat our planet normally radiates back out of the atmosphere, we are in danger of creating a permanent "carbon summer." – Al Gore
176.	Sewage contains ten times the energy needed to treat it. - Dr. David Bagley
177.	Silent Summer - a never-ending heat wave, devoid of birdsong, insect hum, and all the weird and wonderful living noises that subconsciously keep us company. - Mark Lynas, Six Degrees
178.	Since 1955 the oceans have absorbed roughly twenty times more heat than the atmosphere. - Joseph Romm, Hell and High Water
179.	Solar photovoltaic generation of electricity can be a multibillion dollar industry employing hundreds of thousands of persons and serving the energy needs of hundreds of millions of persons starting with the turn of the century. - Paul Maycock, senior analyst, industry report conclusions, May 1991
180.	Solar, wind are safe and clean. Let's shut down the oil machine! We are here to let you know The time has come for oil to go! - Chant sung at the World Petroleum Congress, Calgary, June 2000
181.	Some 3 million years ago, when the earth was a little more than 3°C warmer than preindustrial levels (about 2.2°C warmer than today), Antarctica had far less ice and sea levels were a stunning 25 meters higher than today. If we stay on our current emissions path, the planet will almost certainly be that warm by the century's end. - Joseph Romm, Hell and High Water
182.	Sooner or later, aviation will have to shoulder the burden it imposes on the planet. - The Economist, June 2006
183.	Stabilizing the climate is not about saving the human species... Stabilizing the climate is a precious opportunity to pass on to all future human beings gifts of immense value, gifts that, once gone, will be beyond the imagination and skill of humanity to recreate. - Eban Goodstein, Fighting for Love in the Century of Extinction
184.	Staff of existing organizations began sharing details of event budgets and logistics more widely with volunteers. By late March, volunteers had deepened their involvement... They wrote letters to the editor and articles in major regional blogs; submitted event listings to the local paper; hit up local businesses for thousands of dollars; contacted artists, schools, religious groups, and not-for-profit organizations all over town; and pinned up hundreds of flyers in coffee shops. - Madeline Ostrander, of the Step It Up Seattle organizing team's collaborative, non-hierarchical approach to organizing a massive climate rally



185.	Start locally and build. Start small and grow. Start in your house, then move to your school, your book club, your gym, your church, your temple, your city. – Laurie David
186.	Stopping emissions growth represents the most minimal of do-something responses. - William H. Calvin, Global Fever
187.	Technological measures are important, but equally important is . . . a consciousness of the commonality of all living beings and an emphasis on shared responsibility. - Former Czech President Vaclav Havel
188.	The ‘tide in the affairs of men’ does not remain at the flood; it ebbs. We may cry out desperately for time to pause in her passage, but time is deaf to every plea and rushes on. Over the bleached bones and jumbled residue of numerous civilizations are written the pathetic words: ‘Too late...’ - Martin Luther King, Jr.
189.	The ability to write compelling emails may be the single most useful talent an organizer can possess. - Bill McKibben
190.	The absolutely best case scenario - which in my opinion is unrealistic - with the minimum expected climate change... we end up with an estimate of 9% [of all species] facing extinction. - Chris Thomas, ecologist at the University of Leeds, January 2004, commenting on the effect of global warming on biodiversity.
191.	The Arctic is often cited as the canary in the coal mine for climate warming. Now as a sign of climate warming, the canary has died. - NASA scientist Jay Zwally, Associated Press, Dec. 12, 2007
192.	The Asia-Pacific Partnership is a climate suicide pact. It is playing Russian roulette with six bullets in your gun. - Joseph Romm,
193.	The atmosphere almost looks like an eggshell on an egg, it’s so thin. We know that we don’t have much air - we need to protect what we have. - Eileen Collins, commander of spaceship Discovery
194.	The biggest challenge is how to get people to wake up and realize this is a one-shot deal. If we fail, we are witting participants in the biggest experiment humans have ever done: moving CO <sub>2</sub> levels to twice their value in the past 670,000 years and hoping it turns out okay for generations to come. - Chemistry professor Nathan S. Lewis
195.	The catastrophe now threatening us is unprecedented — and we often confuse the unprecedented with the improbable. – Al Gore
196.	The challenge is either to build an economy that is sustainable or to stay with our unsustainable economy until it declines. It is not a goal that can be compromised. 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 Brown
197.	The choices we make affect the entire planet. - Chicago Earth Month Coalition, 2000
198.	The climate change issue must morph from the environmental and science desks to the entire newsroom. - Bud Ward, Co-Founder, Society of Environmental Journalists
199.	The coal plants that will be built from 2005 to 2030 will release as much carbon dioxide as all of the coal burned since the industrial revolution more than two centuries ago. - Joseph Romm, Hell and High Water
200.	The Costa Rica experience shows that with dedicated resources, creative institutions, and a sound legal framework, deforestation can be reversed and forest cover expanded. - Bruno Stagno-Ugarte, Costa Rica’s Foreign Minister
201.	The danger is that the compromises and special interests inherent in Kyoto-style targets and cap-and-trade will be accepted because of bureaucratic momentum. – James Hansen, NASA
202.	The development of the modern urbanized West may have been based on a colossal miscalculation. - New York Times, May 2004
203.	The Earth cannot wait 60 years. I want a future for my children and my children’s children. The clock is ticking. - Richard Branson
204.	The Earth is a living entity with incredible healing powers, and we have much to learn. It is the task of our generation to leave this sacred Earth, in all its wisdom and beauty to the generations to come. Let the work begin. We make this pledge before the whole of creation. - Icefjord Commitment by Religious Leaders, Greenland, 2007
205.	The eco-effective future of industry is a world of abundance that celebrates the use and consumption of products and materials that are, in effect, nutritious - as safe, effective, and delightful as a cherry tree. - Bill McDonough
206.	The entire western Siberian sub-Arctic region is melting, and it has all happened in the last three or four years. - Joseph Romm
207.	The excitement has rubbed off on the learners.... you will never understand how much difference the Solar Electric Light Fund has made in the education of an African child. - Melusi Zwane, Principal of Myeka High School, South Africa
208.	The fate of hundreds of thousands of species on this planet may be decided in the next decade. To slow the rush to extinction, we need to achieve real, substantive political power, and we need to get there fast. - Eban Goodstein
209.	The first few feet of sea-level rise alone will displace more than 100 million people worldwide and turn all our major Gulf and Atlantic coast cities into pre-Katrina New Orleans - below sea level and facing super-hurricanes. - Joseph Romm

210.	The generations living today get to retrofit, reboot, and reenergize a nation. We get to rescue and reinvent the U.S. economy. - Van Jones, <i>The Green Collar Economy</i>
211.	The global warming challenge calls for bold solutions that directly engage New England's businesses, state and local governments, leading non-profit institutions, and household energy consumers. - Phil Warburg, President, Conservation Law Foundation
212.	The great political tragedy of our time is that conservative leaders in America have chosen to use their superior messaging and political skills to thwart serious action on global warming. - Joseph Romm, <i>Hell and High Water</i>
213.	The greatest threats, hanging like a sword of Damocles over our children and grandchildren, are those that are irreversible on any time scale that humans can imagine. – James Hansen, NASA
214.	The highest and best use of our time that really matters over the next decade will be working to elect clean-energy candidates, especially in swing states and swing districts around the country. - Eban Goodstein, <i>Fighting for Love in the Century of Extinction</i>
215.	The hottest places in Hell are reserved for those who in times of great moral crises maintain their neutrality. - President John. F. Kennedy
216.	The human response it calls for is truly heroic, requiring nothing short of rewiring the entire planet with a new generation of clean-energy technologies - and doing that very soon... Are we, as a species, capable of that kind of deliberate global response? - Eban Goodstein, <i>Fighting for Love in the Century of Extinction</i>
217.	The ice caps are melting now. They're not going to refreeze next year just because we reduce our emissions. We're going to live in that world. So plan for it. - Ron Sims, King County, WA
218.	The ice sheets seem to be shrinking 100 years ahead of schedule. - Richard Alley, Penn State climate scientist, May 2006
219.	The last time Earth was 1°C warmer than today, sea levels were 20 feet higher. - Joseph Romm, <i>Hell and High Water</i>
220.	The last time Earth was 2° to 3°C warmer than it is now, some 3 million years ago, sea levels were more than 80 feet higher. - Joseph Romm, <i>Hell and High Water</i>
221.	The main piece of technology in the green economy is a caulk gun. - Van Jones, <i>The Green Collar Economy</i>
222.	The more the climate is forced to change, the more likely it is to hit some unforeseen threshold that can trigger quite fast, surprising and perhaps unpleasant changes. - Richard Alley, Penn State University, January 2002.
223.	The most populous and wealthiest of the world face a moral challenge greater than colonialism or slavery. They are failing in that challenge. Men have lost reason in the fossil fuel economy. . . Inhabitants of small islands have not agreed [to be] sacrificial lambs on the altar of the wealth of the rich. - Ambassador Lionel Hurst, of Antigua-Barbuda (March, 2003)
224.	The most powerful tool we have to heal our climate is locked up in feedlots. We just need to open the gate. - Abe Collins, Vermont Carbon farmer
225.	The most rational defender of nature is driven by a passion for wildness that cannot be explained by an appeal to logic. - Eban Goodstein, <i>Fighting for Love in the Century of Extinction</i>
226.	The only certainty is that we have to act. How could I look my grandchildren in the eye and say I knew about this and I did nothing? - David Attenborough
227.	The only reason runaway global warming seems unstoppable is that we have not yet tried to stop it. - Gregg Easterbook
228.	The planet has a fever. If your baby has a fever, you go to the doctor. If the doctor says you need to intervene here, you don't say 'I read a science fiction novel that says it's not a problem.' You take action. - Al Gore
229.	The point is to provide the next generation with the tools to restore Earth and themselves ... The security of humanity will not require armies of soldiers but battalions of conscious environmentalists. - Hanne Strong
230.	The public interest requires doing today those things that men of intelligence and goodwill would wish, five or ten years hence, had been done. - Edmund Burke, Anglo-Irish statesman, 1729-1797
231.	The real focus needs to be on political action to stop this runaway train, real soon. - William H. Calvin, <i>Global Fever</i>
232.	The report shows -- and this is encouraging -- that ambitious climate protection is economically manageable. - German government spokesman Ulrich Wilhelm, on the findings of IPCC Working Group III (May, 2007)
233.	The road to energy independence, economic recovery, and greenhouse gas reductions runs through the building sector. - Ed Mazria
234.	The science is crystal clear: we humans are the primary cause of global warming, and we face a bleak future if we fail to act quickly. - Joseph Romm, <i>Hell and High Water</i>
235.	The sunshine that strikes American roads each year contains more energy than all the fossil fuels used by the entire world. - Denis Hayes

236.	The surest path to safe streets and peaceful communities is not more police and prisons, but ecologically sound economic development. And that same path can lift us to a new, green economy - one with the power to lift people out of poverty while respecting and repairing the environment. - Van Jones, The Green Collar Economy
237.	The ten strongest green building markets in the US are in cities that have established public policies that promote green building. - C40 Cities
238.	The time has come for a public-private community partnership to fix this country and put it back to work. - Van Jones, The Green Collar Economy
239.	The United States could dramatically reduce its carbon emissions per kilowatt-hour without raising its overall energy bill. - Joseph Romm, Hell and High Water
240.	The use of vegetable oils for engine fuels may seem insignificant today, but such oils may become, in the course of time, as important as the petroleum and coal tar products of the present time. - Rudolf Diesel, 1912
241.	The world's deserts can supply energy for any presently conceivable demand by humankind. - Dr. Gerhard Knies
242.	The worst case scenario sees the Amazon rainforest burning, huge amounts of methane being released by Siberian peat bogs and so on - by the time today's six year olds are 60, such a scenario would see global warming already out of control. - Mark Lynas
243.	There are 5.5 billion hectares of soil controlled by farmers around the world. If they each sequestered one (more) tonne of carbon per hectare, they would absorb more CO <sub>2</sub> than the world emits in a year. - Michael Kiely, Carbon Coalition Against Global Warming
244.	There is a huge body of business evidence now showing that energy savings give better service at lower cost with higher profit. We have to tear down barriers to successful markets and we have to create incentives to enter them. - President Bill Clinton, National Geographic Society, October 1997
245.	There is a parallel universe in operation out there. Politicians try to negotiate a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, while business executives lay plans to expand their carbon footprint. - Terry Macalister, Guardian
246.	There is no doubt that the time to act is now. It is now that timely action can avert disaster. It is now that with foresight and will such action can be taken without disturbing the essence of our way of life, by adjusting behaviour, but not altering it entirely. - Tony Blair, 2005
247.	There is no endeavor more noble than the attempt to achieve a collective dream. - Jaime Lerner, past Mayor of Curitiba
248.	There is no science on how we are going to adapt to 4 degrees warming. It is actually pretty alarming. - Prof Neil Adger, Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research
249.	There is nothing more difficult to take in hand, more perilous to conduct, or more uncertain in its success, than to take the lead in the introduction of a new order of things. - Niccolò Machiavelli
250.	There is nothing more tragic in all the world than to know right and not to do it. - Dr Martin Luther King
251.	There is something unbelievable about the world spending hundreds of billions of dollars annually to subsidize its own destruction. Earth Council
252.	There's no such thing as clean coal. It's non-existent. Theoretically, it might be possible, many years from now, to come up with a way to clean it as it's burnt. But there's not a single demonstration project in the United States. Clean coal doesn't exist. - Al Gore
253.	These coal plants are the worst legacy we can leave to the next generation. - Bruce Nilles, Sierra Club
254.	This is a huge problem. If we don't deal with this within just a few years, you will have island nations flooded; you will have the agricultural balance of most countries completely changed; you will have a dramatic increase in the number of severe, unmanageable weather events... And the good news is that we can now deal with this problem -- and strengthen our economic growth, not weaken it. - William Jefferson Clinton, at the Russian Duma, June 2000
255.	This is an historic step forward in the world's efforts to combat a truly global threat. - Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations, November 2004, commenting on Russia's long-awaited ratification of the Kyoto Protocol.
256.	This is genuinely terrifying. It is a death sentence for many millions of people. - Andrew Pendleton, Christian Aid, speaking of the coming droughts.
257.	This is like playing Russian roulette with a Luger rather than a revolver. One bullet, one chamber - and we're pulling the trigger. - Mark Lynas, Six Degrees
258.	This is not some slow, controlled change we're talking about. It's fast, it's unpredictable, and it's unprecedented during human civilization. - Adam Markham, World Wide Fund for Nature.
259.	Those who take action have a disproportionate impact. The power of one is to move many. - Elizabeth May
260.	Time is short. We have at most a decade to sharply reverse course. - Joseph Romm, Hell and High Water
261.	To me the question of the environment is more ominous than that of peace and war...I'm more worried about global warming than I am of any major military conflict. - UN Weapons Inspector Hans Blix, March 14, 2003
262.	To waste, to destroy our natural resources, to skin and exhaust the land instead of using it so as to increase its usefulness, will result in undermining in the days of our children the very prosperity which we ought by right to hand down to them amplified and developed. - Theodore Roosevelt, 1907

263.	Today, something is happening to the whole structure of human consciousness. A fresh kind of life is starting. Driven by the forces of love, the fragments of the world are seeking each other, so that the world may come into being. - Pierre Teilhard de Chardin
264.	Trusting your energy policy to the fossil fuel lobby is like trusting your health care system to the tobacco lobby. - William H. Calvin,
265.	Truthiness' is what you want the facts to be as opposed to what the facts are. What feels like the right answer as opposed to what reality will support. - Steven Colbert, The Colbert Report
266.	Unless we decide to reduce greenhouse gas emissions within just a few years from now, our destinies will already be chosen and our path towards hell unalterable as the carbon cycle feedbacks... kick in one after another. - Mark Lynas, Six Degrees
267.	Unless we redesign our civilization in numerous ways, all of the science in the world won't save us. - William H. Calvin
268.	Until it's understood to involve justice for those in poverty, a future for generations yet unborn, and a commitment to the rest of creation, it's unlikely we'll be able to overcome the status quo. - Bill McKibben, Fight Global Warming Now
269.	Urgency and vision are the twin pillars on which humanity's hope now hangs. - Christopher Flavin
270.	We are 25 years too late. If the object is to avoid dangerous change, we've already had it. The object now is to avoid really dangerous change. - Dr. Stephen Schneider, Scientific American, Nov. 26, 2007
271.	We are all guilty and we all have to be part of the solution. We have to do the best we can and then try to do better. It's not about any one person doing everything; it's about all of us doing something and then maybe a little more. - Laurie David
272.	We are facing a global climate crisis. It is deepening. We are entering a period of consequences. - Al Gore
273.	We are living on this planet as if we had another one to go to. As far as raw materials are concerned, we simply can't run a "throwaway society" on a finite planet. - Paul Connett
274.	We are living proof the world should not fear a tax on carbon. Sweden has the highest carbon taxation in the world but we are not living in the Stone Age. - Per Rosenqvist, Swedish Environment Authority
275.	We are now faced with the fact that tomorrow is today. We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now. In this unfolding conundrum of life and history there is such a thing as being too late. Procrastination is still the thief of time. Life often leaves us standing bare, naked and dejected with lost opportunity. - Martin Luther King, Jr.
276.	We are now faced with the fact, my friends, that tomorrow is today. We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now. - Martin Luther King, Jr.
277.	We are on the precipice of climate system tipping points beyond which there is no redemption. - James Hansen, December 2005
278.	We are proposing buildings that, like trees, are net energy exporters, produce more energy than they consume, accrue and store solar energy, and purify their own waste, water and release it slowly in a purer form. - Bill McDonough
279.	We as mayors have the opportunity to push the envelope and get people thinking, even when it is not politically popular. Cities hold the key. - Greg Nickels, Mayor of Seattle
280.	We could be faced with a Hobson's choice between economic collapse and a global resource war if we don't do something, and fairly quickly. - Milton Copulos, April 23, 2006.
281.	We have a mighty task before us. The earth needs our assistance. - Laurens van der Post
282.	We have a responsibility to protect the rights of generations, of all species, that cannot speak for themselves today. The global challenge of climate change requires that we ask no less of our leaders, or ourselves. - Wangari Maathai
283.	We have a unique opportunity to unite America, urban and rural, coastal and midwestern, red and blue, under the banner of a truly unifying national effort. We can start right now. -President Bill Clinton
284.	We have at most ten years - not ten years to decide upon action, but ten years to alter fundamentally the trajectory of global greenhouse emissions... We are near a tipping point, a point of no return, beyond which the built in momentum and feedbacks will carry us to levels of climate change with staggering consequences for humanity and all of the residents of this planet. - James Hansen, NASA
285.	We have coastal erosion, droughts and in the last decade we have experienced an unusually high level of tropical storms. Salt water intrusion [into soils] has affected our traditional food crops, and now we are seeing flooding of low-lying areas. - Paani Laupepa, ministry of natural resources, low-lying island Tuvalu in the South Pacific, October 2001.
286.	We have the chance to build this new energy economy in ways that reflect our deepest values of inclusion, diversity, and equal opportunity for everyone. - Van Jones, The Green Collar Economy

287.	We have the technology and resources to meet all our energy needs while safeguarding the earth's climate. The urgent question now is, 'Do we have the will?' - Denis Hayes
288.	We have to do what we have to do. Miracles happen. The life force of this planet is very strong. Dandelions poke through sidewalks. We don't know enough to give up. We only know enough to know that we have to try to change the course of human events. – Elizabeth May
289.	We humans, one species of animal amongst millions, have now become the de facto guardians of the planet's climate stability. - Mark Lynas, Six Degrees
290.	We in this generation must come to terms with nature, and I think we're challenged, as mankind has never been challenged before, to prove our maturity and our mastery, not of nature but of ourselves. - Rachel Carson
291.	We just want government to be a smart, supportive, reliable partner to the forces that are working for good in this country. - Van Jones, The Green Collar Economy
292.	We must quickly mobilize our civilization with the urgency and resolve that has previously been seen only when nations mobilized for war. These prior struggles for survival were won when leaders found words at the 11th hour that released a mighty surge of courage, hope and readiness to sacrifice for a protracted and mortal challenge. – Al Gore
293.	We must start... rebuilding our cities around energy efficiency and human needs, rather than around the car and wasted energy. - Jay Inslee & Bracken Hendricks, Apollo's Fire
294.	We need a new grid capable of networking millions of distributed energy devices such as solar panels, wind turbines, electric vehicles, and smart appliances. We need an Internet of energy that employs the latest in digital technologies. We need a Smart Grid. - Patrick Mazza
295.	We need a new model of development that means high-level living standards with lower emissions per capita. If we can find such a model, China will follow that. - Zhou Dadi, Beijing's Energy Research Institute
296.	We need to design transportation solutions that overcome our reliance on fossil fuels. - Toyota, 2007
297.	We need to recognize that it makes sense to discuss slowing emissions growth before trying to stop and eventually reverse it. - US White House Council of Economic Advisers, February 2002.
298.	We never have 100 percent certainty. We never have it. If you wait until you have 100 percent certainty, something bad is going to happen on the battlefield. - General Gordon R. Sullivan, former Chief of Staff, US Army
299.	We stand at a moment in history without precedent. Decisions that are ours to make over the next ten years will have a sweeping impact on the future direction of life on the planet. - Eban Goodstein, Fighting for Love in the Century of Extinction
300.	We, the human species, are confronting a planetary emergency — a threat to the survival of our civilization that is gathering ominous and destructive potential even as we gather here. But there is hopeful news as well: we have the ability to solve this crisis and avoid the worst — though not all — of its consequences, if we act boldly, decisively and quickly. – Al Gore
301.	We're like a two-year old playing with fire ... we're messing around with something really dangerous and don't really understand what will happen. - William Laurance, Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute, Panama
302.	We're operating this planet like a business in liquidation. - Al Gore
303.	Well, we in America are about to break up with oil. Why not break up with poverty and discrimination too? - Van Jones
304.	We've known for some time that we have to worry about the impacts of climate change on our children's and grandchildren's generations. But we now have to worry about ourselves as well. - Margaret Beckett, British Secretary of State for Environment, April, 2002
305.	What a great time to be born, what a great time to be alive, because this generation gets to completely change this world. - Paul Hawken
306.	What can Minnesotans do to curtail global warming? The problem seems immense, but the solution is straightforward: Use energy more efficiently and shift to renewable fuels. - David Morris, Institute for Local Self-Reliance
307.	What degree of proof about the human catastrophe from global climate change do we need, before we are motivated to act to prevent it? - Eric Chivian MD Director of the Center for Health and the Global Environment at Harvard Medical School.
308.	When climate protection is on everyone's mind, it's time to come up with solutions! - Louis Palmer, Solar Taxi
309.	When I circled the moon and looked back at Earth, my outlook on life and my viewpoint of Earth changed... Earth is a spaceship, just like Apollo - and just like Apollo, the crew must learn to live and work together. We must learn to manage the resources of this world with new imagination. - Jim Lovell, Apollo 13
310.	When I hear of the destruction of species, I feel just as if all the works of some great writer had perished. - Theodore Roosevelt
311.	When I see an adult on a bicycle, I do not despair for the future of the human race. - H.G. Wells

312.	When people ask me what they should do, I reply, “Get informed, get outraged, and then get political.” - Joseph Romm
313.	When we design our national R&D programs, we ought to ensure a place for the small, the new, and the cutting-edge. - Jay Inslee & Bracken Hendricks, Apollo’s Fire
314.	When we plant trees, we plant the seeds of peace and seeds of hope. - Wangari Maathai
315.	While the high-level climate talks pursue their stately progress towards some ill-defined destination, down in the trenches there is an undercurrent of suppressed panic in the conversations. The tipping points seem to be racing towards us a lot faster than people thought. - Gwynne Dyer
316.	Will the new environmental leaders fight for eco-equity in this new “green economy” they are birthing? - Van Jones
317.	With the right market drivers and an open-access marketplace, we can completely decarbon our electric system within years. - Stephan Dolezalek, managing director of VantagePoint Venture Partners
318.	Within one generation, nations can achieve a ten-fold increase in the efficiency with which they use energy, natural resources, and other materials. - The Carnoules Declaration, 1994
319.	You may never know what results from your action. But, if you do nothing, there will be no results. - Mahatma Gandhi
320.	You must become a climate champion, a single-issue voter. You must take whatever action you can. You must use whatever influence you have wherever it would make a difference, even if it is only to educate the people around you. - Joseph Romm
321.	You need to really scrub your investment portfolios, because I guarantee you, many of you are going to find them chock-full of subprime carbon assets. - Al Gore
322.	You should never even ask if a campaign is winnable, because the question is not answerable. No-one can predict the course of the future. Time and time again I have seen completely unforeseeable shifts in the tide of events that result in campaign victory. - Elizabeth May
323.	You'd be forgiven for thinking that climate change means we'll have to sacrifice our creature comforts. But it doesn't have to be that way. - Mark Lynas