

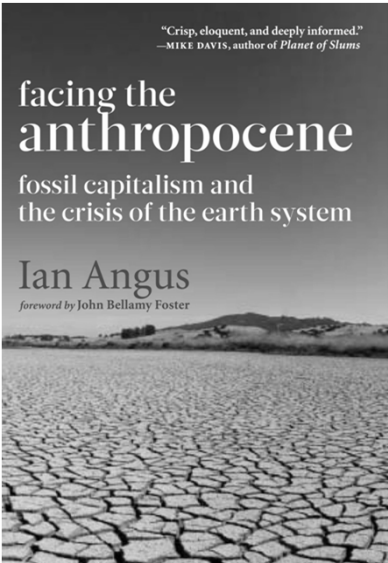
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Facing the Anthropocene: Fossil Capitalism and the Crisis of the Earth System

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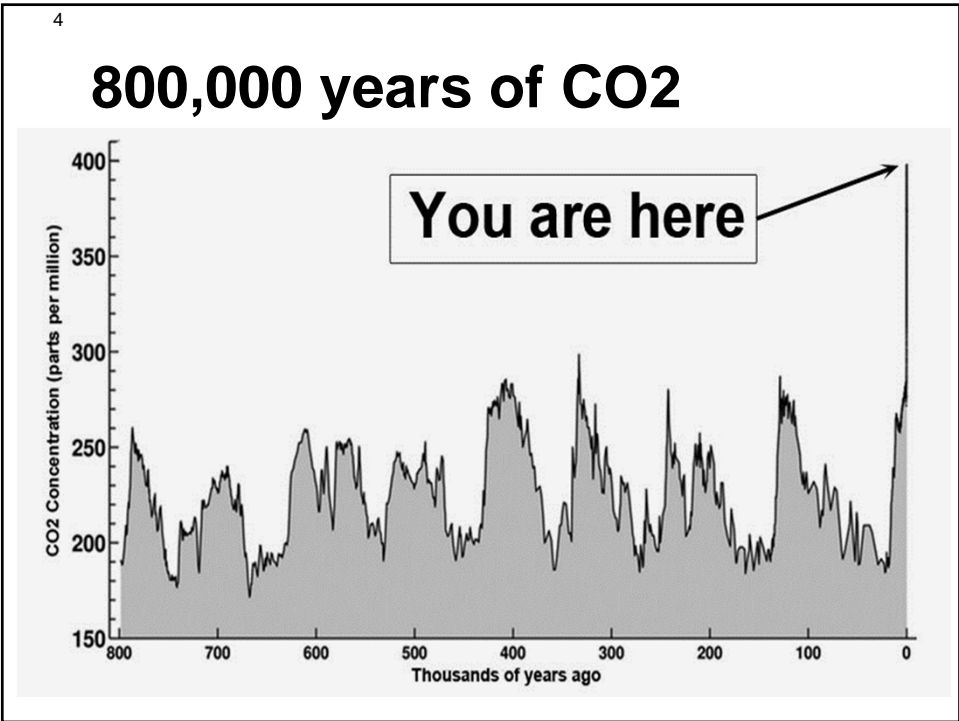
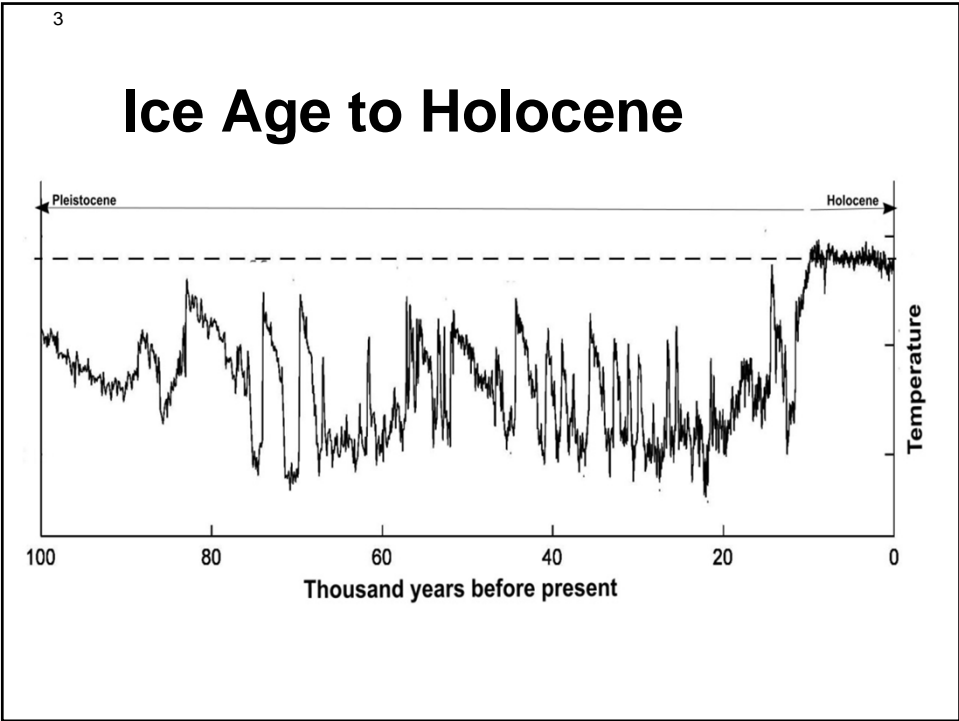
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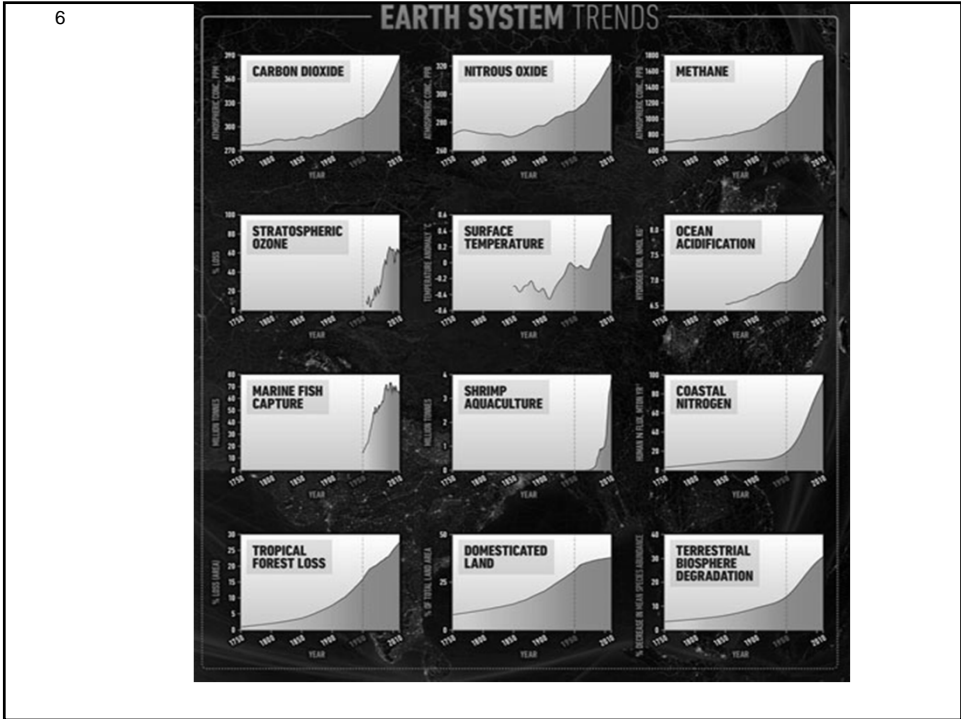
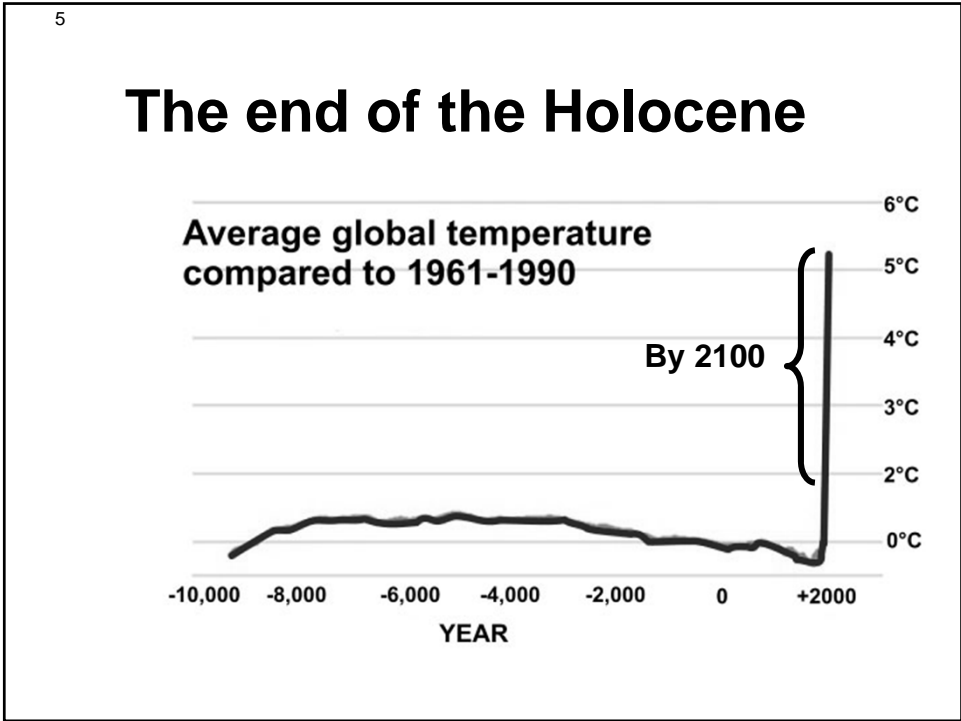


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Geological Time Scale

ERA	PERIOD	EPOCH	BEGAN (Years ago)
Cenozoic	Quaternary	ANTHROPOCENE	??
		Holocene	11,700
		Pleistocene	2.5 M
	Tertiary	Pliocene	5.3 M
		Miocene	23 M
		Oligocene	34 M
		Eocene	56 M
Mesozoic	Cretaceous	Paleocene	65.5 M
			146 M
			200 M
	Triassic	251 M	
Paleozoic			542 M
Proterozoic			4.5 B





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“In the development of productive forces there comes a stage when productive forces and means of intercourse are brought into being, which, under the existing relationships, only cause mischief, and are no longer productive but destructive forces.”

Karl Marx & Frederick Engels,
The German Ideology, 1847

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Karl Marx, *Capital*, 1867

“Even an entire society, a nation, or all simultaneously existing societies taken together, are not the owners of the earth. They are simply its possessors, its beneficiaries, and have to bequeath it in an improved state to succeeding generations.”

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Antonio Gramsci

It is necessary, with bold spirit and in good conscience, to save civilization.

We must halt the dissolution which corrodes and corrupts the roots of human society.

The bare and barren tree can be made green again.

Are we not ready?

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