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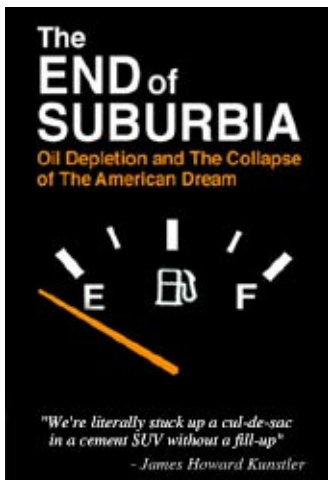
THE END OF SUBURBIA

Oil Depletion and the Collapse of The American Dream

www.endofsuburbia.com:

Since World War II North Americans have invested much of their newfound wealth in suburbia. It has promised a sense of space, affordability, family life and upward mobility. As the population of suburban sprawl has exploded in the past 50 years, so too the suburban way of life has become embedded in the American consciousness.

Suburbia, and all it promises, has become the American Dream.



But as we enter the 21st century, serious questions are beginning to emerge about the sustainability of this way of life. With brutal honesty and a touch of irony, *The End of Suburbia* explores the American Way of Life and its prospects as the planet approaches a critical era, as global demand for fossil fuels begins to outstrip supply. World Oil Peak and the inevitable decline of fossil fuels are upon us now, some scientists and policy makers argue in this documentary. The consequences of inaction in the face of this global crisis are enormous. What does Oil Peak mean for North America? As energy prices skyrocket in the coming years, how will the populations of suburbia react to the collapse of their dream? Are today's suburbs destined to become the slums of tomorrow? And what can be done NOW, individually and collectively in response to this crisis?

Los Angeles Area Screenings of THE END OF SUBURBIA

Sunday May 9th, 6:30 PM

Path to Freedom, A Sustainable Living Resource Center
631 Cypress Ave, Pasadena, CA 91103

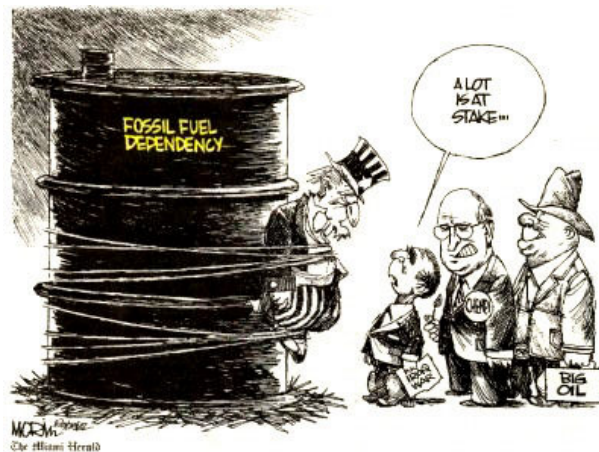
Please RSVP: 626.795.8400,

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www.pathtofreedom.com

Gather: 6:30 PM

Screening starts: 7:45 PM



Friday May 14th, 8:00 PM

At Flor y Canto

Community Space & Bookstore

3706 N. Figueroa, in Highland Park, CA

At the intersection of Ave. 37 and Figueroa, 3 blocks from the Gold Line Heritage Square Station.

(323)276-1148

Gather: 8:00 PM

Screening starts: 8:30 PM

Oil Awareness Meetup

Wednesday May 12th, 7:00 PM (and every second Wednesday of the month)

In Pasadena and other locations around the world, meet with others to discuss the topic of oil depletion, the coming oil crisis and what actions we can take. We will be planning screenings of the *End of Suburbia* documentary and other ways to educate the community of this looming crisis. To RSVP and find out the location, visit OilAwareness.meetup.com.

Recommended Websites

www.countercurrents.org

www.globalpublicmedia.com

www.museletter.com

www.dieoff.org

www.peakoil.net

www.postcarbon.org

www.lifeaftertheoilcrash.net

www.peakoilaction.org

End of Oil talk at the Mark Taper Auditorium

Tuesday, June 22, 7 p.m.

PAUL ROBERTS

The End of Oil: On the Edge of a Perilous New World

Author Paul Roberts and expert panelists from energy, environmental and economic fields discuss consequences and possibilities. Panelists include: S. David Freeman, President, Hydrogen Car Co.; Bill Reinert, National Manager of the Advanced Technologies Group at Toyota USA; John Balmes, M.D., expert on air pollution and health issues, Director of Occupational and Environmental Health at the University of California, San Francisco. Co-sponsored with Mother Jones Magazine.

www.lapl.org/events/aloud/may-jun/index.html

Paul Roberts is a regular contributor to Harper's Magazine, for which he has written about the timber industry, the auto industry, and the destruction of the Florida Everglades. A longtime observer of both business and environmental issues, Roberts is an expert on the complex interplay of economics, technology, and the environment, and has written for several publications including the New York Times Magazine and The New Republic.

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Is the world running out of oil?

by Joel Bainerman

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The era of "cheap" oil is gone for good. The world's oil reserves could be 80% lower than predicted, according to scientific studies. The experts say production levels will peak around the turn of this

decade after which time the price of petrol and other fuels will spiral. "The decline of oil and gas will affect the world population more than climate change," according to Swedish expert, Professor Kjell Alekett, who adds, "we are facing a very critical situation globally."

Is the world really running out of oil? After surveying the views of the world's leading experts in the field of monitoring and tabulating the world's petroleum supplies – the magnitude of the problem and the complexity of the solution (if there is a solution to this dilemma) becomes clear.

For instance, for new sources of oil to be identified and extracted – the price of this important commodity will have to rise – as most of the "cheap oil" that could be taken out of the ground and sold for \$20-30 a barrel – is gone. What comes next is a steady increase in the price of oil until the new hikes make it profitable for the producers to extract it from less accessible sources. This is inevitable and no amount of investment in alternative energy development or reduction in current consumption will alter it.

Some of the world's leading experts together with oil industry executives have warned that the era of cheap oil is drawing to a close. Walter Yongquist observed petroleum and alternative energy sources in 70 countries working for the Exxon Corporation and as a consultant to Sun Oil, Shell Oil, and Amoco. He claims the decline in the amount of energy recovered in the US compared to energy expended was 28 to one in 1916. Today it is two to one, and dropping. His research has shown that by 2005, the cost of extracting a barrel of oil in the US will be the price of a barrel of oil, which means domestic oil production will be untenable. David Goodstein, professor of physics and vice provost of the California Institute of Technology, in his book, *Out of Gas: The End of the Age of Oil*, argues that the worldwide production of oil will peak within this decade.

The subsequent decline in availability of fossil fuels could plunge the world into global conflicts as nations struggle to capture their piece of a shrinking pie. Globally, nature left about two trillion barrels beneath the ground, and the peak will occur when we reach the halfway point, he claims. Since we have already consumed close to a trillion barrels, the peak can't be more than a few years away.

Interested in hosting a screening of *End of Suburbia*? Send information about the screening to eric@peakoilaction.org to include in at PeakOilAction.org and in the newsletter. Contact eric@peakoilaction.org for assistance with planning and hosting the screening.