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It Finally Hit the Mainstream Media

For most of this year, we have written multiple times regarding the issue of humanity exterminating itself.

We talked about the Doomsday Clock, and noted that it got stepped up due to issues such as the spread of nuclear weaponry and climatic change.

We talked about polluted air, and noted that millions of us are dying from contaminated atmospheres.

We talked about species homo-sapiens destroying the planet in its quest to reshape the planet to suit itself, and wondered if self-destruction is the hallmark of an "intelligent" species.

We talked about the fact that humanity's industrial toxins have created a "Great Circle of Death," and wondered if humanity has passed the point of no return.

When writing these articles over the past year, it was easy to feel like a lonely voice in the wilderness. Mainstream media has been totally captivated with its reporting on "alarming" climatic warming. Comparatively, the greater danger of widespread industrial toxins was barely mentioned.

Now we are starting to get news articles that touch on the greatest danger ~ the global poisoning of our planet by our industrial byproducts. Now we see headlines such as "Pollution kills more people than all wars and violence."

It's heartwarming to see media attention start to swing to the real issue that is threatening global humanity. Climatic warming is not the problem. We have billions of people successfully living in the tropics. We can adapt and manage.

However, poison and toxicity is quite another thing. Poisons kill whether the temperatures are high or low. It's what they do. They're toxic to human life at any temperature range.

The problem is ~ how does one get all of these countless industrial poisons out of our atmospheres, waters, and lands? We've been dumping industrial poisons and toxins into our habitats since the dawn of the Industrial Age, circa about three centuries ago.

It's doubtful that we would survive their natural decay rate. Poisons in general tend to have notoriously long shelf lives.

Are we at a dead end? Or, is there an alternative that we haven't thought about yet?

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