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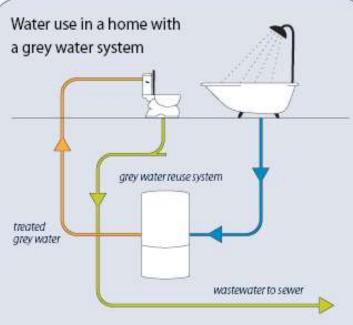
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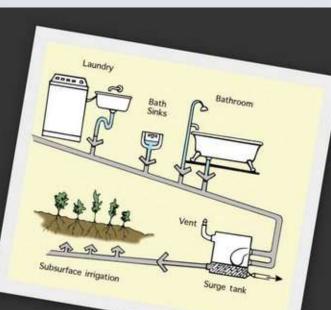
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#### Water Reuse





"You must be the change you wish to see in the world."

Mahatma Gandhi

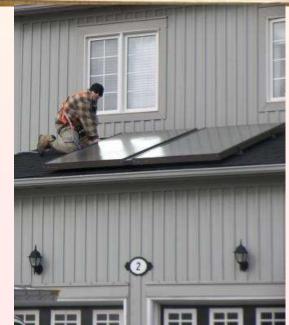


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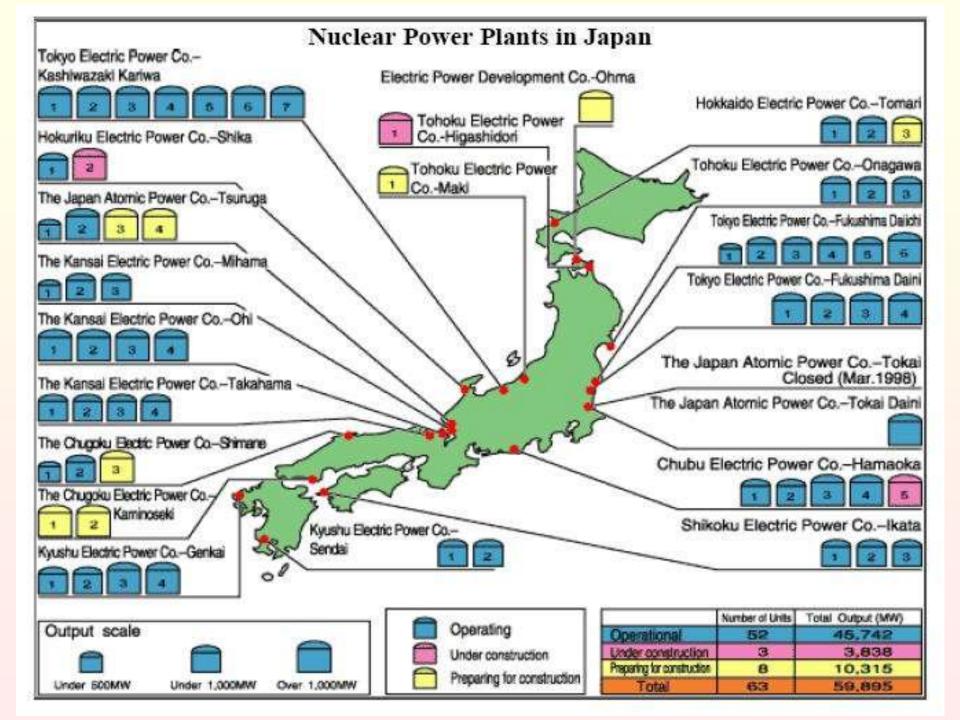


### Reasonable Energy Demand?



In memory of Tsunami victims in Japan





#### gulf of Mexico oil spill



#### energy appetite has provoked global nightmares

- Energy = the ability to do work
- Energy → electricity → electric current
   → currency → money
- Physics / economics
- Open up the thinking boxes, multidisciplinary, Trans-boundary, holistic thinking

Section One: Realities no more uncertainty & denial clear & present danger to humanity and life on earth

Only when the last tree has died, and the last river been poisoned and the last fish been caught will we realize we cannot eat money. ~Cree First Nations Proverb

## Typical denial excuses

- 1. I don't believe it.
- 2. The science is debatable and inconclusive.
- 3. Global warming is caused by natural phenomena.

#### Denying a measurement of reality



1. I don't want to believe it.

### Science is not a believe system

1. Science is about measurements and error bars. Thousands of continuous measurements on earth, under the oceans, and from space by many countries

#### Global scientific credibility

>50 Earth Observation satellites acquire data at exponential rate providing unprecedented synoptic views of our planet. (ESA -AEOS Medialab)



# Only very few bad apples among numerous good ones



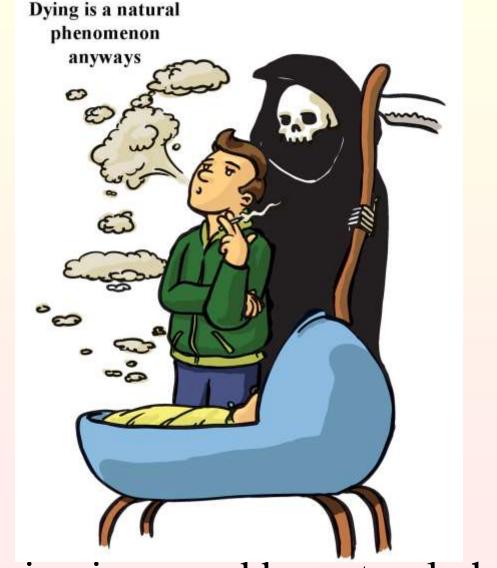
2. The science is debatable and inconclusive

#### **UN** Declaration

"Feb 2, 2007 will be remembered as the date when uncertainty was removed as to whether humans had anything to do with climate change on this planet. The evidence is on the table"

Achim Steiner, executive director, United Nations Environment Program

#### Cancer is not my fault



3. Global warming is caused by natural phenomena

## Humanities' Responsibility

3. Natural phenomena are no excuse and irrelevant to the fact that humans are responsible for green house gas emission. CAUSE: Burning fossil fuel (vehicles & electricity generation) emit  $CO_2$ which blanket the earth. Heat from sunlight cannot escape into space





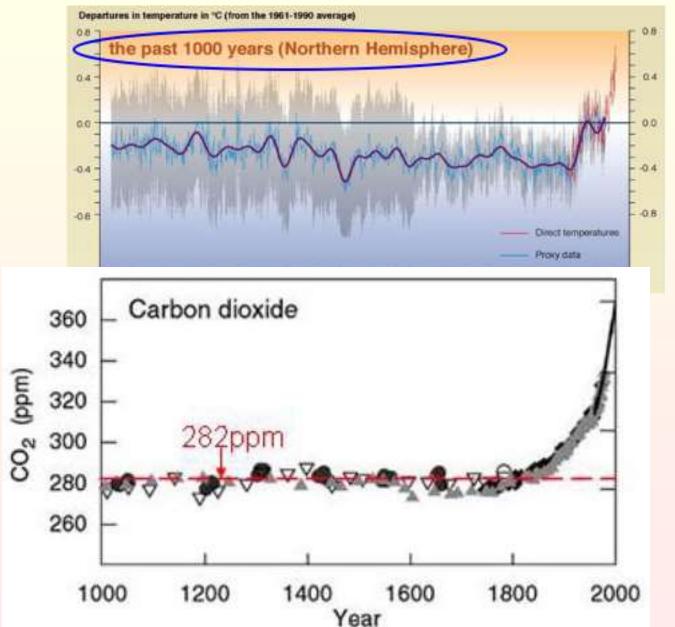
# Caused by green house gases $(CO_2, H_2O)$

• Human activities emit greenhouse gas

>7 billion tons of each year or
 >500 billion tons since the industrial revolution

- Oceans absorbed about ¼ or 125 billion tons and can absorb no more
- Atmospheric CO<sub>2</sub> concentration
   ➤Today = 380 ppm (parts per million)
   ➤ Pre-Industrial Revolution 1700s = 280 ppm
   ➤ End of the century = 560 to 1,000 ppm
- Double CO<sub>2</sub> increase temperature by 2.2°F

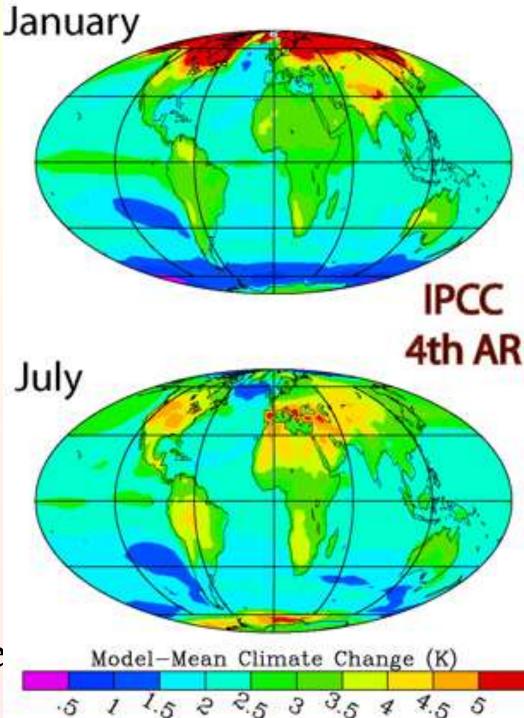
#### Temp & CO<sub>2</sub> correlate in past 1,000 yrs



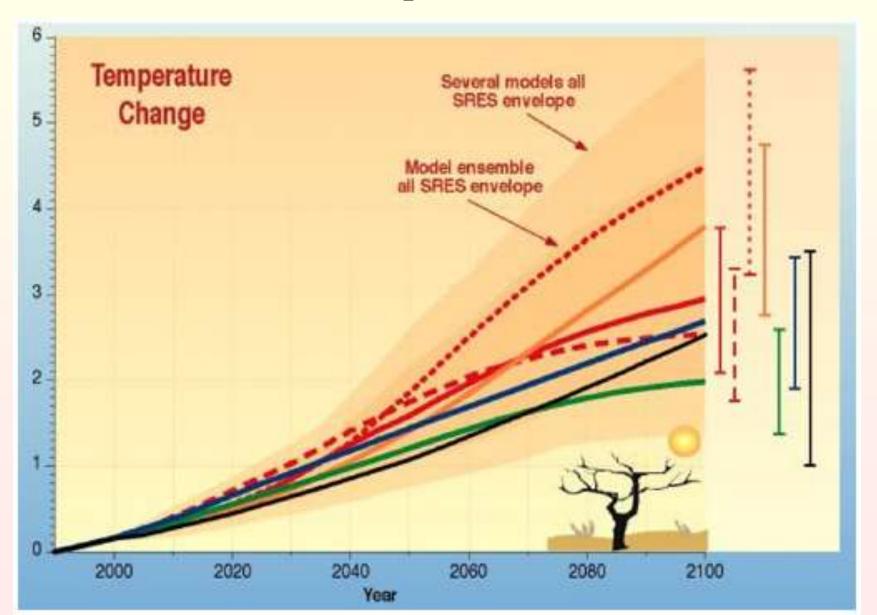
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2007 USA Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) 4th Assessment Report

- IPCC measure Best Case scenario
- Temperature increase next 100 years
- IPCC & Al Gore share 2007 Nobel Peace Prize



In next 100 years, existing human CO<sub>2</sub> will cause rise in 2°C (best case); additional human CO<sub>2</sub> will double to 4°C (worst case)



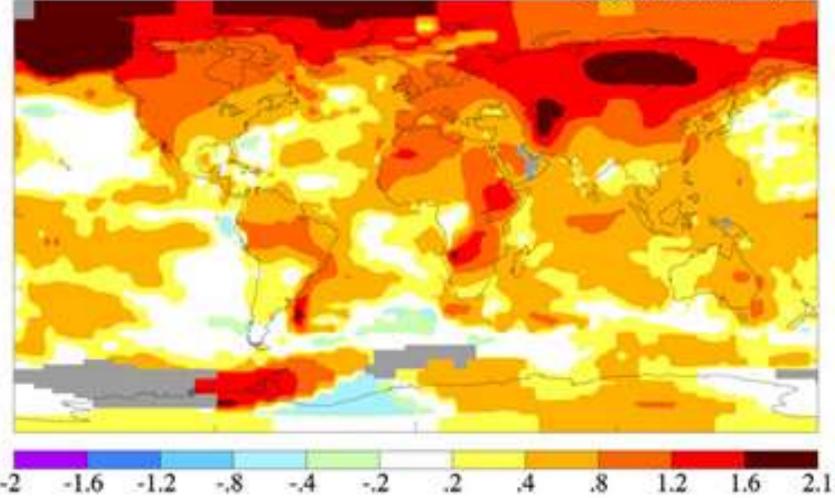
National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) measured much worse case scenario

26Sep06 Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences:
"We conclude that global warming of more than 1°C, relative to 2000, will constitute "dangerous" climate change as judged from likely effects on sea level and extermination of species"

• 3°C over the 21st century could eliminate a majority (60%) of species on the planet

#### NASA found accelerated warming

2001-2005 Mean Surface Temperature Anomaly (°C) Global Mean = 0.54

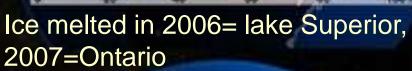


## NASA report: Earth is heating up exponentially

- $+0.2^{\circ}$  C per decade for the past 30 years
- Warmest levels in the last 12,000 years
- Within about 1°C of the maximum temperature of the past million years
- 2001-05 +0.54° C in 4 years
- 2-3° C more = about three million years ago, sea level was 25 meters [80 feet] higher.
- $[0.5^{\circ}/4yr = 16-25 \text{ years}]$  Worse Case Scenario
- Contradict IPCC prediction of 23 inches sea level rise within 100 years "business-as-usual" several meters per century with eventual rise of tens of meters 29

#### Polar Ice decline

- CBC News 11*Dec06;* Tremblay, McGill & U.S. National Center for Atmospheric Research. Geophysical Research Letters 12Dec06.
- Right now steady decline
- Higher temperatures → less ice (less mirror reflecting sunlight out into space) → more water → more sunlight absorbed by water (thermos) → raises temperatures.
- Next 20 years tip the steady decline to 4x faster decline
- by Sep 2040 little left (30 yrs)
  2004, chief scientist on Canada's Amundsen research icebreaker predict
  50y. 2007 he predicted 30 yrs
  Jun06, UBC Byers & European Scientists, NW passage clear in 25y.



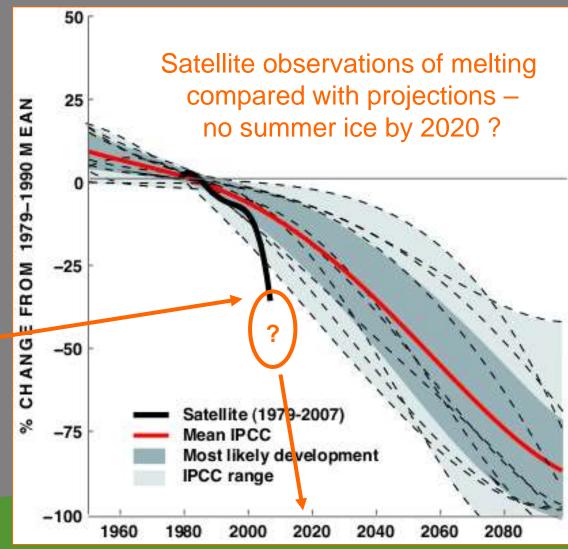






#### actual 1885 actual 1985 projected but <sup>2</sup> 2085 ? 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100 0 [percent] Aug Sept Oct Avg Sea Ice Concentration

#### Faster than anyone expected ...

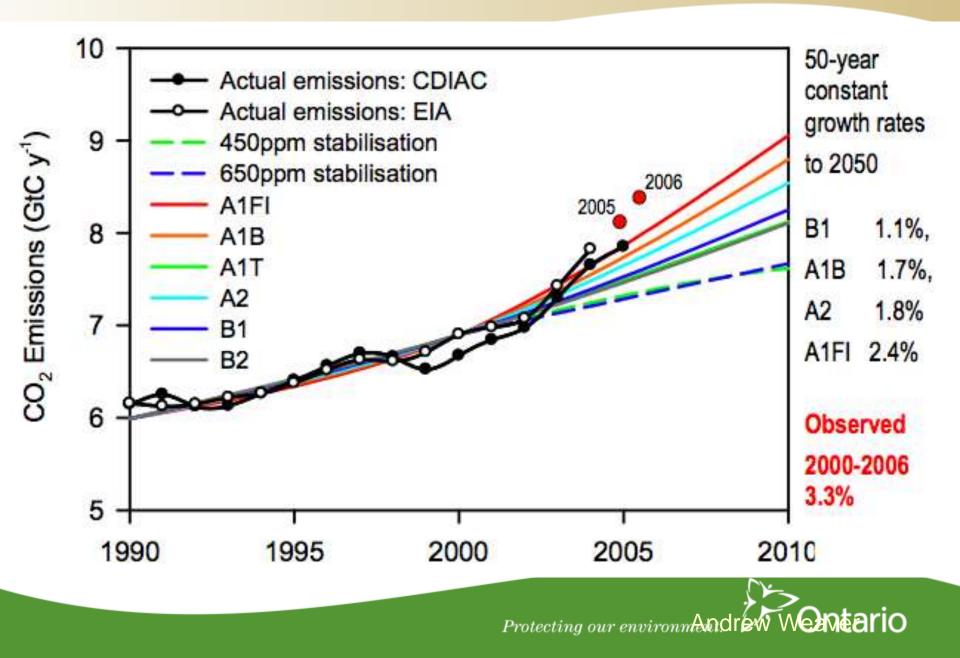


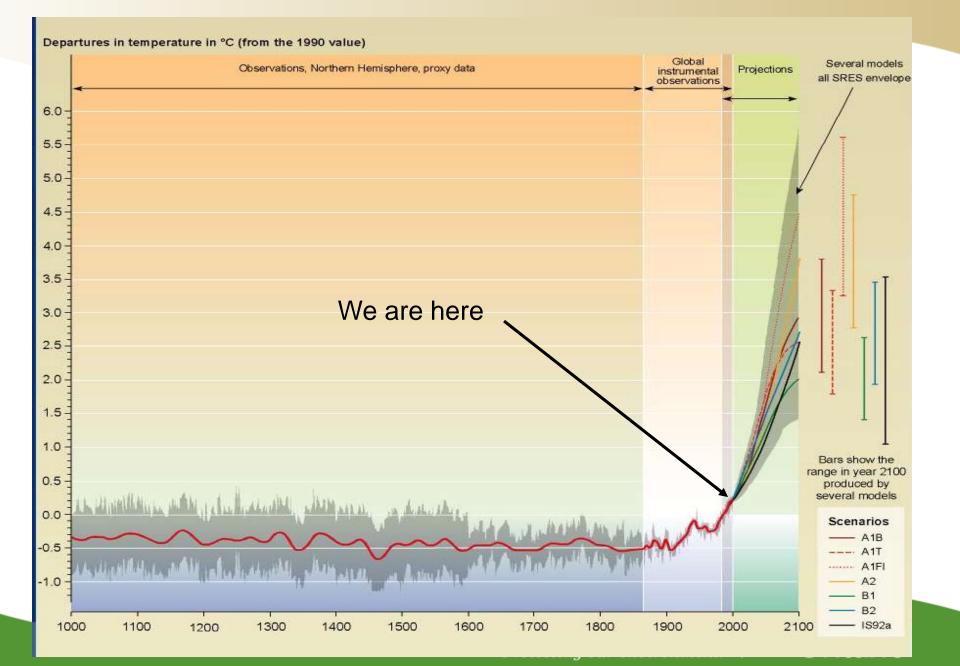
#### July 17, 2008 Al Gore

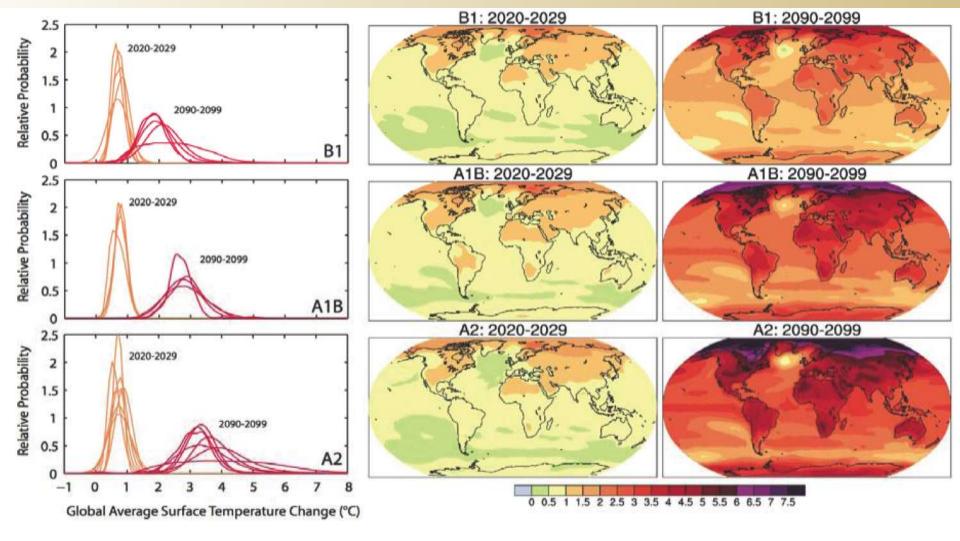
- Scientists with access to data from navy submarines traversing underneath the North polar ice cap have warned that there is now a 75% chance that within five years the entire ice cap will completely disappear during the summer months
- Jakobshavn glacier, one of Greenland's largest, is moving faster than ever before, losing 20 million tons of ice every day, equivalent to the amount of water used every year by New York City



Protecting our environment.







Eby M, K Zickfeld, A Montenegro, D Archer, KJ Meissner & AJ Weaver, 2008: Lifetime of anthropogenic climate change. Journal of Climate, in press. Ontario

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### No time left

- Even if humans stop all emissions, green house gases concentrations stabilize but the warm blanket is still covering the globe
- Even 100% Kyoto compliance will only reduce global warming by 1/700 °C
- Canada, US, refuse Kyoto
- Australia new government 2007 rectified

## Six Global disasters

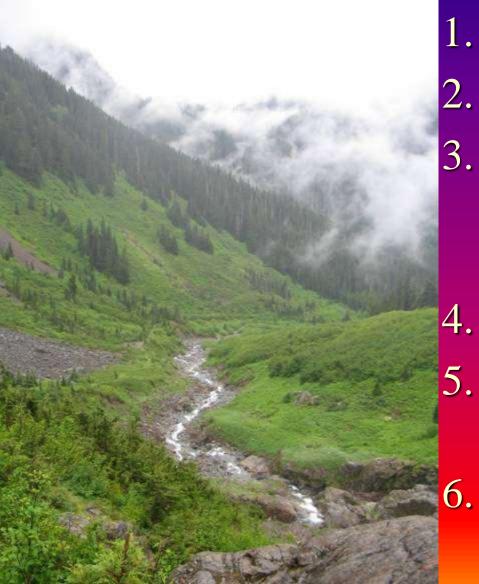
- 1) Rising Sea level
- 2) Drinking water and crop irrigation
- 3) Food
- 4) Climate
- 5) Disease
- 6) Social economic

7) War?

## 1) Rising Sea Level Disasters

- 1. A rise in sea level of 1m will submerge an area the size of Portugal along China's eastern seaboard, >half its population and 60% of its economic output.
- 40% world population lives in coastal areas, <60 km from shoreline, coasts will be flooded worldwide.
- 3. US Geological Survey, half the country gets drinking water from groundwater. Sea water moves inland, making underground water undrinkable. Crops cannot be irrigated

#### Glaciers are the planet's largest source of fresh water after polar ice

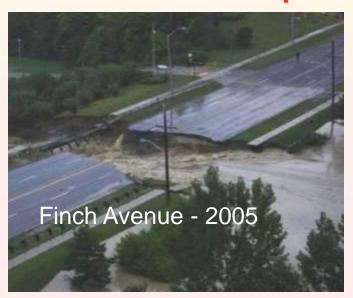


- . Condense cloud moisture
- 2. Store water as ice
- 3. Slowly release water to rivers & underground water table (well water)
- 4. Avoid flood
  - No glacier, no constant fresh water supply
- 6. Rainfall is unreliable





**Adaptation to flooding** 





## 2) Drinking water & irrigation disasters

- 1. In 13 years (1991-2004), twice as much glacial melted in Europe than in the 30 preceding years
- 2. Conservative estimate, Glaciers vanish from the Alps by 2050; most by 2037
- 3. Peruvian Andes, Quelccaya ice-cap covers 44 sq km has halved in size since 2006, will be gone in 5 years
- 4. Rainfall may decline 30% in 3 of 7 major river basins in China





## Aletsch glacier in Switzerland Vanished

2005 summer, melting glaciers caused severe flooding that devastated

parts of Switzerland

## 3) Food Disasters

 $1.>50 \% CO_2$  dissolve in ocean turning acidic threaten sea life

- 2. A decade of satellite surveys showed decline in diatoms phytoplanktons, microscopic plants at bottom of food chain.
- 3. Diatom photosynthesis responsible for 20 % of world's organic carbon. Their decline reduces oceans' ability to absorb CO<sub>2</sub>
- 4. Kill Australia's Great Barrier Reef in 25 years
- 5. China predict a 37% decline in wheat, rice and corn yields in the second half of the century
- 6. Newfoundland lost cod stocks
- 7. Maple tree cannot make syrup

## 4) Climate Disasters

- 1. 29 other regions worldwide changes during the 20th century, **rainfall decrease** by ≥10% below normal levels, and in all cases **drought lasted for** ≥ 10 yrs. World-wide including Europe, N. America, Australia, China, the former USSR, Middle East, Africa, India & Bangladesh
- 2. Canadian winters no longer cold enough to kill **pine beetles** which demolish our forest (look bright red from sky)
- **3.** El Niño (warm surface waters in the West Pacific move eastward toward South America) altering weather patterns
- 4. Heat waves surge in India over the past century, rising death toll due to heat stress. Serious floods in its N.E. states in July 2005 killed >1,000 with economic losses > US \$250 million
- 5. Sahel **drought** W. Africa late 1960s lasted ~2 decades, killed  $\geq 1$  million and affecting  $\geq 50$  million

## 5) Disease Disasters

- Mosquitoes carry dengue fever found at heights of ~2,000 meters above sea level in Mexico and in the Andes Mountains of S. America.
- Tropical diseases shifted northward including: 1. Cryptococcus gattii B.C. none before 1998
  - 2. N. America hantavirus in 1993
  - 3. Expanding terrain of ticks that ferry Lyme disease
  - 4. 1999, the arrival of the West Nile virus
  - 5. Malaria and encephalitis in Turkey and Azerbaijan

## 6) Social Economic Disasters

The economic costs of failure to meet the challenge would be catastrophic – greater than the combined costs of the Great Depression of the 1930s and the two world wars (British Government study) Canada one of the world's highest per capita emitters of greenhouse gases

- Emissions rose 27 % mainly because of Alberta oil
- 758 million tons CO<sub>2</sub> per year
- Exceed Kyoto target by 35% or 200 million tons

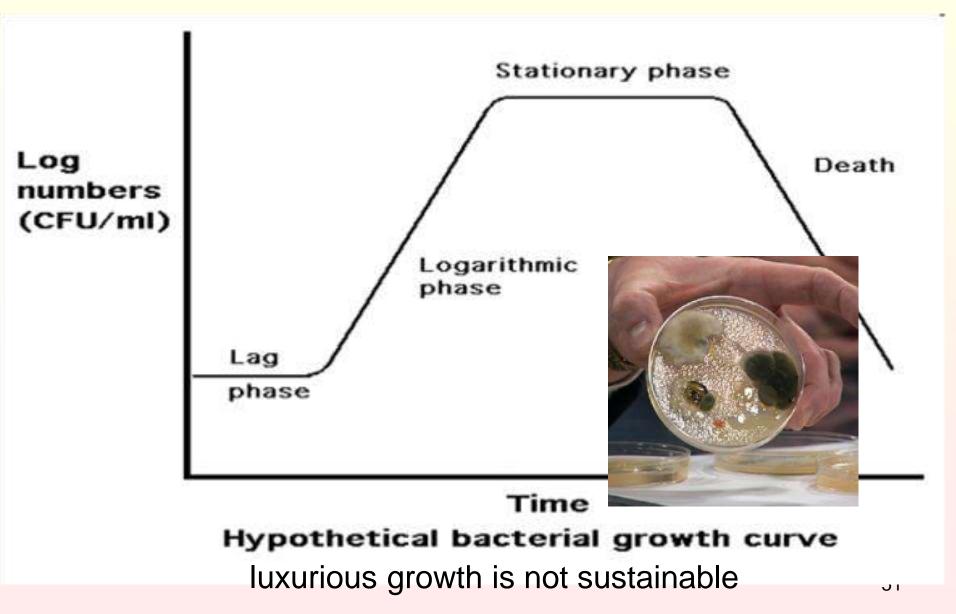
Real (UN, scientific measurement)
 Immanent (25 years)
 Disastrous (extinction and signs of civilization collapse)

### Four symptoms of civilization collapse

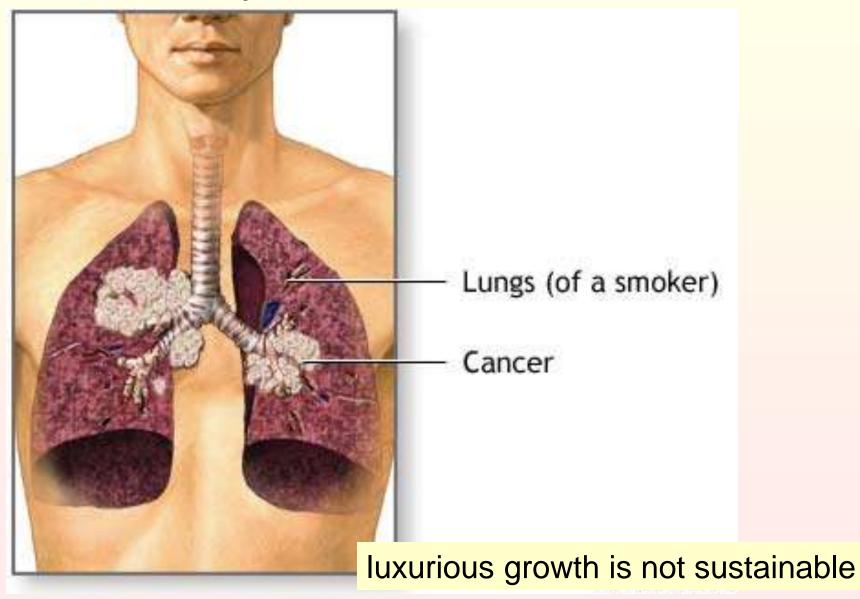
1. Failure to define the perceiv 10 2. e seriousness Failure to come up utions-SO Solutions are ineffective

## Section Two: Root Cause Analysis – civilization unsustainable

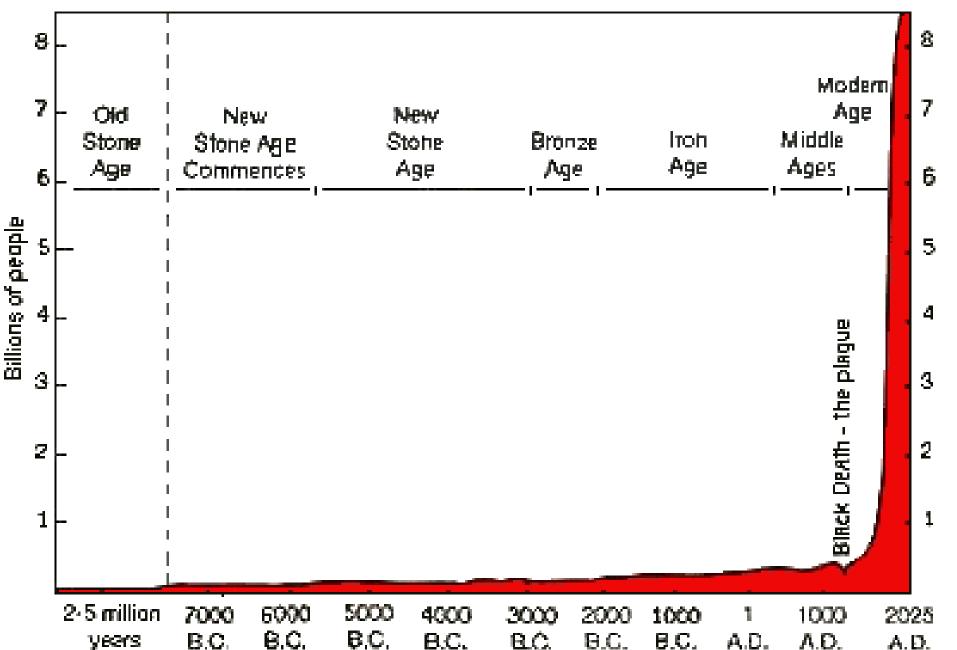
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#### **World Population Growth Through History**



Number of Years Required to Add One Billion People to the Population of the Earth with Current Projections into the Future

	Date Achieved	Years Required
First Billion	1800	All of Human History
Second	1930	130
Third	1960	30
Fourth	1974	14
Fifth	1987	13
Sixth	1998	11
Seventh	2009	11
Eighth	2021	11
Ninth	2035	14
Tenth	2054	19
Eleventh	2093	39



### **Unprecedented Sustainability Challenges**

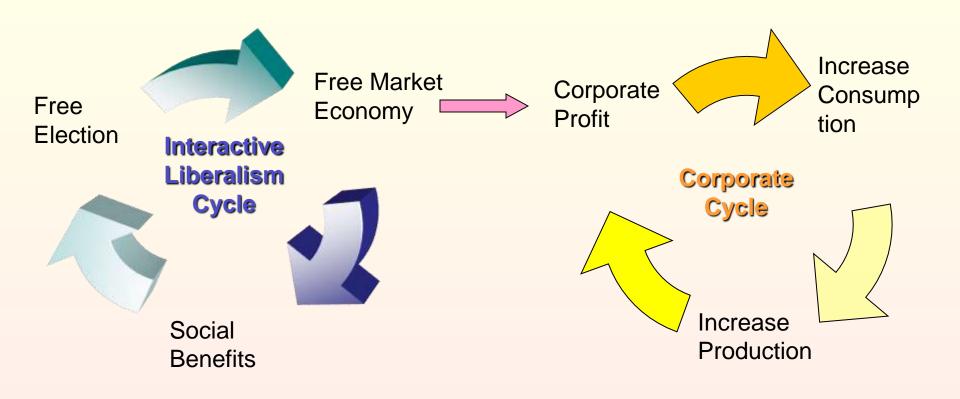
- Solar energy sustains <1 billion humans
- Pre-industrial revolution up to 2 billions
- Population doubled in the past 40 years to 6 B
- Technology allows transform world energy and biomass into human biomass
- Half the world is living on < \$2 a day
- 20% of the global population is consuming 86% of the world's goods

## Satellite Image of Global Light Pollution

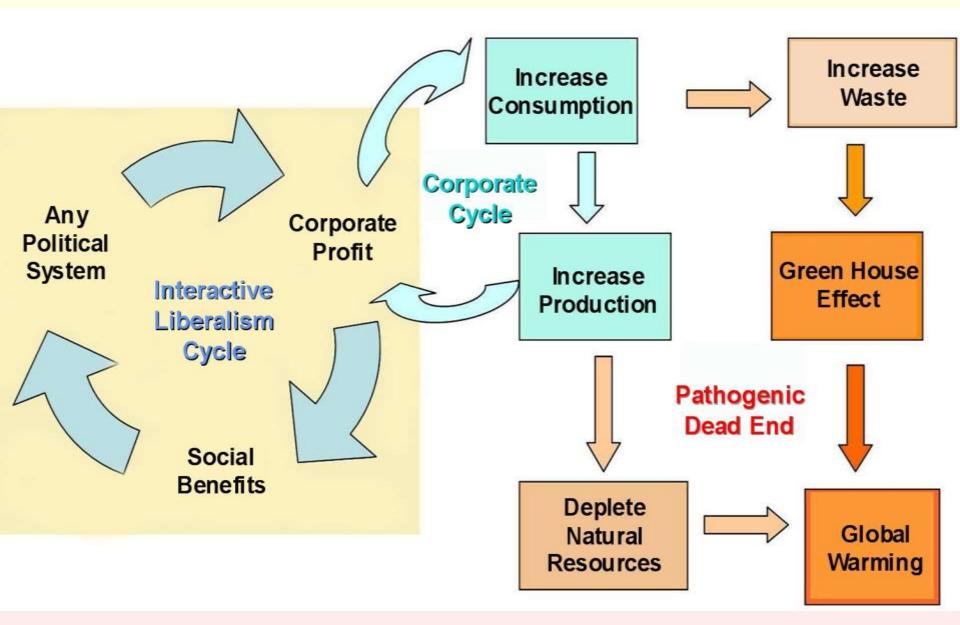


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#### **Root causes**



#### Global warming root-cause analysis





# Dominant Civilization is destructive to humans & nature

- 1. Tobacco 1940's 1990's
- 2. Acid rain 1950's 1980's
- 3. Ozone hole 1960's 1990's
- 4. Global Warming 1970's future
- Big money big evil
- Small money can be fixed
- Band aid solution, fix one, the next problem arise, root cause not addressed

#### Central Value System of the dominant civilization





#### Critical thinking steps: Root-causes of global warming

- Humans pursue happiness
- Happiness is an abstract quality
- Humans do not know how to make consistent decisions based on abstract quality
- Decisions are easy when based on quantity, number
- Money (currency) is the only number available and universally recognized
- Consequently, people pursue money in their attempt to pursue happiness
- Money translates into consuming power. Overconsumption demands over-production, creates wastes, depletes natural resources, pollutes the environment and causes global warming (rising sea level, flood, water shortage, food shortage, climate change, diseases...)

A new science to establish a new value system alternative to money

The real solution to change the central value of the dominant civilization is to provide an alternative, quantifiable measurement of happiness, a "Happiness Index"





#### **Global warming – Section Three**

- 1. No more uncertainty
- 2. Root Cause Analysis
- 3. Solutions

#### How can civilization change? Quantify qualitative abstracts

#### Who is happier, "the material girl" or the Saint?



#### Qualitative versus Quantitative Descriptions

QUALIFY	QUANTIFY	
The air is bad	Air Pollution Index is 7	
Sun is very hot	UV index is 11	
She studied hard	Her exam score is 35	
Seat belt saves lives	63% of people killed in car accidents did not wear seat belts	
Economy good	Stock indexes are up	
Smoking is bad for health	Smoking causes 21% of all heart disease deaths, 86% of lung cancer deaths, 81% of deaths from chronic lung disease. 4,000 chemicals, 43 carcinogens	

## Quantification data objectives

- Quantity is measurable by number and unit
- The number need not be perfect or accurate to the n<sup>th</sup> degree, just need to be a relative index
- The calculation maybe extremely complicated but the end number is easily understood
- Majority will react to the number predictably, even if the numbering system is premature (e.g. First stock market in China a decade ago)

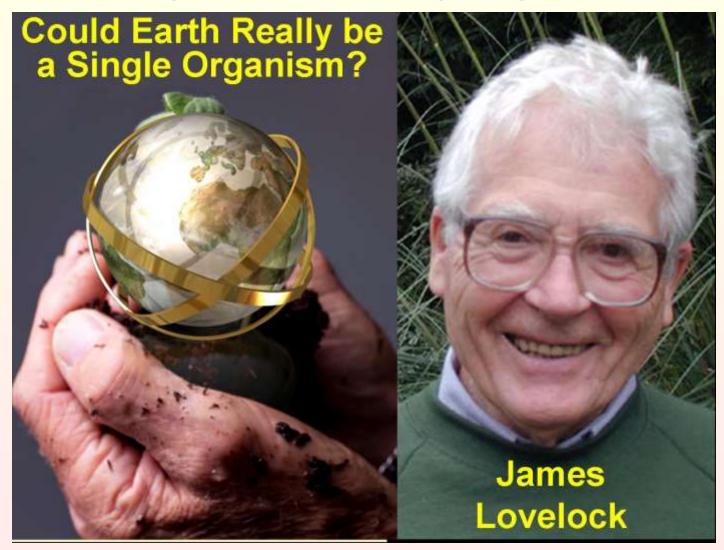
## Evolution of "Happiness Index" first-generation

1972 Bhutan's former King Jigme Singye Wangchuck proposed gross national happiness (GNH) concept to supplement the gross domestic product (GDP) concept {religion + political/social science + economics}

Earth Hall of Fame, Kyoto 2009



#### How can Environmental Scientists save the world? {Science + "religion"}



#### Gaia: a new look at life on Earth, 1979

## Evolution of "Happiness Index" second-generation

2006 a second-generation GNH concept, treating happiness as a socioeconomic development metric, was proposed by Med Jones, the President of International Institute of Management



7-parameters of 2nd-generation GNH by direct survey and statistical measurement of respective matrices

- **1. Economic Wellness**: economic metrics such as consumer debt, average income to consumer price index ratio and income distribution
- 2. Environmental Wellness: environmental metrics such as pollution, noise and traffic
- 3. Physical Wellness: physical health metrics such as severe illnesses
- **4. Mental Wellness**: mental health metrics such as usage of antidepressants and rise or decline of psychotherapy patients
- **5. Workplace Wellness**: labor metrics such as jobless claims, job change, workplace complaints and lawsuits
- **6. Social Wellness**: social metrics such as discrimination, safety, divorce rates, complaints of domestic conflicts and family lawsuits, public lawsuits, crime rates
- **7. Political Wellness**: political metrics such as the quality of local democracy, individual freedom, and foreign conflicts

Implementation of the 2006 2nd-generation GNH

- <u>http://www.guardian.co.uk/lifeandstyle/2</u> 010/nov/14/happiness-index-britainnational-mood
- National Post Tue Nov 16, 2010

#### Preliminary GNH Rank

- 1. Denmark
- 2. Finland
- 3. Norway
- 4. Sweden
- 4. Holland
- 6. Costa Rica
- 6. New Zealand
- 8. Canada
- 8. Israel
- 8. Australia
- 8. Switzerland
- 14. USA
- 17. Britain
- 44. France
- 70. Taiwan
- 81. Hong Kong
- 125. China



#### Canada ranks 23rd tied with Japan in world happiness Toronto Star Friday, December 30, 2011

- <u>http://www.thestar.com/news/canada/article/1108520--canada-ranks-23rd-in-world-happi</u>...
- 1,000 people in each of 58 countries; 52,913 people globally, score up to 100%; margin of error ± 3.5 % points 19-times/20.
- Top 5: Fiji 85, Nigeria 84, Netherlands 77, Switzerland 76 and Ghana 72.
- Bottom 5: Romania negative-10, Egypt 0, Palestine 7, Serbia 8 and Lithuania 9.
- China 25 (struggling hard to move up the economic ladder) versus Spain 55, despite its debt crisis.
- Afghanistan 35, versus U.S. 33
- Globally, the middle-aged (51 to 65 years old), 33 compared with 44 for the under-30 set and 43 for the over-65s
- Catholics and Protestants were happiest at 54; Jews 50, Hindus 43, Muslims at 42 and Orthodox Christians 28; no religious 27. Many Orthodox Christians are in economically challenged Eastern Europe

## Shortcomings of the 2006 2nd-generation "Gross National Happiness"

- The questionnaires type of measurements are highly subjective, opinionated and culturally influenced.
- 2. The holistic result does not challenge and empower the individual participants surveyed.

## 2010 a third-generation medical solution is hereby proposed

To quantify happiness using reliable and reproducible laboratory analysis of human body metabolites combined with physiological and psychological measurements

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## Happiness/Stressor Measurements Non-invasive techniques

- 1. Subjective Evaluation
  - 1. Psychological self assessment
- 2. Objective Evaluation
  - 1. Questionnaires assessment by social circle
  - 2. Lie detector heart beat, skin conductivity, perspiration, respiration.
  - 3. Nuclear magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), CT scans
  - 4. Infrared Spectrum

Invasive techniques

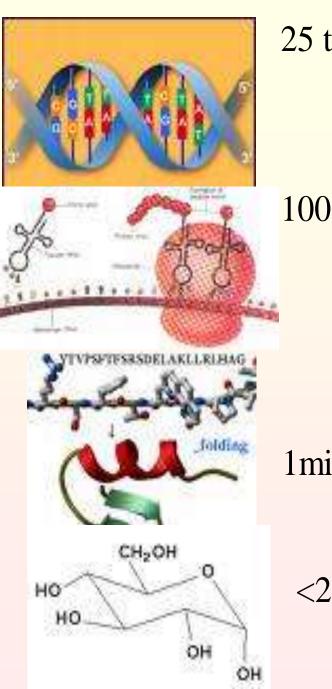
1. Metabolomics

#### DNA Genomics

RNA Transcriptomics

Proteins Proteomics

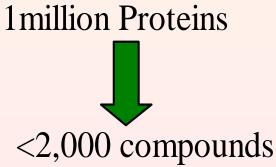
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# 25 thousand Genes

#### 100 thousand Transcripsts



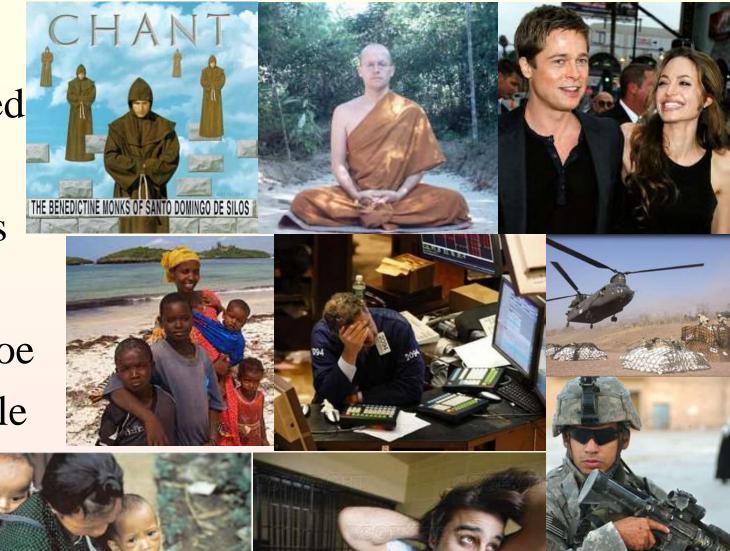


## **Metabolomics Lab**



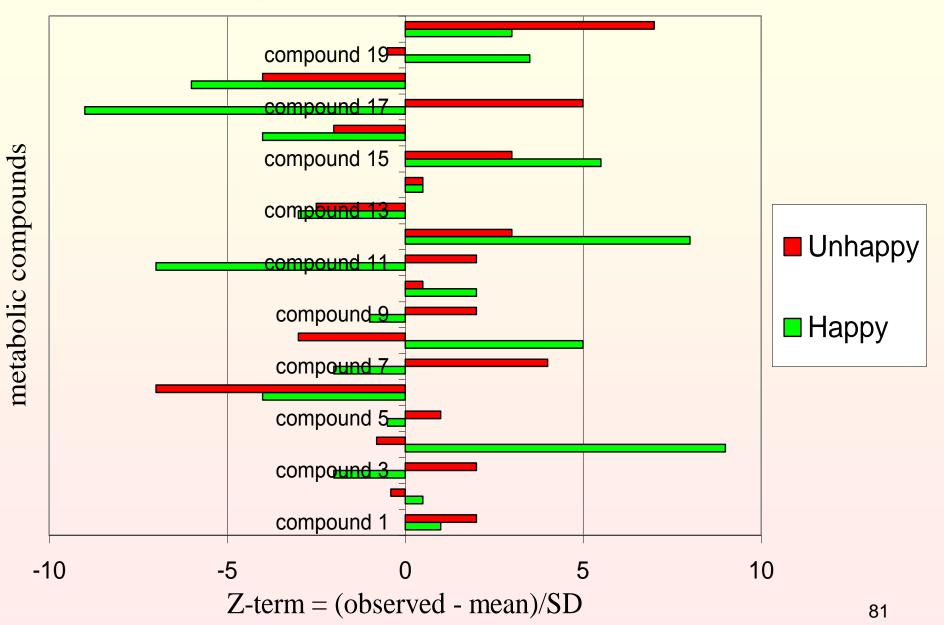
#### **Subject Categories**

- 10. Spiritual
- 9. Rich retired
- 8. Optimists
- 7. Celebrities
- 6. Financier
- 5. Average Joe
- 4. Poor people
- Manic c
   Suicidal
   War vet



Identical twins

#### Hypothetical Metabolomic Profiles

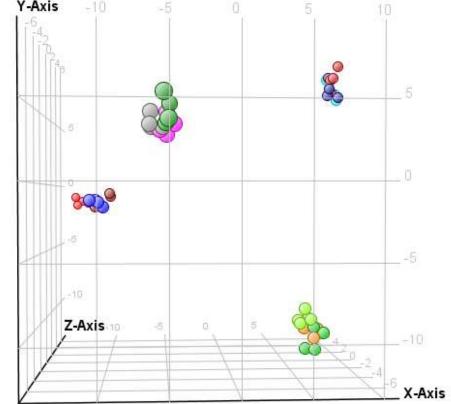


large molecule feature extraction software can detect and deconvolute the intact proteins followed by multivariate statistical analysis software to provide clustering and Principal Component Analysis

Four different strains of the same bacteria species distinguishable by proteomics/metabolomics

A1, A2 Salmonella typhimurium

A39, A40 Salmonella Heidelburg



X, Y and Z Axis represent deconvoluted protein masses, summed abundances of all the charge states reflecting those masses, and corresponding retention times

## Happiness Index

- **Is**:
  - -Objective
  - -Neutral
  - -Informative
  - -Incentive
- Is not:
  - -Confrontational
  - Dogmatic

## Function of the Happiness Index

#### • Will:

- Measure the well being of society.
- Entice and guide policy makers.
- Redefine quality of life.
- Help individuals to make lifestyle choices in the short and long term.
- Be a powerful alternative to the mighty dollar. and other economic indexes.

### • Will not:

- Be tradable.
- Be falsify.

#### Advantages of the 3rd-generation Happiness Index

- 1. The measurement methodology is entirely objective, scientific, quantifiable, based on established physiological, psychological and medical technology.
- 2. The index is both national and individual.
- 3. It offers a value system alternative to money for the fundamental decision-making process of the human mind. The Pursue of money causes Environmental Disasters.
- 4. It does not rely on changing behaviour by education, persuasion, morality or legislation
- 5. {Nirvana research and validation brings Science and religion together rather than antagonistic. This is evolution of human collective consciousness.}

## Conclusions Yes, we can...

- 1. Third-generation approach to create quantifiable "Happiness Index" is technically feasible
- 2. {Scientific approach to religion
- 3. Spiritual value system to change materialistic social values
- 4. Religious nourishments to fulfill human needs}
- 5. Save the planet: Happiness Index → change value system → decision-making process → human behaviour

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.

Margaret Mead

US anthropologist (1901 - 1978)

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- Audience

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