

Unless we make very, very big changes and we make them very quickly indeed, we're up for four to six degree warming above pre-industrial levels by the end of the century, if not sooner. With that kind of warming and the ensuing climate disruption, about 80 percent of the people on this planet may not survive, and those who do survive will not be living on a planet that in any way resembles the world as we know it.

Those at the top of the pyramid with a vested interest in maintaining the status quo use their extensive power and enormous wealth to ensure that most people are not properly informed about what the science is showing us and that the changes required are not implemented. Our elites will accept the end of human existence as we know it before they envisage the end of capitalism. As a result, the urgency gap with regards to climate disruption increases daily. Our elites also claim that the money is not there to make the necessary changes. This is simply not true. If we cut subsidies to the oil sector, abolish tax havens, implement a financial-transaction tax, reduce military spending, and make sure that corporations and the wealthy pay their fair share of taxes, all the money needed for a transition to a green economy would be available. Our current economic system, which in any case only serves a very small minority, is at war with our environment, and nature simply does not care about any arguments in favour of this neo-liberal system that is destroying our planet. We need to put in place policies in line with science and with Indigenous wisdom if we are to have any chance of continuing as a species in any way that makes sense.