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Over 4.5 billion years. Close your eyes and try to imagine how long that truly is.

That is how long it took the gaseous, primordial predecessors of our solar system to fuse into the extension of the universe called the human race. After the literally astronomical odds and unfathomable eons of our conception, we've chosen to decimate the legacy of our universe instead of honoring it. We are the only known way that the universe can observe itself, yet our disruptive, noisome existence has created nothing but tormentful anguish against the single diminutive speck within the infinitesimally expanding universe which we reside within.

Why do we humans do this? Almost all of us are caught within the systems of our predecessors. We developed mechanized tools constructed with preciously limited metals which require the combustion of trillions of tons of resting prehistoric plants. Through the unnecessary use of these tools, we continue to thrust these previously living beings into a shapeless purgatory, our atmosphere. Once these mechanical accessories lose their worth to our continued technological developments, we leave them to idly poison the rest of the world in landfills.

Our entire world is stuck in this unending, immovable rotation. Economies are built upon ideas of "progress and innovation", leading to today's wealth of technology becoming tomorrow's detritus. Cities are built synchronously with ever-expanding highways, yet fail to provide meaningful transportation systems that limit superfluous emissions of greenhouse gasses. Food production industries have cultivated a total beyond a trillion animals and trillions more plants only to use over 70% of our freshwater supply. Cultures are established with firm grasps on these customary ideas, and letting go is the hardest decision for everyone, from those who could make the decision to topple the towering pillar of unrestrained human appetite to those of us with mallets, relentlessly hammering away.



How can you grab a mallet? They're easier to find than you think, but the weight may be heavier than you could imagine. Educating everyone you know on what our best options to replenish what's left of the world's degrading is absolutely the first step you should take. The more people who join the fight against climate change equates to the growing chances that we can overcome the overbearing odds against us. Joining established groups which share your drive for bettering the world's future will further fuel the positive feedback loop of human morale. By gathering as many people as possible to take even the smallest steps towards progress, we'd only be making such a minuscule dent compared to the nuclear detonations set off by industrialization and overproduction in every industry from clothing to agriculture.

While these are all options we should take now, we should also consider what we're capable of in the future. If the chances of fighting against humanity's worst to beat climate change are impossible, then *why don't we become the impossible?* Enter green industries, and utilize your career to further develop technologies that we could never even imagine today. Thinking outside the box doesn't come from forcing square ideas through circle shaped dilemmas. Instead, it comes from understanding that wisdom is formed from the coalescence of every experience you have, culminating into creative solutions which only you could find so simple. Continue living your abundantly potent life, and go on to make everyone else look absolutely stupid once you reveal to them the absolutely obvious truth.

Climate change is our war to end. Winning isn't a matter of time; it's a matter of timing.