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The shore

is still

in the sea

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...the ability to cut losses demands a different type of determination from the stubborn patience needed to withstand attrition, the leaking away of substance through centuries, then millenia - and with such a lowly glimmering of light at the end of it all.

From Doris Lessing, "Shikasta: re, colonised planet 5," 1979



**GLOBAL CROP DIVERSITY TRUST
PLEDGES**

DONOR	TOTAL PLEDGES AS AT JANUARY 1. 2012			TOTAL PAID 1-Jan-12 USD
	AMOUNT PLEDGED	USD EQUIVALENT*	PERIOD OF PLEDGE	
Countries				
Australia	AUD 21,195,000	16,645,001	2003-2013	14,604,501
Brazil	USD 30,000	30,000	2002	30,000
Canada	CAD 10,000,000	8,985,489	2003-2012	8,007,269
Colombia	USD 35,802	35,802	2002	35,802
Egypt	USD 166,657	166,657		25,000
Ethiopia	USD 50,000	50,000		25,000
Germany	EUR 7,500,000	10,200,000	2006-2010	10,200,000
India	USD 50,000	50,000	2006	50,000
Ireland	EUR 3,000,000	4,144,250	2007-2009	4,144,250
Italy	USD 300,000	300,000	2005	300,000
Italy	EUR 500,000	689,096	2007	689,096
Netherlands	USD 2,500,000	2,500,000	2011-2012	-
New Zealand	USD 50,000	50,000	2005	50,000
Norway	NOK 50,000,000	7,676,617	2004-2006	7,676,617
Norway	USD 58,181,438	58,181,438	2006-2020	13,107,851
Slovak Republic	USD 20,000	20,000	2009	20,000
Spain	EUR 2,000,000	2,629,650	2008-2009	2,629,650
Sweden	SEK 80,000,000	11,886,620	2005-2007	11,886,620
Sweden	USD 438,095	438,095	2007-2010	438,095
Switzerland	USD 10,818,076	10,818,076	2001-2011	10,818,076
Switzerland	CHF 150,000	118,478	2004-2005	118,478
United Kingdom	GBP 10,000,000	19,468,582	2007-2008	19,468,582
United States	USD 24,500,000	24,500,000	2001-2010	24,500,000
Foundations				
Aria Foundation	USD 10,000	10,000	2010	10,000
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation/UN Foundation	USD 29,911,740	29,911,740	2007-2012	29,911,740
Gatsby Charitable Foundation	GBP 605,000	1,057,573	2003-2007	1,057,573
The Gordon J. Hammersley Foundation	USD 20,000	20,000	2008	20,000
Gordon & Betty Moore Foundation	USD 200,000	200,000	2006-2007	200,000
Lillian Goldman Charitable Trust	USD 1,000,000	1,000,000	2008-2010	1,000,000
Rockefeller Foundation	USD 305,000	305,000	2003-2007	305,000
Sam Spiegel Foundation	USD 5,000	5,000	2008	5,000
Syngenta Foundation	USD 246,732	246,732	2003-2007	246,732
United Nations Foundation	USD 775,000	775,000	2003-2007	775,000
Corporations				
Dupont/Pioneer Hi-bred	USD 1,000,000	1,000,000	2004-2007	1,000,000
Grains Research & Development Corporation	USD 5,000,000	5,000,000	2004-2011	4,860,000
Syngenta AG	USD 1,000,000	1,000,000	2004	1,000,000
Other				
CGIAR Centres	USD 210,000	210,000	2001-2002	210,000
Food & Agriculture Organization of the UN	USD 137,000	137,000	2010-2011	65,000
International Seed Federation	USD 30,000	30,000	2007	30,000
Systemwide Genetic Resources Programme	USD 255,000	255,000	2001-2002	255,000
World Bank - CGIAR	USD 200,000	200,000	2002	200,000
Individual Donations	USD 118,731	118,731	2005-2009	118,731
Total		\$221,065,628		\$170,094,664

* Where amounts have not yet been received the rate of exchange as at Jan 1, 2012 has been applied



What is the purpose of this place? To avoid? Hide? To be forgotten? I see a small village filled with tourists, a few townies and scientists. I see very small reindeer, and thankfully no polar bears. I see Arctic research, and know there is oil to be found, justified. I know in these hills a vault was built to store seeds in case of emergency, by the very seed companies that threaten much plant life. I see a series of spheres on top of this mountain. I read on a sign it is NASA and others, and later, that they're downloading high speed satellite information for various Western governments. The sun goes around in a circle, but not down. People don't talk here until they're drunk, which isn't rare. We stumble out of bars into the glaring light at 3, 4, 5 am – sit by the water, keep drinking. I hear stories from this small world that hides its motives well. We wonder what could be happening, and simultaneously know that we are small. We talk about Russia, about the other town on the island with the miserable employees of the state coal company, and about why we're all here. To get away, but it's inevitably in the center of it all.



I have been thinking

of you very much

and hope

I don't know what
I'm doing
here.

FIRST CABLE
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TAGS: PGOV, PREL, SENV, OVIP, PBTS, PHSA, KGHG, ENRG, ETRD,
EPET, EFIS, EWWT, MARR, DA, CA, NO, RS, XQ
SUBJECT: DEPUTY SECRETARY'S PARTICIPATION AT ARCTIC OCEAN
CONFERENCE IN GREENLAND
4. (C) D said the Administration continued to urge the
Senate to ratify the UN Convention on the Law of the Sea
(UNCLOS), and had not given up all hope of achieving this
during the Bush Administration. Ratification was clearly in
the U.S. interest. Moeller agreed, joking that ""if you stay
out, then the rest of us will have more to carve up in the
Arctic."
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State Duma
Deputy Chilingarov called for Russia to withdraw from the
1982 UN Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) so that
Russia could stake a greater claim to the region's sea bed (a
claim he tried to bolster when he planted a Russian flag
below the North Pole in August 2007). (REDACTED BY
NEWSNIGHT TO PROTECT IDENTITY OF SOURCE) told us
Chilingarov was following orders from the ruling United
Russia party
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Russian Ambassador to NATO
Dmitriy Rogozin in a January 30 interview with Vesti-24 said
that ""The twenty-first century will see a fight for
resources, and Russia should not be defeated in this fight
... NATO has sensed where the wind comes from. It comes from
the North.""
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COMMERCE FOR MAC/ITA - DACHER AND MARKOWITZ
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TAGS: PREL, PGOV, KENV, SOCI, ETRD, EFIN, DA
SUBJECT: SHAPING GREENLAND'S FUTURE
2. (SBU) Summary: Greenland is on a clear track toward
independence, which could come more quickly than most
outside the Kingdom of Denmark realize.
3. (SBU) With Greenlandic independence glinting on the
horizon, the U.S. has a unique opportunity to shape the
circumstances in which an independent nation may emerge.
We have real security and growing economic interests in
Greenland, for which existing Joint and Permanent
Committee mechanisms (described refetl A) may no longer
be sufficient. American commercial investments, our
continuing strategic military presence, and new highlevel
scientific and political interest in Greenland
argue for establishing a small and seasonal American
Presence Post in Greenland's capital as soon as
practicable. End Summary.
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4. (SBU) One senior Greenlandic official commented
recently that his country (Greenlanders and many Danes
alike routinely refer to Greenland as a ""country"") is
""just one big oil strike away"" from economic and
political independence.
...
Chevron and ExxonMobil are part of an international
consortium exploring off Greenland's western coast, and the
U.S. Geological Survey is completing an assessment of
Greenland's potential oil and gas reserves. Its initial
findings suggest Greenland might have reserves to rival
Alaska's North Slope. To help the Greenlanders secure the
investments needed for such exploitation, I recently
introduced Home Rule Premier Enoksen and Minister of Finance
and Foreign Affairs Aleqa Hammond to some of our top U.S.
financial institutions in New York.
FIFTH CABLE
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SUBJECT: CANADA TAKES STEPS TO ESTABLISH SOVEREIGNTY OVER
CONTINENTAL SHELF
REF: OTTAWA 1904 (NOTAL)
1. (U) Summary: The GOC is taking steps to secure sovereign
rights over seabed resources that extend to the edge of the
continental shelf.
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TAGS: SENV, EWWT, PBTS, TPHY, TSPL, CA
SUBJECT: NSPD/HSPD ON ARCTIC POLICY - REQUEST CONSIDERATION
TO DELAY RELEASE
Sensitive but Unclassified. Please protect accordingly. Not
for release outside the U.S. Government.
1. (SBU) Summary: Embassy strongly believes release of the
new Arctic Policy National Security Presidential
Directive/Homeland Security Presidential Directive during
Canada's federal election campaign has the potential to
insert the United States as an issue in the campaign and
negatively impact U.S.-Canadian relations. Embassy requests
Washington agencies to delay the release of the new policy
until after the October 14 election. End summary.
SEVENTH CABLE
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01 OF 03 MOSCOW 001561
According to PM Harper, Canada has a good working
relationship with Russia with respect to the Arctic, and a NATO
presence could backfire by exacerbating tensions. He commented
that there is no likelihood of Arctic states going to war, but that
some non-Arctic members favored a NATO role in the Arctic because
it would afford them influence in an area where ""they don't
belong.""









Sea

Fluid

Source

Life

Deep

Shore

Matter

Dust

Breath

Burrow

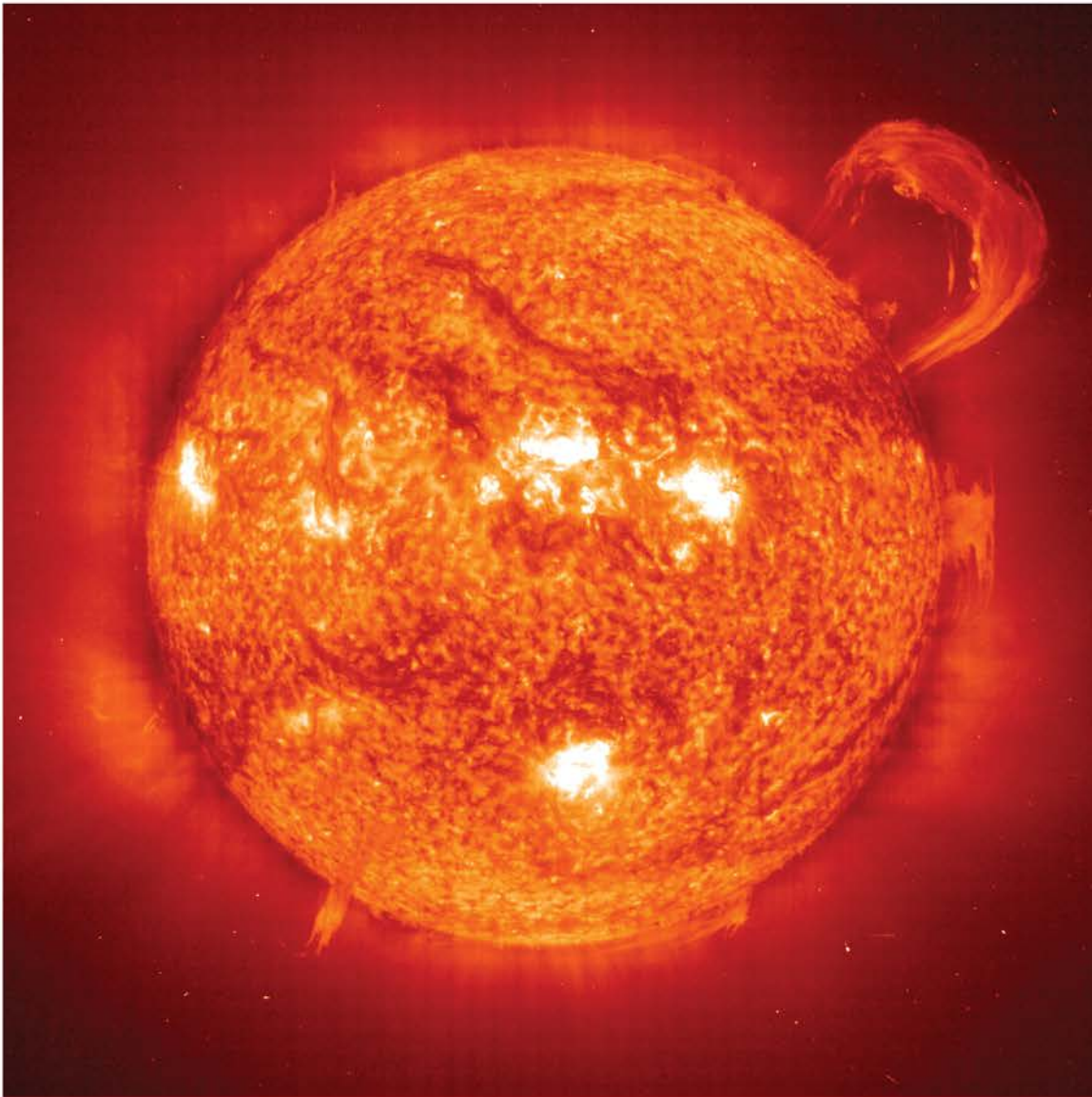
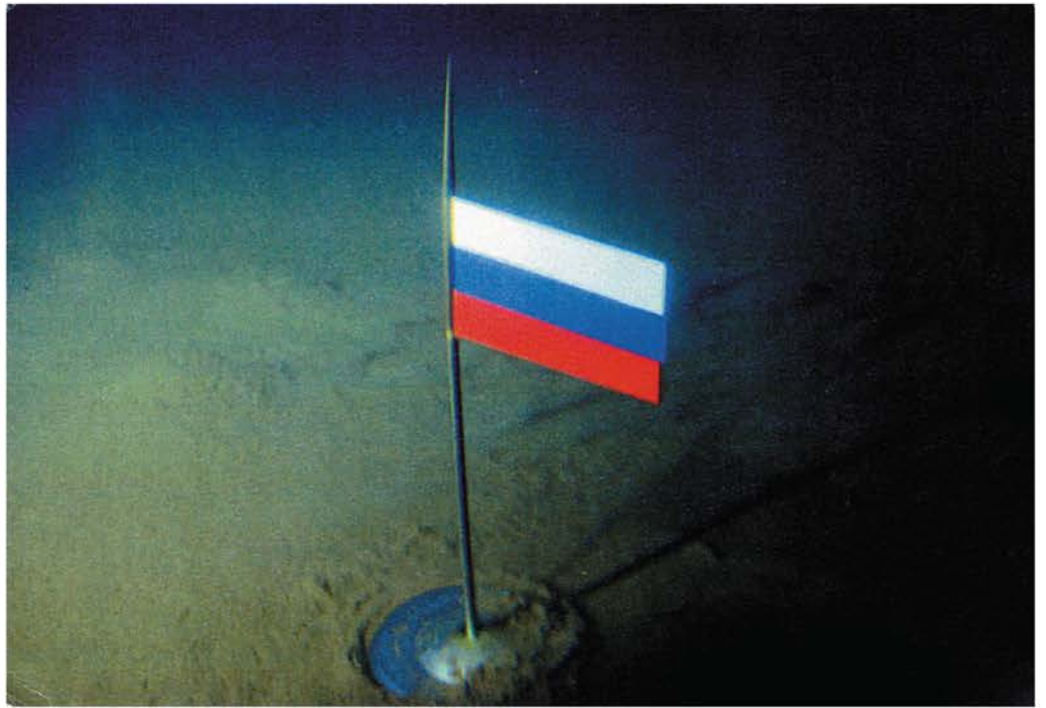




Ways the world could end (in one sitting):

(Does this mean the end of human life? any life?)

- new plague, spread
- planetary shift
- asteroid
- catastrophic damage to ecology
- nuclear bombings and aftermath
- The Rapture when it finally comes
- A slight tilt of the earth's axis due to something miniscule in the universe ... like solar flare, etc.
- A new ice age due to many of the above
- A drought also due to many of the above
- Massive stupidity on the part of humans
- From nothing having to do with humans
- An unpredicted, uncontrollable, senseless, meaningless, end of this paradigm.
- Nothingness, non-infinity, un-infinity
- Some kind of god end time drama



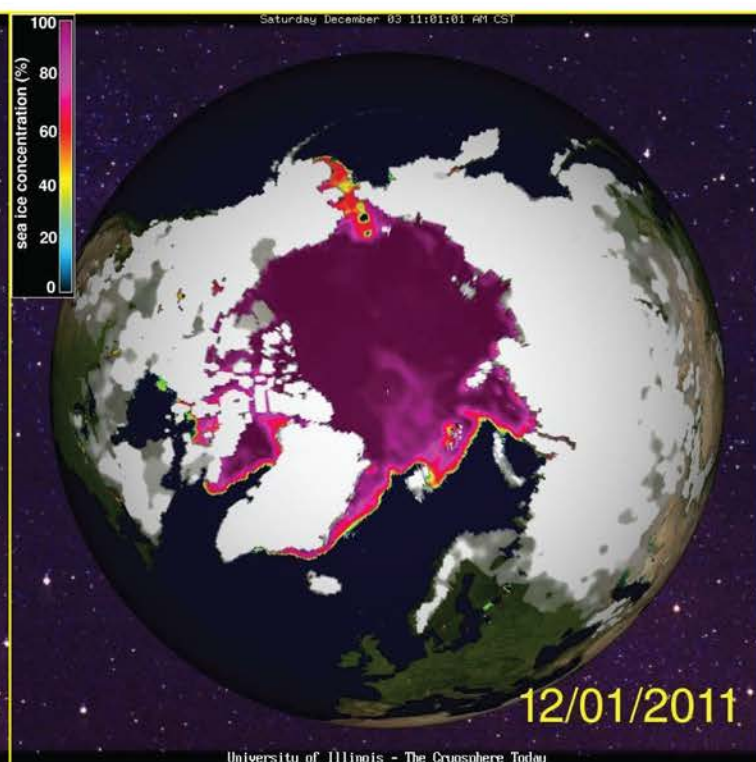
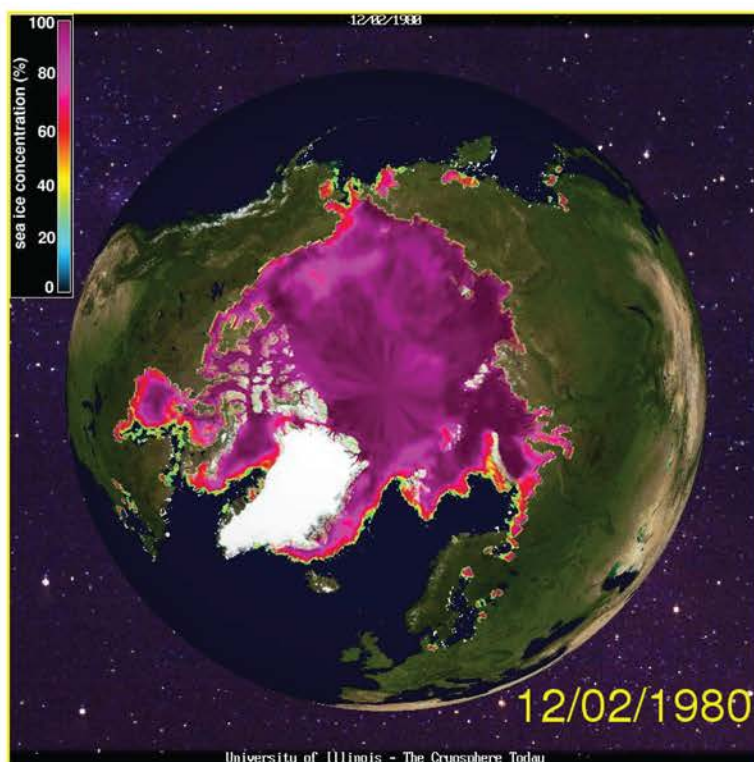
Top: Russian flag planted under Arctic ice cap, Aug. 2, 2007; Bottom: Sun flares, NASA



Top: Barents Sea border treaty, ratified in June 2011, opening Arctic oil exploration; Bottom: Hildegard von Bingen, from illustrated manuscript Scivias, "Five Ages of the Anti-Christ."



Top: Gulf of Mexico oil spill; Middle: Harold Camping's house on May 21, 2011 during The Rapture; Bottom: Tulum, Mayan ruins



Top: Photo from an Arctic submarine; Bottom: Arctic ice cap density

Apocalypse as metaphor:

- My own inability to convince myself of what's going to happen in my own life
- Compounded fear
- Magical thinking, beyond one year
- Death as an unknown
- One's own experience as The entire world
- Loss of control
- Fear that one's actions really can affect the course of things on practical and spiritual planes. A heaviness of responsibility.













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