

## Words for Your World

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Death. Disease. Disaster. Day by day and minute by minute, we advance towards a period of calamity. Eventually, our world will be engulfed by the failures of today's societies. The inevitable outcome of global warming is a beleaguered world polluted by the perpetual mistakes we choose to make.

As icebergs melt and sea levels continue to rise, the extermination of the human population begins. A realistic projection predicts a temperature increase of 3 degrees Celcius within the next century. Although 3 degrees may seem negligible, the effects of global warming are detrimental to vulnerable people worldwide. This year alone, over four hundred thousand Indonesians were affected by rising sea levels and flooding. Have we become so blinded by our selfish desires that we are willing to sacrifice the lives of innocent people to satisfy them?

The major contributor of greenhouse gases within the atmosphere is the extraction and processing of materials and fuels. Greenhouse gases directly contribute to global warming, further advancing humanity and other species into extinction. Do we truly value materials and fuels more than human life itself?

Our choices will profoundly affect our future, so we are all individually obliged to take action. We can choose to consume less energy by utilising energy-efficient appliances. We can choose to walk, cycle or use public transportation. We can choose to buy local products. We are responsible for the fate of our world, so we must all collectively act to make a difference.

World governments have collaborated through the united nations as a part of COP, and the most recent conference, COP26, took place in Scotland from the 31st of November through to the 12th of November. The annual summit had the capacity to be a momentous point in history that could alter the course of our future. However, world leaders continue to neglect their responsibilities as only promises have been made through these meetings. To create a prosperous future, we must take definitive action now. We need to gradually switch from pollutant fossil fuels to sustainable energy resources. We need to preserve our rainforests to ensure that Carbon Dioxide, which is the main component of greenhouse gases, is trapped within trees. We need to invest in developing countries to secure economies and avert a climate catastrophe.

Prosperity. Hope. Peace. If we decide to take control of the current crises that ravage our world today, we can create a paradise. The world of tomorrow lies in the hands of everyone around the world. So which future do you choose?