

The Hurricane Season from Hell is Happening Right Before Our Eyes.

Shanshan, Boris, Bebinca, Helene, Krathon, Milton, Kirk, Ashley, Dana, Trami, Kong-Rey, Rafael, Marce, Nika and others rage across the globe. *(Updated Nov 30th 2024)*

The past two months (September/October 2024) have seen an unprecedented string of floods, hurricanes and other extreme weather events sweeping across Europe, East Asia, South Africa, the Gulf of Mexico, and the southeast of the USA, while other un-named Atlantic storms hit Africa and Europe.

First [Shanshan](#) hit [Japan](#) back on August 29th.

Then [Boris](#) ploughed through Eastern and central Europe, flooding Switzerland

[Unprecedented snowstorms](#) engulfed [South Africa](#).

[Bebinca](#) slammed into Vietnam and Southeast Asia, [inundating Shanghai](#).

[Helene](#) wreaked devastation in [Mexico](#), [Florida](#) and [South-Eastern US](#) states right up to the Carolinas, while record breaking hail storms pummelled [Oklahoma](#).

[Nepal](#) has been [hit by flooding, along with the Indian state of Bihar](#)

[Krathon](#) has [smashed](#) into the Philippines and [hammered Taiwan](#), followed by [Julian](#).

[The UK](#) had massive [rainfall](#) with [Devon and Cornwall](#) on the west coast hit by unnamed [storm surges](#), with [Liverpool](#) flooded.

[Dunedin](#) in southern New Zealand [flooded](#), with the heaviest rainfall in a century.

[Bosnia-Herzegovina](#) experienced severe [flooding](#), along with [Budapest](#) in Hungary.

The [Shurpur](#) and [Mehalayha](#) districts in northern [Bangladesh went under water](#).

[There](#) were flash floods in [Chiang Mai, Thailand](#).

And in [Kogi](#) in Nigeria

And in [Johor](#) in Malaysia

[Milton](#) pummelled [Florida](#) while she was still trying to recover from Helene.

[Coulommiers in France](#) went [under water](#).

Its [even been flooding](#) in the [Sahara Desert](#).

That's, what, at least 16 major floods in disparate regions of the globe in just two months?

As it splits off further and further from reality, the mainstream television and print media can hardly be said to be joining these dots, still speaking of "[freak weather](#)" and of "[one-in-a-hundred-year storms](#)," as if these catastrophic chaotic events can be told that now they

are over, to go away, and not to come back for at least a century. Here, uncritical idealism is reaching insane dimensions of delusion – on the one hand fantasising that our idealised power extends to dictating to “mother nature” (while speculating wildly about geoengineering even further “control” of the uncontrollable), while at the same time unable to grasp what actually IS within our power, namely, to control ourselves, by modifying our greenhouse-gas emitting ways.

For the non-deluded critical idealist, who [knows what climate scientists have long told us](#) (that such chaos would be the outcome of the fossil fuel industries continuing business as usual), the real tragedy is not simply the thousands upon thousands of isolated flood-based catastrophes occurring in the actual lives of actual people all across the globe, devastating though those disasters are for those individuals. The real tragedy is the inability of humanity to see itself as a whole, and to unite in action against the world-destroying nihilism of the business leaders of today and their hired public relations teams (aka “governments,” politics now having become a branch of industry). Unable to heed its own warnings, and to appreciate the impact of its actions upon itself, humanity is instead fragmenting into warring factions, each acting as if it has its own atmosphere, partitioned into property like the land beneath its feet. But there is only one atmosphere, whole and unpartitioned, and we all share it equally, one lungful at a time. And so we all have to suffer the consequences of the actions of the greedy, stupid few. *Riza gar panton ton kakon estin ho philarguria* – the true meaning of [radical evil](#).

With the ongoing retreat of the [Thwaites Glacier](#) and the melting of [Greenland icesheets](#) continuing unabated while the [Arctic permafrost is slowly thawing](#) to a [methane-belching mush](#), the inexorability of [catastrophe](#) for the sake of the profits of the anonymous fossil fuel moguls is spectacularly tragic. Yet still, these industries and their political spokespeople tell us to **adapt** to climate change, rather than trying to make them stop causing it, all the while reciting a puerile chorus of weasel words, chanting “You can’t prove I’m causing this,” like a planetary bully-game of “why are you hitting yourself?” Their myopic greed is destroying our world.

This is what’s wrong with the media’s “consciousness raising” attitude to tackling this problem. The challenge is not to change the behaviour of the masses. The challenge is to change the behaviour of the tiny handful of captains of industry who are making money as fast as their government cronies can print it. All the hee-haw about consumers changing their ways and households going solar: it’s like going up to the screen and trying to effect what’s going on in the movie by grasping at the moving images. The only way to affect what’s going on in the story on the screen is to alter what’s going on in the projector, or better yet still, in the camera. With movies as with business, it’s the moguls that make the decisions, and the mogul system per se, the very corporate structure which funnels profits upwards and responsibility downwards, out the bottom to be swept under the rug by the PR department, aka the _____ * Party (*insert political party name of choice).

These oligarchs will never stop capitalizing on the opportunity to make countless billions of dollars. To imagine them eliminated is sheer uncritical idealism. The critical idealist understands that the real challenge is not to eradicate their greed, but simply to reorient it,

and to get them to start making countless billions of dollars off of renewable energy instead. Which they easily could, but since power makes stupid ([Twilight of the Idols, “What the Germans Lack” #1](#)) and we are talking about [the most powerful people in the world](#), we are also talking about [the stupidest people in the world](#). So of course, if geoengineering doesn't work (and it won't), then their idea of renewable energy is nuclear, substituting one big problem for another even bigger still (out of the fossil fuel frypan and into the nuclear fire), keeping what is a broadly comparable technology to fossil fuels in place – i.e. nuclear power is still an industry based on mining, maximally industrial from end to end, and producing a highly problematic form of pollution. This industrial hegemony can only be broken with a paradigm change in the form of geothermal energy, for not only nuclear but also solar and wind remain fully implicated in this same industrial paradigm. The real paradigm change can only arrive when we realise that we can mine the energy itself, bypassing all combustion, conversion, and pollution problems in one fell swoop. But the hope for seeing this paradigm change without first being dragged through ruinous catastrophe (of which the past two months of storms and floods will in retrospect seem only a minor overture) must be admitted to be shrinking day by day as inexorably as the melting of the polar ice-caps. Perhaps Schopenhauer was right, and optimism actually is irresponsible foolishness. I live in hope he will be proved wrong, and I live in fear of him being [proved right](#).

STOP PRESS. October Update: *the storms and floods just keep on coming...*

In [Makkah](#) in [Saudi Arabia](#), in [Oman](#), [Dubai](#), [Morocco](#) and the [Sahara Desert](#)

[Kirk's remains](#) flood [Belgium](#). [Spain](#), [Portugal](#) and [France](#) with floods near [Paris](#)

In [Spain](#) and [France](#) with [red alerts issued](#) in [many French regions especially](#) in the [south](#).

[Worst in French history](#), [France underwater](#), [Saint Malo inundated](#)

In [Bologna](#), [Liguria](#), [Tuscany](#), and in [Sicily](#) in [Italy](#)

From [Senegal](#) to [Nepal](#)

In [Sumatra](#) in [Indonesia](#), in [Kuala Lumpur](#) in [Malaysia](#) and in [Singapore](#)

In [Chennai and Bengaluru](#) in [Southern India](#), in [Bengalore](#), and in [Sri Lanka](#)

In [Brazil](#)

In [Yunan](#), in China

In [Vancouver](#), [British Columbia](#), [Canada](#)

In [Blackpool](#), UK

In [Roswell](#), [New Mexico](#), [USA](#) with rainfall records [broken](#).

Update 2, to 22 nov 2024 ...

In [Vancouver](#), Canada

In [Turkey](#)

More floods ongoing in [Italy](#) and in [France](#) and in [Spain](#)

[Spanish floods](#) are Europe's [worst in fifty years](#)

[Ashley hits Ireland & the UK](#)

In [Gqeberha](#), in [South Africa](#)

In [Chukai](#), [Malaysia](#)

[Kristine](#) hits [Bicol](#) in [the Philippines](#)

And again in [the Philippines](#), [serious inundation](#) caused by tropical storm [Trami](#) followed by [Typhoon Marce](#) followed by [Typhoon Nika](#) (aka [Toraji](#)) – [fourth storm](#) in a [month](#)
And now a [FIFTH](#) called [Usagi](#) and a [SIXTH](#) called [Pepito](#) (aka [Man-yi](#))
... a series of storms now referred to as the [Pacific Ocean "Typhoon Parade"](#)

In [Kotzebue](#), Alaska

In [Makka Taif](#) and in [Medina](#), [Saudi Arabia](#) and in the [United Arab Emirates](#) as well as [Haifa](#) in [Israel](#) and also in [Iraq](#)

In [Hebei](#), [Liaoning](#) and [Fujian](#), and [Sansha City](#) in [Hainan](#) in China

In [Cuba](#) [Hurricane Rafael](#) hits before flooding [Texas](#) and [Louisiana](#)

and again in [Rome](#) and [Liguria](#) in Italy and in [Spain](#) (in [Barcelona](#)) and in [Cyprus](#) and in [Portugal](#) and in [Kefalonia](#), [Greece](#)

In [Vietnam](#) and in [Shanghai](#) and elsewhere in coastal [China](#)

[Kong-Rey](#) smashes in to [Taiwan](#) then [heads](#) for [mainland China](#) and [towards Japan](#).

In [Georgia](#), [Missouri](#), and [South Carolina](#) in the [USA](#)

While [Spain](#) just [gets worse](#) and [worse](#), [with yet more floods](#), and [now in Sicily too](#).

And [now](#) also in [Colombia](#) and in [Grenada](#) in the Caribbean

[Honduras](#) hit by Tropical Storm Sara

And the US west coast hit by "[bomb cyclone](#)" from the [Pacific North-West](#) to [California](#),

Meanwhile, dangerously large hailstones fall in Australia in [Casterton](#), [VIC](#), and [Gulmarrad](#) NSW, and [Brisbane](#) Qld in; as well as in [Spain](#), and in [Saudi Arabia](#), in [Oklahoma](#), in [Argentina](#), in [Italy](#) and in [South Africa](#).

Update 3, to nov 30th 2024...

[Wales](#) and [Ireland](#)

[Storm Bert](#)

[Californian “bomb” cyclone; floods in northern California](#)

[San Francisco](#)

[Storm Bert hits Cornwall, Ireland, Britian and France](#)

[The south of Wales, Scotland and Ireland](#)

[In the UK and in Scotland.](#)

[Flooding in Saudi Arabia in Mecca and Jeddah](#)

And in [Brisbane](#), Australia

and also in [Sumatra](#) in [Indonesia](#) and also in [Malaysia](#) and also in [Thailand](#)

[Sth Africa](#) and in [Sri Lanka](#) and right across the [Bay of Bengal](#).

[Worst floods](#) in decades in [Thailand](#) and [Malaysia](#)

[Storm Bora](#) hits the [Greek islands](#) of [Rhodes](#) and of [Lemnos](#)

[Massive snowstorms](#) in [Ankara, Turkey](#) and also heavy [snow](#) falling [from Pennsylvania](#) to [Ohio](#), and also in [upstate New York](#) in [the USA](#) and in [Ontario](#), Canada, and also in [northeastern China](#) with [record-breaking falls](#) in [South Korea](#) and from eastern [Russia](#) to [the Caucus mountains on the Georgian border](#) in the west.