



Laudato Si'

Reading Laudato Si Together

Chapter 1: What is
Happening to Our
Common Home?

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Be praised, my Lord, for all your creation & especially for our Brother Sun, who brings us the day & the light; he is strong and shines magnificently. O Lord, we think of you when we look at him.

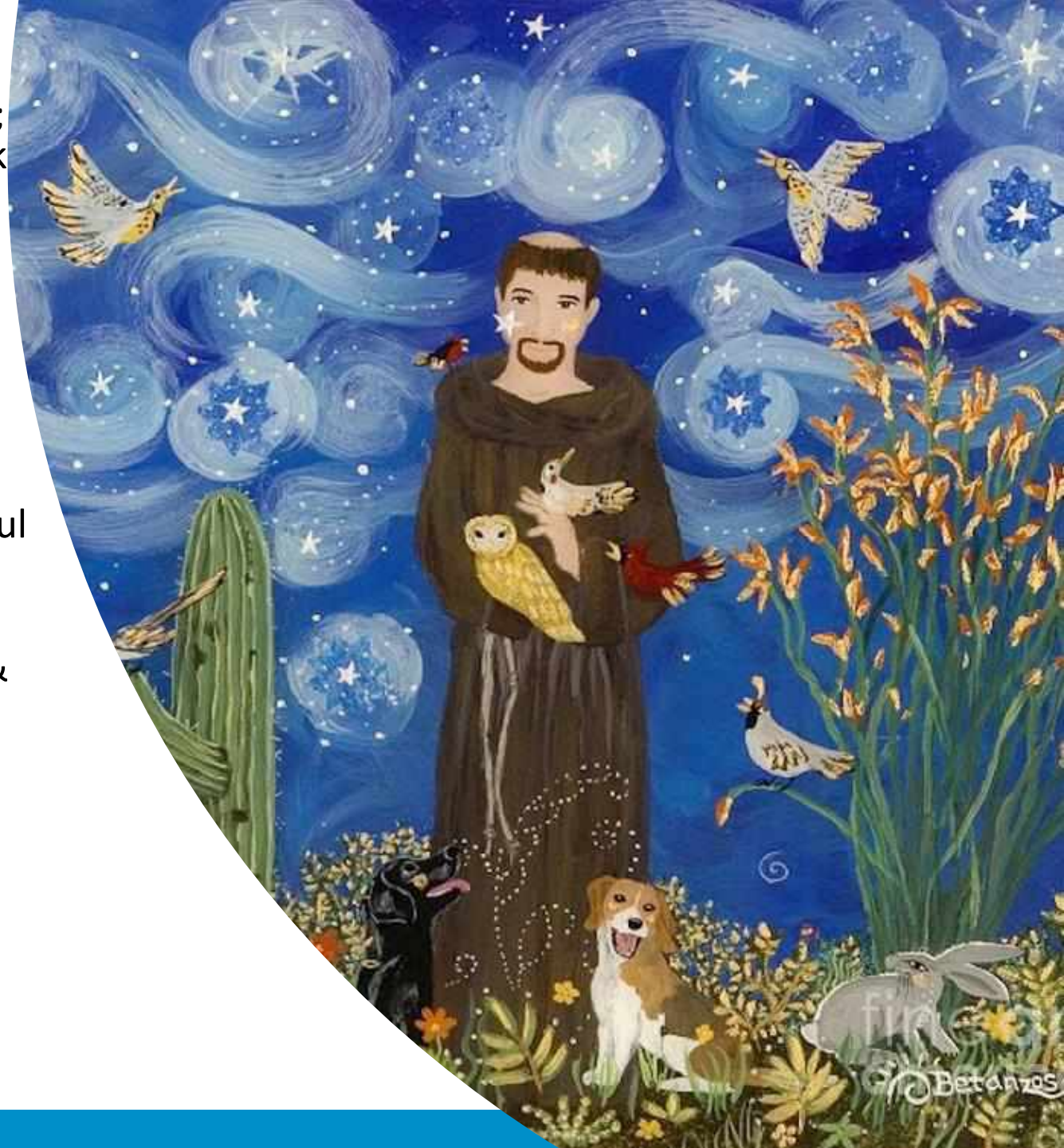
Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Moon, & for the stars which you have set shining & lovely in the heavens. Be praised, my Lord, for our Brothers Wind & Air & every kind of weather by which you, Lord, uphold life in all your creatures.

Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Water, who is very useful to us, & humble & precious & pure.

Be praised, my Lord, for Brother Fire, through whom you give us light in the darkness: he is bright & lively & strong.

Be praised, my Lord, for Sister Earth, our Mother, who nourishes us & sustains us, bringing forth fruits & vegetables of many kinds & flowers of many colours.

Be praised, my Lord, for those who forgive for love of you; & for those who bear sickness & weakness in peace & patience. Amen.



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ON CARE FOR
OUR COMMON HOME



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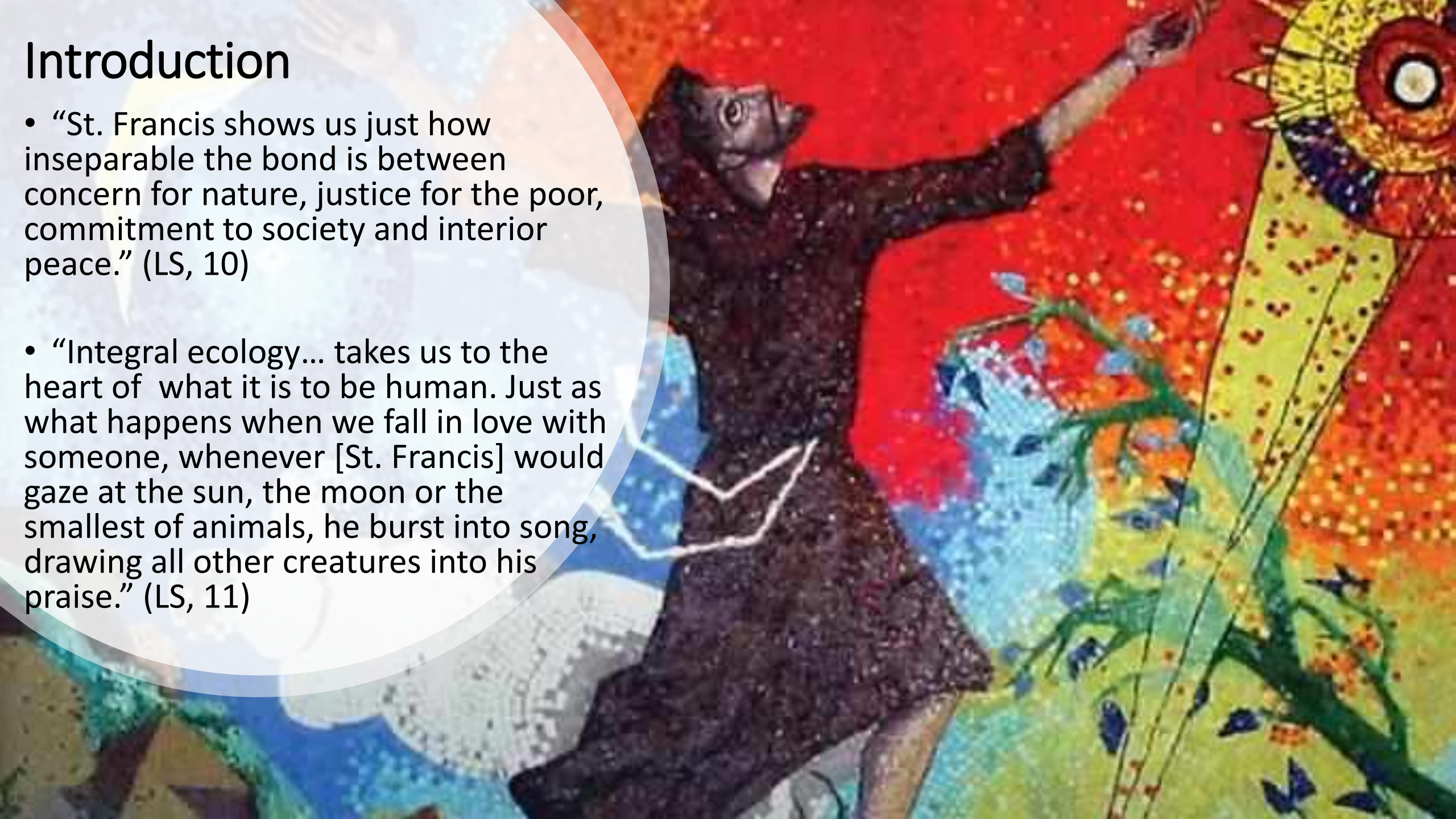
Overview of Laudato Si

- Chapter 1: “What is happening to our common home?”
- Chapter 2: “The Gospel of Creation”
- Chapter 3: “The Human Roots of the Ecological Crisis”
- Chapter 4: “Integral Ecology”
- Chapter 5: “Lines of Approach & Action”
- Chapter 6: “Ecological Education & Spirituality”

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Introduction

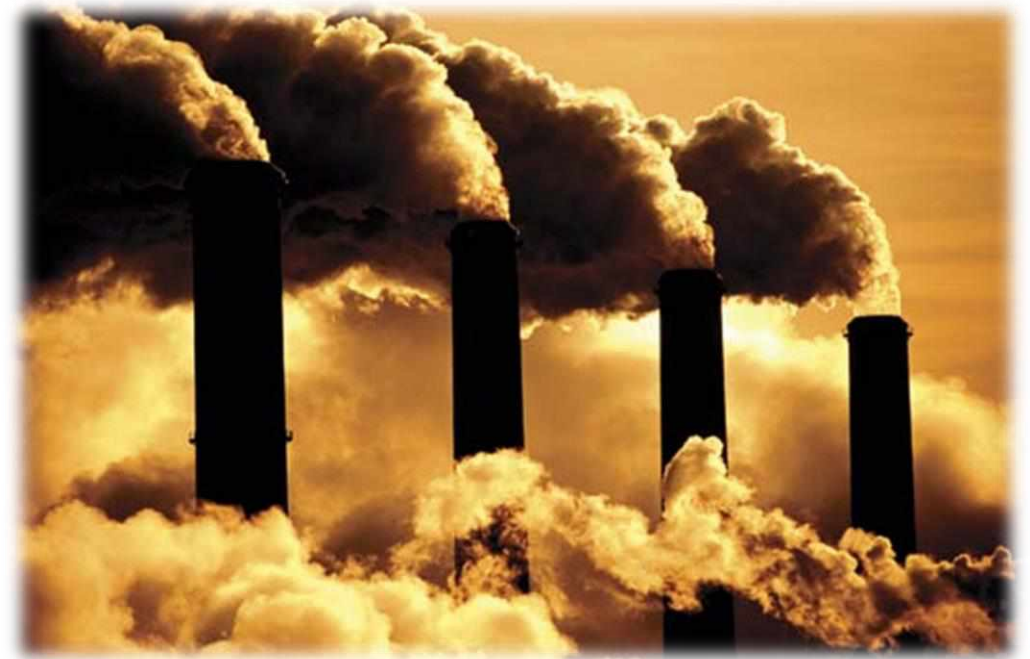
- “St. Francis shows us just how inseparable the bond is between concern for nature, justice for the poor, commitment to society and interior peace.” (LS, 10)
- “Integral ecology... takes us to the heart of what it is to be human. Just as what happens when we fall in love with someone, whenever [St. Francis] would gaze at the sun, the moon or the smallest of animals, he burst into song, drawing all other creatures into his praise.” (LS, 11)



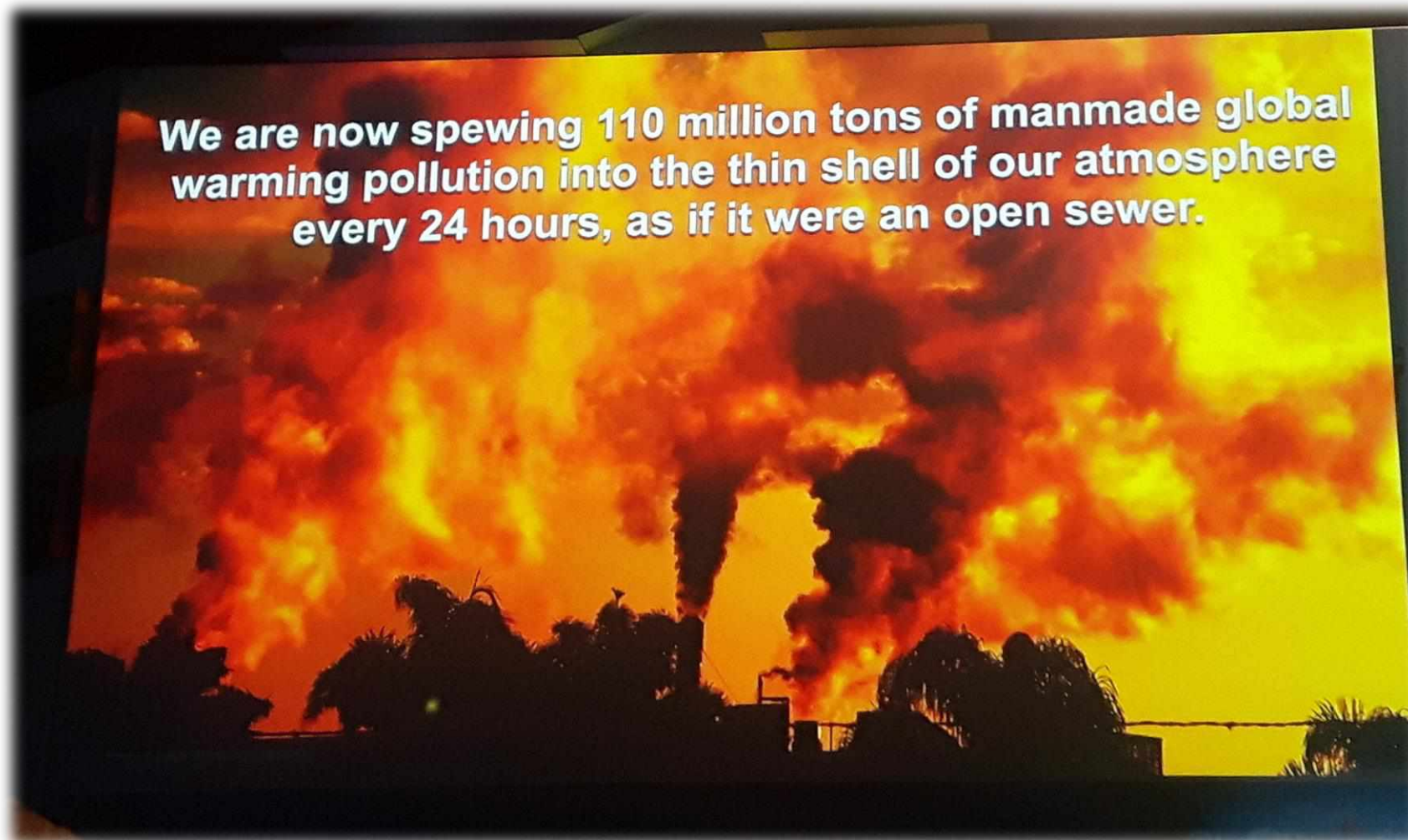
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“Our goal [is to] become **painfully aware**, to dare to turn what is happening to the world into our own **personal suffering** and thus to discover what each of us can do about it” (LS, 19).

1. Pollution & climate change
2. Throwaway culture
3. The Issue of Water
4. Loss of Bio-diversity
5. Decline in the quality of human life
breakdown of society
6. Global Inequality
7. Weak Responses



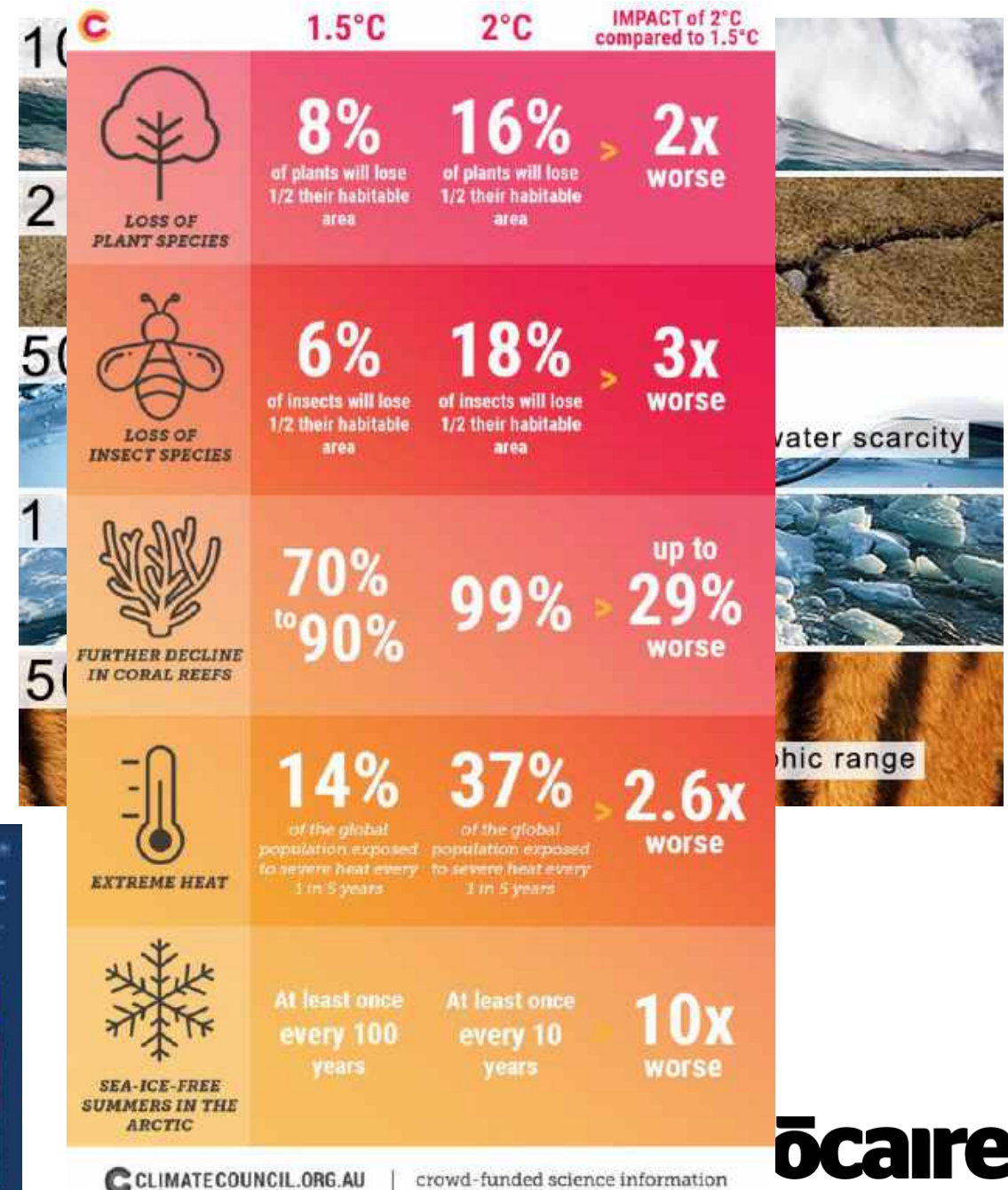
“The earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth.” Laudato Si’, 21



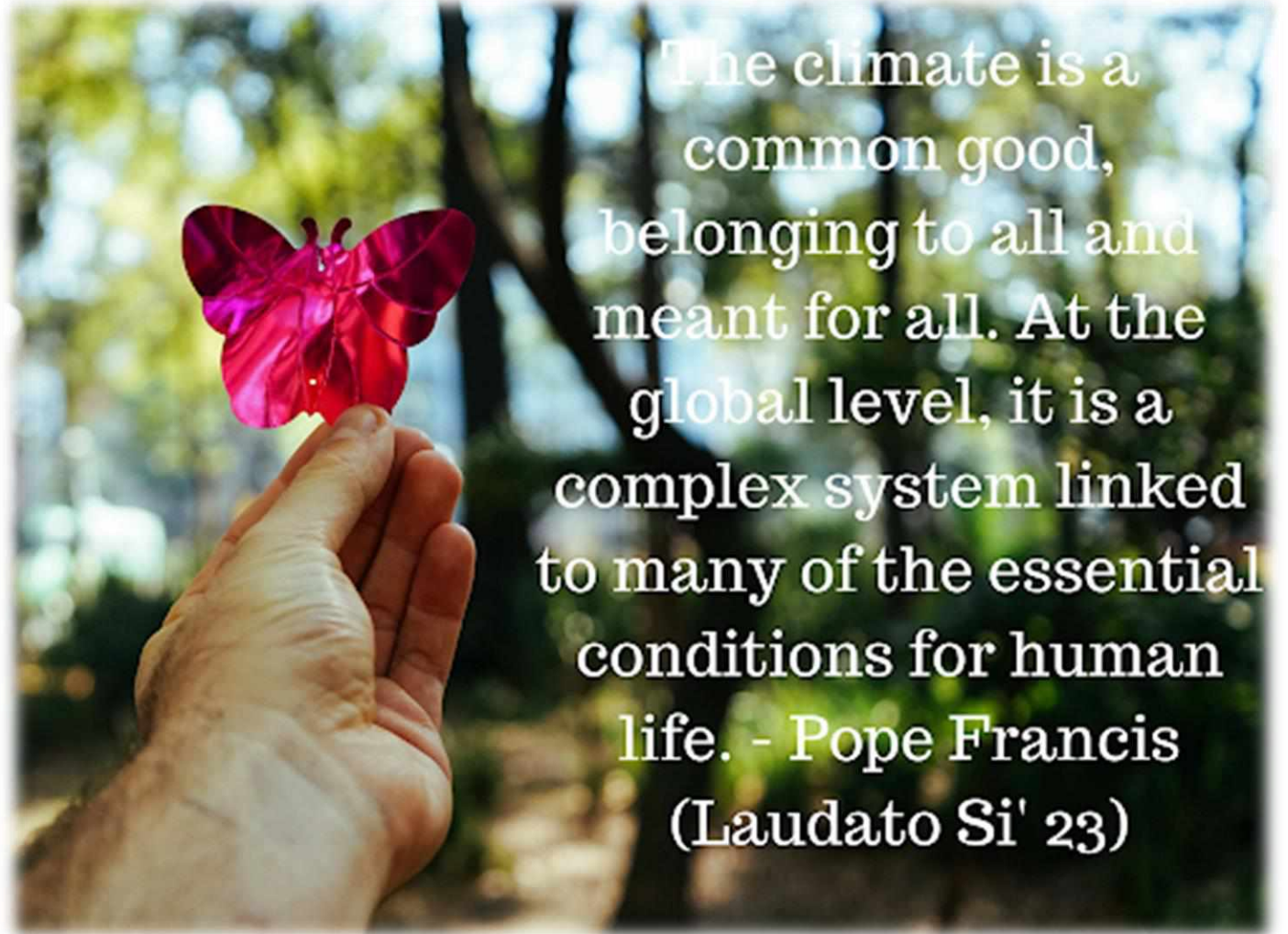
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IPCC Report October 2018

- In his first explicit call to limit global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius, the pope cited the recent UN report that predicts dire consequences should the world fail to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 50% by 2030.
- “That Report clearly warns that effects on the climate will be catastrophic if we cross the threshold of 1.5°C”.



- “A very solid scientific consensus indicates that we are presently witnessing a disturbing warming of the climatic system. ..
- The problem is aggravated by a model of development based on the intensive use of fossil fuels, which is at the heart of the worldwide energy system.” (LS, 23)



The climate is a common good, belonging to all and meant for all. At the global level, it is a complex system linked to many of the essential conditions for human life. - Pope Francis (Laudato Si' 23)



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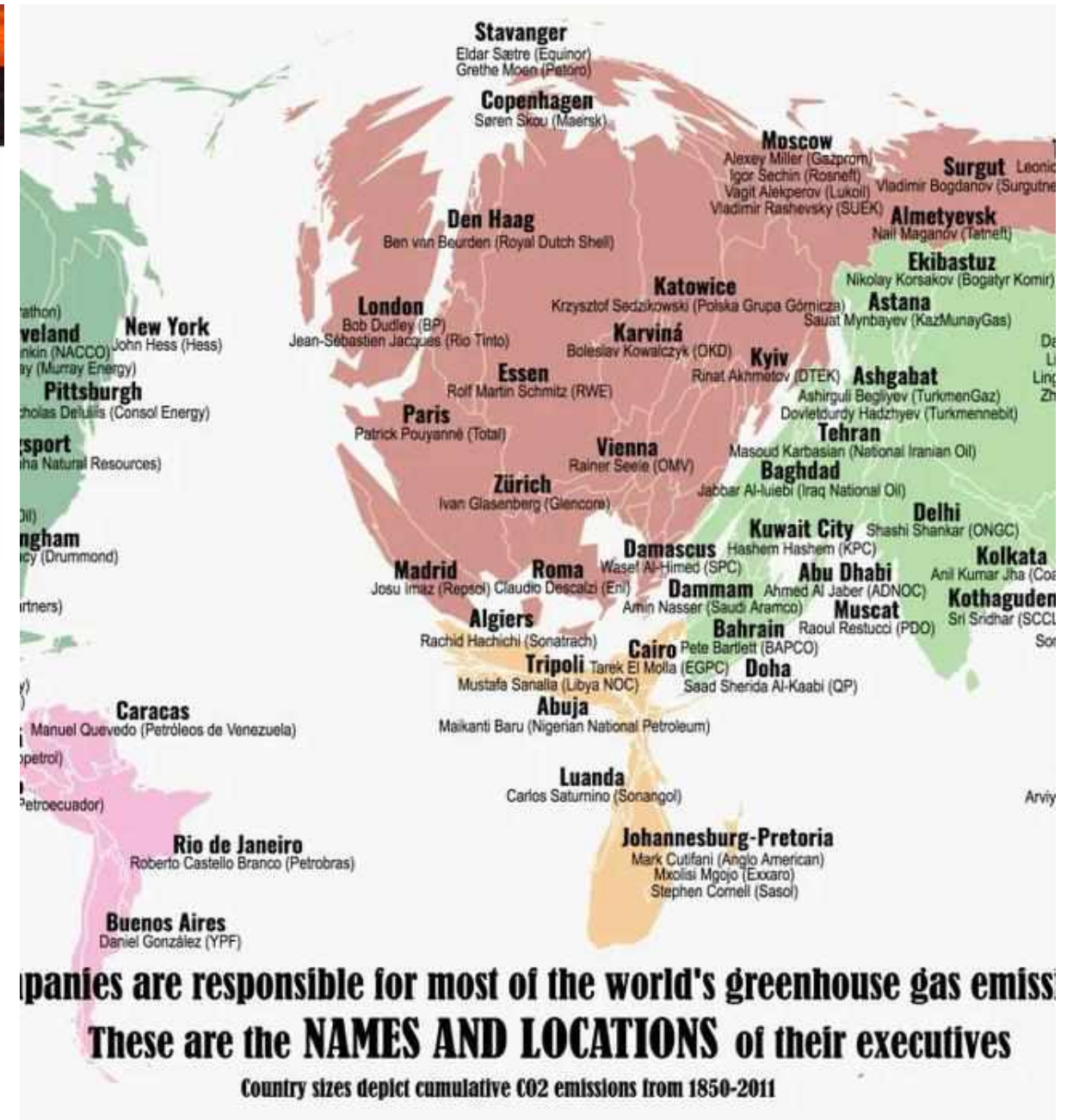
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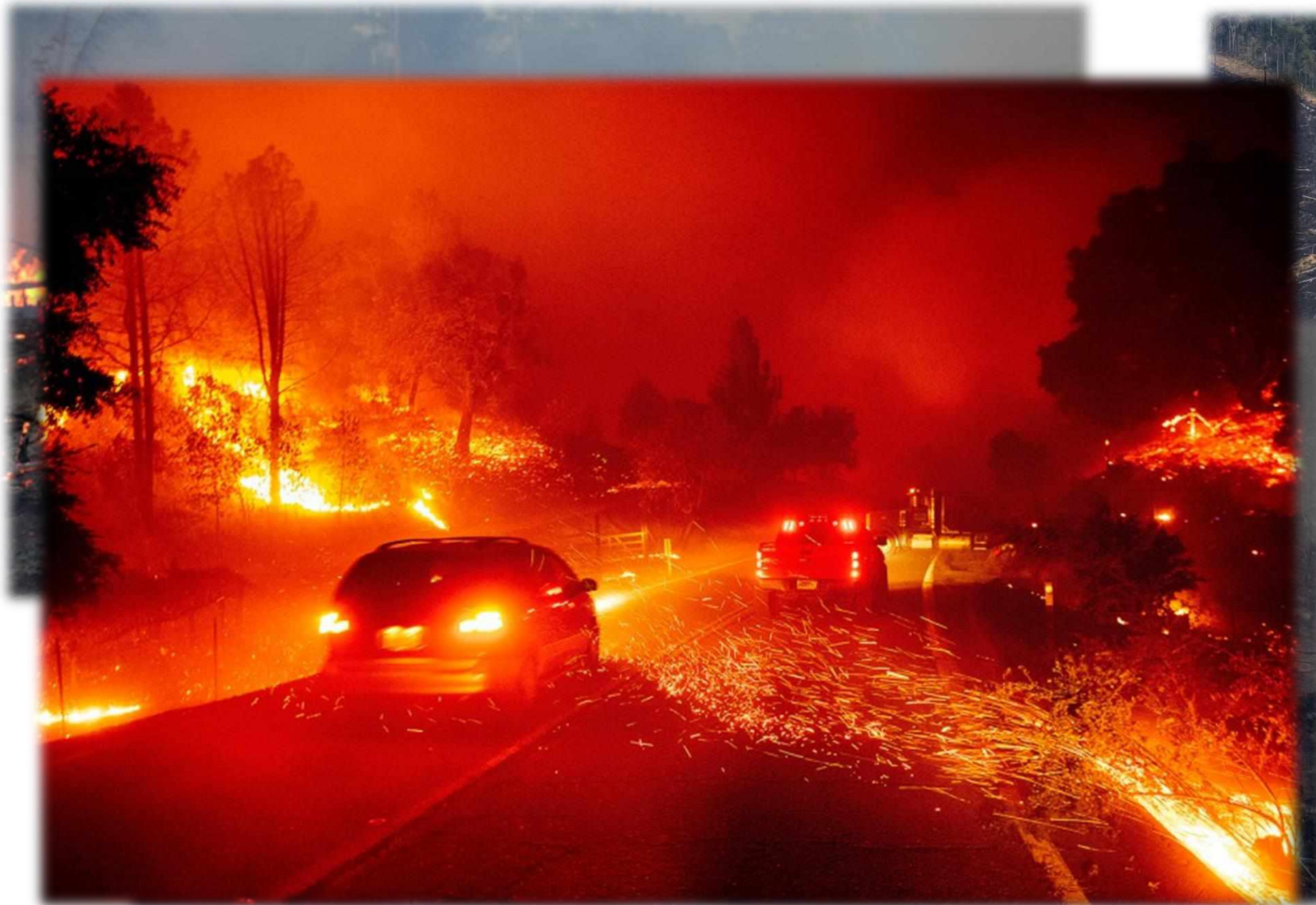
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Exxon Knew about Climate Change almost 40 years ago

A new investigation shows the oil company understood the science before it became a public issue and spent millions to promote misinformation

By Shannon Hall on October 26, 2015 [Véalo en español](#)





“The destiny of
humans cannot
be separated
from the destiny
of earth.”

— Thomas Berry

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Because of us, thousands
of species will no longer
give glory to God by their
very existence, nor convey
their message to us.
We have no such right.
- Pope Francis

Extinction Crisis



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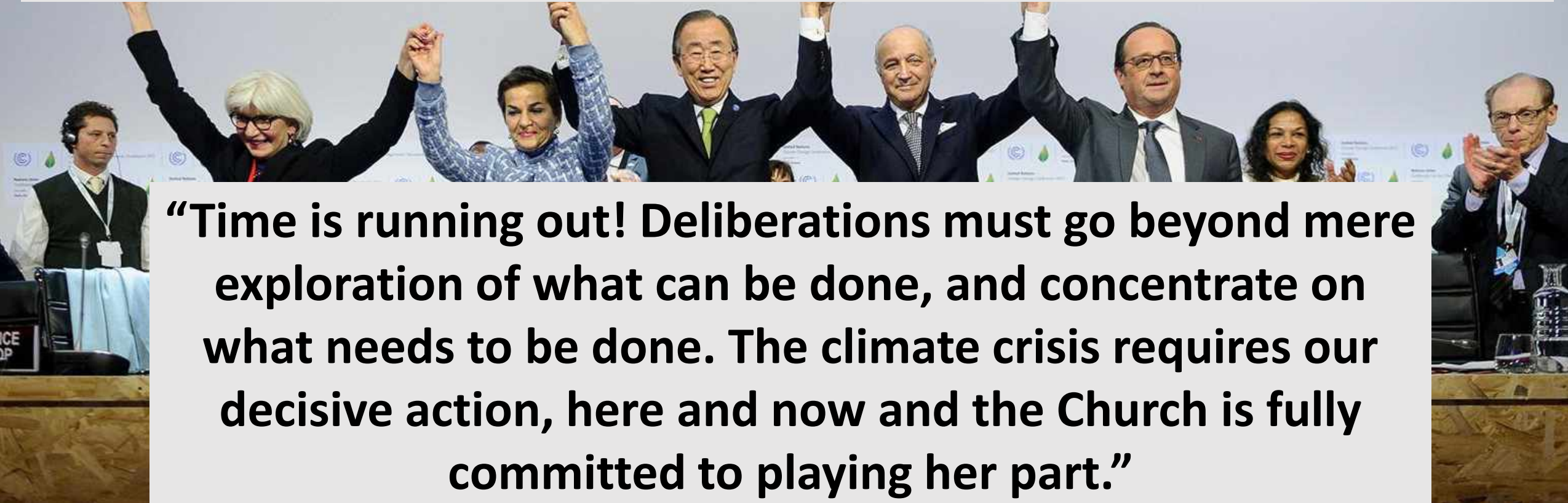


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Conférence sur les Changements Climatiques 2015

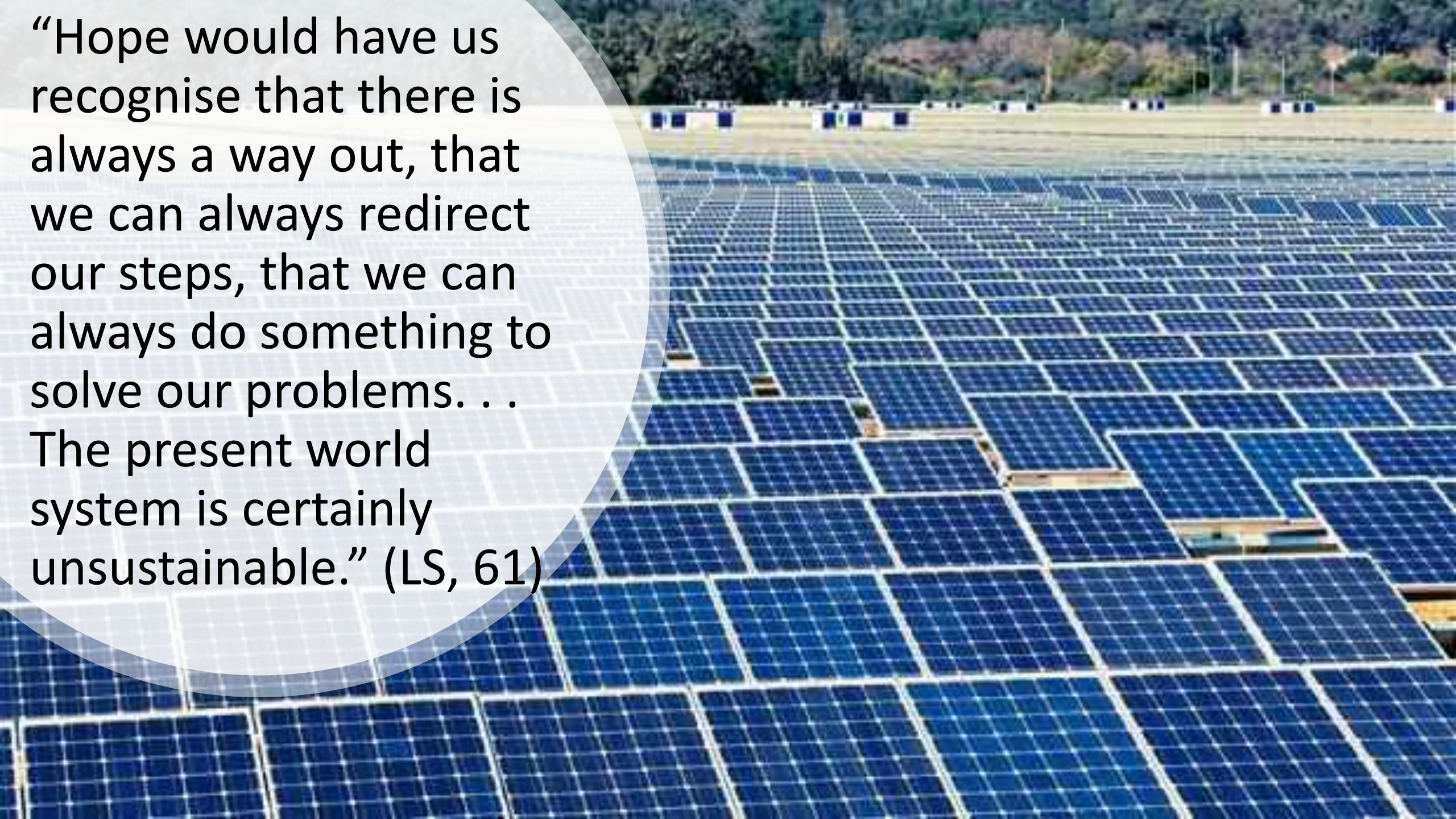
“It is remarkable how weak international political responses have been. The failure of global summits on the environment make it plain that our politics are subject to technology and finance.” (LS, 54)



“Time is running out! Deliberations must go beyond mere exploration of what can be done, and concentrate on what needs to be done. The climate crisis requires our decisive action, here and now and the Church is fully committed to playing her part.”

Pope Francis (June 2019)

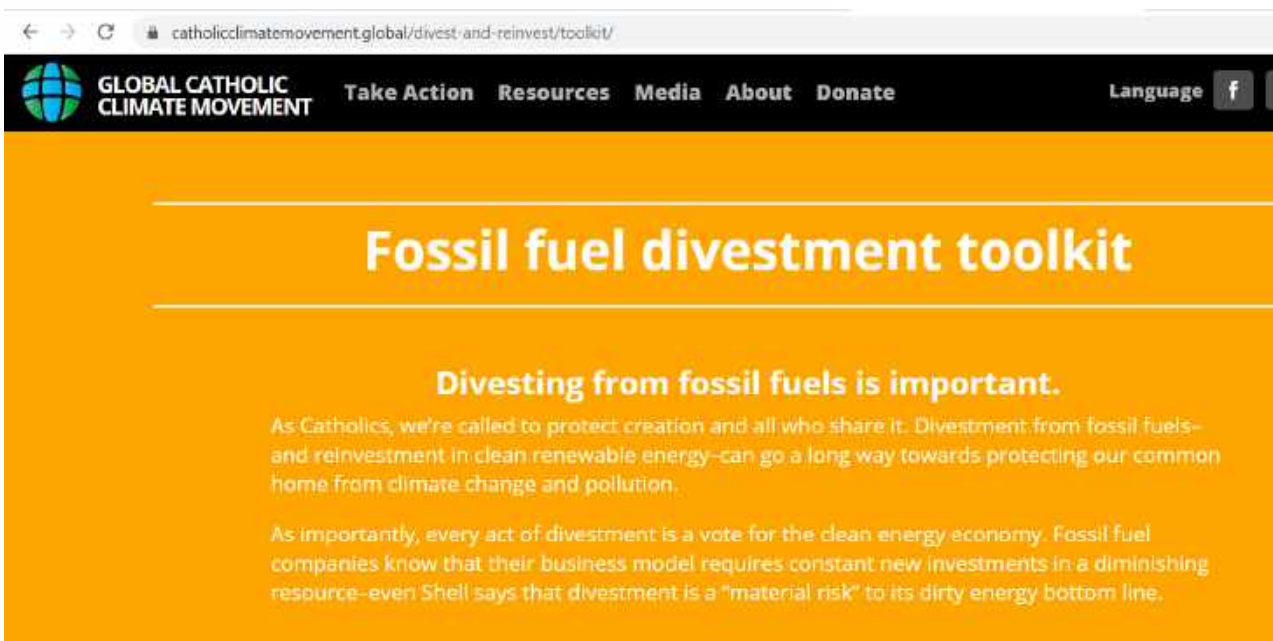
“Hope would have us recognise that there is always a way out, that we can always redirect our steps, that we can always do something to solve our problems. . . The present world system is certainly unsustainable.” (LS, 61)



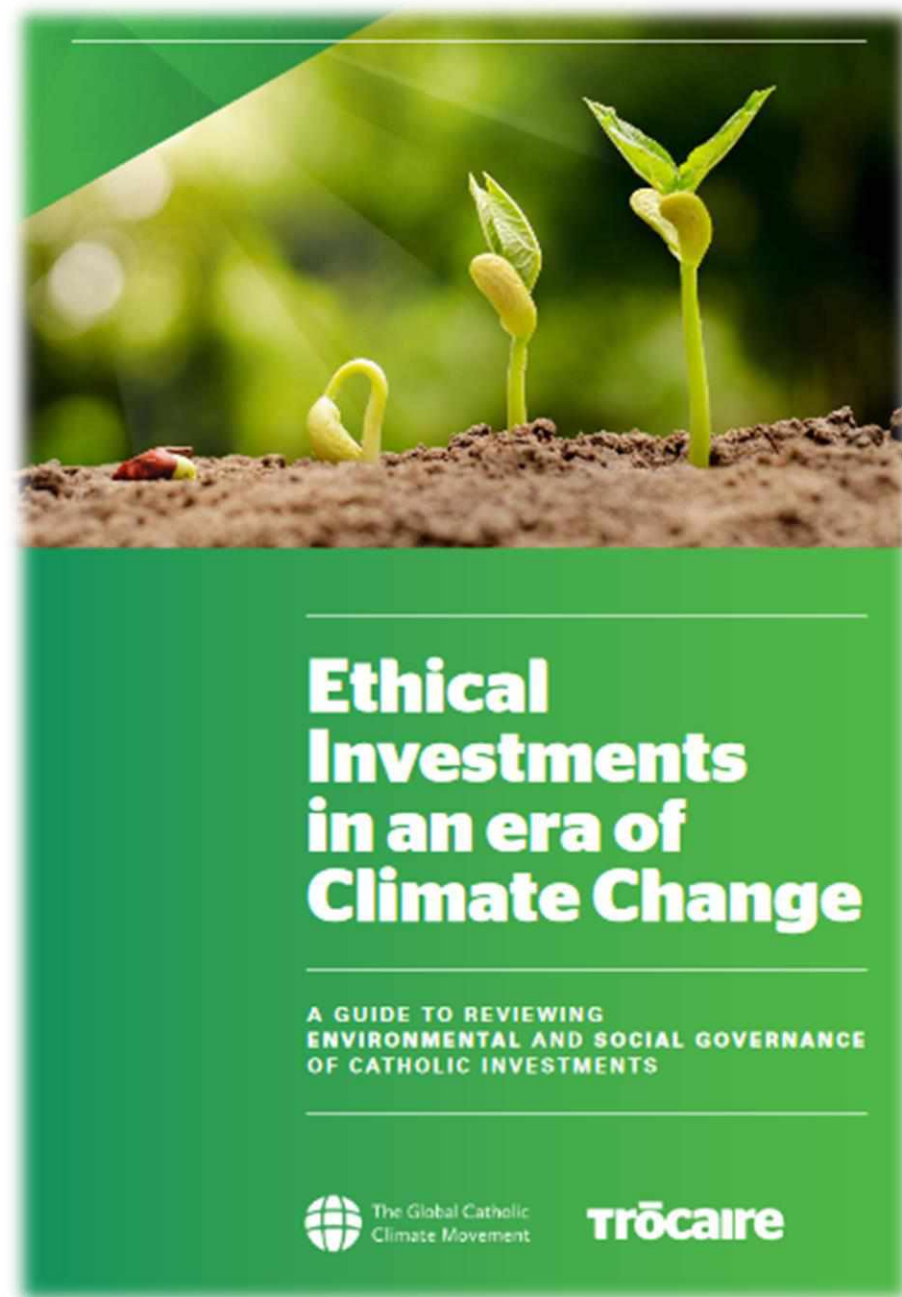


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“It’s 3:23 in the morning and I’m awake...
because my great great grandchildren won’t let me sleep.
My great great grandchildren ask me in dreams,
What did you do while the planet was plundered?
What did you do when the earth was unravelling?
Surely you did something when the seasons
started failing...
As the mammals, reptiles, and birds were all
dying?
Did you fill the streets with protest when
democracy was stolen?

What did you do once you knew?

(Excerpts from Hieroglyphic Stairway, a poem by Drew Dellinger)



- What struck you in this chapter?
- What surprised you?
- What gives you hope?
- Other thoughts, reflections, comments?



Another world is not only possible,
she is on her way. On a quiet day, I
can hear her breathing.

Arundhati Roy

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