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Richard Heinberg: The End of Growth: Peak Oil and the Economy of the Future



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We all take economic growth for granted - until it falters, as in 2008. But what if the recent economic meltdown was not just an interruption in the story of continuous economic expansion, but the first sign of the end of growth as we know it?

Will the convergence of financial instability, the end of cheap oil, and climate change usher in an era of contraction? In other words, do we have to adapt to a "new normal"?

Traditional economic growth is not the best measure of human health and welfare. How might we pursue improvements in education, the arts, health, well-being, freedom, and happiness without depending upon ever-expanding consumption? What does a transition to a new economy look like that doesn't depend on a model of growth based on cheap energy, reckless consumption and financial speculation?

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