

The numbers he mentions are, shall we say, "sobering": Average world temperature has gone up almost 1 degree centigrade (0.8) and we've already seen big effects. If world temperature goes over 2 degrees it will be extremely bad. We can safely put only 565 billion tons more carbon into the air. However, 2,795 billion tons of carbon fuels have already been found. They are at the moment in the ground,

Rolling Stone in July, 2012. It was one of their most popular articles ever. It's called "Global Warming's Terrifying New Math". McKibben has been a major climate activist for decades and who has actually had a success. He organized people to sit-in and get arrested near the White House and convinced the president to postpone a decision on whether to allow the Keystone XL oil pipeline to be built.

McKibben says we can't save the climate if we focus on personal decisions like using better light bulbs and such. He says we have to realize we have an "enemy", the fossil-fuel industry, the companies that want to drill all they can and burn all they can find, no matter what. He wants a major campaign to make the companies act responsibly so the climate won't be destroyed.

but the fossil-fuel companies are planning to bring them up and burn them, producing climate hell. It gets worse. The politicians are backing corporate plans to go out and drill for more, lots more. President Obama in March 2012 said, "You have my word that we will keep drilling everywhere we can... That's a commitment that I make."

Yes, we do have an enemy, the **carbon criminals**, but McKibben thinks we can pressure them to do good. He wants them to agree to leave \$20 trillion worth of fuel in the ground. That would require enormous, colossal changes, something that can only be done by realizing we're in a national emergency. We have to **take over** the big energy companies, make them public enterprises and re-do the entire energy system. Otherwise, we're going to cook.

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