



## Waiting for the lights to go out...

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This article is a little much for my taste (e.g., "oil is running out," etc.) but it is provocative:

[http://www.timesonline.co.uk/article/0,,2099-1813695\\_1,00.html](http://www.timesonline.co.uk/article/0,,2099-1813695_1,00.html)

The greatest getting-and-spending spree in the history of the world is about to end. The 200-year boom that gave citizens of the industrial world levels of wealth, health and longevity beyond anything previously known to humanity is threatened on every side. Oil is running out; the climate is changing at a potentially catastrophic rate; wars over scarce resources are brewing; finally, most shocking of all, we don't seem to be having enough ideas about how to fix any of these things.

The evidence is mounting that our two sunny centuries of growth and wealth may end in a new Dark Age in which ignorance will replace knowledge, war will replace peace, sickness will replace health and famine will replace obesity. You don't think so? It's always happened in the past. What makes us so different? Nothing, I'm afraid.

**Update [2005-10-16 10:53:50 by Prof. Goose]:**[Here's another decent summary piece as well.](#)



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