



## Monday Night Conversation - Part Two

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For my contribution to tonight's conversation let me pick up on a different aspect of some of the comments, and very briefly talk about some of the things that are going on that may be more positive.

Mainly, in our Blogroll, we have provided a list of those who are discussing, and providing, information on the development of Peak Oil. This is because, as Prof G says, there is still a large portion of the populace who has no idea what we are talking about. Thus even as the words start to make their way into the lexicon of political commentators, there are a lot of misunderstandings and misinformation flying around. It is one of the things that we are trying to answer with this site.

But, obviously, things are happening. Industry is not just engaged in trying to gobble up everyone else's oil or refineries. New technologies, resources and approaches are being developed, though perhaps at too slow a rate and with too little urgency. To learn about some of those new happenings there is a magazine called [The Oil and Gas Journal](#). Though some of the articles are quite technical, it does carry a fair bit of information on what the industry is trying to do to get more energy out of the ground.

I have talked, for example, about pumping gas or water into the ground to help get the oil out. One idea, [described this week](#), that is being looked at right now is pumping carbon dioxide into wells to help improve oil recovery. The technology does not require much in the way of new technology, but may greatly improve the amount of oil we can get from American wells.

There is also work going on to get methane (called an unconventional gas by DOE) from coal beds, and yes they are starting to look again at oil shale.

We'll blog more about these with time, there are issues in all cases, and Ken Deffeyes has talked about some of them in his new book "Beyond Oil - the View from Hubbert's Peak." But for now, the floor is open.

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