

It happened two days ago

So, finally, the apocalypse has arrived and planet earth, as its inhabitants knew it, has come to an end. I can't say I'm surprised. I mean they had enough warning. Svante Arrhenius first wrote about the potential increase of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere from burning fossil fuel in 1896 but nobody listened. Why would you when coal is plentiful and you're making too much profit to heed the words of a prophet. Once they discovered oil and started to exploit its potential things only got worse, both environmentally and geopolitically. Almost 100 years later that lovely wiseman, James Lovelock, tried to explain about eco-systems and how human behaviour was throwing mother earth out of kilter and how they had better think carefully about the future of the human race or it might not have one. Caused a big furore at the time and led to lots of research creating mountains of supporting data but still the richest and most powerful people didn't listen and most of the poor ones, even if they understood the science, felt they were powerless to do anything about it.

So look at them now – not a pretty sight. Volcanoes, tsunamis everything burning and the few people who are left busy killing each other because they're afraid of starving or dying of thirst or disease. And the rich have all jumped into their spacecraft and headed for their little settlements in space – mostly on the moon with some on Mars and a few in the floating city in the upper atmosphere of Venus. There's only one problem – the lunarians, martians and venusians don't want them wandering around on their planets looking for something called 'rare earths' and precious metals and polluting all the water. I mean, they've messed up their own planet why would we want to welcome them here to contaminate ours. I'm not planetist, but they really are vermin and should not be allowed to infect our home with their filthy habits, inconsiderate behaviours and violent and aggressive urges.

There have been riots on Mars and Venus by the indigenous populations and here on the moon our government is attempting to negotiate a deal with Saturn, Pluto and Neptune to have them processed there before allowing them on to our planets. Of course they will employ some smart arse lawyers to complain that such a move would mean certain death to homo sapiens but the government is threatening to change the law and is opting out of the ICARA – Intergalactic Court of Alien Rights Agreement. They say there is a negotiator called Nigel Farage who is arguing for the humans to be allowed to stay but there is a rumour going around that he is unqualified for this role and is actually an *agent provocateur* from Uranus.

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