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Peak Oil and Its Implications

For the past decade, Peak Oil has been an increasingly important topic of discussion. Much of the developed world is dependent on liquid fuels and these are destined to become increasingly scarce and increasingly more expensive in the near future. The concept of Peak Oil allows the prediction of total availability and the prediction of peak supply as well as the nature of the decline. This has cost implications to global economies and generates immediate problems for technical societies. This impending shortage is currently impacting our daily lives and it is driving efforts to develop alternative fuels. These efforts, though perhaps well meaning, are not likely to be the solution. The solution will require a totally new way of thinking and a 'man-on-the-moon'-like focus.

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