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This project addresses the current geologic epoch, referred to as the Anthropocene, in which humans have been the dominant influence on climate and the environment. In the face of devastating hurricanes, floods, exceedingly long winters, record high temperatures, droughts, tornadoes, and uncontrollable wildfires, humanity appears to be not just standing by, but in an apparent collective agreement to increase these conditions that are destroying the earth through our wasteful routines and extreme overconsumption and overproduction. We are currently in the process of the sixth major extinction, and in the next seven decades, we could lose over half the species of life on earth. This is a truly extraordinary moment in which we are alive to experience. What is feeding the apparent complacency and apathy of the masses?

In a time when the natural resources of the earth are becoming scarcer and the ozone layer has been nearly obliterated by pollutants, why have we not moved to electric or hybrid cars? Why do we produce more than we could ever consume and make waste to overflow landfills? Why do we continue to ignore the obvious ramifications of our destructive lifestyles? What is distracting the masses of humanity from the devastation of the Anthropocene?

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