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20 Slides

You came into the world with a specific destiny. Something to fulfill, some message that has to be delivered, some work that has to be completed. You are not here accidentally--you are here meaningfully.

-Osho



## Atmospheric CO2

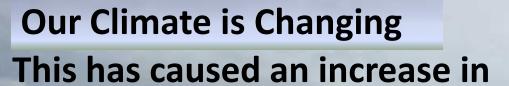
August 1958 - August 2011

August CO2 | Year Over Year | Mauna Loa Observatory Data: Scripps (1958 - 1974) + NOAA-ESRL (1974-Present)



1955 1960 1965 1970 1975 1980 1985 1990 1995 2000 2005 2010 2015

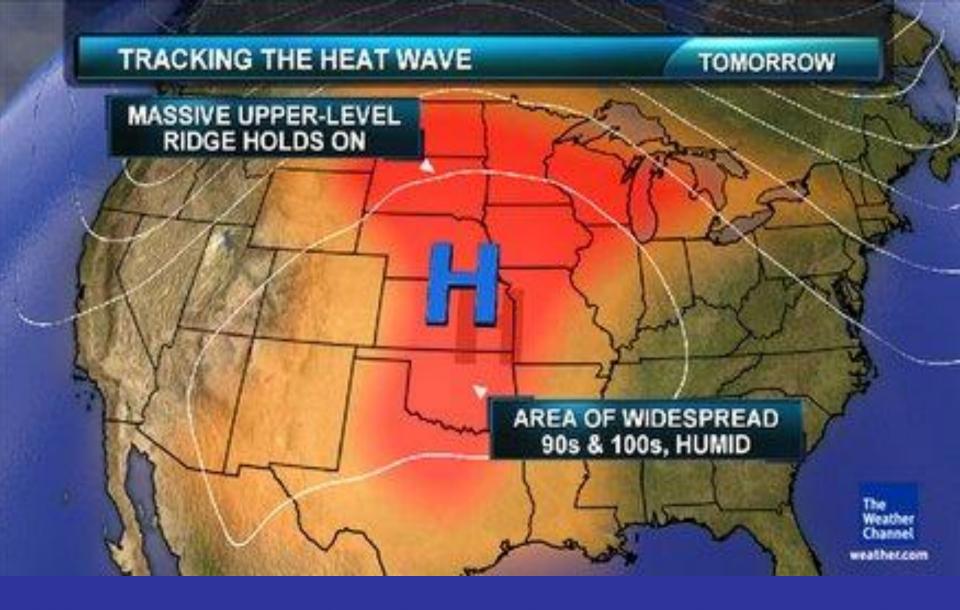
Year



- Hurricanes
- Severe rainfall and flooding
- Food shortages
- Increase in outbreaks of malaria and other diseases

 Rising co2 in our atmosphere is warming our planet, acidifying our oceans, and killing coral and phytoplankton the basis of all marine life.





Widespread crop and pasture losses



What does this mean for San Diego?

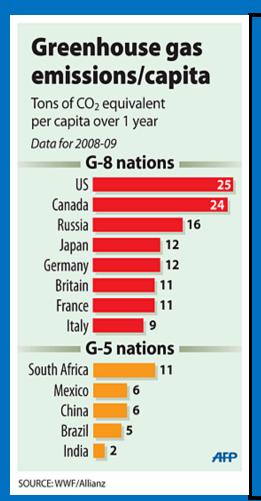
If trends continue, by 2050 Mission Beach and other low-lying Beach areas will be flooded. High tides alone (purple) are expected to flood parts of the sandy beach and bayside streets.



## Why Haven't We Won?

- Many organizations and efforts with different messages. This fragmented the call to action.
- Technical language rather than stories of impact to people and animals
- Did not engage American intellect and emotion
- Oil and Coal interests working in opposition
  - Spreading misinformation
  - Funding campaigns, lobbying Congressional
     Members
  - \$30M to think tanks to discredit the science.

## What Must Happen Next



- U.S. must commit to substantial reductions in Co2 emissions.
- Their leadership will put international pressure on China and India to follow suit
- Narrow window to enact legislation and begin implementing on the ground reductions.

#### **How We Win**

- Harmonize call to action.
- Elect candidates who will fight against climate change.
- Bring it to the media and political forefront.
  - Make climate change a focal point of the 2012 presidential race.
- Couple climate change education with entertainment. Concerts, events etc.

#### What You Can Do

- 1) Sign the pledge
- 2) Join worldwide rally September 24
- 3) Elect candidates who are committed to climate change action.
- 4) Talk with your friends and family

## Sign the Pledge

#### I'll do my part.

Comments:

#### Elected representatives – do yours!

We can prevent the worst climate change impacts, but only if we all do our part – individuals, businesses and elected representatives. My pledges are below. I will vote only for candidates who commit to doing their part.

My Pledge (personal/business) – I will:	Elected representatives' responsibilities:
☐ Drive less and bike, walk or take public transit. 41% of SD County's greenhouse gas emissions are from cars and light trucks.	<ul> <li>Move the region forward. Ensure the 40-year Regional Transportation Plan (to be approved in October) reduces carbon emissions to meet CA goals.</li> </ul>
■ Eat less meat. Worldwide, the livestock industry produces 18% of emissions, more than transportation.	<ul> <li>Fund public transit and bicycle transportation, rather than more roads.</li> </ul>
☐ Use less (and cooler) water. 20% of California's	<ul> <li>Put a price on carbon emissions.</li> </ul>
energy goes to transport, treat and heat water.	<ul> <li>Invest locally in clean energy and clean</li> </ul>
☐ Support businesses that operate sustainably.	energy jobs.
✓ Vote for action. I will vote only for candidates who commit to real action on climate change.	<ul> <li>Support the US signing international treaties to bring carbon dioxide back down to 350 ppm.</li> </ul>
Name (or business):	Email:
Address, City, State, Zip:	Phone:

☐ Please keep me informed about climate actions in San Diego (your information will not be sold to any third party)

## **EarthKeeping Interfaith Discussion**

- An Interfaith Panel with representatives from various faith traditions will discuss their beliefs in terms of caring for and protecting Creation, especially in light of the climate crisis. We'll also look at being translated into practical action for a more ethical and sustainable world.
- St. Paul's Cathedral (Guild Room), 2728 Sixth Avenue, San Diego, CA 92103
- 10:00 11:00am, September 24

## March & Rally in Balboa Park

- March about 1.2 miles on sidewalks, with banners, drums & puppets - culminating with a rally on the lawn by the Sports Museum.
- Gather on the East (Balboa Park) side of Sixth Avenue between Laurel and Juniper
- Speakers include Congressman Bob Filner, Marshall Saunders, Bill Powers, and other local leaders
- 11:00am 1:00 pm, September 24



## **Supporting Organizations**







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