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# We Lived on a Planet Ruled by a Thousand Gods, Now It Belongs to the Unworthy.

**The Earth Is No Longer Ours.**

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**USPA NEWS -** They said the sky could never fall. Yet in 2025 it cracked open — rain turned to ash, forests were devoured, institutions trembled, and our shared humanity frayed. This was not a year of incremental decline, but a year of ruptures — when the worst we feared became the worst we lived.

Below, we unmask four realms where catastrophe struck hardest — the environment, politics, culture, and the ever-tense interstices between them.

## Ecological Collapse: When the Earth Lost Its Shield

Infernos across continents — Southern Europe and the Mediterranean were scorched by a heatwave surpassing all records, with temperatures topping 45 °C and fires consuming hundreds of thousands of hectares.
California ablaze in winter — In January, Southern California saw one of its worst wildfire seasons ever: 18,000+ structures destroyed, hundreds dead or missing, 200,000 forced from homes.

Glaciers collapsing, towns vanishing — In Switzerland, the Blatten glacier gave way, triggering a landslide that buried entire villages and claimed lives.

Prolonged droughts, parched earth — From Turkey facing its worst water crisis in 50 years to regions across the globe battling “slow-motion catastrophe” droughts, the hydrological systems we relied on are eroding.

These are not isolated events. They are symptoms of a planet pushed toward tipping points.

## Political Disintegration: Power, Mismanagement, and Rebellion

Populist backlash against climate policy — As leaders roll back environmental protections under the banner of “economic revival,” they fuel the very crisis they deny.
Climate as a national security crisis — Intelligence agencies in the UK warned that collapse of ecosystems threatens food, migration, and stability.
Water revolts in Iran — In mid-2025, mass protests erupted as citizens, denied basic access to water and power, demanded accountability. This began as a survival struggle, but quickly morphed into a political revolt.
Polarization poisoning discourse — The antagonism of previous crises (like the pandemic) now spills into climate debates, making rational, cooperative response ever harder.
When governments falter, rage fills the vacuum.

## Cultural Fracture: The Meaning of Us Under Siege

Heritage swallowed by flame and neglect — Ancient forests, temples, and cultural landmarks became collateral in the ecological wars.
Folks turning inward — As crises mount, societies fragment. Distrust proliferates: of neighbors, of institutions, of science.

Voices silenced, narratives narrowed — In too many places, dissent is criminalized, histories are rewritten, and cultural pluralism squeezed into chokeholds.

**The Intersections: Where Collapse Bleeds Across Borders**

No crisis lives in isolation. Environmental breakdown strengthens authoritarianism. Political decay accelerates environmental plunder. Culture becomes battleground. The fractured seams — where ecology, power, identity meet — are the most dangerous arenas.
When the Earth falters, so do the structures we have built: borders, beliefs, and the fragile contracts between people.

What comes next? We stand not at the end, but at a crossroads. If we dare to look clearly, we must ask: Who holds power? For whose benefit? And who has the courage to rebuild from ruin?

**The Earth Devoured by the Wisdom of Governments**

When governments decide that nature is expendable, catastrophe begins.
And in 2025, we witnessed just how lethal state-sanctioned stupidity can be — the kind of bureaucratic "intelligence" that trades the planet's survival for quarterly profits and political convenience.

**Deregulation: When Protection Became a Burden**

In March 2025, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced the largest rollback of environmental regulations in its history — 31 key safeguards weakened or erased in a single month.
It was branded as "economic liberation." In truth, it was ecological suicide.
Air pollution limits, corporate emission caps, and ecosystem protection rules were stripped away, granting industries unchecked power to exploit land and air.
Simultaneously, the U.S. government deleted or restricted access to climate data from federal websites, reducing public oversight and scientific transparency.
Two foundational environmental reports were revised beyond recognition to align with the narrative of "total economic growth."

**Political Apathy and the Abdication of Duty**

Regulatory retreat is one thing; active neglect is another.
When those who should enforce the law choose not to, environmental collapse accelerates.
In the European Union, lobbying giants like TotalEnergies and Siemens pushed for the abolition of climate accountability laws — and many governments listened.
The EU's anti-deforestation regulation, meant to protect tropical forests, was postponed by a full year after heavy pressure from agricultural and industrial exporters.
In the Netherlands, a court ruling forced the state to act immediately to curb nitrogen emissions in protected habitats — proof that without legal coercion, most governments would do nothing.
This is not new incompetence — it's the normalization of ecological betrayal under the banner of "pragmatism."

**Political Destruction: When Power Becomes a Weapon Against the Planet**

Governments are not merely failing to protect the Earth — they are actively participating in its demise.
In Peru's Amazon, illegal gold mining, often protected by corrupt local authorities, has destroyed more than 140,000 hectares of rainforest.
In Iran, the 2025 water crisis — born of decades of mismanagement, corruption, and denial — sparked massive protests. "Water,

electricity, life — these are our rights," people shouted in the streets.
In Iran , Kurdistan Province the Abidar forest fire claimed the lives of three environmental activists and scorched over twenty hectares of land — a tragedy symbolizing the lethal mix of state neglect and censorship.
Here, governance itself has become a tool of extraction.

**War as an Environmental Crime**

Even conflict — the most political act of all — has become a weapon against the biosphere.
In Gaza, over tens of millions of tons of debris from bombardments are expected to release around 90,000 tons of greenhouse gases during cleanup.
In Ukraine, the collapse of the Kakhovka Dam unleashed toxic sediments filled with heavy metals into the Dnipro River and the Black Sea, poisoning ecosystems for generations.
These are not separate tragedies — they are the anatomy of a planet systematically destroyed by its rulers.

The "wisdom" of governments has become the madness of civilization.
Policies masquerading as progress are engineering extinction.
And unless the public learns to see through the polished speeches and greenwashed headlines, history will remember our leaders not as builders of nations — but as architects of ruin

**The Workers We Chose Became Our Masters**

Once, we believed in the social contract — that we, the people, would choose workers to serve us; that governments existed to protect, to build, and to heal.
But somewhere along the line, the servants became sovereigns, and power mutated into something monstrous.

We built systems meant to serve humanity — and ended up serving the systems instead.

Across nations, the disease is the same, even if the symptoms differ.

**In Places Like Iran**

There, rulers no longer act as representatives but as self-anointed gods.
They mistake the land for divine property, the people for subjects of faith, and dissent for blasphemy.
Figures like Ali Khamenei rule not as leaders, but as delusional prophets — men who see themselves as the chosen custodians of an entire nation's soul.
In this divine masquerade, justice dies quietly while fear becomes a national language.

**In Places Like North Korea**

Power has consumed every trace of humanity.
A single leader claims eternal wisdom while generations starve — an empire of obedience built on the bones of truth.
It's a perfect mirror of what happens when the "worker of the people" believes himself to be the people.

**And in the United States**

Power wears a different mask.
Here, populism sells itself as peace — Donald Trump speaks of ending wars as though it were a personal favor, not a duty.
The same political theater that promises "greatness" blinds citizens to the truth: peace, justice, and climate responsibility are not gifts from leaders — they are obligations.
To treat them as charity is to betray democracy itself.

**The Universal Illusion**

From Tehran to Washington, from Pyongyang to Paris, the same tragic pattern repeats:
We elect people to work for us — yet they act as if they own us.
They forget that governance is not a privilege; it's employment under the consent of humanity.
The planet burns, societies fracture, and the powerful argue over semantics while the world beneath them collapses.

**The Reckoning Ahead**

The truth is simple: we no longer suffer from lack of intelligence — we suffer from misused intelligence, from rulers who mistake control for leadership, and apathy for peace.
Until we reclaim the notion that power must serve, not reign, we remain a species enslaved by its own creations.

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