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## Musk: “Civilization Will Crumble” Without Oil and Gas

Tesla CEO Elon Musk spoke out for the need of more drilling and exploration of fossil-fuel resources for decades to come while addressing attendees at the [ONS 2022](#) energy conference in Stavanger, Norway, on Monday.

“Realistically I think we need to use oil and gas in the short term, because otherwise civilization will crumble,” Musk [told reporters](#) at the conference.

When asked if Norway should continue to drill for oil and gas, Musk said, “I think some additional exploration is warranted at this time.”



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Elon Musk

“One of the biggest challenges the world has ever faced is the transition to sustainable energy and to a sustainable economy,” he said.

“That will take some decades to complete.”

Warning the conference participants who are quite aware of the world’s energy woes, especially in Europe, Musk stated, “We actually need more oil and gas, not less.” This is in line with the current concern that Europe’s energy issues will get much worse over the upcoming winter. There is also the risk of continued high gas prices, and the fact that the power grid is being rendered more unstable in the United States by reliance on so-called sustainable energy.

The Blaze [reported](#),

Musk’s theme of civilizational collapse as a response to a premature transition off of fossil fuels is taken up in scientist and policy analyst Vaclav Smil’s recent book “How the World Really Works.” Although Smil discusses the impact more broadly, he zeroes in on our food supply’s link to fossil fuels: “Our food supply — be it staple grains, clucking birds, favorite vegetables, or seafood praised for its nutritious quality — has become increasingly dependent on fossil fuels.”

Smil, like Musk, anticipates a transition, but does not think it can be rushed. “Even if we try to change the global food system as fast as is realistically conceivable, we will be eating transformed fossil fuels, be it as loaves of bread or as fishes, for decades to come.”

He is certain that the coming transition “will not be (it cannot be) a sudden abandonment of fossil carbon, nor even its rapid demise — but rather its gradual decline.”

Last week Musk, the electric-vehicle pioneer and disciple of renewable energy sources, [tweeted](#), “Countries should be increasing nuclear power generation! It is insane from a national security standpoint & bad for the environment to shut them down.”

A [response](#) to Elon’s tweet stated, “Nuclear is clean, efficient, and could replace fossil fuels entirely if it



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was embraced. It's not, because so-called environmentalists aren't pro clean energy, they are anti-human." Musk agreed, [posting](#), "Some are indeed sadly anti-human."

Germany is suffering from the "anti-human" environmentalists' effect on their nation's green-energy goals. They have gone from 17 nuclear power plants to just three in an aggressive transition to wind and solar power, which has not worked. Germany still heavily relies on fossil fuels for more than 75 percent of the nation's energy needs.

Musk's comments come after California Governor Gavin Newsom's California Air Resources Board [voted](#) to require all new vehicles in the state to run on electricity by 2035. California, the nation's most populous state, is likely to suffer grave consequences from this massive government forced regulation.

California's "ground-breaking" effort to lead the nation and world with Zero Emission Vehicle goals can only lead the state into an economic abyss brought forth by renewable energy grand illusions. The infrastructure and technology required to even get the ball rolling toward being free of fossil fuels is at the very least decades away.

Joining California [last week](#), the far-left Marxist states of Massachusetts and Washington also issued mandates requiring the purchase of electric vehicles. In what can only be pure nonsensical "green madness" lemming behavior, those states passed legislation in 2019 to follow whatever guidelines are enacted by the California Air Resources Board. Sadly, all of these states are falling victim to the policies of their hubris-infected, green-energy politicians.

Elon Musk's warning that civilization will crumble could very well come to pass if the Democrat-supported leftist green-energy evangelists continue to impose their oppressive agenda. The Great Reset is in play, and the world as we know it is rapidly changing. So, it is up to all of us to continue to challenge our leaders and keep them on a path away from the evils and falsehood of "sustainable" energy.



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