

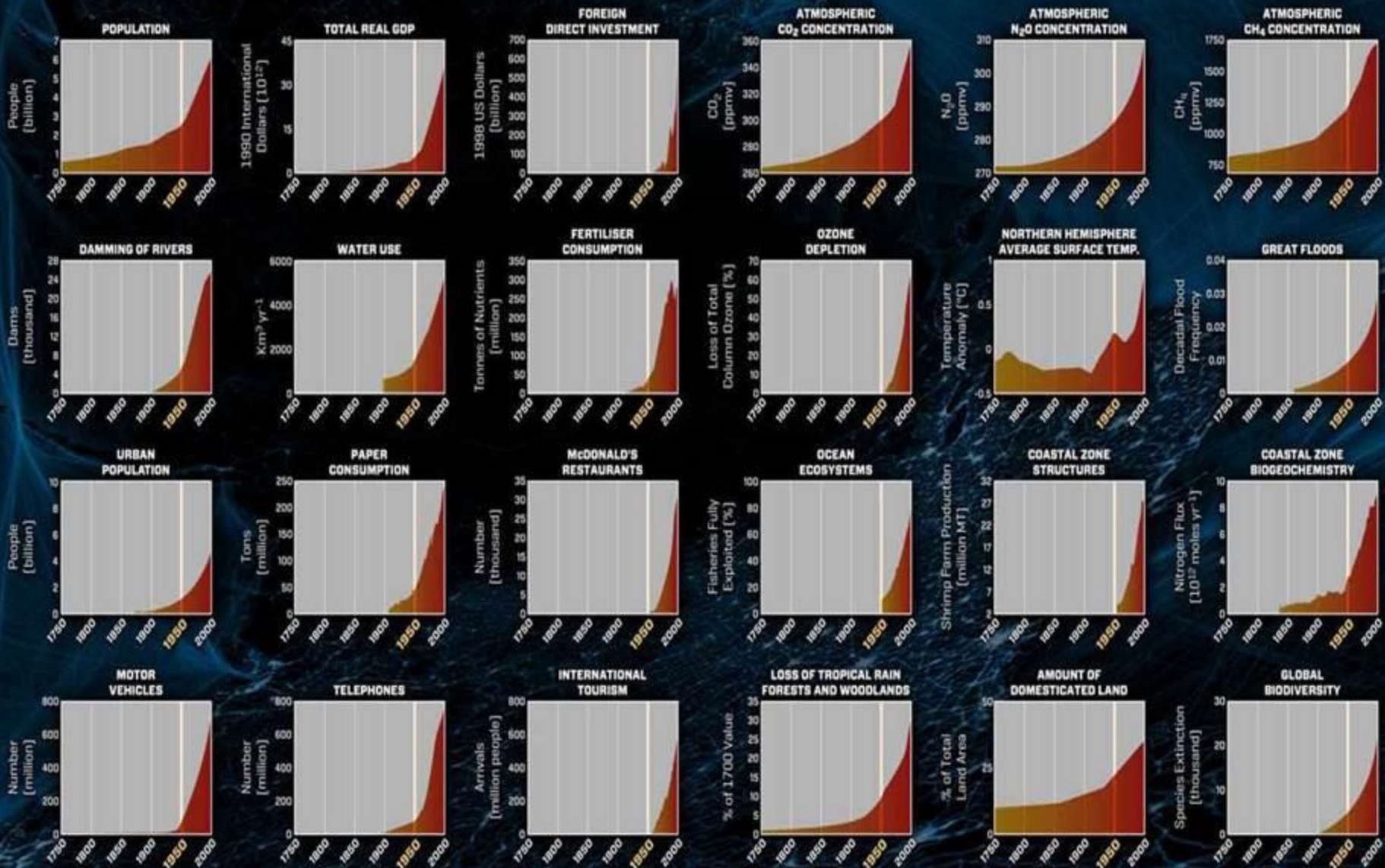
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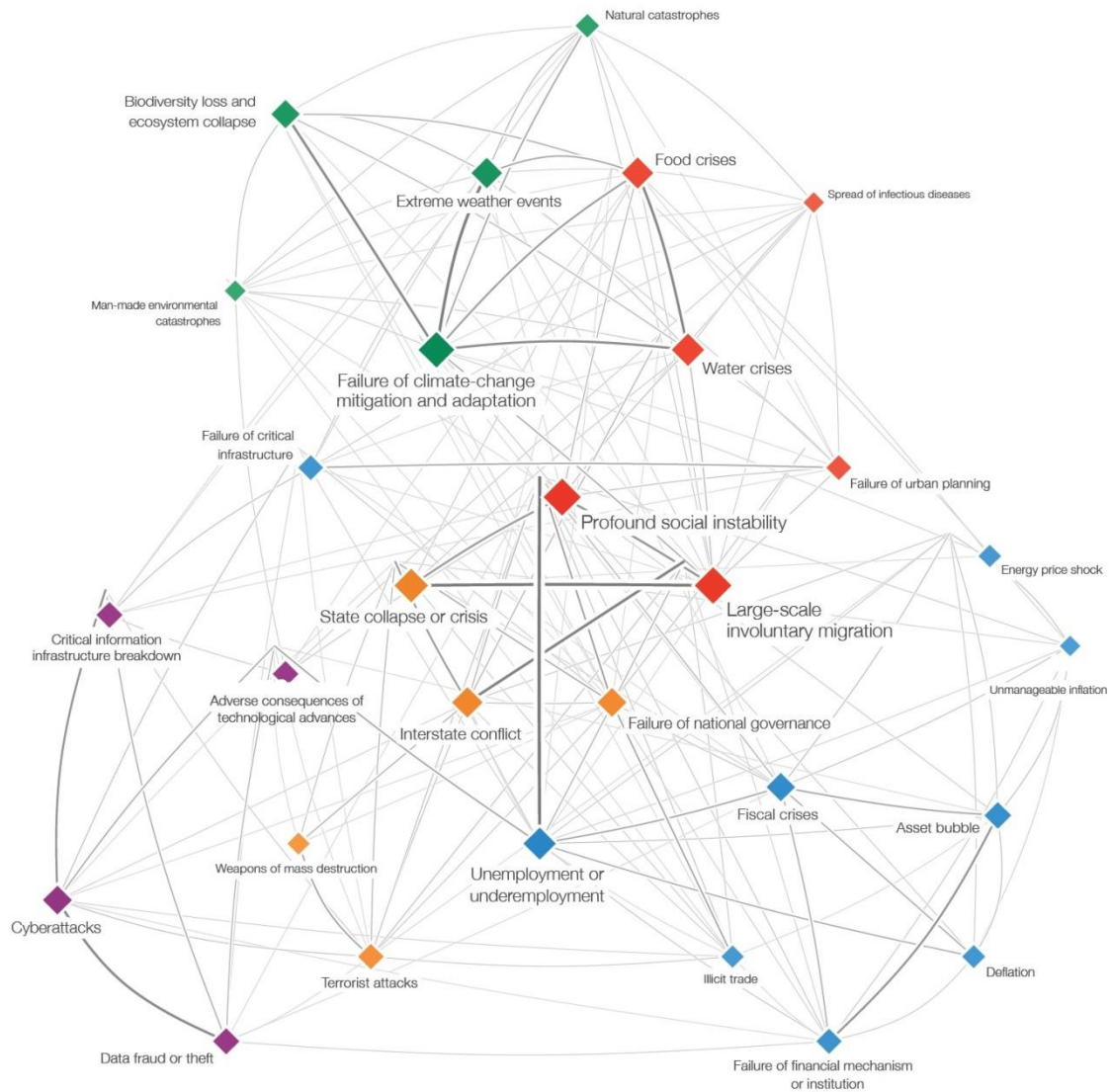
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# THE GREAT ACCELERATION





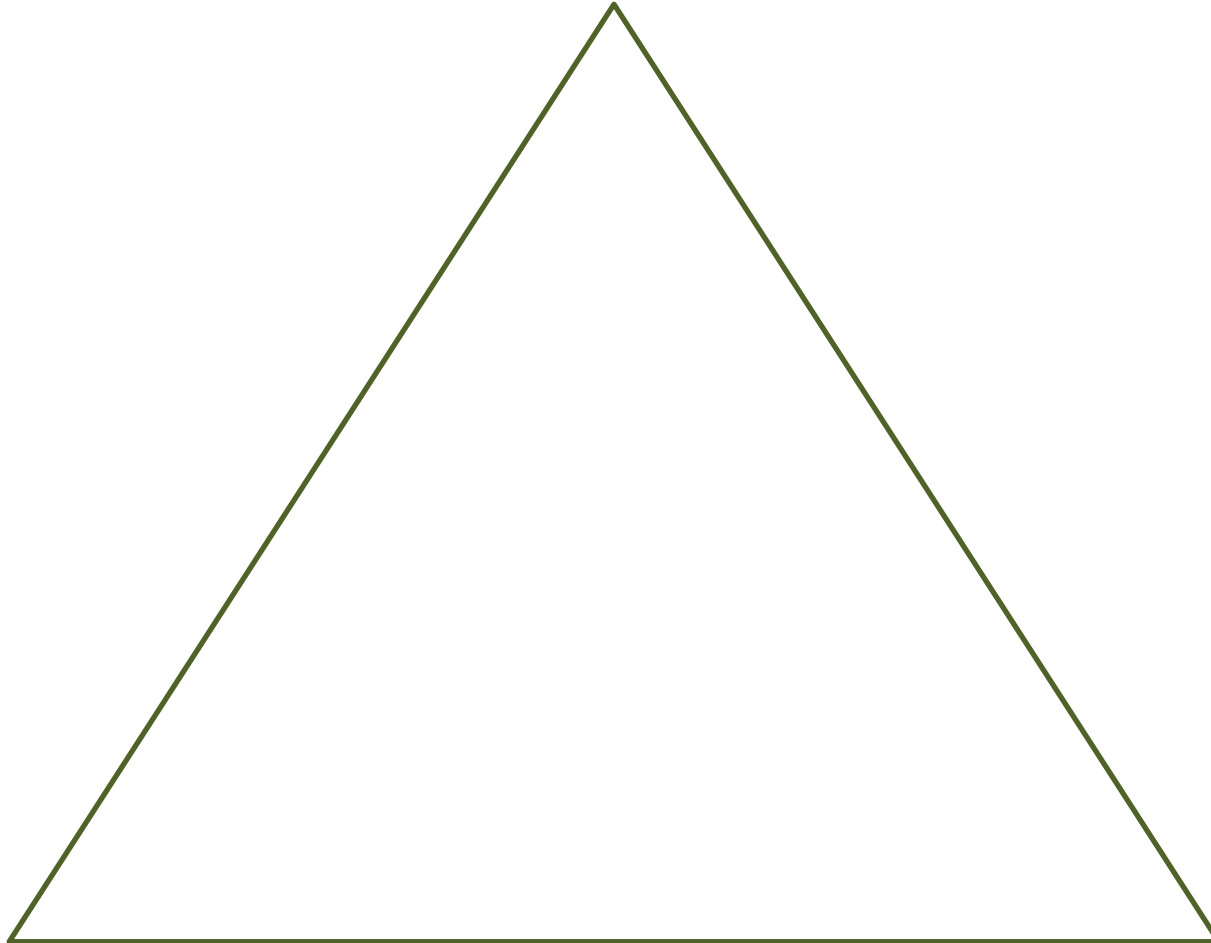
*“The crisis consists precisely in the fact that the old is dying and the new cannot be born.”*

**Gramsci**

*“The philosophers have only interpreted the world, in various ways. The point, however, is to change it.”*

**Inscribed on Karl Marx’s grave**

**The physical state of the natural  
world especially climate change &  
biodiversity**



**Changing the Power  
dynamics/structures of society**

**Changing the mindsets  
in society**

*“The urgent challenge to protect our common home includes a concern to bring the whole human family together to seek a sustainable and integral development, for we know that things can change. Many of those who possess more resources and economic or political power seem mostly to be concerned with masking the problems or concealing their symptoms, simply making efforts to reduce some of the negative impacts of climate change. The attitudes that stand in the way of a solution, even among believers, range from negation of the problem, to indifference, to convenient resignation or blind faith in technical solutions.”*

**Pope Francis**

*“I used to think the top global environmental problems were biodiversity loss, ecosystem collapse and climate change. I thought with 30 years of good science we could address those problems, but I was wrong. The top environmental problems are selfishness, greed and apathy - and to deal with these we need a spiritual and cultural transformation and we scientists don't know how to do that.”*

**Gus Speth**