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Please, Connect me to the Sun

In a side comment to a US electrical *connector* supplier/friend the other day I *'thought'*:

<snip>.....as for economic/trading survival - **perhaps we need connectors to better connect us to the Sun?**

The World Economies are under threat of energy and food-price-inflations (being excused by any plausible cause that economics and commentators can dream up) - underlying this is my suspicion that poverty and politics etc. are **all under threat of, and by, energy-mania**. Consumption exceeds supply and every life-form that uses electricity or carbon-based energies is suffering the extortion of supply and environmentally devastating collateral damages are wrecked upon the innocent life-forms that co-habit the territory being plundered and along the pathway of its exhaustion.....

The SUN is the source of our salvation - as are its byproducts the wind, gravity (water and tides) - BUT - by and large, we are too skin-flint *'lazy'* to adopt its supply alternatives because the investment-costs are compared directly to the price of petroleum. The consequences of our in-direct energy-consumption are wrecking havoc upon the planetary environment - YET - we continue rampant consumption waiting, expecting, praying for alternatives that we can afford. With all this, **some have the audacity to object to the unsightly effects of Wind-Generation for which the capital-payback for the investor can be as short as 18 months!!!**

Nuclear power is too abhorrent to many of us and our concerns are not without justification given the events like Chernobyl etc.

In all its cleverness, technology has failed to find us an economical short-cut to this ultimate energy power-house – if or when it does, we can be assured that the short-cut will be *'intercepted'* by commercially empowered exploitation that will pretend that, perforce of their long-standing *'services'* the *'resource'* belongs to them and their infrastructure of hard-wiring can not be unbundled without fulsome compensation for the profits they would otherwise extort from the consumer?

Of course, the skeptics amongst us will say that:

*"Until the *'profits'* (investment and speculation-costs) of the established infrastructures are ensured, assured, or exhausted, better resources will be denied to the consumer by fair means or foul."*

In the meantime, we indulge and suffer the inefficiencies of our ignorance and continue in our denials, that **Nature** knows a lot more than we do about the inter-connection between time, energy and matter?

Kind regards - AlanD