

Which column are you currently in?

	Column 1 Mainstream	Column 2 Business as Usual but Greener	Column 3 Emergency	Column 4 Collapse Aware
Paradigm	Business as Usual. Yes, it's a problem – but 'in the future' and 'elsewhere' Kicking can down the road	Focus on personal lifestyle changes. A trust in Technology solutions, Geo-engineering, Carbon Capture and 2050 Paris Agreement targets. Perceived as a 'crisis' but not an existential threat. Insistence on Hope and Stubborn Optimism	Non-Violent Direct Action required as this is existential threat Peaceful civil resistance movements Mitigation and Adaptation If we wait for Governments it will be too late Transformative Adaptation	We have connected the dots and view our predicament as a meta-crisis. We are breaching planetary boundaries and must prepare for community resilience. As well as mitigation, in order to 'extend the glide', we need to soften the landing with a 'Deep Adaptation' psycho-spiritual stance. Minimise suffering. Build local community resilience
Political & Economic System	Industrial Growth & Extractive Neo-Liberal Capitalism	Business as Usual. Economic growth still rules but society powered by renewables rather than fossil fuels	Circular & Regenerative Economy e.g. Doughnut Citizens Assemblies & Local Governance Mutual Aid & Community Building Post-Growth Economy	Recognition that 'Business As Usual' and this particular globalised civilisation is collapsing and is a process that started some time ago. Messy and differs depending on location. Any new economy will be hyper-local and community based.
What's Most Important Now?	Growing Economy Individual/my family orientation	Me/my family Net-Zero by 2050 Being perceived as a climate 'leader' both by Governments and Organisations – resulting in much greenwashing Carbon Tunnel Vision	Raise awareness and put pressure on Governments to change policy Campaign for radical system change Social Justice Find the Others	Tell a story with your life that you're proud to tell – which is not outcome-dependent. Adaptation & Preparation now for climate-resilience. Deeply Adapting. Building community resilience. 'Hospicing Modernity' Find the others. Find what is Yours to Do
Likely Outcome?	Carbon emissions still growing. Tipping points passed, 3 – 4 degrees warming baked in	Greenwashing lulls people into false sense of security and slows down climate action and resilience.	Preparing and Adapting as best we can May result in transition to a better way of life	Much suffering and even more social injustice; conflict over scarce resources; mass migration; famine; authoritarian governments; Dramatic drop in human population May ultimately result in transition to a better way of life (albeit with much suffering in the process)
Paul Chefurka: Stage of Awakening	Asleep	Awareness of one fundamental problem – usually carbon or other GHG emissions	Awareness of many problems and interconnectedness of these. Recognition that our predicaments encompass all aspects of Life – including 'stories' of our industrialised civilization, and stories we create about who we are.	Realisation that we ARE nature , and the planet is not simply a resource and dumping ground for humans. Pro ALL Life (not just human). Reconnecting with our deeper essence, each other, and the whole web of life A shift from 'I' to 'We'

Which column are you currently in? Your answer matters, because your feelings, priorities, actions and strategies will naturally flow from your current perspective and understanding.