

## ***RECENT PEAK OIL QUOTES***

*Editor's Note: As a regular feature in each issue, Proceedings will include quotes of writers and other persons which are considered to be of significance to the human predicament and the health and survival of our planetary ecosystem.*

**Circumstances seem to me as dangerous and intractable as any I can remember. .... What really concerns me is that there seems to be so little willingness or capacity to do anything about it.**

Paul Volcker, Former US Federal Reserve Board Chairman  
April 16, 2005

**To me, a hope is that we are going to hit Peak Oil when oil resources begin to decline. ... and some geologists say we already hit it last year. The business community is now starting to take this very seriously. The impact of fossil fuel depletion is going to create enormous suffering, no doubt about it.**

David Suzuki, April 23, 2005

**So its very probable that the world is peaking in oil about now. .... The world in general, and the US in particular, has pretty much blown 25 years of time that we had, but no longer have, for preparation for the necessary transition.**

Roscoe Bartlett, Maryland Republican Representative, May 4, 2005

**The first half of the age of oil closes. It lasted 150 years and saw the rapid expansion of industry, transport, trade, agriculture and financial capital, allowing the population to expand six-fold. The second half of the age of oil now dawns, and will be marked by the decline of oil and all that depends upon it, including financial capital. It heralds the collapse of the present Financial System, and related political structures, speaking of a second great depression.**

Dr. Colin Campbell, geologist, consultant to major oil companies  
and governments, and founder of the Association for the Study of Peak Oil and  
Gas, May 5, 2005

**Peak oil is starting to become conventional wisdom.**

Edward Schreyer, Former Governor General of Canada, May 5, 2005

**Peak oil is real and we are on the Peak now.**

Al Gore, Former US Vice President, June 5, 2005