Global climate change is undoubtedly the most challenging environmental problem of the 21st century. The response to this challenge has been one of denial and inaction. Most people assume that climate change may cause a minor inconvenience but will not pose a major threat. Some hope that climate change is not caused by human beings but by natural fluctuations of the earth climate system. I will argue that climate change is an indicator of a much larger problem related to unsustainable use of the earth's resources by human beings during the past hundred years.