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The 11th hour boldly takes us way beyond an Inconvenient Truth with its incisive and cutting-edge examination of the global environmental crisis. It explores the larger picture of what's happening in all areas of the planet – like climate changes, species extinction, soil degradation, loss of forests, pollution of the oceans and much more.

One of the scientists, during the documentary says: “it was the human mind that was the key to our very survival. Now when you think that we evolved in Africa about a hundred and fifty thousand years ago, are compared to the other animals that must have been born on the plains of that time, we weren't very impressive. We weren't very many, we weren't very big, we weren't gifted with special senses. The one thing, the key to our survival and taking over the planet, was the human brain. But because the human mind invented the concept of a future, we're the only animal on the planet that was able to recognize: we could affect the future by what we do today.”

During all our existence, especially since the industrial revolution, we have separated ourselves from nature. Our current belief in continuing progress, limitless growth, limitless expansion, population explosion and the new technology have resulted in breakdowns of ecosystems – floods, hurricanes, drought, deforestation, desertification and the melting of the polar ice caps.

An ancient Chinese proverb states: “If we do not change our direction, we are likely to end up where we are headed.”