



Prairie Group 2011

Response to Daniel O'Connell
Matthew Johnson-Doyle

and I feel fine

Daniel argues that ecological apocalyptic and religious apocalyptic share an aesthetic.

Prophets from both schools are sure they alone have correctly interpreted the signs of the times.

Daniel then argues that we need not be so concerned with the “worst-case” predictions.

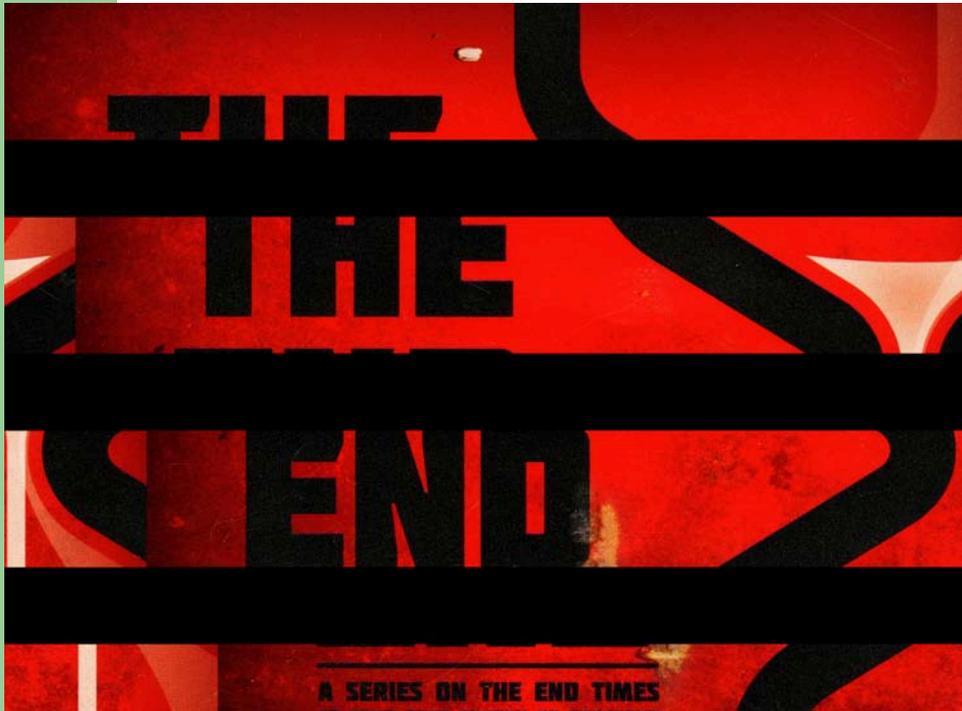
Thus:



a tournament, a tournament, a tournament of lies



what comes in the mail



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MING EVENTS

olving Eve Service: Wed, Nov 23, 7:00 pm

A SERIES ON THE END TIMES

Join us at one of our three weekend services: Saturday nig
and Sunday mornings at either 8:30 or 10:15 am (*all ages c*

October 29-30 "The Ages of History" UPCC
November 5-6 "Israel and the Church" Thank

November 12-13 . . . "The Rapture"
November 19-20 . . . "The Tribulation"
November 26-27 . . . "The Second Coming"
December 3-4 "The Millennium"

Ernie Haase and Signature Sound Christmas Concert:
Sun, Dec 18, 6:00 pm – \$10 in advance/\$15 at the door
Christmas Eve Carols and Candles: Sat, Dec 24, 5:00 pm
Christmas Morning Worship: Sun, Dec 25, 11:00 am (*one service on*

Apocalyptic Storytelling







Apocalyptic and Science



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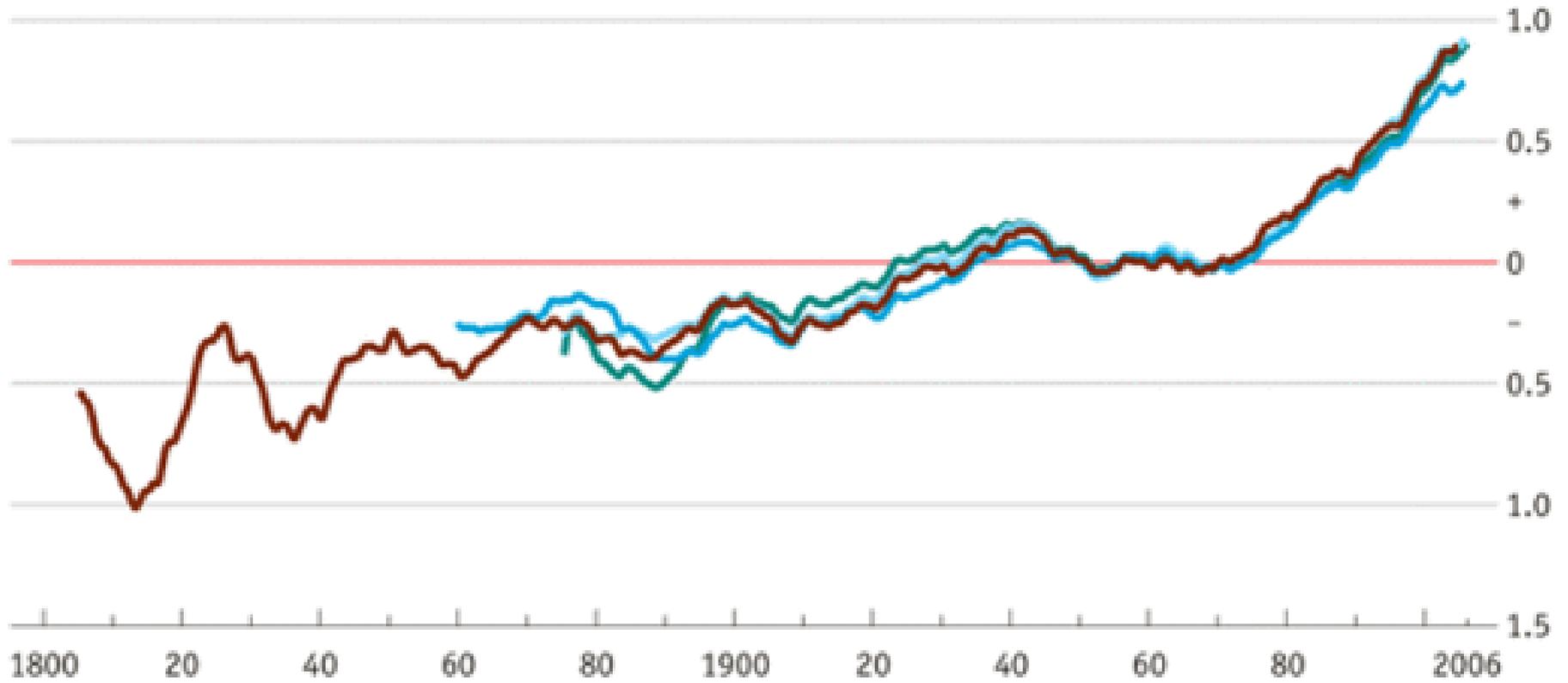


climate change isn't about predictions anymore

Land-surface average temperature anomaly

°C, 1950-80 mean, ten-year moving average

- Berkeley Earth
- NASA GISS
- NOAA
- HadCru

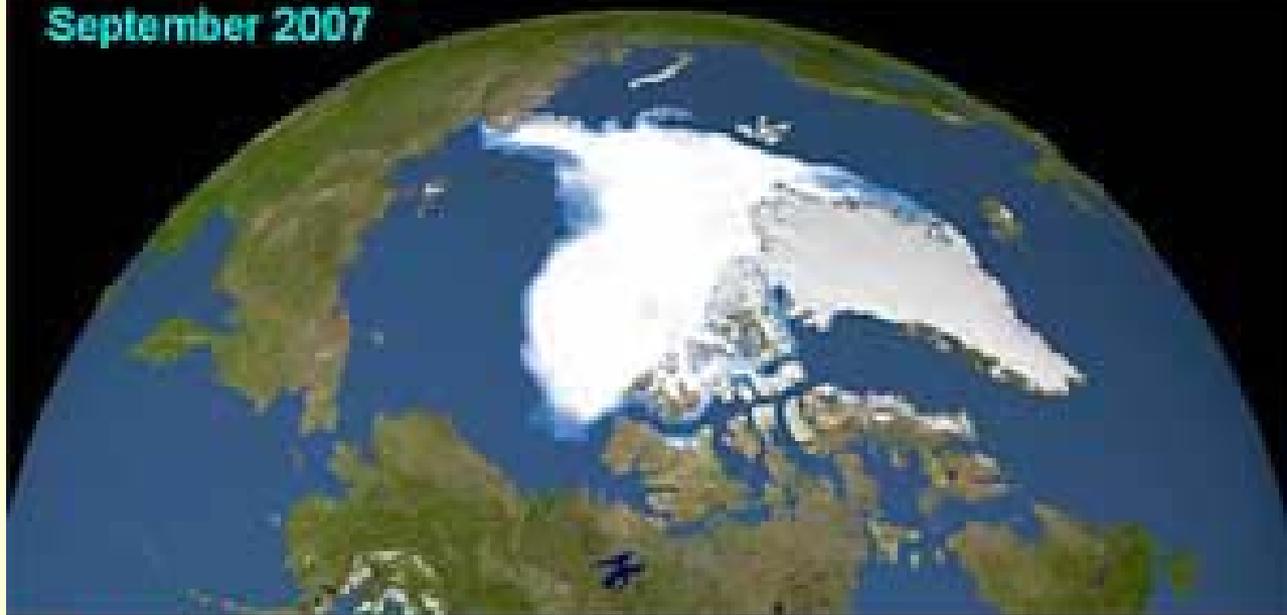


Source: Berkeley Earth Surface Temperature





September 2007



1979-1981 Average

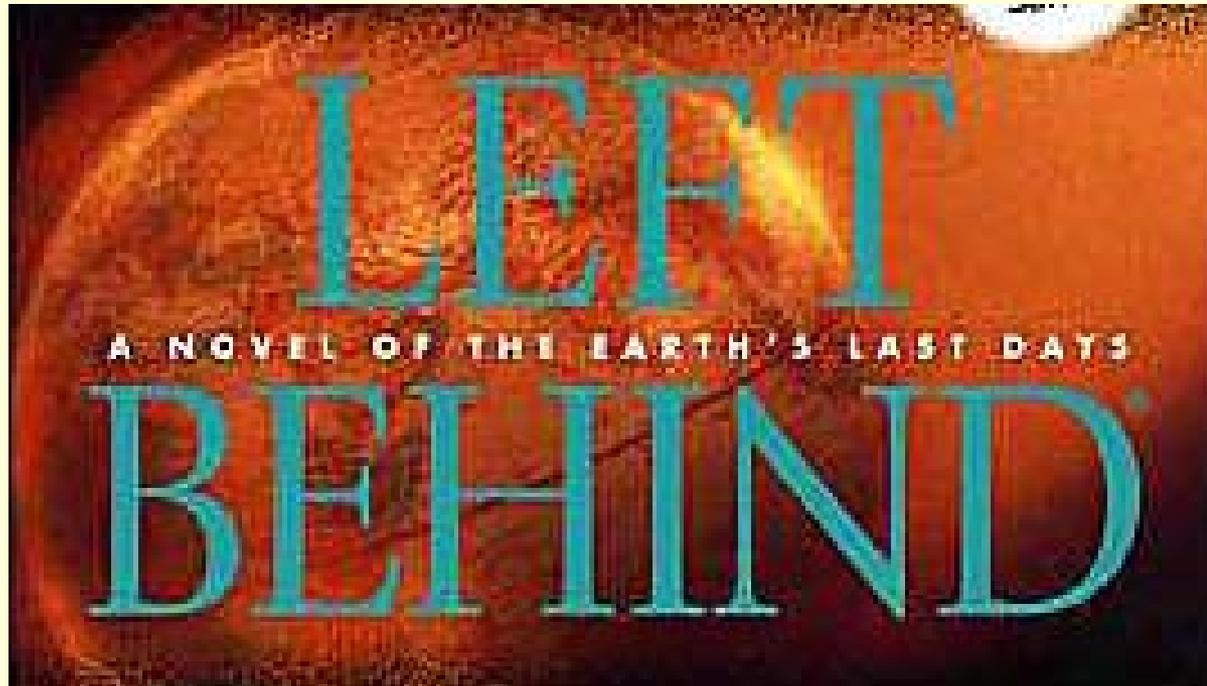


How should we talk about it, then?

If we want to foretell what may be to come, but don't want to use apocalyptic storytelling, what can we do?

Liberation and Epochal Thinking





these are very boring books



Apocalypse

- You are not in charge
- Save yourself, if you can
- Easy
- The Wasteland is replaced with a new Eden
- Symbols, Mysteries, and Special Knowledge
- The die is cast

Prophecy

- We are responsible
- Save each other
- Hard
- Wasteland and Eden live side-by-side
- The plain truth of reality, accessible to all
- It's not too late

Implication for Practice

- We who are concerned about climate change and other perils need to avoid, at all costs, resorting to apocalyptic tropes. They are easily dismissed as fiction.
- Instead, we need to be about advancing the ability of people to work and think about these things in light of their faith.

SO . . .

Maybe it's not the end of the world.
But there's still work to do.





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