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Environmentalists have long argued that we should live with less energy.

That is a fantasy—humans will never willingly return to a low-energy lifestyle and the poverty that entails. Moreover, to deploy world-changing technologies like artificial intelligence and desalination, we will need to produce much more energy than we do today.

The good news is that a high-energy future is entirely achievable, provided we reach out and grasp it.

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Slavery was one of the oldest human institutions, present on all continents and among all races.

While some people, such as the Stoics, condemned slavery, a broader movement against the practice had to wait until society became rich enough not to need slave labor and humane (or enlightened) enough to see all humans as equal in dignity.

That society was the rapidly modernizing Western European and North American society of the early to mid-19th century.

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