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New book: High Noon for Natural Gas by Julian Darley

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The following message arrived via email:

Julian Darley's new book *High Noon for Natural Gas* is now available. Thank you to those of you who purchased it in advance from Post Carbon Books. Please send us thoughts that reading the book triggers for you; we will post them on a forthcoming site dedicated to the book.

The book is very timely considering that the prestigious Oil and Gas Journal has just this week come out with a forecast of global gas production peak for 2019. Julian Darley says that "if this were to prove correct, it has a number of astounding implications: it would mean that just as much of the new and enormously costly LNG and remote gas production infrastructure was coming into place, production would be going into decline. We can see what havoc oil peak is wreaking now, even though most of the world is in denial about it. The effects of gas peak would be much harder to deny, especially as industry warnings have already started. And of course by 2019 there would be absolutely no other hydrocarbon to turn to, since gas is the last great fossil fuel on the planet. However, this is not all. The Oil & Gas Journal study shows that only the Middle East has great potential for production growth, which makes nonsense of any claims of those trying to reduce Middle East energy dependence by shifting to natural gas. And, as if this were a sequel to the climate disaster movie 'The Day After Tomorrow,' there is an still more disastrous possibility: even the stark prediction of 2019 may be optimistic, since it relies on reported reserves in many remote places which have never been drilled, and there are credible suggestions that these reserves may be seriously over-estimated. All of this should be reason enough for a major and worldwide reassessment of energy policy, and should lead to a global halt in any further investment in costly and potentially dangerous LNG infrastructure."

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