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CLIMATE PERIL

THE INTELLIGENT READER'S GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING THE CLIMATE CRISIS

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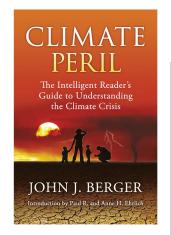
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