



ON THE COVER:

John Michael Greer — Path of the Green Druid

Best known for his work in ceremonial magic and Druidry, John Michael Greer also maintains a passionate interest in the environment. His first book, *Paths of Wisdom*, was published in 1996, and has been followed by eight more, with three books forthcoming.

John is the seventh Grand Archdruid of the Ancient Order of Druids in America, as well as being an active member of the Druid fellowship ArnDraiocht Fein, and the Order of Bards, Ovates, and Druids. Knowing of John's deep interest in the topic of this issue — science and spirit in a time of global transformation — we managed to get John to stop writing long enough to sit down and talk with us. *Interview by Elizabeth Barrette... 20*

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As members of the Pagan community in the first decade of the 21st century, we need to face up to the hard realities of a world in crisis. *By John Michael Greer ... 23*

After the House of Straw: Pagan Perspectives on Peak Oil

As a Neo-Pagan I'm accustomed to see in destruction the potential for renewal. That could be the case for Peak Oil as well, but we must begin a transition to a saner, more sustainable way of life soon. In some respects, we Neo-Pagans — who keep close ties to the earth and will endure hardships to practice our faith — may thrive in this new time. *By Burdock ... 27*

When the Wheel Wobbles: a Witch's View of Climate Change

After years of celebrating them, I've learned to appreciate the unique energy of the eight Sabbats. I've also learned to recognize the often subtle but always powerful shift in energy that occurs as one Sabbat passes into the next. But what would it be like if Beltaine no longer felt like Beltaine? *By Treesong ... 31*

Why We Love the Apocalypse: Religious Roots of Peak Oil Doomerism

After I wrote an article suggesting that Peak Oil may lead "merely" to widespread unemployment and hardship rather than collapse, hundreds wrote to tell me I was a naïve optimist and a cornucopian. While the end of the oil era possesses a "death and taxes" certitude, plausible post-peak scenarios span a wide scope. So why is the most extreme hypothesis the most widely known? I began to wonder why we seem to be so drawn to the idea of our own extinction. *By Rob Hemenway ... 35*

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