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Class Average	78%	86%	73%

Average: 73%

Lowest grade: 34%
Highest grade: 109%

below 60%: 7Fs

60-69%: 4Ds

70-79%: 1C

80-89%: 6Bs

90-99%: 2As

greater than 100%: 4A++

I added 3 points to all grades

Reflect

- Are you reading the chapters before the lectures, instead of the day before the exam?
- Are you reviewing the slides after the lectures?
- Are you focusing during class?
- Monday, we will go through the exam carefully and thoroughly as a class.

The Story of Stuff

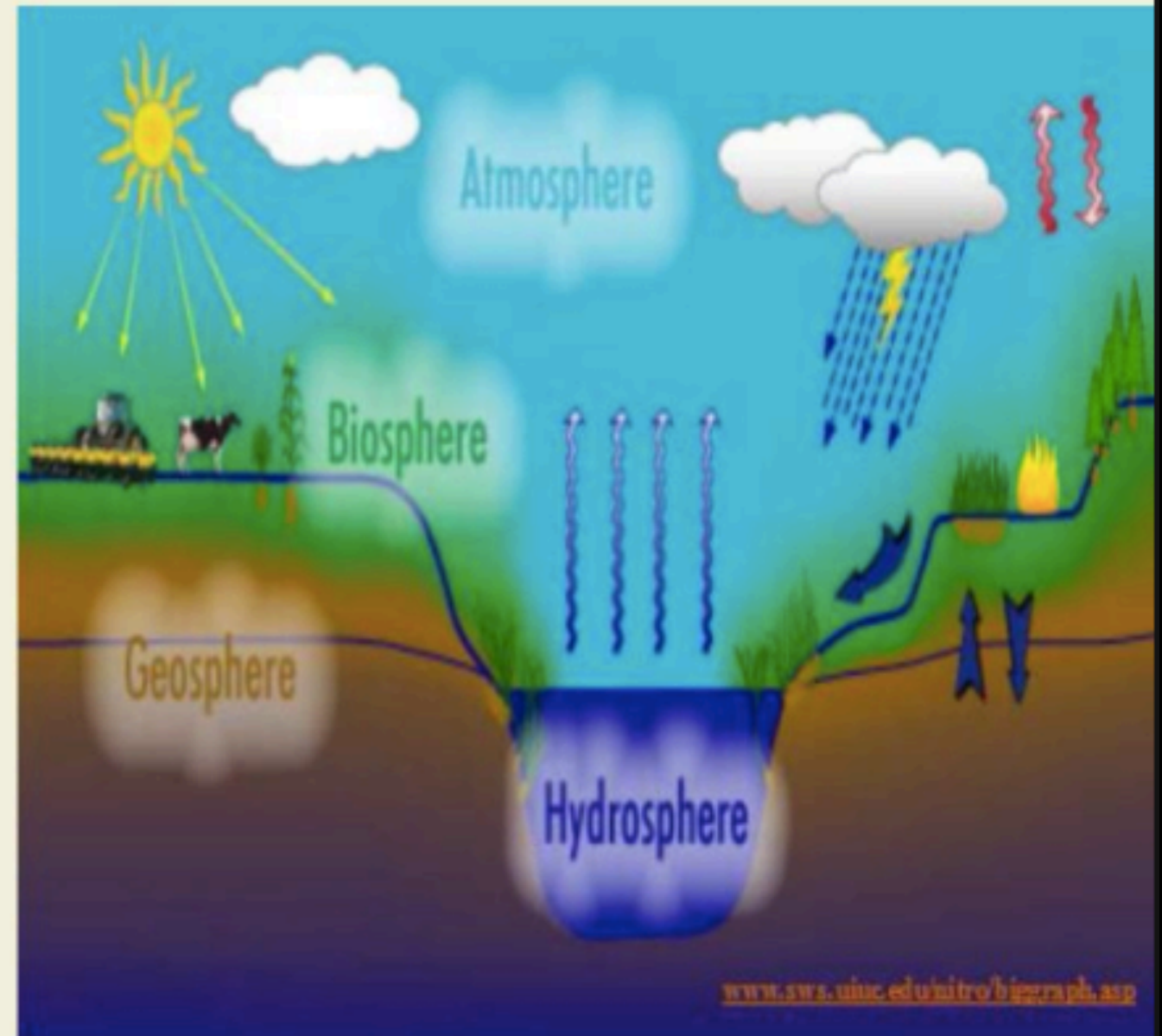
- See the original 20 minute video of the Story of Stuff: <http://storyofstuff.org/movies/story-of-stuff/> - See it on your own time
- We shall see together the 9 minute video of the Story of Solutions: <http://storyofstuff.org/movies/the-story-of-solutions/>
- (You can download the script if you have difficulty following the English.)

Chapter 3: Ecosystems



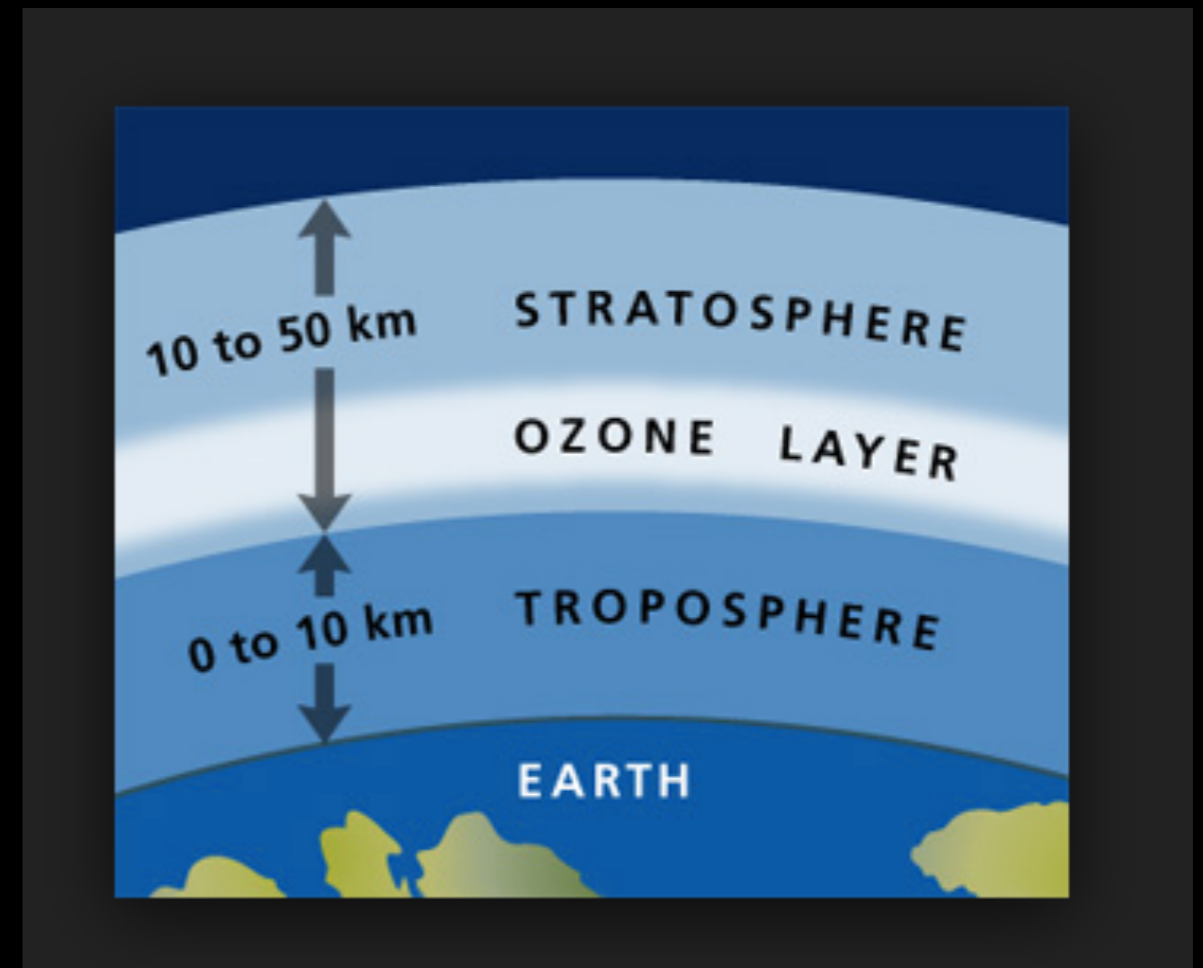
The Earth's Life-Support System Has Four Major Components

- **Atmosphere**
 - **Troposphere:** where weather happens
 - **Stratosphere:** contains ozone layer
- **Hydrosphere**
- **Geosphere**
- **Biosphere**



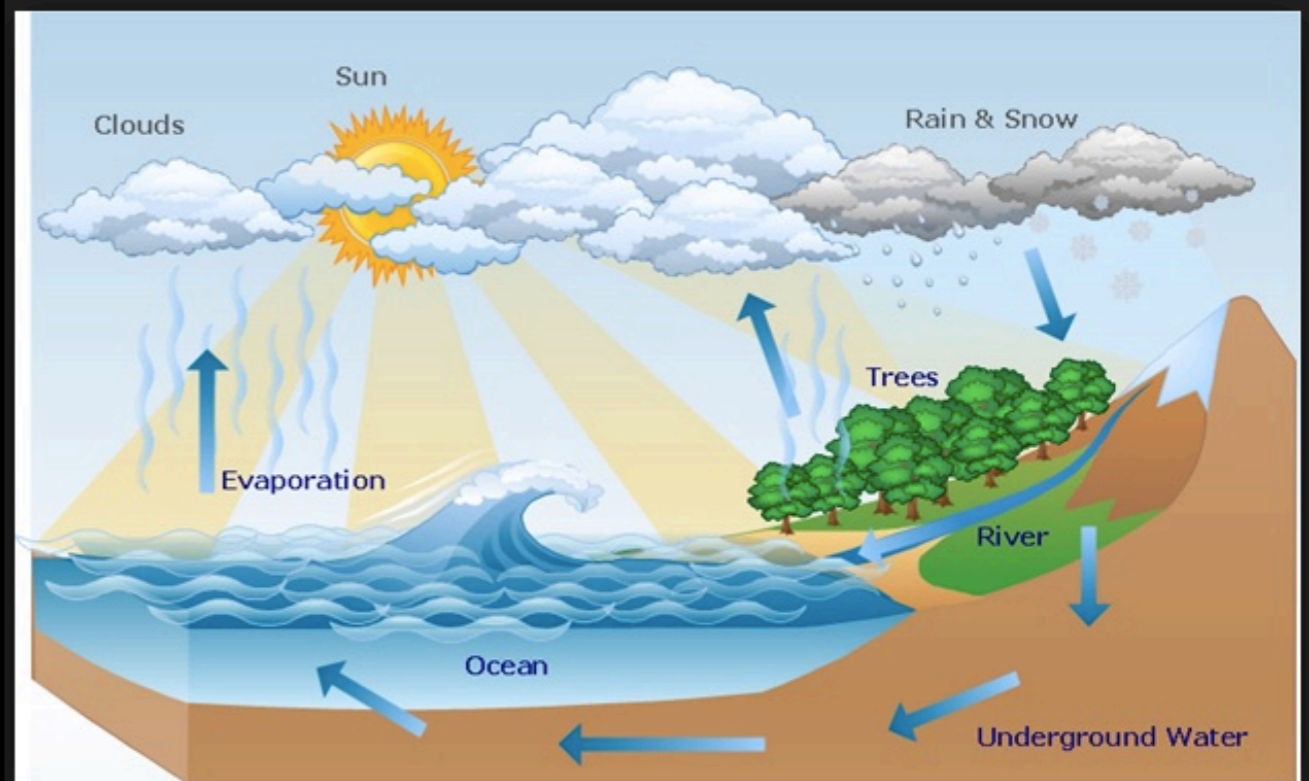
Atmosphere

- - thin spherical envelope of gases surrounding the earth's surface
- inner layer: **troposphere**, from 7-17 km; air we breathe (78% N; 21% oxygen; 1% water vapor, CO₂, methane)
 - greenhouse gases: water vapor, CO₂, methane; absorb and release energy that warms the lower atmosphere
 - weather occurs in this
- **stratosphere**: 17-50 km; lower portion, holds ozone (O₃) gas to filter around 95% of the sun's UV light (global sunscreen)

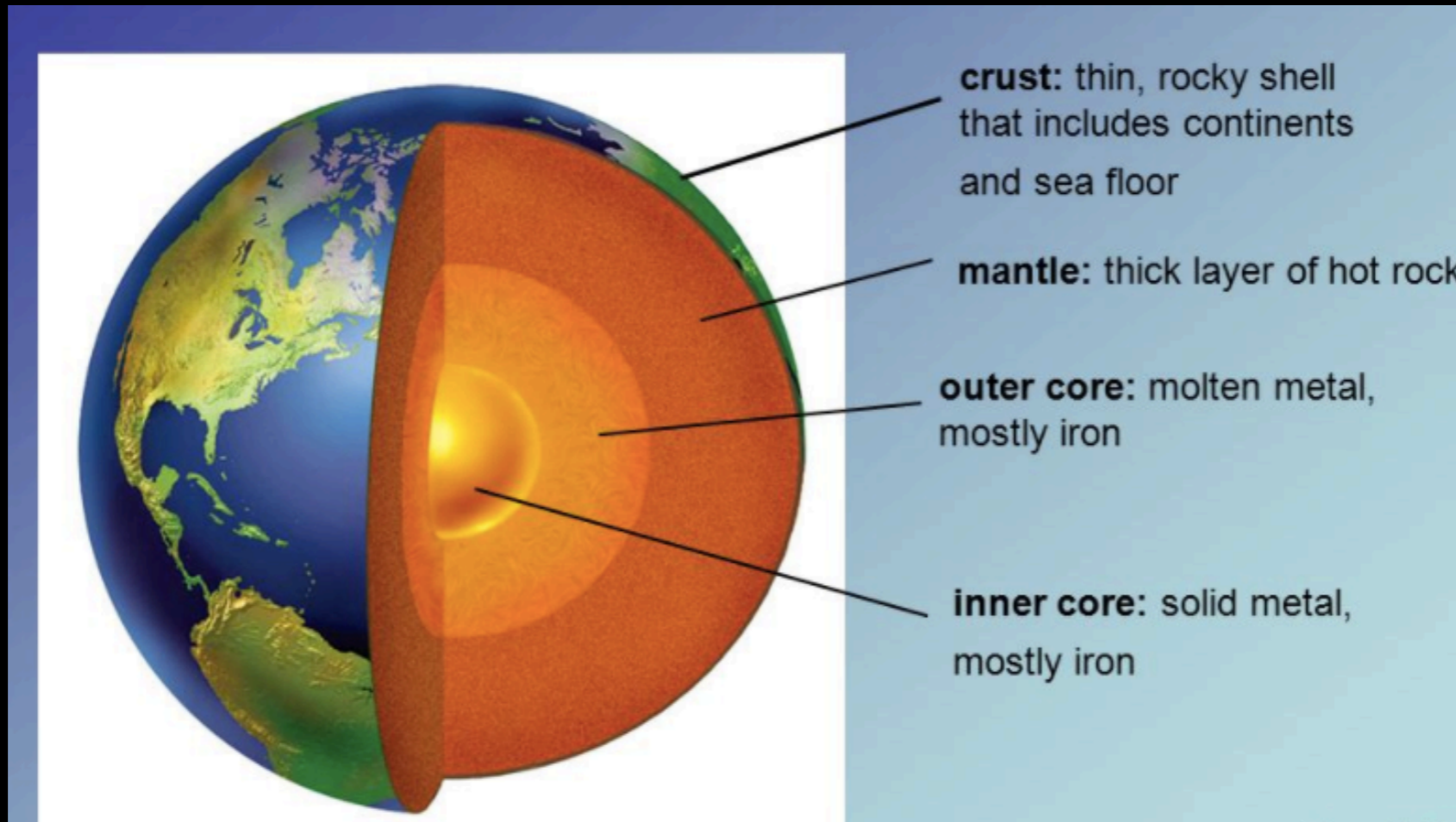


hydrosphere

- all the water on or near the earth's surface
- water vapor; liquid water; permafrost
- oceans: 71% of the globe; contain 97% of the water



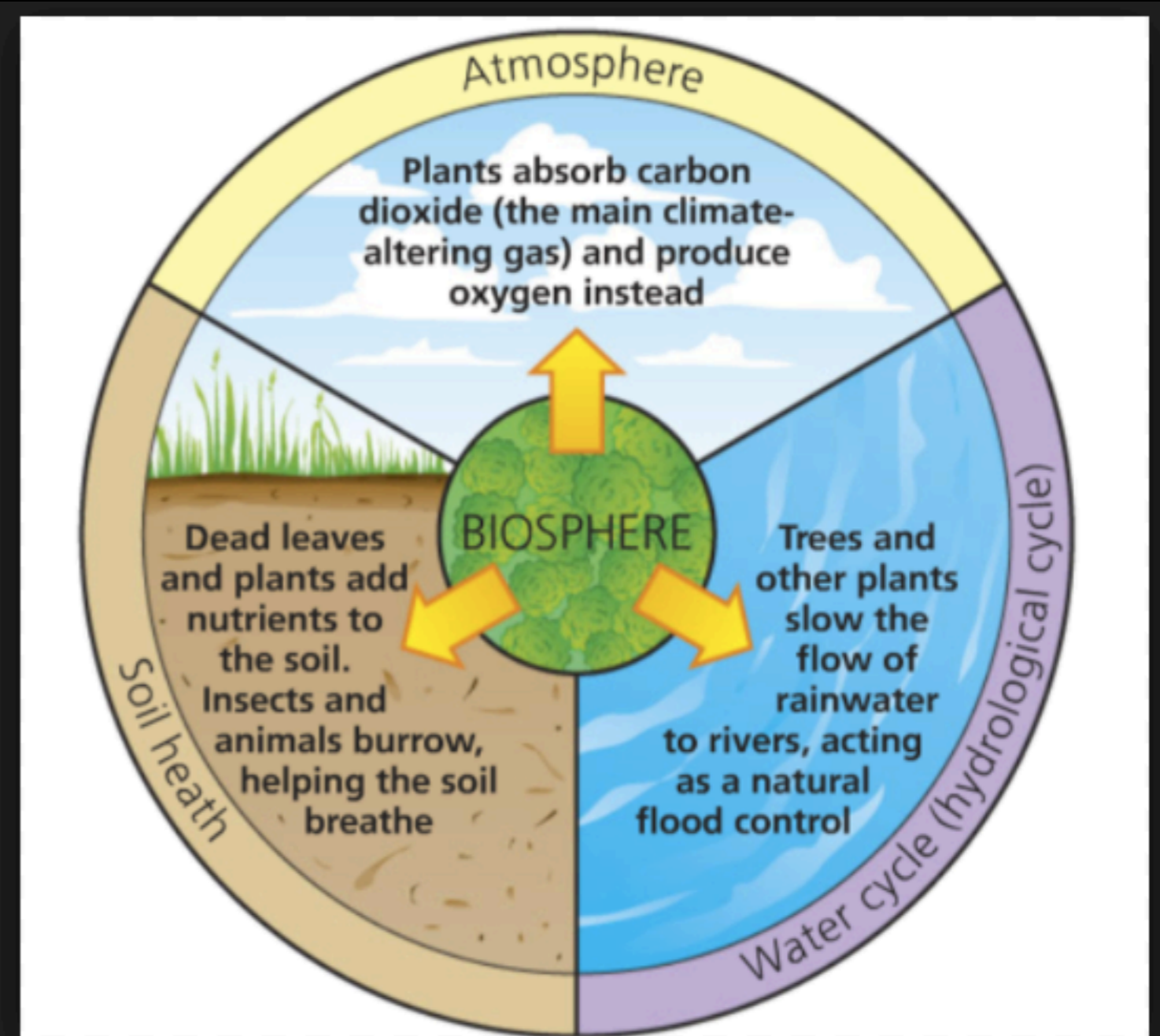
geosphere



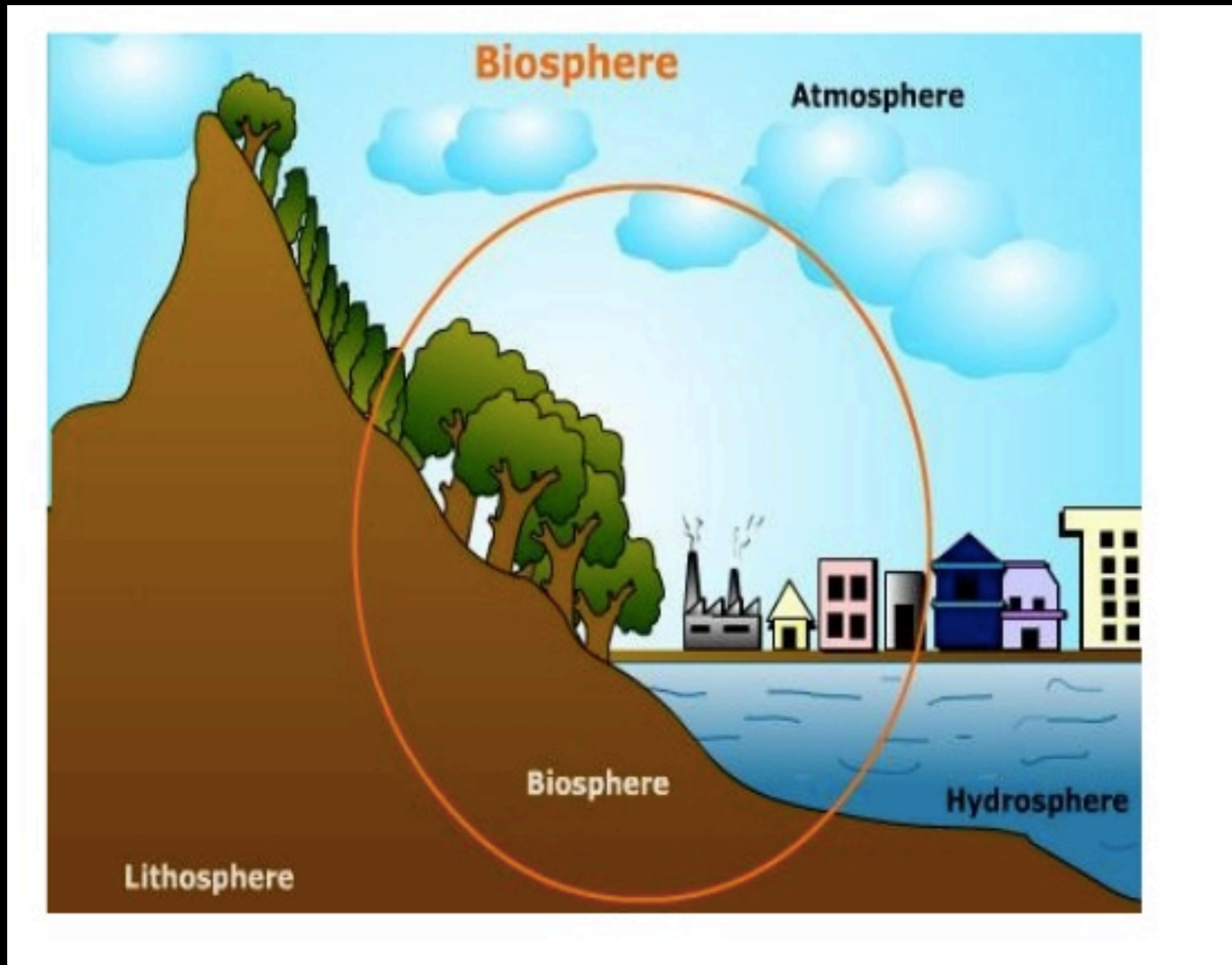
- earth's intensely hot core; a thick mantle composed mostly of rock, and a thin outer crust
- **lithosphere:** the rigid outer part of the earth, consisting of the crust and upper mantle.
- upper portion contains nonrenewable fossil fuels and minerals + renewable soil nutrients

biosphere

- the parts of the atmosphere, hydrosphere and geosphere where life is found;
- **biosphere** is the global ecological system integrating all living beings and their relationships, including their interaction with the elements of the lithosphere, geosphere, hydrosphere, and atmosphere
- if the earth were an apple, the biosphere would be no thicker than the apple's skin



“One important goal of environmental science is to understand the interactions that occur within this thin layer of air, water, soil, and organisms.”



The Earth...

- Earth's support system has 4 major components (atmosphere; hydrosphere; geosphere; biosphere). Life on earth depends on three interconnected factors:

1. one-way flow of high-quality from the sun

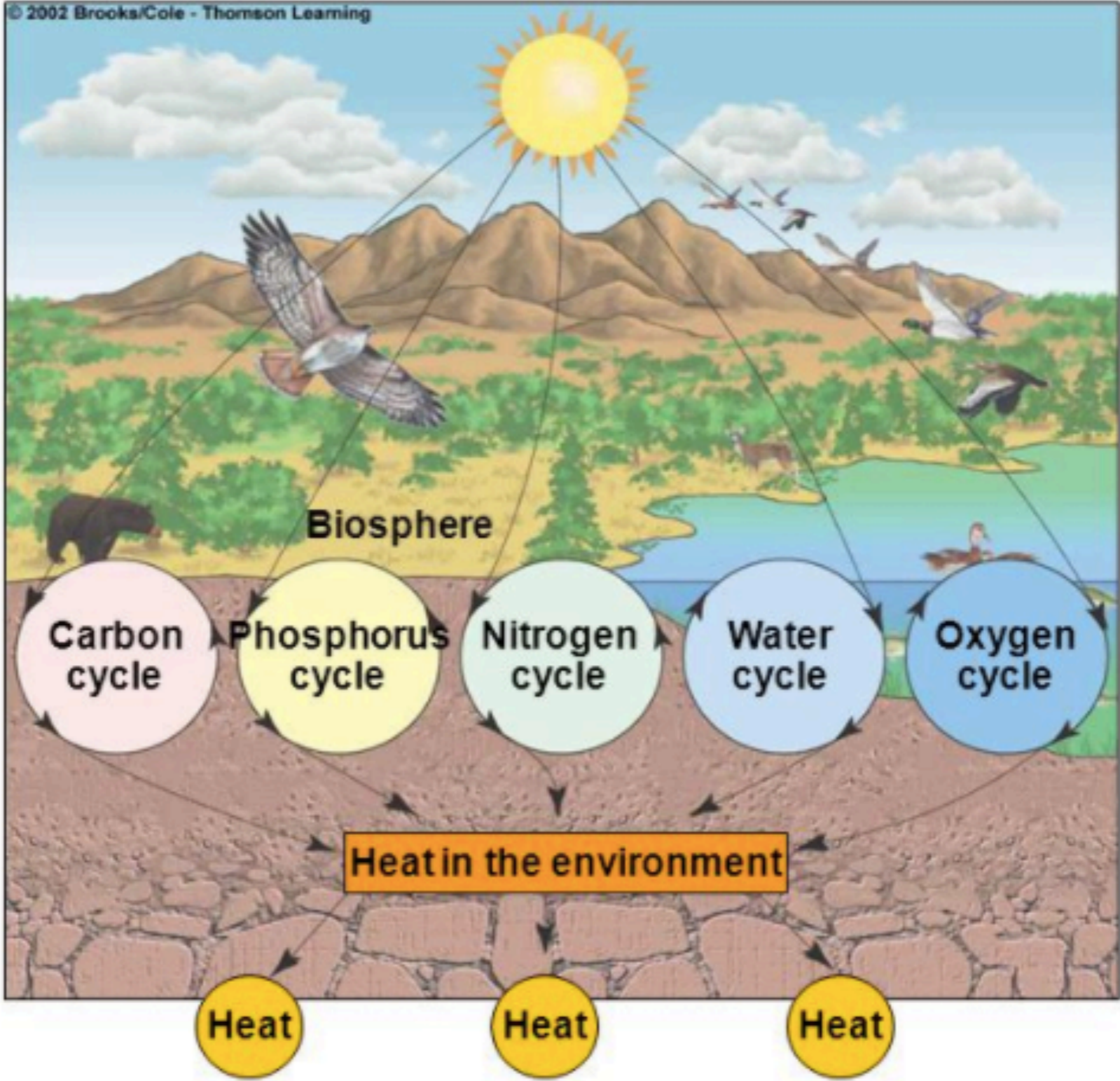
- high-quality energy cannot be recycled
- flow through living things in their feeding interactions; into the env as heat dispersed into air or water at low temperature; and back into space as heat
- two laws of thermodynamics govern this energy flow

2. cycling of nutrients (atoms, ions and molecules) through parts of biosphere

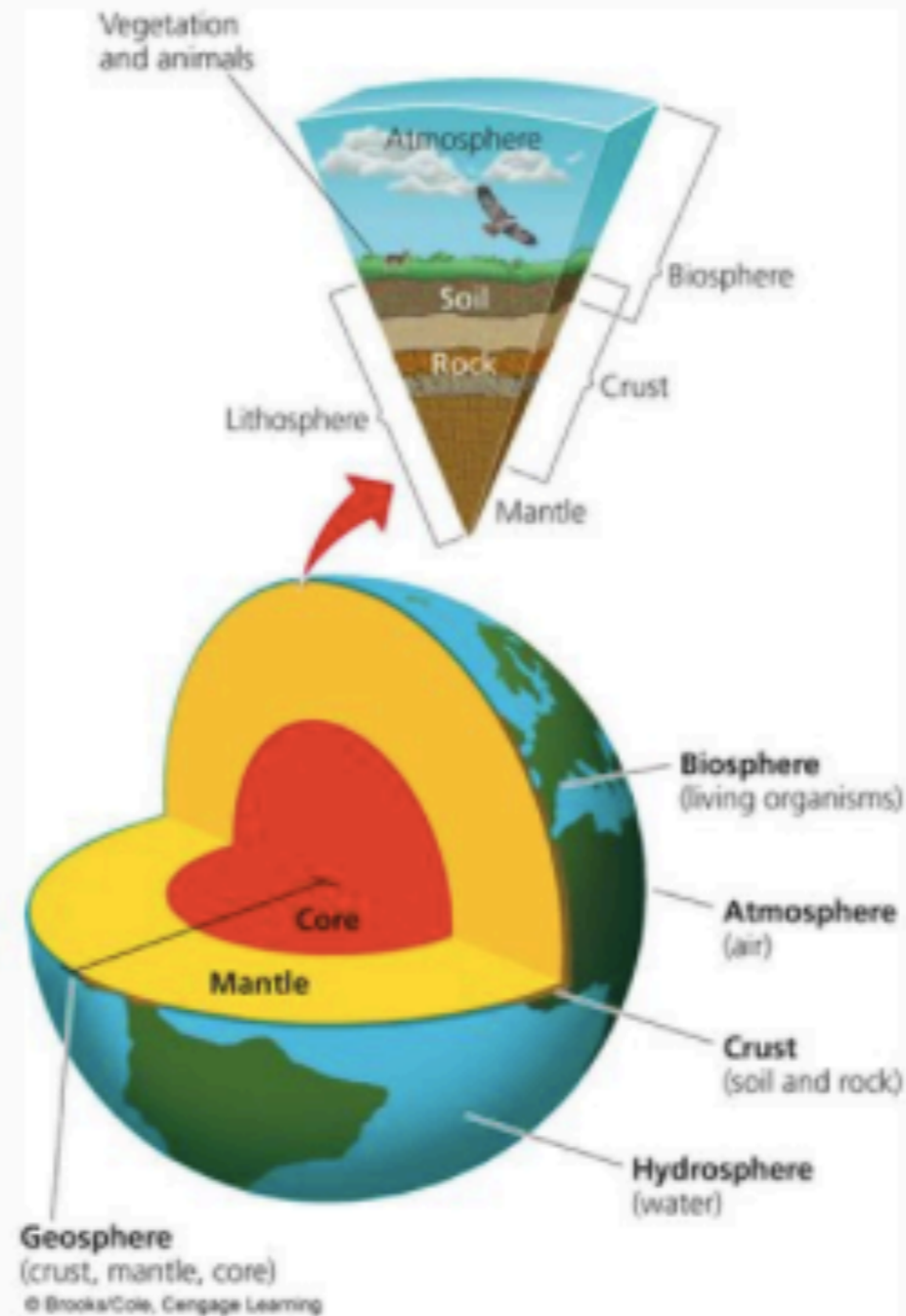
- earth is closed to significant inputs of matter from space, the fixed supply of nutrients must be recycled
- nutrient cycles are round-trips
- law of conservation of matter governs this nutrient cycling

3. gravity

- allows the planet to hold onto its atmosphere; helps enable movement and cycling of chemicals through air, water, soil and organisms



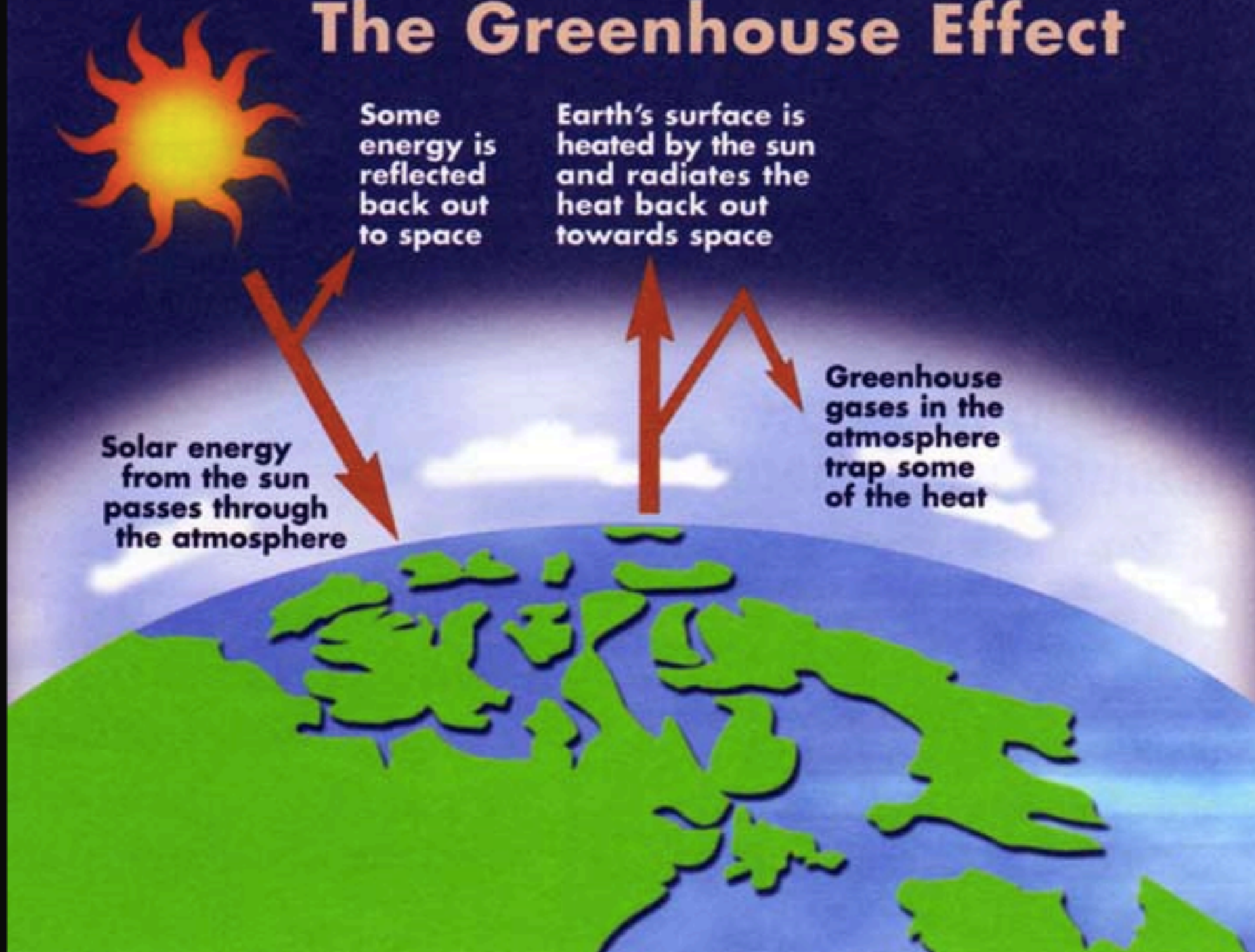
Natural Capital: General Structure of the Earth



Sun, Earth, Life, and Climate

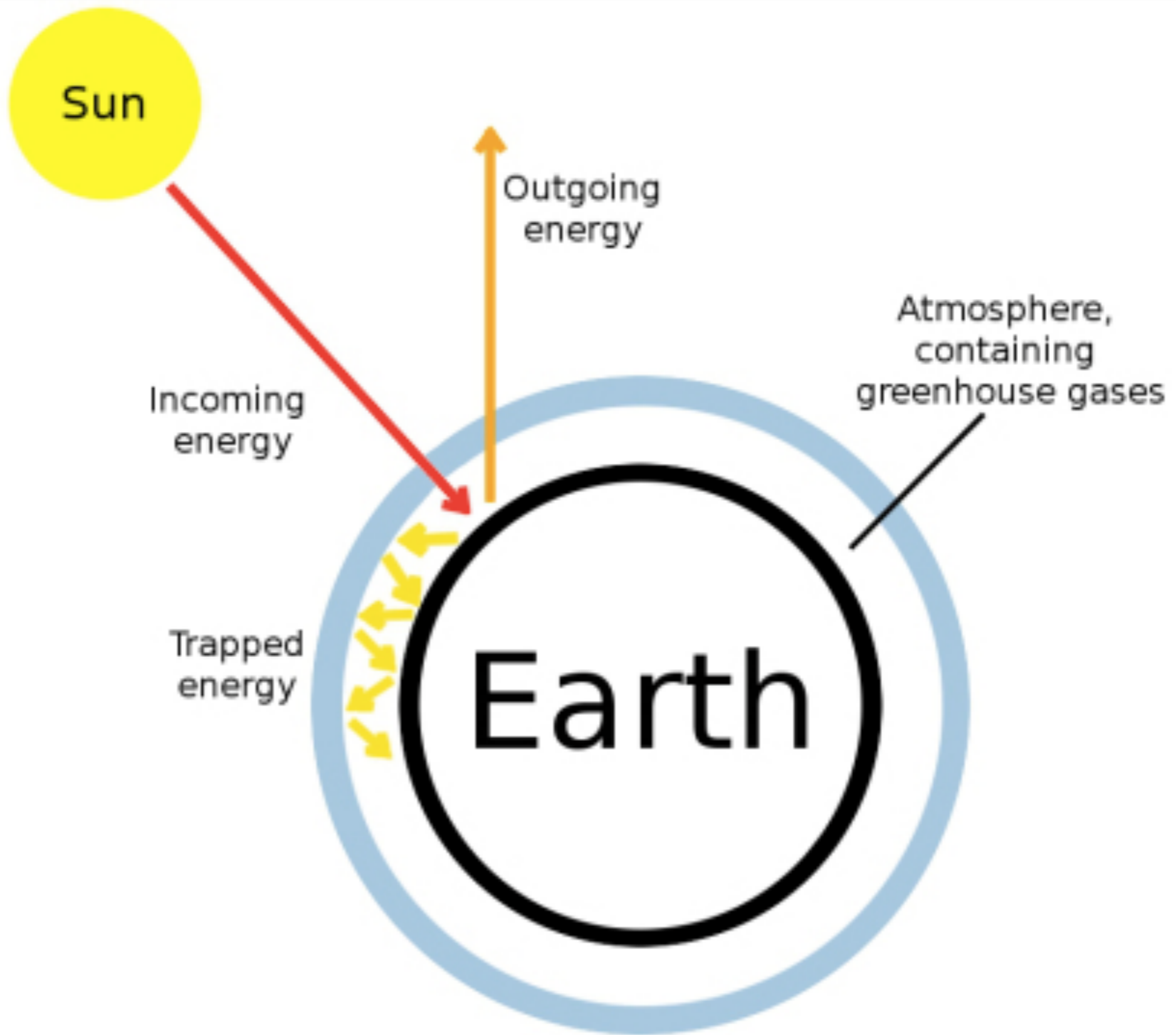
let's talk about climate change

The Greenhouse Effect



The Earth's Climate System

- Light from the Sun is absorbed by land and water, and is converted to heat.
- Some heat is emitted back into space as radiant heat, just as heat is radiated from hot pavement on a July day.
- Some of this radiant heat is absorbed by water vapor and clouds, carbon dioxide, methane, nitrous oxide and other trace atmospheric gases.
- These gases act like the glass windows in a car creating the **“hot car effect.”**



The Greenhouse effect

A T M O S P H E R E



Net incoming solar radiation:
240 Watt per m²

Some solar radiation is reflected by the atmosphere and earth's surface

Outgoing solar radiation:
103 Watt per m²

Some of the infrared radiation passes through the atmosphere and is lost in space

Net outgoing infrared radiation:
240 Watt per m²

G R E E N H O U S E G A S E S

Solar radiation passes through the clear atmosphere.
Incoming solar radiation:
343 Watt per m²

Some of the infrared radiation is absorbed and re-emitted by the greenhouse gas molecules. The direct effect is the warming of the earth's surface and the troposphere.

Surface gains more heat and infrared radiation is emitted again

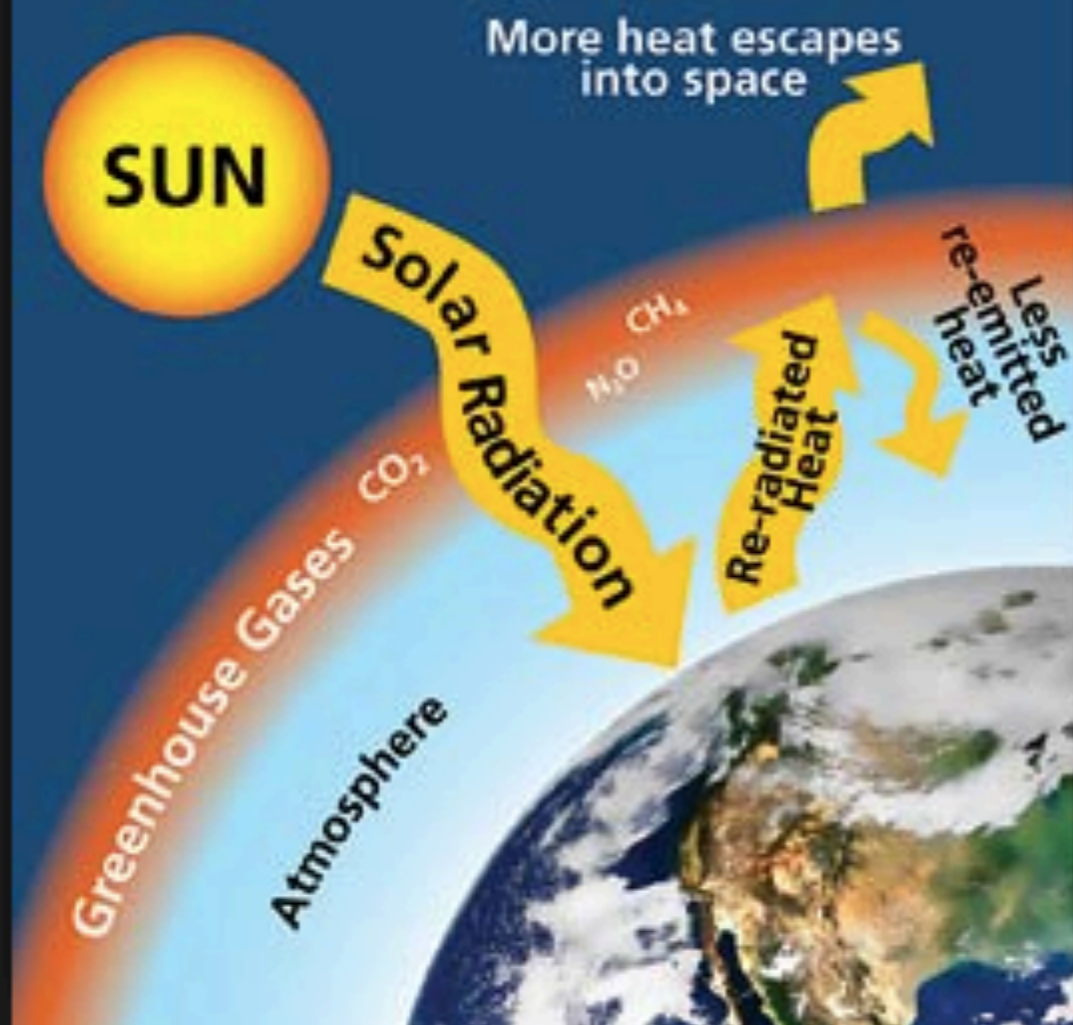
Solar energy is absorbed by the earth's surface and warms it...

168 Watt per m²

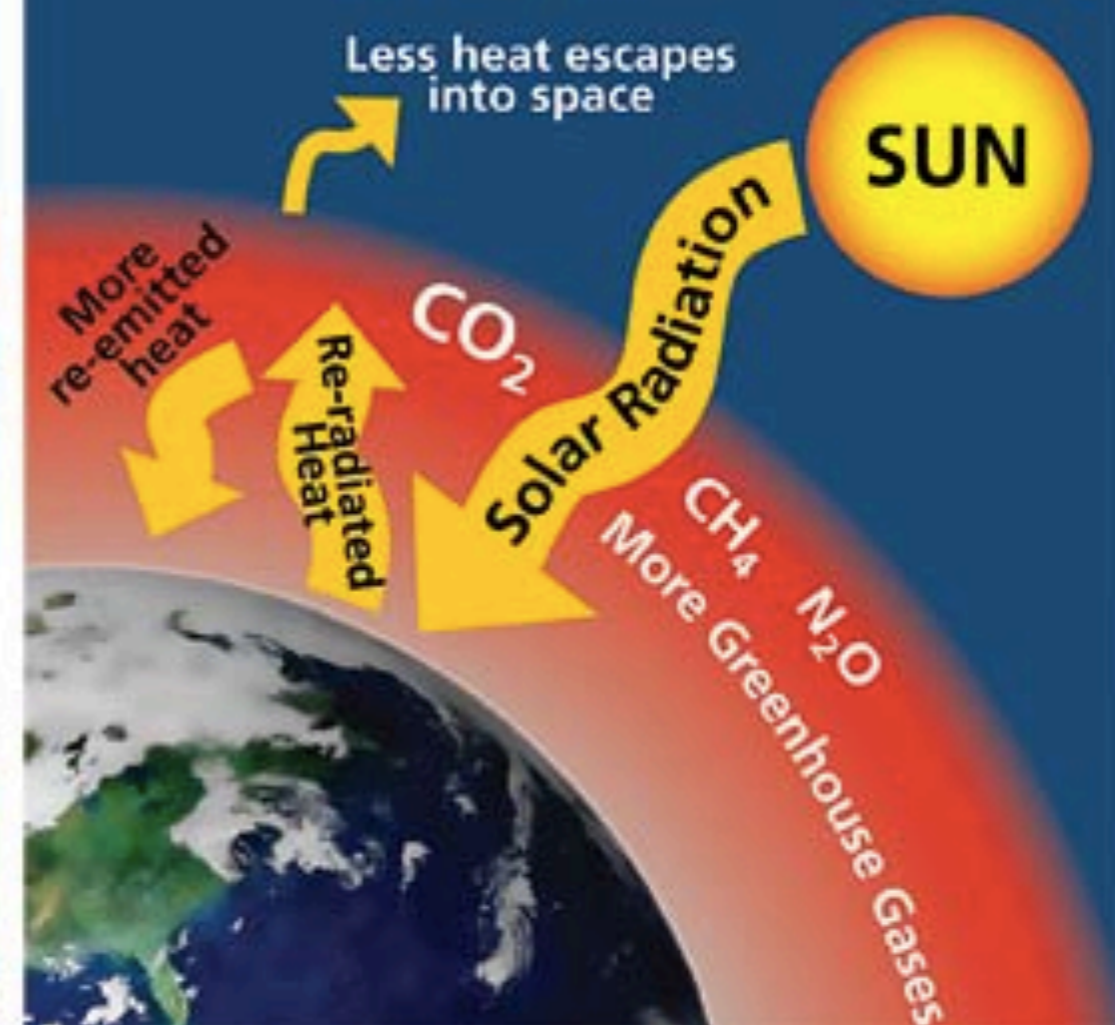
... and is converted into heat causing the emission of longwave (infrared) radiation back to the atmosphere

E A R T H

Natural Greenhouse Effect



Human Enhanced Greenhouse Effect



The Earth is habitable because of a natural greenhouse effect brought about mainly by water vapor (60%) and carbon dioxide (26%). Otherwise its average temperature would be below zero Fahrenheit. Humans are altering the composition of the atmosphere, mainly by burning fossil fuels. As a result carbon dioxide has gone up over 35% since pre-industrial times and over half of that is since 1970. This changes the greenhouse effect and traps radiation that would otherwise escape to space, producing warming. The warming is manifested in many ways, not just increasing surface temperatures, but also melting ice, and changing the hydrological cycle and thus rainfall. Since 1970 the effects are large enough to be outside the bounds of natural variability for global mean temperatures, but global warming does not mean inexorable increases in temperature year after year owing to natural variability.”

- Kevin Trenberth, head of the Climate Analysis Section at the US National Center for Atmospheric Research

What is the evidence for human caused climate change?

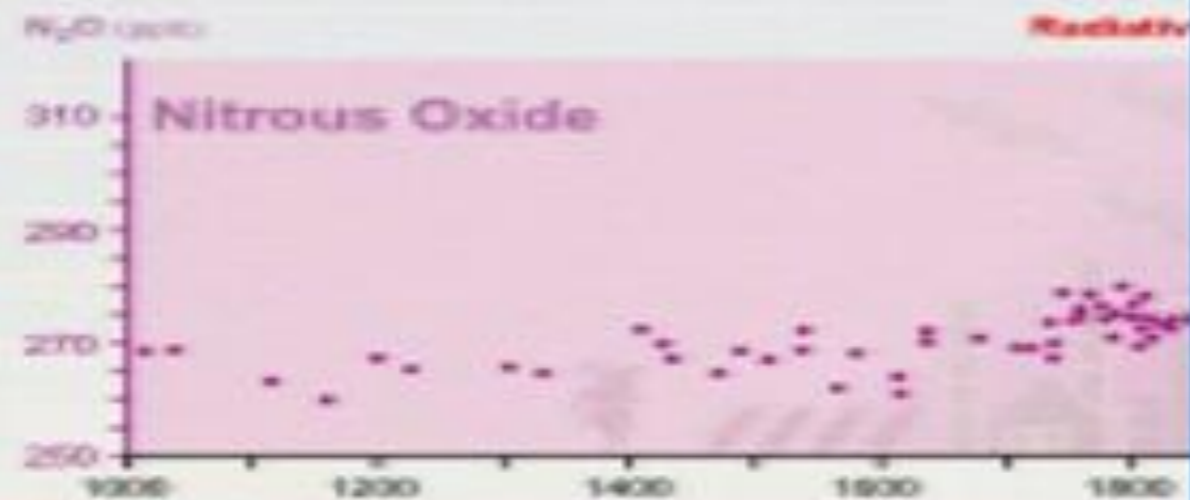
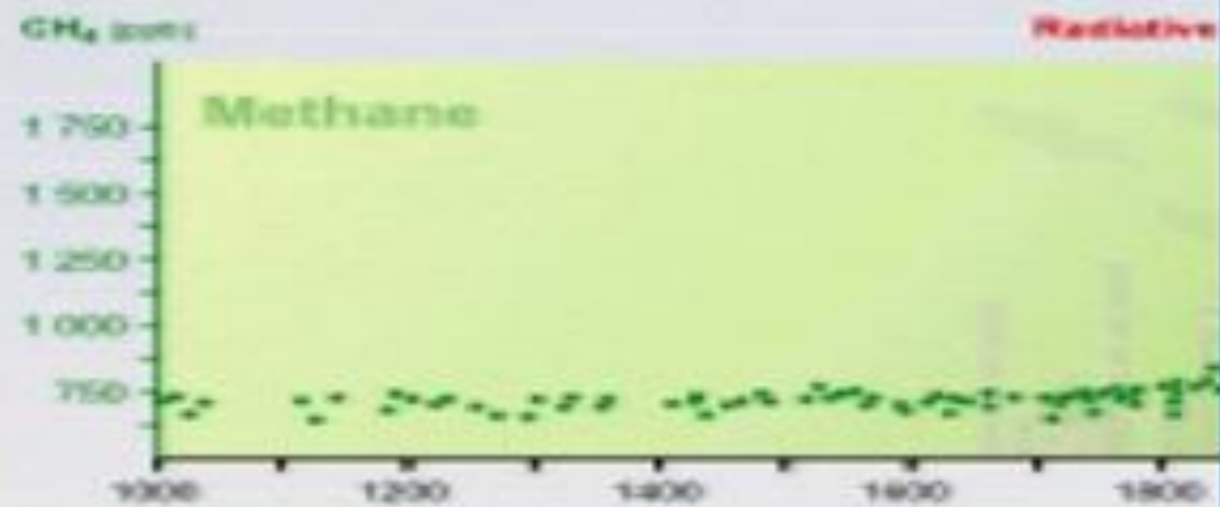
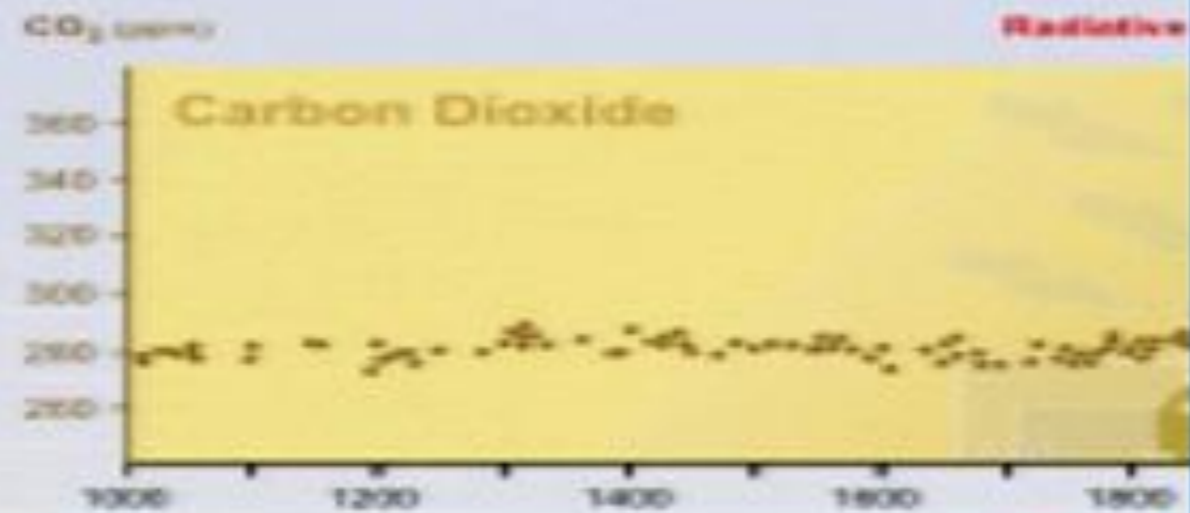
- Direct measurement of changes in atmospheric composition
- Direct measurement of temperatures
- Direct measurement of precipitation and other climate indicators
- Direct measurement of shifts in species
- Paleoclimate records
- Climate model verification
- Testing models with other planet climates

What human activities are affecting climate?

- Carbon dioxide from fossil fuels release about 6 billion tons of carbon each year to the atmosphere
- Atmospheric carbon dioxide concentrations have increased by nearly 32%
- Methane from agriculture, livestock, landfills and industry have increased by 133%
- Nitrous oxide from agriculture and industry has increased by 15%
- Change in land use and land cover release 1 billion tons of carbon plus other gases

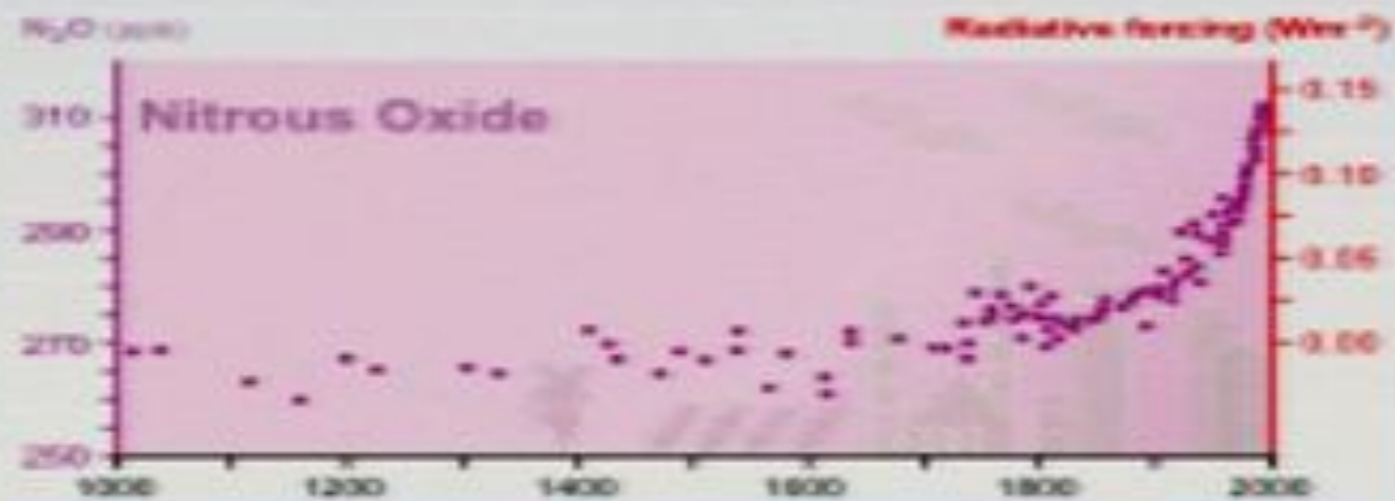
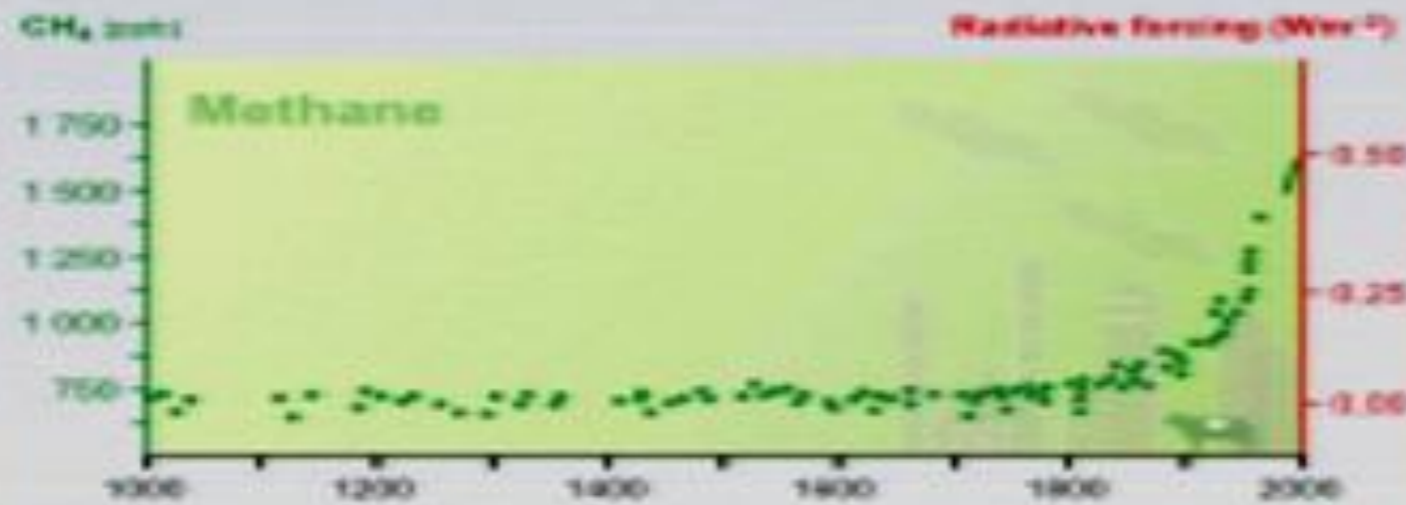
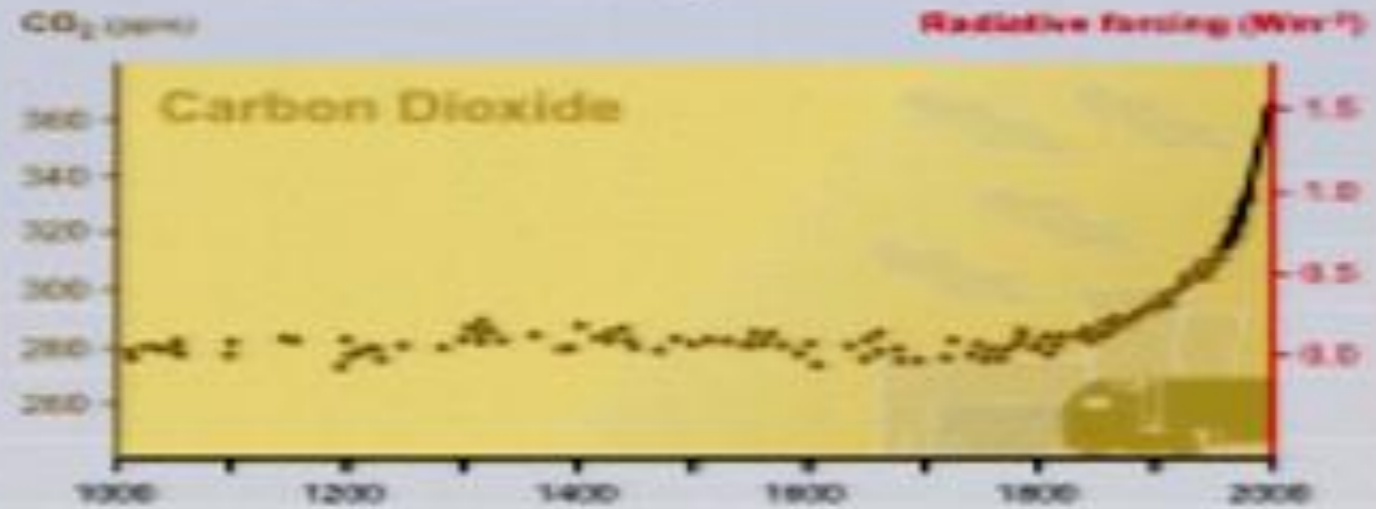
Indicators of the human influence on the atmosphere during the industrial revolution

Global atmospheric concentrations of three well-mixed greenhouse gases



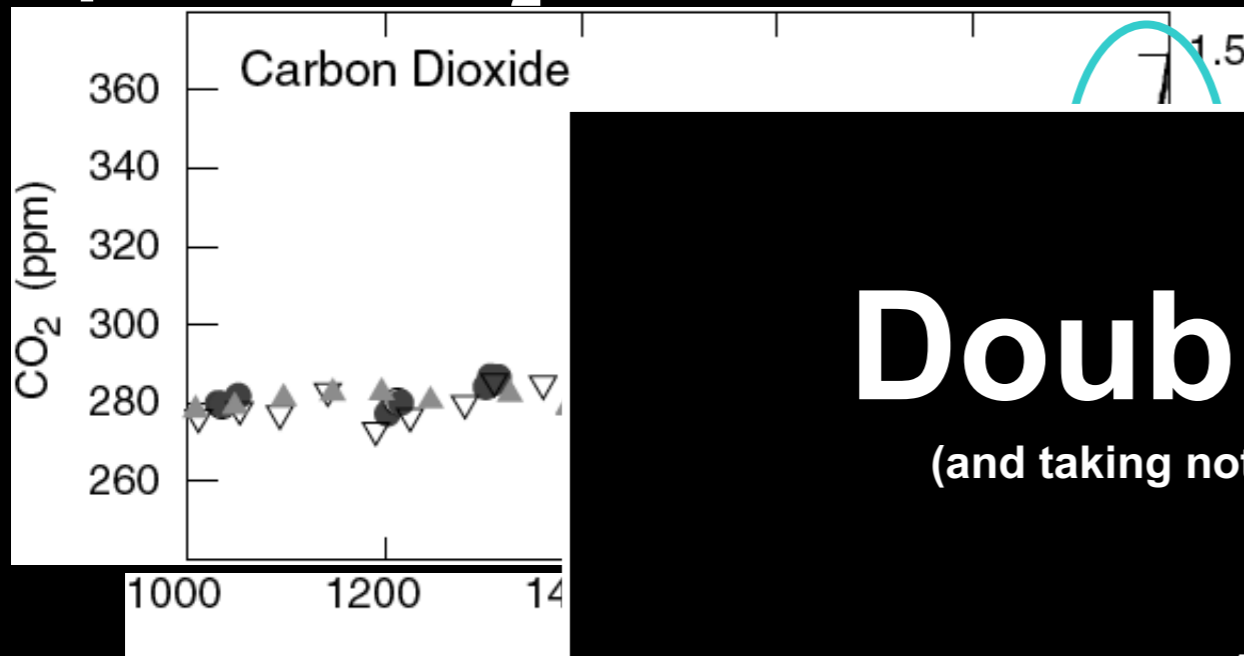
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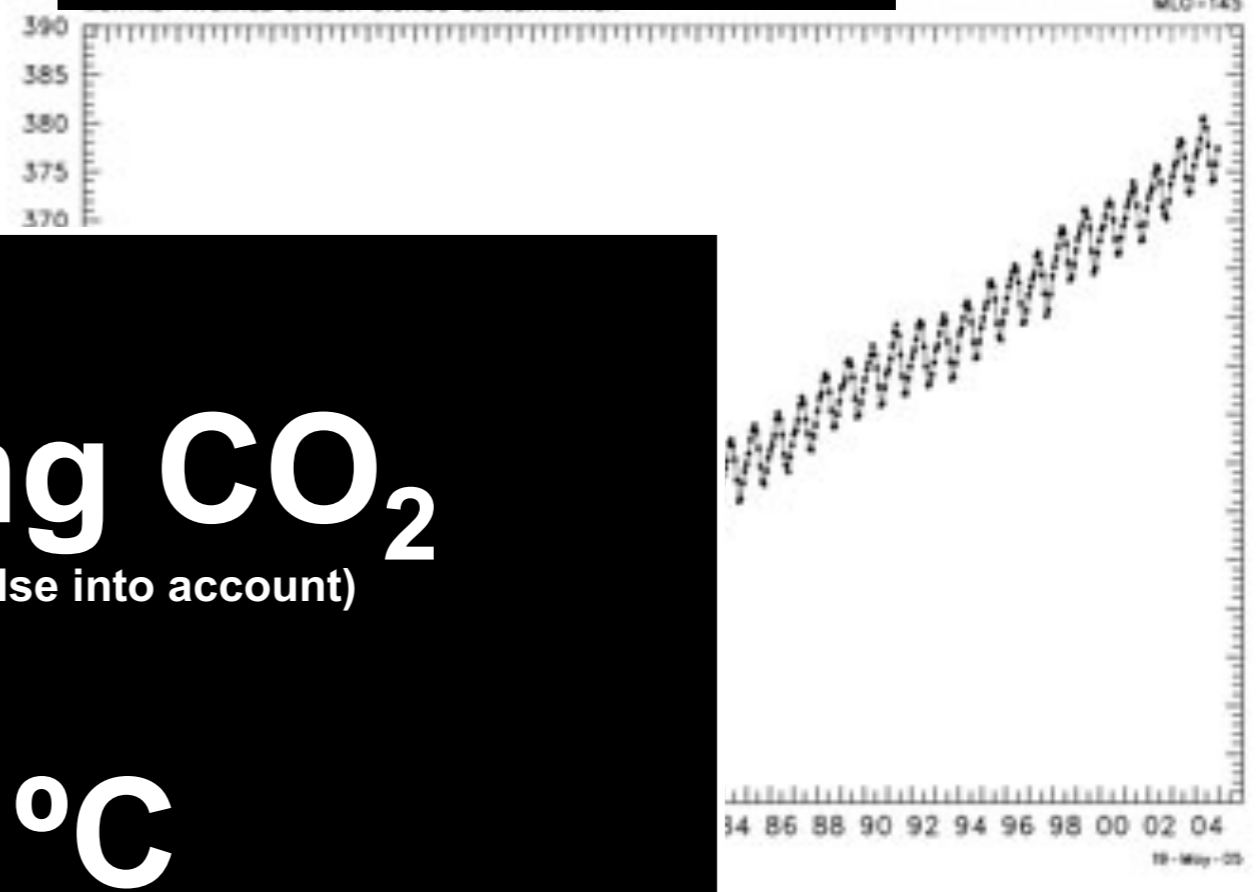


Carbon Dioxide Basics

Atmospheric CO₂ concentrations:



(Mauna Loa Observatory, 1958-2004)



Doubling CO₂

(and taking nothing else into account)

+1.1°C

(annual average global surface temperature)

Useful Numbers:

- Preindustrial atmospheric CO₂: ~ 280 ppm
- Current atmospheric CO₂: ~ 390 ppm (see: co2now.org)
- Fossil CO₂ emissions: ~ 7.2 GtC/yr
- CO₂ sinks: ~3 GtC/yr (depends on year)
- Conversions: 1 ton C ~ 3.7 ton CO₂
- 2.1 GtC ~ 1 ppm CO₂ (in atmos.)
- Average CO₂ lifetime (in atmos.): 5-200+ years

- Fossil fuel use (coal, oil, gas)
- Land use changes (deforestation / forest fires)
- Cement production
- Natural sources

- Biologic utilization
- Absorption by seawater
- Weathering

Links:



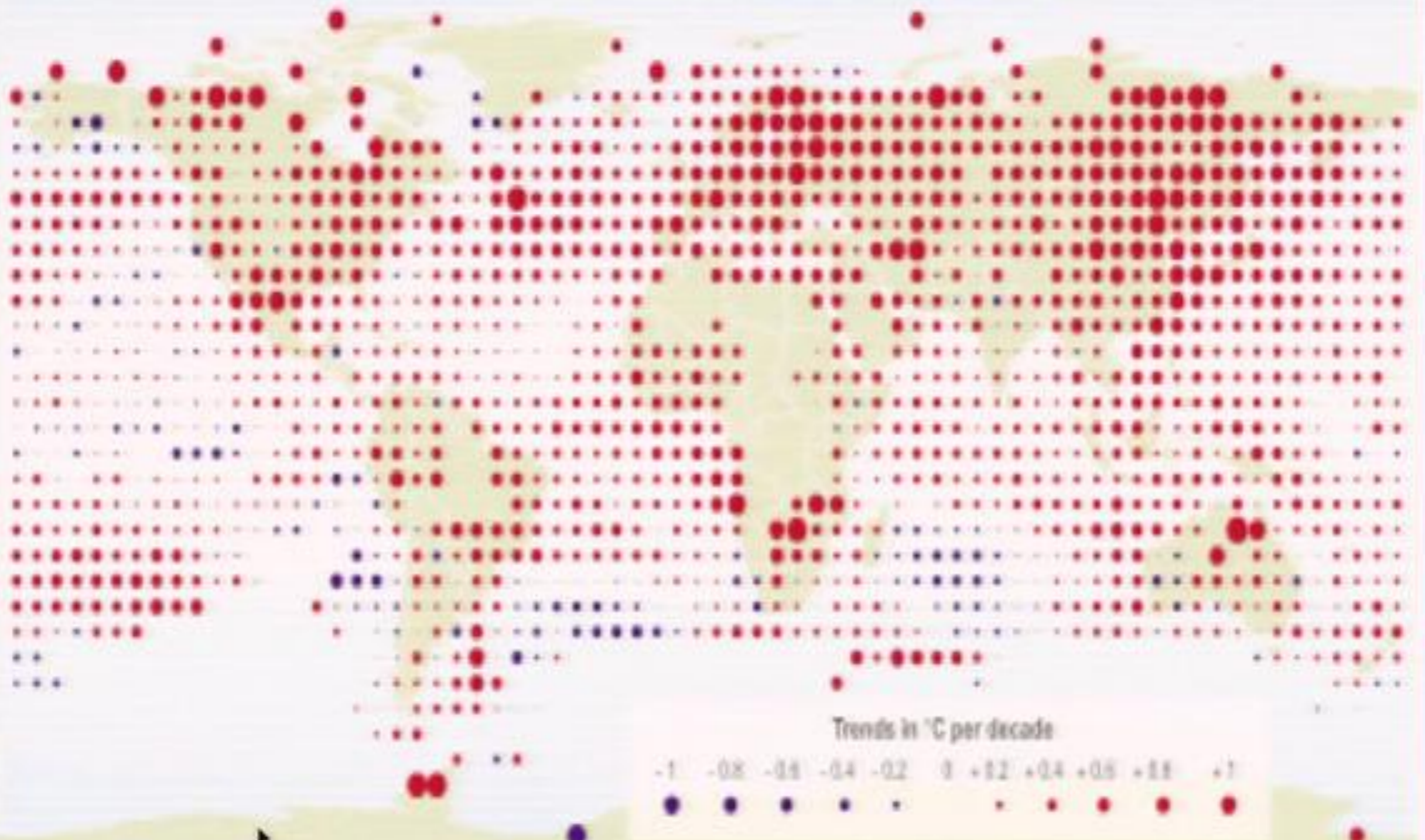
Ten Indicators of a Warming World



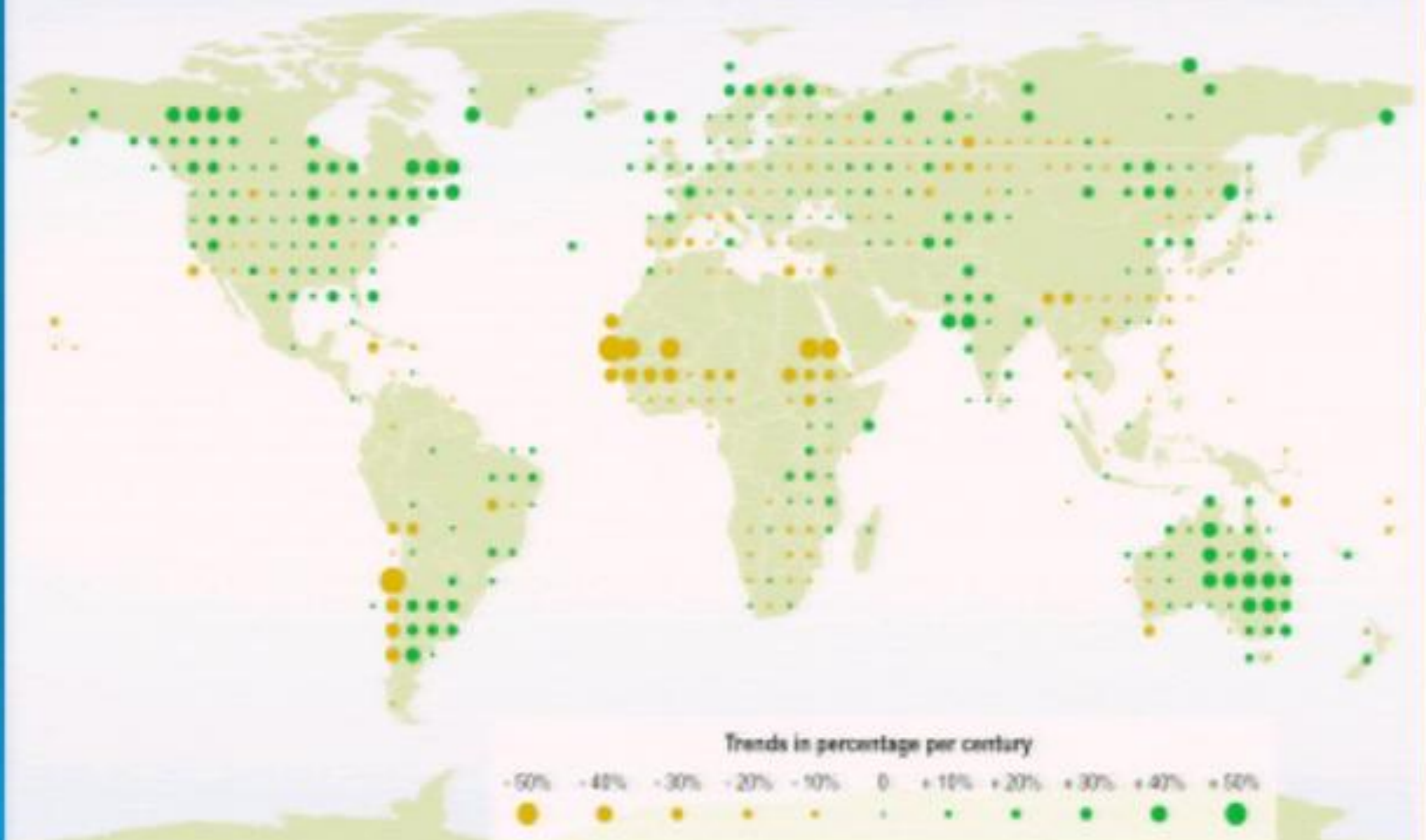
Seven of these indicators would be expected to increase in a warming world and observations show that they are, in fact, increasing. Three would be expected to decrease and they are, in fact, decreasing.

Ten indicators with increasing or decreasing values that demonstrate that the planet is warming. Credit: NOAA

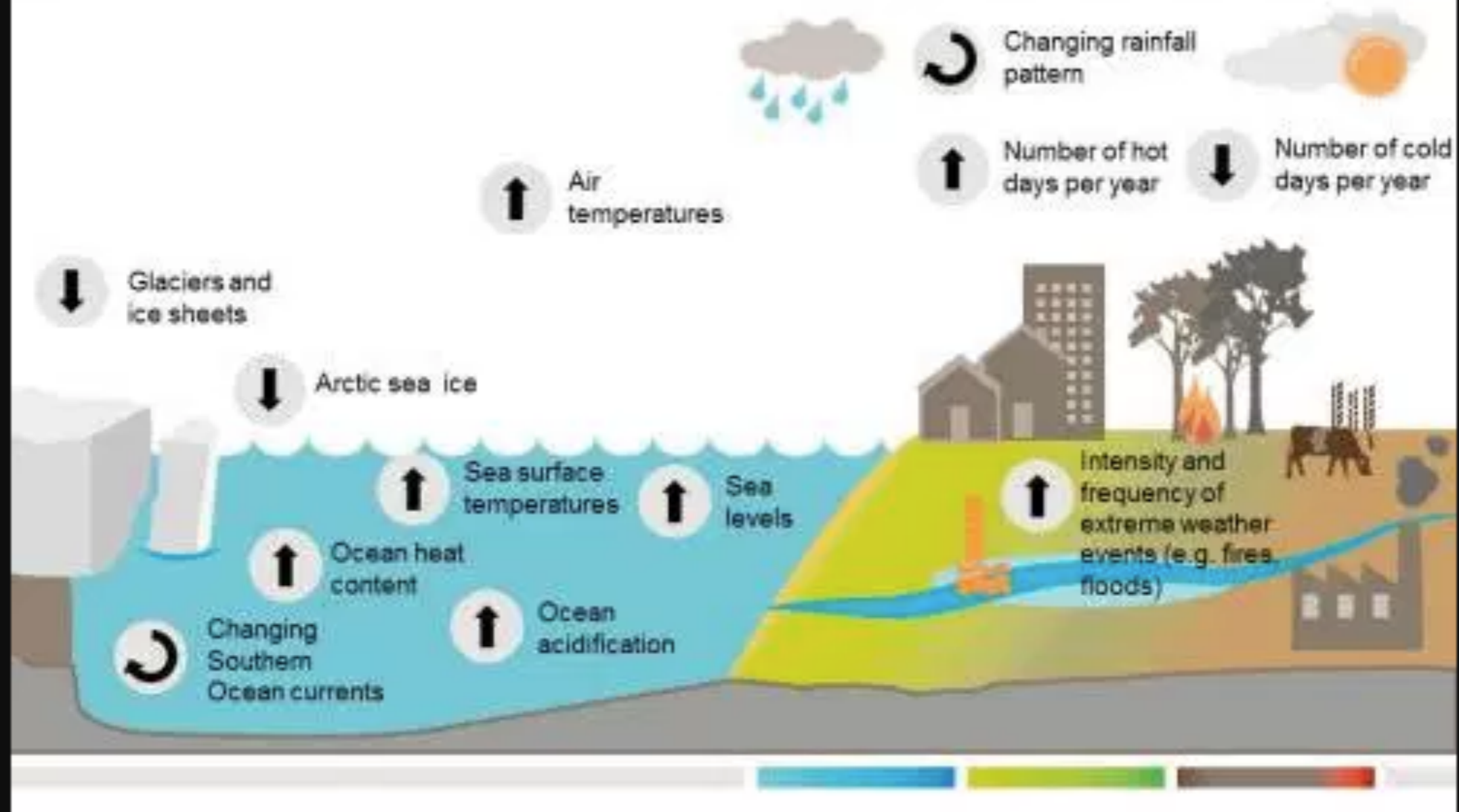
Annual temperature trends: 1976 to 2000



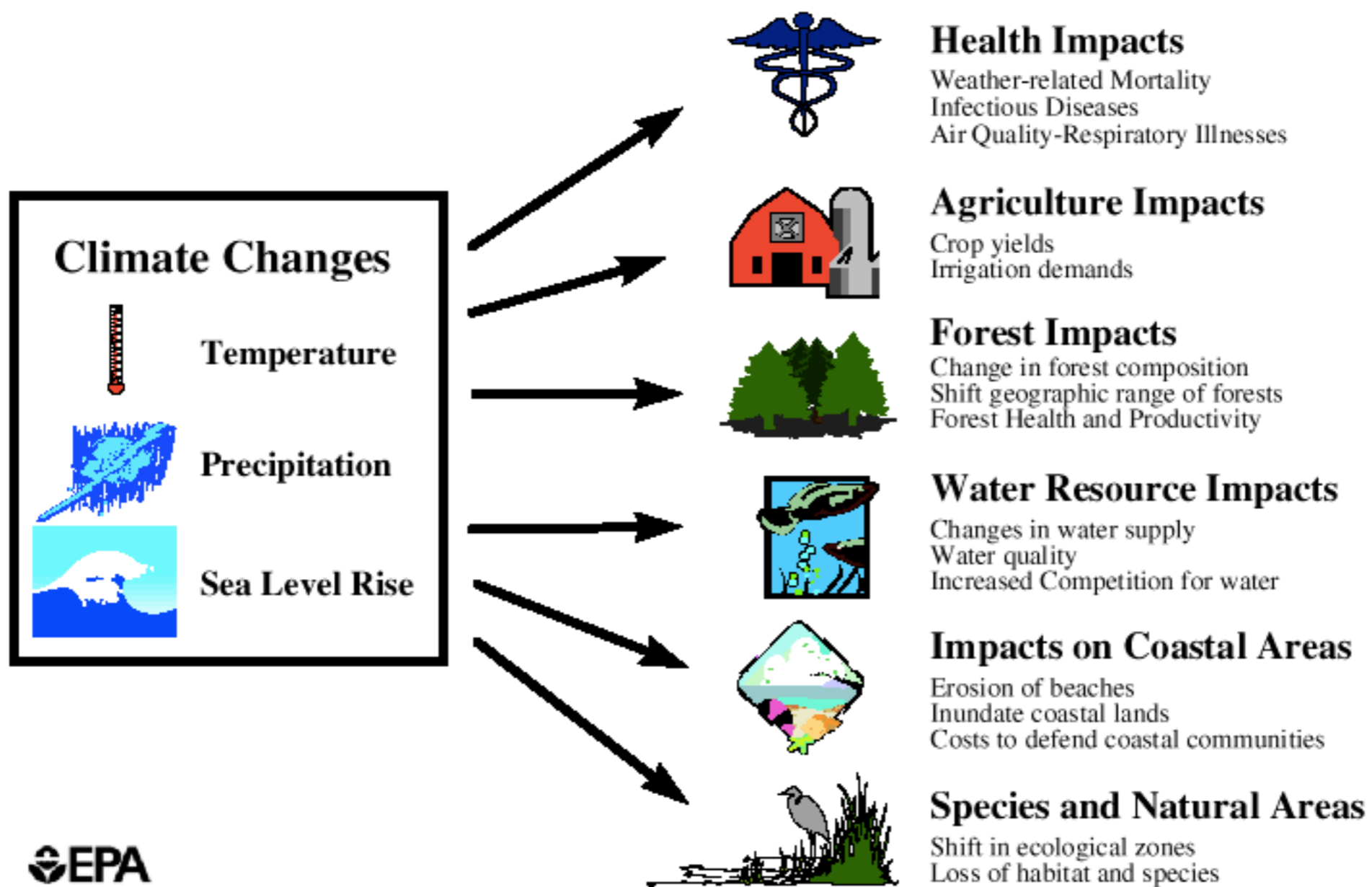
Annual precipitation trends: 1900 to 2000



There are multiple lines of evidence that show the climate system is changing



Potential Climate Change Impacts





<https://climate.nasa.gov/evidence/>

Global temperature rise



The planet's average surface temperature has risen about 2.0 degrees Fahrenheit (1.1 degrees Celsius) since the late 19th century, a change driven largely by increased carbon dioxide and other human-made emissions into the atmosphere.⁵ Most of the warming occurred in the past 35 years, with 16 of the 17 warmest years on record occurring since 2001. Not only was 2016 the warmest year on record, but eight of the 12 months that make up the year — from January through September, with the exception of June — were the warmest on record for those respective months.⁶

Warming oceans



The oceans have absorbed much of this increased heat, with the top 700 meters (about 2,300 feet) of ocean showing warming of 0.302 degrees Fahrenheit since 1969.⁷

Shrinking ice sheets



The Greenland and Antarctic ice sheets have decreased in mass. Data from NASA's Gravity Recovery and Climate Experiment show Greenland lost 150 to 250 cubic kilometers (36 to 60 cubic miles) of ice per year between 2002 and 2006, while Antarctica lost about 152 cubic kilometers (36 cubic miles) of ice between 2002 and 2005.

Image: Flowing meltwater from the Greenland ice sheet

Decreased snow cover



Satellite observations reveal that the amount of spring snow cover in the Northern Hemisphere has decreased over the past five decades and that the snow is melting earlier.¹⁵

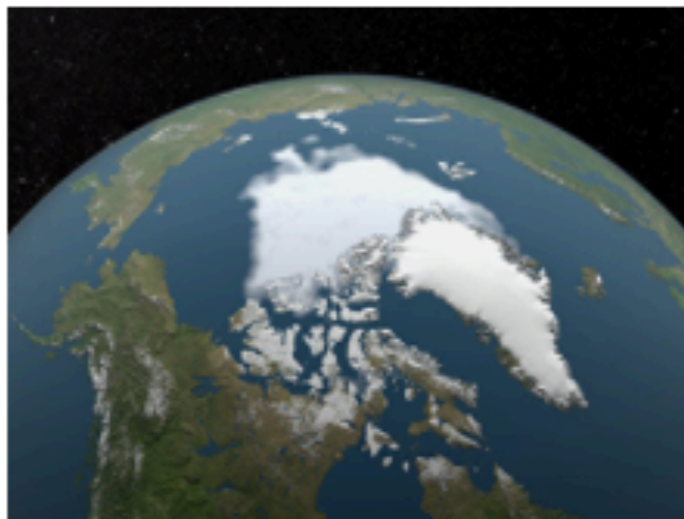
Sea level rise



Global sea level rose about 8 inches in the last century. The rate in the last two decades, however, is nearly double that of the last century.⁴

Image: Republic of Maldives: Vulnerable to sea level rise

Declining Arctic sea ice



Both the extent and thickness of Arctic sea ice has declined rapidly over the last several decades.⁸

Image: Visualization of the 2012 Arctic sea ice minimum, the lowest on record

Extreme events



The number of record high temperature events in the United States has been increasing, while the number of record low temperature events has been decreasing, since 1950. The U.S. has also witnessed increasing numbers of intense rainfall events.¹⁰

Ocean acidification



Since the beginning of the Industrial Revolution, the acidity of surface ocean waters has increased by about 30 percent.^{11, 12} This increase is the result of humans emitting more carbon dioxide into the atmosphere and hence more being absorbed into the oceans. The amount of carbon dioxide absorbed by the upper layer of the oceans is increasing by about 2 billion tons per year.^{13, 14}