

Bring on the Apocalypse - 6 Arguments for Global Justice by George Monbiot.  
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George Monbiot is one of the Guardian's most provocative, thoughtful and passionate columnists, and Bring on the Apocalypse is a wonderful collection of his best articles of the last few years.

Bring on the Apocalypse is divided into six sections, hence the 6 Arguments, entitled Arguments with God, Arguments with Nature, Arguments with War, Arguments with Power, Arguments with Money and Arguments with Culture. Each section is replete with some delicious pot shots at Monbiot's favourite targets, and also with examples of Monbiot's eloquence, intellectual breadth and common sense as he addresses subjects that move or concern him. There is also much humour scattered through the chosen pieces as well as some memorable one liners. In spite of the title there are more than a few flashes of hope and optimism, and no one should be put off by it or assume that they will be depressed once they have finished reading.

In a collection such as this it is always hard to single out any items for especial mention, but my subjective choice rates A Life with No Purpose, Giving Up on Two Degrees, The Moral Myth, a Bully in Ermine and Driven out of Eden as examples of George Monbiot at his very best.

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