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Alex Epstein is the author of the *New York Times* best-selling book, *The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels*, and an expert on energy and industrial policy. Called the “most original thinker of the year” by political commentator, John McLaughlin, he champions the use of fossil fuels like coal, oil, and natural gas and has changed the way thousands of people think about energy. He has risen to prominence as the nation’s leading free-market energy debater, promoting a philosophy that is “antipollution but pro-development.” He believes that fossil fuels are about maximizing human progress and improving people’s lives, and he challenges many popularly held ideas about energy, industry, and the environment, including the big picture benefits (and costs) of fossil fuels and nuclear power.

Epstein draws on cutting-edge research and original insights to offer an alternate perspective on the energy debate and shares eye-opening thoughts into how fossil fuels and technology will improve the lives of people—safely, cleanly, and effectively—for years to come.

The Moral Case for Fossil Fuels. In his best-selling book, Epstein argues that fossil fuels, despite popular perception, have improved every measure of human well-being, from life expectancy to clean water. Believing that the public only hears one side of the story, he discusses how we are programmed to only concentrate on the risks and side effects of fossil fuels rather than their unique ability to provide cheap, reliable energy to a world of seven billion people, most of who are in developing countries and have no access to alternatives.

An Energy Thought Leader. Epstein has written articles for the *Wall Street Journal*, *Forbes*, *Investor’s Business Daily*, the *Washington Times*, the *San Francisco Chronicle*, *Detroit Free Press*, *Houston Chronicle*, *Chicago Sun-Times*, and dozens of other prominent publications. His work has also been featured in *Rolling Stone*, the *Daily Caller*, *Al Jazeera*, *Press-Enterprise*, *National Review*, and *Oil and Gas Journal*, and his views on philosophy, business, and energy have also been featured in 10 books, including *Why Businessmen Need Philosophy*.

Epstein is the president and founder of the Center for Industrial Progress, a for-profit think tank that aims to “inspire Americans to embrace industrial progress as a cultural ideal.” He is also a principal blogger for *MasterResource*, the leading free-market energy blog, and he hosts a monthly podcast called, *Power Hour*, that highlights discussions with the nation’s leading energy thinkers.