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From <http://oceanservice.noaa.gov/facts/endangered.html>:

NOAA scientists use the best scientific and commercial information available as the basis for their listing decisions. Scientists may not consider the economic impact of listing a particular species. A species must be listed if it is threatened or endangered due to any of the following five factors:

1. Present or threatened destruction, modification, or curtailment of its habitat or range;
2. Overutilization for commercial, recreational, scientific, or educational purposes;
3. Disease or predation;
4. Inadequacy of existing regulatory mechanisms; and
5. Other natural or human-made factors affecting its continued existence.

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The earth (read: modern civ) is endangered, on the verge of collapsing under hubris, which is much heavier than it sounds—don't be fooled by that *h*—heavier than any debris flow, deadlier than a mudslide, swift as a landslide, gentle as a bear cub until the mother arrives.

You might be interested to know that the Fat Man and the Little Boy weren't all that exploded in the mid-forties. Since then hubris has gone big time. If words were stock, and you'd invested in "hubris," well, imagine buying Coca-Cola or Facebook stock well before any splits.

As it looks, only frogs and slugs will be around to collect the dividends.