As a Buddhist monk or nun, you have been specifically asked by the Secretary General of the United Nations to join a special committee and assist the UN in forming a “Declaration of War on Global Warming.” Specifically, the UN wants your views as a Buddhist on “how to address and solve the catastrophic consequences of global warming.” As you develop your thoughts, consider the following:

1. Why would you agree to assist?

2. Is there a better way to re-phrase the key issue or issues that underlies what the UN is really asking you to address? If so, how would you re-phrase the issue(s), and why?

3. What are the causes of the issue(s) you are addressing?

4. What are the solutions to the issue(s) you are addressing?

5. What are some of the implications of those solutions on the ways human societies engage one another and the environment, and how they would have to change?

6. And what are some of the implications of those solutions on your own personal journey to Nirvana/Sunyata?

7. And someone on your committee asks you, what is the meaning Nirvana/Sunyata? And you respond by saying . . . . .

Make you case as compelling as possible, utilizing any and all devises are your disposal.