

Interesante e importante documental de la BBC, de una serie de nueve que pasan todos los sábados a la hora en que se indica en el link de abajo y se sucederán hasta el 19 de Diciembre coincidiendo con la cumbre de Copenhague. Este, el 4º, esta dedicado a Lima y la calidad de ciudad seca por la carencia de las fuentes de agua de los glaciares que probablemente se desecarán en algún futuro. No se si recordarán que Lima junto con El Cairo y mas aún que estas son las dos capitales mundiales situadas en un desierto. Aunque esta en inglés, es fácil de comprender, probablemente lo pasen por Cable subtulado en algún momento, les recomiendo los demás, son muy interesantes e ilustrativos.

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#### **Director's Article: *Meltdown! Lima, Peru***

By producer/Director Amanda Burrell

I lost track of how long we trudged through the snowstorm. All I could keep count of were my footsteps, as a way of pushing myself on. Every time I reached 100 I allowed myself to look up, exposing my face to the freezing wind to see if there was any sign of our destination. But, for what seemed like hours on end, there wasn't. All I could see was a never-ending expanse of swirling white.

We were 5400 metres above sea level, on a glacier in the Peruvian Andes, heading towards a research camp where Lonnie Thompson, the world's preeminent glaciologist, and his team were drilling into the ice core. Lonnie's discovered that glaciers are melting at a rate which was previously inconceivable. As they disappear they will take most of the world's fresh water supply with them.

Hard to imagine an ice-free world when you are traversing a glacier. Sometimes the only

thing that kept my legs moving was the rope attaching me to the mountain guide, Americo. He walked ahead, prodding the snow with an axe. Often it would give way to reveal a deep crevasse. The more regular appearance of new ones is an ominous sign of global warming. I felt so insignificant and small up on that massive glacier. But now, it too is helpless in the face of climate change. Up on it, there were times when I felt as if we were literally on top of the world. But with every crevasse that Americo uncovered I was reminded of how fragile things are and how quickly we could fall to the bottom.