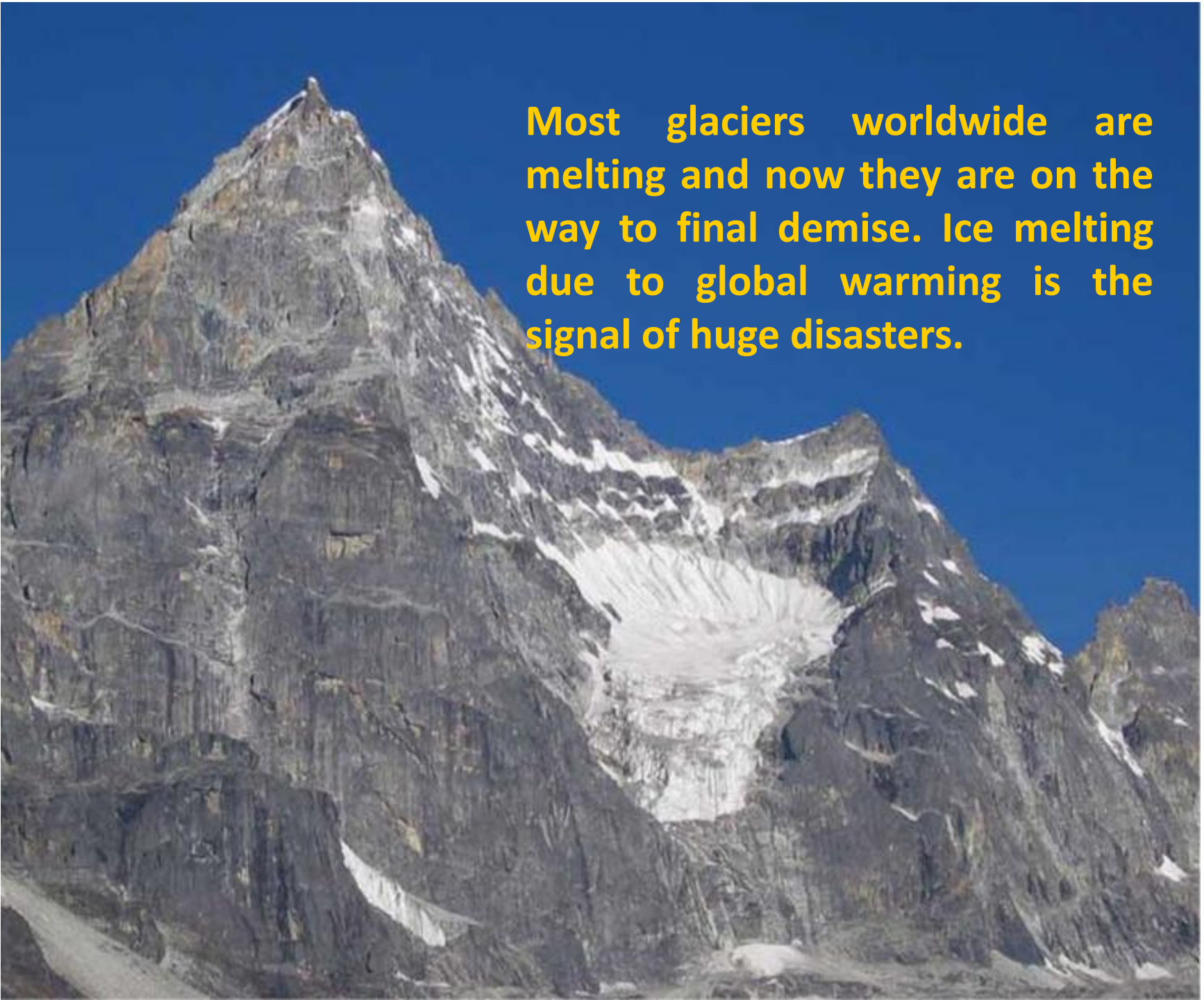
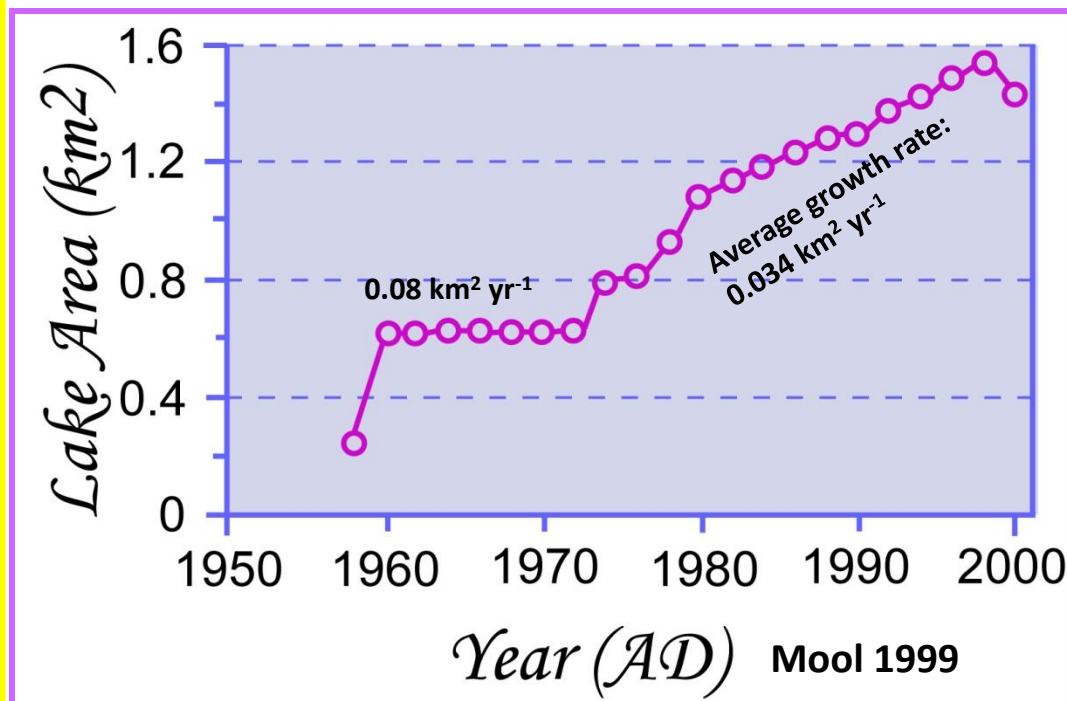


Most glaciers worldwide are melting and now they are on the way to final demise. Ice melting due to global warming is the signal of huge disasters.



Increase of Tso Rolpa Glacial Lake





Fifty years ago, Schneider's photo of the Khumbu Valley in Nepal, taken on an expedition that lasted from 1956 to 1961, shows Taboche peak (over 6,500 m) in the centre, with the path to Everest base camp running up the valley to the right. Three years before, mountain geographer Alton Byers, of the conservation group the Mountain Institute in Washington DC, photographed the same view. His images have captured the effect of climate change on the region, showing how glaciers that were nestled below the summit and below the ridge lines have shrunk.



MAGIC HIGHWAY: These ice towers on the Rongbuk Glacier on the north side of Mount Everest were twice as big 20 years ago.