

13:35:10 From Dave Dougherty CACOR to Everyone:
I call this future The Pyrocene Epoch.

13:56:22 From Mike Nickerson to Everyone:

Given that people's attention spans have been getting shorter and shorter; How, in the fewest words you can manage, would you describe the nature of today's problems and the direction in which relief might be found?

13:56:58 From David Pollock to Everyone:

Religions and belief systems tend to be impermeable to challenge from outsiders. I am curious Ruben what evidence would you need to have presented to you; to help you change your mind or acknowledge you might be wrong about the hypotheses presented here?

14:04:52 From Dave Dougherty CACOR to Everyone:

Q: Do you think that the current crisis continues to evolve into previously unknown phenomena that make it fundamentally unresolvable except by ceasing to do many modern activities?

14:05:05 From Raymond Leury to Everyone:

I decided many years ago that I need to focus on carbon emissions as I'm only one person, there is only 24 hours per day, and I'm limited to my knowledge and skillset. The other reason is that I see climate change as being the most immediate and urgent issue to address. Within the context of my personal limitations, do you think I should focus on something else?

14:25:20 From Jeff Passmore to Everyone:

In the 1970s and in my 6th year in University, I took a wonderful course in General Semantics. We discussed questions such as 'does language determine thought, or does thought determine language?' (likely some of both) and observed that 'what is going on' needs to, if not overlap, at least intersect with 'what it means to humans' or we are in for a rough ride. One book - perhaps a little dated now but still insightful in parts was: 'Breeds of Men: Toward the Adulthood of Humankind.' <https://archive.org/details/breedsofmentowar0000bois>

14:39:52 From David Harries Canada to Everyone:

In my experience and knowing, a complex problem subject to changing context does not have a SOLUTION, but, at best, offers the potential for progress before context has changed the problem so much, it has become 'another'.

14:44:27 From David Harries Canada to Everyone:

And - since I sent before I wanted to - the interconnectedness of big problems means that even only progress can cause untended change in another (other) problem(s)

14:47:09 From jon legg to Everyone:

Q: It's not enough, in my view, to understand the problem(s), which in any case you seem to say that we cannot really understand what is happening. What do you think of the following view? The problem is really a process, and the process is our civilization is going against the Club

of Rome's "golden rule", which is that we should not increase our demands on a non-growing planet. We ARE doing this, and we will suffer more and more because of it.

15:02:30 From Rick Carpenter to Everyone:

Q Can a "form of civilization" understand the problem which it is? You have personally experienced that an individual human can. But to suggest that there is potential for a "form of civilization" to do so this is difficult for me to understand/belief. Are you confident that a kind of conscious civilizational transformation is possible?