

What Prospects for Spaceship Earth in the Anthropocene?

GREAT DISRUPTION or GREAT TRANSITION or COLLAPSE

1. Earth is **finite spaceship** ó highly complex life systems after 3.8 billion years and humans depend on the **life support systems** of the Earth
2. Humans have created a new geological age (**The Anthropocene**) by building a **Machine World** fuelled by fossil energy and financial debt
3. We must now grow our economy (take-make-use-dump) at **3% per year** to pay off these debts (result: rapid growth of wealth, technology, people)
4. The rapid growth of economies and technology is **exponential** (rapid doubling) but they make **large accelerating impact** on the Natural World
5. Exponential growth of population, wealth (good & services + debt) has **exceeded the carrying capacity** of the Earth (**Ecological Footprint**)
6. **Great Acceleration** since 1950s now entering **Great Disruption** to climate, habitat, soils, other species, oceans, ice, sea level)
7. Alternative to Great Disruption is **Great Transition** but few signs as many hockey stick exponential growth of **symptoms of collapse**
8. The cause of collapse (**'elephant in the room'**) is debt-based, profit seeking **deregulated corporate consumer capitalism**
9. Leaders and followers (consumers) **addicted to growth** (take-dump), low taxes, concentration of wealth.
10. The GDP '**growth is good story**' & **Machine World myths** by the media, advertising, schooling, e.g. "**The American Dream**"
11. **The 'Double Bind' (wicked predicament)** now results from overshoot and scale & speed of existential threats
12. The Machine World ðelephantø (global corporate consumer capitalism) is **too big & fast to stop** from wrecking Spaceship Earth

What to do for Transition in the face of Disruption & Collapse?

LEARN – SHARE – ACT (The Spaceship & Cosmonaut Story)

1. **Focus on what you can change**, accept what you cannot.
2. **Barriers** to effective action (**local vs. global; human agency vs. structures** of politics, economy, society, culture, psychology)
3. Prepare for the Great Disruption (**personal resilience**) while joining a mass movement for a Great Transition (**collective action**) ðBrave sardineö ó GP, 350.org, XR, etc.
4. Leave a **legacy for post-collapse** survivors (skills, tools, knowledge)
5. **Examples: personal** (learn, share, act) & **collective** (projects, activism)

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