

The Ascent Of Humanity Civilization And The Human

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IT WILL NOT BOW TO MANY EPOCH AS WE ACCUSTOM BEFORE. YOU CAN GET IT EVEN IF ACQUIT YOURSELF SOMETHING ELSE AT HOME AND EVEN IN YOUR WORKPLACE. THUS EASY! So, ARE YOU QUESTION? JUST EXERCISE JUST WHAT WE OFFER UNDER AS SKILLFULLY AS EVALUATION **THE ASCENT OF HUMANITY CIVILIZATION AND THE HUMAN** WHAT YOU LATER THAN TO READ!

THE FUTURE IS BEAUTIFUL AMISHA GHADIALI 2016-08-01 "IMAGINATION IS THE MOST PRECIOUS CURRENCY WE HAVE. THIS ANTHOLOGY IS A PRICELESS, AWE-INSPIRING COMPANION IN A TIME FOR NEW DREAMS." HOW WILL YOU CREATE BEAUTY IN THE WORLD? EVERY ONE OF US HAS IDEAS AND PERSONAL EXPERIENCES TO SHARE THAT CAN LEAD US TO A BRIGHTER FUTURE. IN THE PAGES OF THIS BOOK, OVER TWO HUNDRED PEOPLE REVEAL THEIR VISION OF THE WORLD THEY WANT TO LIVE IN AND THE WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN THINK, ACT AND VOTE TO CREATE IT. BEAUTIFULLY ILLUSTRATED, THIS IS A PERSONAL, POLITICAL EXPLORATION OF WHAT WE VALUE, AND HOW WE CAN LIVE THESE VALUES OUR DAILY LIFE. THIS BOOK IS AN INVITATION TO YOU, WHEREVER YOU ARE IN THE WORLD, TO IMAGINE THE FUTURE OF YOUR CHOICE AND INSPIRE US TO BUILD IT WITH YOU. OUR GLOBAL FUTURE IS CREATED BY ALL OF US, TOGETHER. THE FUTURE IS BEAUTIFUL IS THE START OF A NEW CONVERSATION FOR MAKING THAT HAPPEN. LET YOUR IMAGINATION RUN WILD. WE ARE THE FUTURE.

COLLAPSE JARED DIAMOND 2013-03-21 FROM THE AUTHOR OF GUNS, GERMS AND STEEL, JARED DIAMOND'S COLLAPSE: HOW SOCIETIES CHOOSE TO FAIL OR SURVIVE IS A VISIONARY STUDY OF THE MYSTERIOUS DOWNFALL OF PAST CIVILIZATIONS. NOW IN A REVISED EDITION WITH A NEW AFTERWORD, JARED DIAMOND'S COLLAPSE UNCOVERS THE SECRET BEHIND WHY SOME SOCIETIES FLOURISH, WHILE OTHERS FOUNDER - AND WHAT THIS MEANS FOR OUR FUTURE. WHAT HAPPENED TO THE PEOPLE WHO MADE THE FORLORN LONG-ABANDONED STATUES OF EASTER ISLAND? WHAT HAPPENED TO THE ARCHITECTS OF THE CRUMBLING MAYA PYRAMIDS? WILL WE GO THE SAME WAY, OUR SKYSCRAPERS ONE DAY STANDING DERELICT AND OVERGROWN LIKE THE TEMPLES AT ANGKOR WAT? BRINGING TOGETHER NEW EVIDENCE FROM A STARTLING RANGE OF SOURCES AND PIECING TOGETHER THE MYRIAD INFLUENCES, FROM CLIMATE TO CULTURE, THAT MAKE SOCIETIES SELF-DESTRUCT, JARED DIAMOND'S COLLAPSE ALSO SHOWS HOW - UNLIKE OUR ANCESTORS - WE CAN BENEFIT FROM OUR KNOWLEDGE OF THE PAST AND LEARN TO BE SURVIVORS. 'A GRAND SWEEP FROM A MASTER STORYTELLER OF THE HUMAN RACE' - DAILY MAIL 'RIVETING, SUPERB, TERRIFYING' - OBSERVER 'GRIPPING ... THE BOOK FULFILLS ITS HUGE AMBITION, AND DIAMOND IS THE ONLY MAN WHO COULD HAVE WRITTEN IT' - ECONOMIS 'THIS BOOK SHINES LIKE ALL DIAMOND'S WORK' - SUNDAY TIMES

THE SELFISH APE NICHOLAS P. MONEY 2019-08-15 WEAVING TOGETHER STORIES OF SCIENCE AND SOCIOLOGY, THE SELFISH APE OFFERS A REFRESHING RESPONSE TO COMMON FANTASIES ABOUT THE ASCENT OF HUMANITY. RATHER THAN IMAGINING MODERN HUMANS AS A SPECIES WITH GODLIKE POWERS, OR HOMO DEUS, NICHOLAS P. MONEY RECASTS US AS HOMO NARCISSUS—PARAGONS OF SELF-ABSORPTION. THIS EXHILARATING STORY OFFERS AN IMMENSE SWEEP OF MODERN BIOLOGY, LEADING READERS FROM EARTH'S UNEXCEPTIONAL LOCATION IN THE COSMOS TO THE STORY OF OUR MICROBIAL ORIGINS AND THE INNERWORKINGS OF THE HUMAN BODY. IT EXPLORES HUMAN GENETICS, REPRODUCTION, BRAIN FUNCTION, AND AGING, CREATING AN ENLIGHTENED VIEW OF MAN AS A BRILLIANTLY INVENTIVE, YET SELF-DESTRUCTIVE ANIMAL. THE SELFISH APE IS A BOOK ABOUT HUMAN BIOLOGY, THE INTERTWINED CHARACTERISTICS OF OUR GREATNESS AND FAILURE, AND THE WAY THAT WE HAVE PLUNDERED THE BIOSPHERE. WRITTEN IN A HIGHLY ACCESSIBLE STYLE, IT IS A PERFECT READ FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN SCIENCE, HUMAN HISTORY, SOCIOLOGY, AND THE ENVIRONMENT.

EVOLVING OURSELVES JUAN ENRIQUEZ 2016-11-15 AN EYE-OPENING, MIND-BENDING EXPLORATION OF HOW MANKIND IS RESHAPING ITS GENETIC FUTURE, BASED ON THE VIRAL TED TALK SERIES "WILL OUR KIDS BE A DIFFERENT SPECIES?" AND "THE NEXT SPECIES

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OF HUMAN.” ARE YOU WILLING TO ENGINEER THE DNA OF YOUR UNBORN CHILDREN AND GRAND-CHILDREN TO BE HEALTHIER? BETTER LOOKING? MORE INTELLIGENT? WHY ARE RATES OF AUTISM, ASTHMA, AND ALLERGIES EXPLODING AT AN UNPRECEDENTED PACE? WHY ARE HUMANS LIVING LONGER AND HAVING FAR FEWER KIDS? FUTURIST JUAN ENRIQUEZ AND SCIENTIST STEVE GULLANS CONDUCT A SWEEPING TOUR OF HOW HUMANS ARE CHANGING THE COURSE OF EVOLUTION FOR ALL SPECIES—SOMETIMES INTENTIONALLY, SOMETIMES NOT. FOR EXAMPLE: • WHAT IF LIFE FORMS ARE LIMITED ONLY BY THE BOUNDS OF OUR IMAGINATION? ARE DESIGNER BABIES AND PETS, DE-EXTINCTION, EVEN ENTIRELY NEWSPECIES FAIR GAME? • AS HUMANS, ANIMALS, AND PLANTS BECOME EVER MORE RESISTANT TO DISEASE AND AGING, WHAT WILL BECOME THE LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH? • MAN-MACHINE INTERFACES MAY ALLOW HUMANS TO LIVE MUCH LONGER. WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN WE TRANSFER PARTS OF OUR “SELVES” INTO CLONES, INTO STORED CELLS AND MACHINES? THOUGH THESE HARBINGERS OF CHANGE ARE DEEPLY UNSETTLING, THE AUTHORS ARGUE WE ARE ALSO IN AN EPOCH OF TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY. FUTURE HUMANS, PERHAPS A MORE DIVERSE, RESILIENT, GENTLER, AND INTELLIGENT SPECIES, MAY BECOME BETTER CARETAKERS OF THE PLANET—BUT ONLY IF WE MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICES NOW. INTELLIGENT, PROVOCATIVE, AND OPTIMISTIC, *EVOLVING OURSELVES* IS THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO THE NEXT PHASE OF LIFE ON EARTH. CHOSEN BY NATURE MAGAZINE AS A FALL 2016 SEASON HIGHLIGHT.

Doom Niall Ferguson 2021-05-04 “ALL DISASTERS ARE IN SOME SENSE MAN-MADE.” SETTING THE ANNUS HORRIBILIS OF 2020 IN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE, NIALL FERGUSON EXPLAINS WHY WE ARE GETTING WORSE, NOT BETTER, AT HANDLING DISASTERS. DISASTERS ARE INHERENTLY HARD TO PREDICT. PANDEMICS, LIKE EARTHQUAKES, WILDFIRES, FINANCIAL CRISES. AND WARS, ARE NOT NORMALLY DISTRIBUTED; THERE IS NO CYCLE OF HISTORY TO HELP US ANTICIPATE THE NEXT CATASTROPHE. BUT WHEN DISASTER STRIKES, WE OUGHT TO BE BETTER PREPARED THAN THE ROMANS WERE WHEN VESUVIUS ERUPTED, OR MEDIEVAL ITALIANS WHEN THE BLACK DEATH STRUCK. WE HAVE SCIENCE ON OUR SIDE, AFTER ALL. YET IN 2020 THE RESPONSES OF MANY DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES, TO A NEW VIRUS FROM CHINA WERE BADLY BUNGLED. WHY? WHY DID ONLY A FEW ASIAN COUNTRIES LEARN THE RIGHT LESSONS FROM SARS AND MERS? WHILE POPULIST LEADERS CERTAINLY PERFORMED POORLY IN THE FACE OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, NIALL FERGUSON ARGUES THAT MORE PROFOUND PATHOLOGIES WERE AT WORK—PATHOLOGIES ALREADY VISIBLE IN OUR RESPONSES TO EARLIER DISASTERS. IN BOOKS GOING BACK NEARLY TWENTY YEARS, INCLUDING *COLOSSUS*, *THE GREAT DEGENERATION*, AND *THE SQUARE AND THE TOWER*, FERGUSON HAS STUDIED THE FOIBLES OF MODERN AMERICA, FROM IMPERIAL HUBRIS TO BUREAUCRATIC SCLEROSIS AND ONLINE FRAGMENTATION. DRAWING FROM MULTIPLE DISCIPLINES, INCLUDING ECONOMICS, CLIMATOLOGY, AND NETWORK SCIENCE, *DOOM* OFFERS NOT JUST A HISTORY BUT A GENERAL THEORY OF DISASTERS, SHOWING WHY OUR EVER MORE BUREAUCRATIC AND COMPLEX SYSTEMS ARE GETTING WORSE AT HANDLING THEM. *DOOM* IS THE LESSON OF HISTORY THAT THIS COUNTRY—INDEED THE WEST AS A WHOLE—URGENTLY NEEDS TO LEARN, IF WE WANT TO HANDLE THE NEXT CRISIS BETTER, AND TO AVOID THE ULTIMATE DOOM OF IRREVERSIBLE DECLINE.

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IRREDUCIBLE MIND EDWARD F. KELLY 2010 CURRENT MAINSTREAM OPINION IN PSYCHOLOGY, NEUROSCIENCE, AND PHILOSOPHY OF MIND HOLDS THAT ALL ASPECTS OF HUMAN MIND AND CONSCIOUSNESS ARE GENERATED BY PHYSICAL PROCESSES OCCURRING IN BRAINS. THE PRESENT VOLUME DEMONSTRATES EMPIRICALLY THAT THIS REDUCTIVE MATERIALISM IS NOT ONLY INCOMPLETE BUT FALSE. THE AUTHORS SYSTEMATICALLY MARSHAL EVIDENCE FOR A VARIETY OF PSYCHOLOGICAL PHENOMENA THAT ARE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT, AND IN SOME CASES CLEARLY IMPOSSIBLE, TO ACCOUNT FOR IN CONVENTIONAL PHYSICALIST TERMS.

IMMORTALITY STEPHEN CAVE 2012-04-03 IF YOU COULD LIVE FOREVER, WOULD YOU WANT TO? BOTH A FASCINATING LOOK AT THE HISTORY OF OUR STRIVE FOR IMMORTALITY AND AN INVESTIGATION INTO WHETHER LIVING FOREVER IS REALLY ALL IT’S CRACKED UP TO BE. A FASCINATING WORK OF POPULAR PHILOSOPHY AND HISTORY THAT BOTH ENLIGHTENS AND ENTERTAINS, STEPHEN CAVE INVESTIGATES WHETHER IT JUST MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO LIVE FOREVER AND WHETHER WE SHOULD WANT TO. HE ALSO MAKES A POWERFUL ARGUMENT THAT IT’S OUR VERY PREOCCUPATION WITH DEFYING MORTALITY THAT DRIVES CIVILIZATION. CENTRAL TO THIS BOOK IS THE METAPHOR OF A MOUNTAINTOP WHERE ONE CAN FIND THE IMMORTALS. SINCE THE DAWN OF HUMANITY, EVERYONE – WHETHER THEY KNOW IT OR NOT—HAS BEEN TRYING TO CLIMB THAT MOUNTAIN. BUT THERE ARE ONLY FOUR PATHS UP ITS TREACHEROUS SLOPE, AND THERE HAVE ONLY EVER BEEN FOUR PATHS. THROUGHOUT HISTORY, PEOPLE HAVE WAGERED EVERYTHING ON THEIR CHOICE OF THE CORRECT PATH, AND FOUGHT WARS AGAINST THOSE WHO’VE CHOSEN DIFFERENTLY. IN DRAWING BACK THE CURTAIN ON WHAT COMPELS HUMANS TO “KEEP ON KEEPING ON,” CAVE ENGAGES THE READER IN A NUMBER OF MIND-BENDING THOUGHT EXPERIMENTS. HE TEASES OUT THE IMPLICATIONS OF EACH IMMORTALITY GAMBIT, ASKING, FOR EXAMPLE, HOW LONG A PERSON WOULD LIVE IF THEY DID MANAGE TO ACQUIRE A PERFECTLY DISEASE-FREE BODY. OR WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF A SUPER-BEING TRIED TO ROUND UP THE ATOMIC CONSTITUENTS OF ALL WHO’VE DIED IN ORDER TO RESURRECT THEM. OR WHAT OUR LOVED ONES WOULD REALLY BE DOING IN HEAVEN IF IT DOES EXIST. WE’RE CONFRONTED WITH A SERIES OF BRAIN-RATTLING QUESTIONS: WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF TOMORROW HUMANITY DISCOVERED THAT THERE IS NO LIFE BUT THIS ONE? WOULD PEOPLE CONTINUE TO PLEASE THEIR BOSS, VIE FOR THE TITLE OF YEAR’S BEST SALESMAN? WOULD THREE-HUNDRED-YEAR PROJECTS STILL

GET STARTED? IF THE FOUR PATHS UP THE MOUNT OF THE IMMORTALS LEAD NOWHERE—IF THERE IS NO GETTING UP TO THE SUMMIT—IS THERE STILL REASON TO LIVE? AND CAN CIVILIZATION SURVIVE? IMMORTALITY IS A DEEPLY SATISFYING BOOK, AS OPTIMISTIC ABOUT THE HUMAN CONDITION AS IT IS INSIGHTFUL ABOUT THE TRUE ARC OF HISTORY.

FOUR LOST CITIES: A SECRET HISTORY OF THE URBAN AGE ANNALEE NEWITZ 2021-02-02 NAMED A BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR BY NPR AND SCIENCE FRIDAY A QUEST TO EXPLORE SOME OF THE MOST SPECTACULAR ANCIENT CITIES IN HUMAN HISTORY—AND FIGURE OUT WHY PEOPLE ABANDONED THEM. IN FOUR LOST CITIES, ACCLAIMED SCIENCE JOURNALIST ANNALEE NEWITZ TAKES READERS ON AN ENTERTAINING AND MIND-BENDING ADVENTURE INTO THE DEEP HISTORY OF URBAN LIFE. INVESTIGATING ACROSS THE CENTURIES AND AROUND THE WORLD, NEWITZ EXPLORES THE RISE AND FALL OF FOUR ANCIENT CITIES, EACH THE CENTER OF A SOPHISTICATED CIVILIZATION: THE NEOLITHIC SITE OF GÖRÖK IN CENTRAL TURKEY, THE ROMAN VACATION TOWN OF POMPEII ON ITALY'S SOUTHERN COAST, THE MEDIEVAL MEGACITY OF ANGKOR IN CAMBODIA, AND THE INDIGENOUS METROPOLIS CAHOKIA, WHICH STOOD BESIDE THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER WHERE EAST ST. LOUIS IS TODAY. NEWITZ TRAVELS TO ALL FOUR SITES AND INVESTIGATES THE CUTTING-EDGE RESEARCH IN ARCHAEOLOGY, REVEALING THE MIX OF ENVIRONMENTAL CHANGES AND POLITICAL TURMOIL THAT DOOMED THESE ANCIENT SETTLEMENTS. TRACING THE EARLY DEVELOPMENT OF URBAN PLANNING, NEWITZ ALSO INTRODUCES US TO THE OFTEN ANONYMOUS WORKERS—SLAVES, WOMEN, IMMIGRANTS, AND MANUAL LABORERS—WHO BUILT THESE CITIES AND CREATED MONUMENTS THAT LASTED MILLENNIA. FOUR LOST CITIES IS A JOURNEY INTO THE FORGOTTEN PAST, BUT, FORESEEING A FUTURE IN WHICH THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE ON EARTH WILL BE LIVING IN CITIES, IT MAY ALSO REVEAL SOMETHING OF OUR OWN FATE.

THE BIOLOGY OF TRANSCENDENCE JOSEPH CHILTON PEARCE 2004-08-16 USES NEW RESEARCH ABOUT THE BRAIN TO EXPLORE HOW WE CAN TRANSCEND OUR CURRENT PHYSICAL AND CULTURAL LIMITATIONS • REVEALS THAT TRANSCENDENCE OF CURRENT MODES OF EXISTENCE REQUIRES THE DYNAMIC INTERACTION OF OUR FOURTH AND FIFTH BRAINS (INTELLECT AND INTELLIGENCE) • EXPLORES THE IDEA THAT JESUS, LAO-TZU, AND OTHER GREAT BEINGS IN HISTORY ARE MODELS OF NATURE'S POSSIBILITY AND OUR ABILITY TO ACHIEVE TRANSCENDENCE • 17,000 SOLD IN HARDCOVER SINCE APRIL 2002 WHY DO WE SEEM STUCK IN A CULTURE OF VIOLENCE AND INJUSTICE? HOW IS IT THAT WE CAN RECOGNIZE THE TRANSCENDENT IDEAL REPRESENTED BY FIGURES SUCH AS JESUS, LAO-TZU, AND MANY OTHERS WHO HAVE WALKED AMONG US AND YET NOT SEEM TO REACH THE SAME STATE? IN THE BIOLOGY OF TRANSCENDENCE JOSEPH CHILTON PEARCE EXAMINES THE CURRENT BIOLOGICAL UNDERSTANDING OF OUR NEURAL ORGANIZATION TO ADDRESS HOW WE CAN GO BEYOND THE LIMITATIONS AND CONSTRAINTS OF OUR CURRENT CAPACITIES OF BODY AND MIND—HOW WE CAN TRANSCEND. RECENT RESEARCH IN THE NEUROSCIENCES AND NEUROCARDIOLOGY IDENTIFIES THE FOUR NEURAL CENTERS OF OUR BRAIN AND INDICATES THAT A FIFTH SUCH CENTER IS LOCATED IN THE HEART. THIS RESEARCH REVEALS THAT THE EVOLUTIONARY STRUCTURE OF OUR BRAIN AND ITS DYNAMIC INTERACTIONS WITH OUR HEART ARE DESIGNED BY NATURE TO REACH BEYOND OUR CURRENT EVOLUTIONARY CAPACITIES. WE ARE QUITE LITERALLY, MADE TO TRANSCEND. PEARCE EXPLORES HOW THIS “BIOLOGICAL IMPERATIVE” DRIVES OUR LIFE INTO EVER-GREATER REALMS OF BEING—EVEN AS THE “CULTURAL IMPERATIVE” OF SOCIAL CONFORMITY AND BEHAVIOR COUNTERS THIS GENETIC HERITAGE, BLOCKS OUR TRANSCENDENT CAPACITIES, AND BREEDS VIOLENCE IN ALL ITS FORMS. THE CONFLICT BETWEEN RELIGION AND SPIRIT IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF THIS STRUGGLE. BUT EACH OF US MAY OVERTHROW THESE CULTURAL IMPERATIVES TO REACH “UNCONFLICTED BEHAVIOR,” WHEREIN HEART AND MIND—BRAIN RESONATE IN SYNCHRONICITY, OPENING US TO LEVELS OF POSSIBILITY BEYOND THE ORDINARY.

NONZERO ROBERT WRIGHT 2001-04-20 IN HIS BESTSELLING THE MORAL ANIMAL, ROBERT WRIGHT APPLIED THE PRINCIPLES OF EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY TO THE STUDY OF THE HUMAN MIND. NOW WRIGHT ATTEMPTS SOMETHING EVEN MORE AMBITIOUS: EXPLAINING THE DIRECTION OF EVOLUTION AND HUMAN HISTORY—AND DISCERNING WHERE HISTORY WILL LEAD US NEXT. IN NONZERO: THE LOGIC OF HUMAN DESTINY, WRIGHT ASSERTS THAT, EVER SINCE THE PRIMORDIAL OOZE, LIFE HAS FOLLOWED A BASIC PATTERN. ORGANISMS AND HUMAN SOCIETIES ALIKE HAVE GROWN MORE COMPLEX BY MASTERING THE CHALLENGES OF INTERNAL COOPERATION. WRIGHT'S NARRATIVE RANGES FROM FOSSILIZED BACTERIA TO VAMPIRE BATS, FROM STONE-AGE VILLAGES TO THE WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION, UNCOVERING SUCH SURPRISES AS THE BENEFITS OF BARBARIAN HORDES AND THE USEFUL STABILITY OF FEUDALISM. HERE IS HISTORY ENDOWED WITH MORAL SIGNIFICANCE—A WAY OF LOOKING AT OUR BIOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL EVOLUTION THAT SUGGESTS, REFRESHINGLY, THAT HUMAN MORALITY HAS IMPROVED OVER TIME, AND THAT OUR INSTINCT TO DISCOVER MEANING MAY ITSELF SERVE A HIGHER PURPOSE. INSIGHTFUL, WITTY, PROFOUND, NONZERO OFFERS BREATHTAKING IMPLICATIONS FOR WHAT WE BELIEVE AND HOW WE ADAPT TO TECHNOLOGY'S ONGOING TRANSFORMATION OF THE WORLD.

SACRED DEMISE CAROLYN BAKER, PH.D. 2009-02-23 THE COLLAPSE OF INDUSTRIAL CIVILIZATION IS RAPIDLY UNFOLDING AND OFFERS US AN OPPORTUNITY FAR BEYOND MERE SURVIVAL, EVEN AS IT RENDERS ABSURD ANY ATTEMPTS TO “FIX” OR PREVENT THE END OF THE WORLD AS WE HAVE KNOWN IT. SACRED DEMISE IS ABOUT THE TRANSFORMATION OF HUMAN CONSCIOUSNESS AND THE EMERGENCE OF A NEW PARADIGM AS A RESULT DISCOVERING OUR PURPOSE IN THE COLLAPSE PROCESS, THEREBY COMING HOME TO OUR ULTIMATE PLACE IN THE UNIVERSE. OUR WILLINGNESS TO CONSCIOUSLY EMBARK ON THE JOURNEY WITH OPENNESS AND

UNCERTAINTY MAY BE ADVANTAGEOUS FOR ENGENDERING A QUANTUM EVOLUTIONARY LEAP FOR OUR SPECIES AND FOR THE EARTH COMMUNITY. "WE FACE AN AWESOME INTERNAL TRANSITION THAT WILL TAKE US INTO VERY UNFAMILIAR TERRITORY AND WILL CALL UPON OUR DEEPER RESOURCES. CAROLYN BAKER'S SACRED DEMISE IS A COURAGEOUS, WISE, AND COMPASSIONATE GUIDE FOR US ALL THROUGH THIS INNER JOURNEY." MICHAEL BROWNLEE, CO-FOUNDER, TRANSITION BOULDER COUNTY "CAROLYN SPEAKS WITH A CONFIDENCE THAT NEVER FLINCHES FROM ENTERING INTO THE HARDEST TRUTHS OF OUR TIMES, OR FROM THE MOST DIFFICULT TRUTHS ABOUT THE CULTURE WE ARE IMMersed IN, SO THAT WE MIGHT EMERGE FROM THE CHRYSALIS OF GLOBAL CRISIS WITH OPEN HEARTS AND A RENEWED WAY OF LIVING ON EARTH TOGETHER."--JUAN SANTOS, FOURTH WORLD BLOGSPOT

THE ASCENT OF INFORMATION CALEB SCHARF 2021-06-15 YOUR INFORMATION HAS A LIFE OF ITS OWN, AND IT'S USING YOU TO GET WHAT IT WANTS. ONE OF THE MOST PECULIAR AND POSSIBLY UNIQUE FEATURES OF HUMANS IS THE VAST AMOUNT OF INFORMATION WE CARRY OUTSIDE OUR BIOLOGICAL SELVES. BUT IN OUR RUSH TO BUILD THE INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE 20 QUINTILLION BITS WE CREATE EVERY DAY, WE'VE FAILED TO ASK EXACTLY WHY WE'RE EXPENDING EVER-INCREASING AMOUNTS OF ENERGY, RESOURCES, AND HUMAN EFFORT TO MAINTAIN ALL THIS DATA. DRAWING ON DEEP IDEAS AND FRONTIER THINKING IN EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY, COMPUTER SCIENCE, INFORMATION THEORY, AND ASTROBIOLOGY, CALEB SCHARF ARGUES THAT INFORMATION IS, IN A VERY REAL SENSE, ALIVE. ALL THE DATA WE CREATE—ALL OF OUR EMAILS, TWEETS, SELFIES, A.I.-GENERATED TEXT AND FUNNY CAT VIDEOS—AMOUNTS TO AN AGGREGATE LIFEFORM. IT HAS GOALS AND NEEDS. IT CAN CONTROL OUR BEHAVIOR AND INFLUENCE OUR WELL-BEING. AND IT'S AN ORGANISM THAT HAS EVOLVED RIGHT ALONGSIDE US. THIS SYMBIOTIC RELATIONSHIP WITH INFORMATION OFFERS A STARTLING NEW LENS FOR LOOKING AT THE WORLD. DATA ISN'T JUST SOMETHING WE PRODUCE; IT'S THE REASON WE EXIST. THIS POWERFUL IDEA HAS THE POTENTIAL TO UPEND THE WAY WE THINK ABOUT OUR TECHNOLOGY, OUR ROLE AS HUMANS, AND THE FUNDAMENTAL NATURE OF LIFE. THE ASCENT OF INFORMATION OFFERS A HUMBLING VISION OF A UNIVERSE BUILT OF AND FOR INFORMATION. SCHARF EXPLORES HOW OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH DATA WILL AFFECT OUR ONGOING EVOLUTION AS A SPECIES. UNDERSTANDING THIS RELATIONSHIP WILL BE CRUCIAL TO PREVENTING OUR DATA FROM BECOMING MORE OF A BURDEN THAN AN ASSET, AND TO PRESERVING THE POSSIBILITY OF A HUMAN FUTURE.

THE FOLD GILLES DELEUZE 2006-05-16 >

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THE PATTERNING INSTINCT JEREMY R. LENT 2017 "EXPLORES KEY PATTERNS OF MEANING UNDERLYING VARIOUS CULTURES, FROM ANCIENT TIMES TO THE PRESENT, SHOWING HOW VALUES EMERGE FROM THE WAYS IN WHICH CULTURES FIND MEANING AND HOW THOSE VALUES SHAPE THE FUTURE"--

THE ASCENT OF MONEY NIALL FERGUSON 2008-11-13 THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION, WITH NEW CHAPTERS ON THE CRASH, CHIMERICA, AND CRYPTOCURRENCY "[AN] EXCELLENT, JUST IN TIME GUIDE TO THE HISTORY OF FINANCE AND FINANCIAL CRISIS." —THE WASHINGTON POST "FASCINATING." —FAREED ZAKARIA, NEWSWEEK IN THIS UPDATED EDITION, NIALL FERGUSON BRINGS HIS CLASSIC FINANCIAL HISTORY OF THE WORLD UP TO THE PRESENT DAY, TACKLING THE POPULIST BACKLASH THAT FOLLOWED THE 2008 CRISIS, THE DESCENT OF "CHIMERICA" INTO A TRADE WAR, AND THE ADVENT OF CRYPTOCURRENCIES, SUCH AS BITCOIN, WITH HIS SIGNATURE CLARITY AND EXPERT LENS. THE ASCENT OF MONEY REVEALS FINANCE AS THE BACKBONE OF HISTORY, CASTING A NEW LIGHT ON FAMILIAR EVENTS: THE RENAISSANCE ENABLED BY ITALIAN FOREIGN EXCHANGE DEALERS, THE FRENCH REVOLUTION TRACED BACK TO A STOCK MARKET BUBBLE, THE 2008 CRISIS TRACED FROM AMERICA'S BANKRUPTCY CAPITAL, MEMPHIS, TO CHINA'S BOOMTOWN, CHONGQING. WE MAY RESENT THE PLUTOCRATS OF WALL STREET BUT, AS FERGUSON ARGUES, THE EVOLUTION OF FINANCE HAS RIVALED THE IMPORTANCE OF ANY TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION IN THE RISE OF CIVILIZATION. INDEED, TO STUDY THE ASCENT AND DESCENT OF MONEY IS TO STUDY THE RISE AND FALL OF WESTERN POWER ITSELF.

WAR IN HUMAN CIVILIZATION AZAR GAT 2008 WHY DO PEOPLE GO TO WAR? IS IT ROOTED IN HUMAN NATURE OR IS IT A LATE CULTURAL INVENTION? AND WHAT OF WAR TODAY - IS IT A DECLINING PHENOMENON OR SIMPLY CHANGING ITS SHAPE? IN THIS TRULY GLOBAL STUDY OF WAR AND CIVILIZATION, AZAR GAT SETS OUT TO FIND DEFINITIVE ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS IN AN ATTEMPT TO UNRAVEL THE 'RIDDLE OF WAR' THROUGHOUT HUMAN HISTORY, FROM THE EARLY HUNTER-GATHERERS RIGHT THROUGH TO THE UNCONVENTIONAL TERRORISM OF THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY. WRITTEN WITH REMARKABLE VERVE AND CLARITY AND WHOLLY FREE FROM JARGON, IT WILL BE OF INTEREST TO ANYONE WHO HAS EVER PONDERED THE PUZZLE OF WAR.

THE MORE BEAUTIFUL WORLD OUR HEARTS KNOW IS POSSIBLE CHARLES EISENSTEIN 2013-11-05 AS SEEN ON OPRAH'S SUPERSOUL SUNDAY IN A TIME OF SOCIAL AND ECOLOGICAL CRISIS, WHAT CAN WE AS INDIVIDUALS DO TO MAKE THE WORLD A BETTER PLACE? THIS INSPIRATIONAL AND THOUGHT-PROVOKING BOOK SERVES AS AN EMPOWERING ANTIDOTE TO THE CYNICISM, FRUSTRATION, PARALYSIS, AND OVERWHELM SO MANY OF US ARE FEELING, REPLACING IT WITH A GROUNDING REMINDER OF WHAT'S

TRUE: WE ARE ALL CONNECTED, AND OUR SMALL, PERSONAL CHOICES BEAR UNSUSPECTED TRANSFORMATIONAL POWER. BY FULLY EMBRACING AND PRACTICING THIS PRINCIPLE OF INTERCONNECTEDNESS—CALLED INTERBEING—WE BECOME MORE EFFECTIVE AGENTS OF CHANGE AND HAVE A STRONGER POSITIVE INFLUENCE ON THE WORLD. THROUGHOUT THE BOOK, EISENSTEIN RELATES REAL-LIFE STORIES SHOWING HOW SMALL, INDIVIDUAL ACTS OF COURAGE, KINDNESS, AND SELF-TRUST CAN CHANGE OUR CULTURE'S GUIDING NARRATIVE OF SEPARATION, WHICH, HE SHOWS, HAS GENERATED THE PRESENT PLANETARY CRISIS. HE BRINGS TO CONSCIOUS AWARENESS A DEEP WISDOM WE ALL INNATELY KNOW: UNTIL WE GET OUR SELVES IN ORDER, ANY ACTION WE TAKE—NO MATTER HOW GOOD OUR INTENTIONS—WILL ULTIMATELY BE WRONGHEADED AND WRONGHEARTED. ABOVE ALL, EISENSTEIN INVITES US TO EMBRACE A RADICALLY DIFFERENT UNDERSTANDING OF CAUSE AND EFFECT, SOUNDING A CLARION CALL TO SURRENDER OUR OLD WORLDVIEW OF SEPARATION, SO THAT WE CAN FINALLY CREATE THE MORE BEAUTIFUL WORLD OUR HEARTS KNOW IS POSSIBLE. WITH CHAPTERS COVERING SEPARATION, INTERBEING, DESPAIR, HOPE, PAIN, PLEASURE, CONSCIOUSNESS, AND MANY MORE, THE BOOK INVITES US TO LET THE OLD STORY OF SEPARATION FALL AWAY SO THAT WE CAN STAND FIRMLY IN A STORY OF INTERBEING.

A PEOPLE'S HISTORY OF CIVILIZATION JOHN ZERZAN 2018-04-10 THE AMERICAN ANARCHIST, PRIMITIVIST PHILOSOPHER, AND AUTHOR JOHN ZERZAN CRITIQUES AGRICULTURE-BASED CIVILIZATION AS INHERENTLY OPPRESSIVE AND ADVOCATES DRAWING UPON THE LIFE OF HUNTER-GATHERERS AS AN INSPIRATION FOR WHAT FREE SOCIETY SHOULD LOOK LIKE. SUBJECTS OF HIS CRITICISM INCLUDE DOMESTICATION, LANGUAGE, SYMBOLIC THOUGHT, AND THE CONCEPT OF TIME. THIS BOOK INCLUDES SIXTEEN ESSAYS RANGING FROM THE BEGINNING OF CIVILIZATION TO TODAY'S GENERAL CRISIS. ZERZAN PROVIDES A CRITICAL PERSPECTIVE ABOUT CIVILIZATION. A PEOPLE'S HISTORY OF CIVILIZATION INCLUDES CHAPTERS ABOUT: PATRIARCHY THE CITY AND ITS INMATES WAR ENTERS THE PICTURE THE BRONZE AGE THE AXIAL AGE THE CRISIS OF LATE ANTIQUITY REVOLT AND HERESY MODERNITY TAKES CHARGE WHO KILLED NED LUDD CULTURAL LUDDISM INDUSTRIALISM AND RESISTANCE DECADENCE WWI CIVILIZATION'S PATHOLOGICAL ENDGAME IN RECENT YEARS, JOHN ZERZAN, CO-EDITOR OF BLACK AND GREEN REVIEW, HAS SUCCESSFULLY TOURED EUROPE TO SPEAK FROM HIS PRIMITIVIST PERSPECTIVE REGARDING CONTEMPORARY CIVILIZATION. ZERZAN CALLS EUGENE, OREGON

SCIENCE & HUMAN VAL JACOB BRONOWSKI 1990-03-14 THOUGHT-PROVOKING ESSAYS ON SCIENCE AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE CULTURE OF OUR AGE FROM A LEADER IN THE SCIENTIFIC HUMANISM MOVEMENT. "A PROFOUNDLY MOVING, BRILLIANTLY PERCEPTIVE ESSAY BY A TRULY CIVILIZED MAN."--SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN

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BEHOLD A PALE HORSE WILLIAM COOPER 2012-04-11 BILL COOPER, FORMER UNITED STATES NAVAL INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING TEAM MEMBER, REVEALS INFORMATION THAT REMAINS HIDDEN FROM THE PUBLIC EYE. THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN KEPT IN TOP SECRET GOVERNMENT FILES SINCE THE 1940S. HIS AUDIENCES HEAR THE TRUTH UNFOLD AS HE WRITES ABOUT THE ASSASSINATION OF JOHN F. KENNEDY, THE WAR ON DRUGS, THE SECRET GOVERNMENT AND UFOs. BILL IS A LUCID, RATIONAL AND POWERFUL SPEAKER WHO INTENT IS TO INFORM AND TO EMPOWER HIS AUDIENCE. STANDING ROOM ONLY IS NORMAL. HIS PRESENTATION AND INFORMATION TRANSCEND PARTISAN AFFILIATIONS AS HE CLEARLY ADDRESSES ISSUES IN A WAY THAT HAS A STRIKING IMPACT ON LISTENERS OF ALL BACKGROUNDS AND INTERESTS. HE HAS SPOKEN TO MANY GROUPS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES AND HAS APPEARED REGULARLY ON MANY RADIO TALK SHOWS AND ON TELEVISION. IN 1988 BILL DECIDED TO "TALK" DUE TO EVENTS THEN TAKING PLACE WORLDWIDE, EVENTS WHICH HE HAD SEEN PLANS FOR BACK IN THE EARLY '70S. SINCE BILL HAS BEEN "TALKING," HE HAS CORRECTLY PREDICTED THE LOWERING OF THE IRON CURTAIN, THE FALL OF THE BERLIN WALL AND THE INVASION OF PANAMA. ALL BILL'S PREDICTIONS WERE ON RECORD WELL BEFORE THE EVENTS OCCURRED. BILL IS NOT A PSYCHIC. HIS INFORMATION COMES FROM TOP SECRET DOCUMENTS THAT HE READ WHILE WITH THE INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING TEAM AND FROM OVER 17 YEARS OF THOROUGH RESEARCH. "BILL COOPER IS THE WORLD'S LEADING EXPERT ON UFOs." -- BILLY GOODMAN, KVEG, LAS VEGAS. "THE ONLY MAN IN AMERICA WHO HAS ALL THE PIECES TO THE PUZZLE THAT HAS TROUBLED SO MANY FOR SO LONG." -- ANTHONY HILDER, RADIO FREE AMERICA "WILLIAM COOPER MAY BE ONE OF AMERICA'S GREATEST HEROS, AND THIS STORY MAY BE THE BIGGEST STORY IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD." -- MILLS CRENSHAW, KTALK, SALT LAKE CITY. "LIKE IT OR NOT, EVERYTHING IS CHANGING. THE RESULT WILL BE THE MOST WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE IN THE HISTORY OF MAN OR THE MOST HORRIBLE ENSLAVEMENT THAT YOU CAN IMAGINE. BE ACTIVE OR ABDICATE, THE FUTURE IS IN YOUR HANDS." -- WILLIAM COOPER, OCTOBER 24, 1989.

THE ASCENT OF HUMANITY CHARLES EISENSTEIN 2013-02-05 CHARLES EISENSTEIN EXPLORES THE HISTORY AND POTENTIAL FUTURE OF CIVILIZATION, TRACING THE CONVERGING CRISES OF OUR AGE TO THE ILLUSION OF THE SEPARATE SELF. IN THIS LIMITED HARDCOVER EDITION OF EISENSTEIN'S LANDMARK BOOK, HE ARGUES THAT OUR DISCONNECTION FROM ONE ANOTHER AND THE NATURAL WORLD HAS MISLAID THE FOUNDATIONS OF SCIENCE, RELIGION, MONEY, TECHNOLOGY, ECONOMICS, MEDICINE, AND EDUCATION AS WE KNOW THEM. IT HAS FIRED OUR NEAR-PATHOLOGICAL PURSUIT OF TECHNOLOGICAL UTOPIAS EVEN AS WE PUSH

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THE ASCENT OF HUMANITY CHARLES EISENSTEIN 2013-02-05 THE AUTHOR OF THE MORE BEAUTIFUL WORLD OUR HEARTS KNOW IS POSSIBLE EXPLORES THE HISTORY AND POTENTIAL FUTURE OF CIVILIZATION, TRACING THE CONVERGING CRISES OF OUR AGE TO THE ILLUSION OF THE SEPARATE SELF OUR DISCONNECTION FROM ONE ANOTHER AND THE NATURAL WORLD HAS MISLAID THE FOUNDATIONS OF SCIENCE, RELIGION, MONEY, TECHNOLOGY, ECONOMICS, MEDICINE, AND EDUCATION AS WE KNOW THEM. IT HAS FIRED OUR NEAR-PATHOLOGICAL PURSUIT OF TECHNOLOGICAL UTOPIAS EVEN AS WE PUSH OURSELVES AND OUR PLANET TO THE BRINK OF COLLAPSE. FORTUNATELY, AN AGE OF REUNION IS EMERGING OUT OF THE BIRTH PANGS OF AN EARTH IN CRISIS. OUR JOURNEY OF SEPARATION HASN'T BEEN A TERRIBLE MISTAKE BUT AN EVOLUTIONARY PROCESS AND AN ADVENTURE IN SELF-DISCOVERY. EVEN IN OUR DARKEST HOUR, EISENSTEIN SEES THE POSSIBILITY OF A MORE BEAUTIFUL WORLD--NOT THROUGH THE EXTENSION OF MILLENNIA-OLD METHODS OF MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL BUT BY FUNDAMENTALLY REIMAGINING OURSELVES AND OUR SYSTEMS. WE MUST SHIFT AWAY FROM OUR BABELIAN EFFORTS TO BUILD EVER-HIGHER TOWERS TO HEAVEN AND INSTEAD TURN OUT ATTENTION TO CREATING A NEW KIND OF CIVILIZATION--ONE DESIGNED FOR BEAUTY RATHER THAN HEIGHT.

CLIMATE CHARLES EISENSTEIN 2018-09-18 FLIPPING THE SCRIPT ON CLIMATE CHANGE, EISENSTEIN MAKES A CASE FOR A WHOLESOME REIMAGINING OF THE FRAMING, TACTICS, AND GOALS WE EMPLOY IN OUR JOURNEY TO HEAL FROM ECOLOGICAL DESTRUCTION WITH RESEARCH AND INSIGHT, CHARLES EISENSTEIN DETAILS HOW THE QUANTIFICATION OF THE NATURAL WORLD LEADS TO A LACK OF INTEGRATION AND OUR "FIGHT" MENTALITY. WITH AN ENTIRE CHAPTER UNPACKING THE CLIMATE CHANGE DENIER'S POINT OF VIEW, HE ADVOCATES FOR EXPANDING OUR EXCLUSIVE FOCUS ON CARBON EMISSIONS TO SEE THE BROADER PICTURE BEYOND OUR SHORT-SIGHTED AND INCOMPLETE APPROACH. THE RIVERS, FORESTS, AND CREATURES OF THE NATURAL AND MATERIAL WORLD ARE SACRED AND VALUABLE IN THEIR OWN RIGHT, NOT SIMPLY FOR CARBON CREDITS OR PREVENTING THE EXTINCTION OF ONE SPECIES VERSUS ANOTHER. AFTER ALL, WHEN YOU ASK SOMEONE WHY THEY FIRST BECAME AN ENVIRONMENTALIST, THEY'RE LIKELY TO POINT TO THE RIVER THEY PLAYED IN, THE OCEAN THEY VISITED, THE WILD ANIMALS THEY OBSERVED, OR THE TREES THEY CLIMBED WHEN THEY WERE A KID. THIS REFOCUSING AWAY FROM IMPENDING CATASTROPHE AND OUR INEVITABLE DOOM CULTIVATES MEANINGFUL EMOTIONAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL CONNECTIONS AND PROVIDES REAL, ACTIONABLE STEPS TO CARING FOR THE EARTH. FREEING OURSELVES FROM A WAR MENTALITY AND SEEING THE BIGGER PICTURE OF HOW EVERYTHING FROM PRISON REFORM TO SAVING THE WHALES CAN CONTRIBUTE TO OUR PLANETARY ECOLOGICAL HEALTH, WE RESIST REFLEXIVE POSTURES OF SOLUTION AND BLAME AND REACH TOWARD THE DEEP PLACE WHERE COMMITMENT LIVES.

CIVILIZATION NIAL FERGUSON 2018-06 IN 1412, EUROPE WAS A MISERABLE BACKWATER RAVAGED BY PLAGUE, BAD SANITATION AND INCESSANT WAR, WHILE THE ORIENT WAS HOME TO DAZZLING CIVILIZATIONS. YET, SOMEHOW, THE WEST CAME TO DOMINATE THE REST FOR MOST OF THE NEXT HALF MILLENNIUM. IN THIS VITAL, BRILLIANT BOOK, NIAL FERGUSON REVEALS THE SIX 'KILLER APPLICATIONS' THAT THE REST LACKED- COMPETITION, SCIENCE, PROPERTY RIGHTS, MEDICINE, CONSUMERISM AND THE WORK ETHIC. AND HE ASKS- DO WE STILL HAVE THESE WINNING TOOLS? OR IS THIS THE END OF WESTERN ASCENDANCY? WINNER OF THE ESTORIL GLOBAL ISSUES DISTINGUISHED BOOK PRIZE 2013

THE UNINHABITABLE EARTH DAVID WALLACE-WELLS 2020 "IT IS WORSE, MUCH WORSE, THAN YOU THINK. IF YOUR ANXIETY ABOUT GLOBAL WARMING IS DOMINATED BY FEARS OF SEA-LEVEL RISE, YOU ARE BARELY SCRATCHING THE SURFACE OF WHAT TERRORS ARE POSSIBLE. IN CALIFORNIA, WILDFIRES NOW RAGE YEAR-ROUND, DESTROYING THOUSANDS OF HOMES. ACROSS THE US, "500-YEAR" STORMS PUMMEL COMMUNITIES MONTH AFTER MONTH, AND FLOODS DISPLACE TENS OF MILLIONS ANNUALLY. THIS IS ONLY A PREVIEW OF THE CHANGES TO COME. AND THEY ARE COMING FAST. WITHOUT A REVOLUTION IN HOW BILLIONS OF HUMANS CONDUCT THEIR LIVES, PARTS OF THE EARTH COULD BECOME CLOSE TO UNINHABITABLE, AND OTHER PARTS HORRIFICALLY INHOSPITABLE, AS SOON AS THE END OF THIS CENTURY. IN HIS TRAVELOGUE OF OUR NEAR FUTURE, DAVID WALLACE-WELLS BRINGS INTO STARK RELIEF THE CLIMATE TROUBLES THAT AWAIT -- FOOD SHORTAGES, REFUGEE EMERGENCIES, AND OTHER CRISES THAT WILL RESHAPE THE GLOBE. BUT THE WORLD WILL BE REMADE BY WARMING IN MORE PROFOUND WAYS AS WELL, TRANSFORMING OUR

POLITICS, OUR CULTURE, OUR RELATIONSHIP TO TECHNOLOGY, AND OUR SENSE OF HISTORY. IT WILL BE ALL-ENCOMPASSING, SHAPING AND DISTORTING NEARLY EVERY ASPECT OF HUMAN LIFE AS IT IS LIVED TODAY. LIKE AN INCONVENIENT TRUTH AND SILENT SPRING BEFORE IT, THE UNINHABITABLE EARTH IS BOTH A MEDITATION ON THE DEVASTATION WE HAVE BROUGHT UPON OURSELVES AND AN IMPASSIONED CALL TO ACTION. FOR JUST AS THE WORLD WAS BROUGHT TO THE BRINK OF CATASTROPHE WITHIN THE SPAN OF A LIFETIME, THE RESPONSIBILITY TO AVOID IT NOW BELONGS TO A SINGLE GENERATION"--

CANCEL THIS BOOK DAN KOVALIK 2021-04-27 EXAMINING A PHENOMENON THAT IS SWEEPING THE COUNTRY, CANCEL THIS BOOK SHINES THE SPOTLIGHT ON THE SUPPRESSION OF OPEN AND CANDID DEBATE. THE PUBLIC SHAMING OF INDIVIDUALS FOR ACTUAL OR PERCEIVED OFFENSES, OFTEN AGAINST EMERGING NOTIONS OF PROPER RACIAL AND GENDER NORMS AND RELATIONS, HAS BECOME COMMONPLACE. IN A NUMBER OF CASES, THE SHAMING IS ACCOMPANIED BY CALLS FOR THE OFFENDING INDIVIDUALS TO LOSE THEIR JOBS, POSITIONS, OR OTHER STATUS. FREQUENTLY, THOSE TARGETED FOR "CANCELLATION" SIMPLY DO NOT KNOW THE LATEST, EVER-CHANGING NORMS (OFTEN RELATED TO LANGUAGE) THAT THEY ARE ACCUSED OF TRANSGRESSING—OR THEY HAVE HONEST QUESTIONS ABOUT ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN DEEMED OFF-LIMITS FOR DEBATE AND DISCUSSION. CANCEL THIS BOOK OFFERS A UNIQUE PERSPECTIVE FROM DAN KOVALIK, A PROGRESSIVE AUTHOR WHO SUPPORTS THE ONGOING MOVEMENTS FOR RACIAL AND GENDER EQUALITY AND JUSTICE, BUT WHO IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE PREVALENCE OF "CANCELLING" PEOPLE, AND ESPECIALLY OF PEOPLE WHO ARE WELL-INTENTIONED AND WHO ARE THEMSELVES ALLIED WITH THESE MOVEMENTS. WHILE MANY PROGRESSIVES BELIEVE THAT "CANCELLING" OTHERS IS A FORM OF ACTIVISM AND HOLDING OTHERS ACCOUNTABLE, CANCEL THIS BOOK ARGUES THAT "CANCELLATION" IS OFTENTIMES COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE AND DESTRUCTIVE OF THE VERY VALUES WHICH THE "CANCELLERS" CLAIM TO SUPPORT. AND INDEED, WE NOW SEE INSTANCES IN THE WORKPLACE WHERE EMPLOYERS ARE USING THIS SPIRIT OF "CANCELLATION" TO PIT EMPLOYEES AGAINST EACH OTHER, TO EXERT MORE CONTROL OVER THE WORKFORCE AND TO UNDERMINE WORKER AND LABOR SOLIDARITY. KOVALIK OBSERVES THAT MANY PROGRESSIVES ARE QUIETLY OPPOSED TO THIS "CANCEL CULTURE" AND TO MANY INSTANCES OF "CANCELLATION" THEY WITNESS, BUT THEY ARE AFRAID TO AIR THESE CONCERNS PUBLICLY LEST THEY THEMSELVES BE "CANCELLED." THE RESULT IS THE SUPPRESSION OF OPEN DEBATE ABOUT IMPORTANT ISSUES INVOLVING RACIAL AND GENDER MATTERS, AND EVEN ISSUES RELATED TO HOW TO BEST CONFRONT THE CURRENT COVID-19 PANDEMIC. WHILE PEOPLE SPEAK IN WHISPERS ABOUT THEIR TRUE FEELINGS ABOUT SUCH ISSUES, CRITICAL DEBATE AND DISCUSSION IS AVOIDED, RESENTMENTS BUILD, AND THE MOVEMENT FOR JUSTICE AND EQUALITY IS ULTIMATELY DISSERVED.

STAR SISTER STELLA OSOROJOS 2012-03-20 INTUITION WAS SOMETHING THAT LAURA CHAMORRO KNEW NOT TO IGNORE. SO WHEN IT TOLD HER TO CHANGE HER NAME TO STELLA OSOROJOS, SHE LISTENED—AND THAT'S WHEN THINGS STARTED TO GET STRANGE. FOLLOWING THE I CHING, KABBALAH TEACHERS, CHANNLED MASTERS FROM EARTH AND BEYOND, AND HER OWN PREMONITIONS AND DREAMS, OSOROJOS EMBARKED ON A REMARKABLE JOURNEY OF SPIRITUAL AWAKENING AND SELF-DISCOVERY. WHETHER RECEIVING EXTRATERRESTRIAL VISITATIONS IN HER LIVING ROOM, SPROUTING ETHEREAL WINGS WHILE MEDITATING, STRUGGLING WITH HER DESIRE TO HAVE A CHILD, OR TRAVELING TO THE HIGH MOUNTAINS OF PERU TO VISIT ALTOMISAYOK SHAMANS, OSOROJOS DESCRIBES HER UNUSUAL EXPERIENCES WITH WRY HUMOR AND UNFLINCHING HONESTY. REVEALING STARTLING INSIGHTS INTO SPIRITUALITY AND THE NATURE OF REALITY ITSELF, STAR SISTER IS A TESTAMENT TO THE POSSIBILITIES THAT AWAIT ANYONE BRAVE ENOUGH TO TRUST IN INTUITION, CHALLENGE PRECONCEPTIONS, AND KEEP AN OPEN MIND. ABOUT THE IMPRINT: EVOLVER EDITIONS PROMOTES A NEW COUNTERCULTURE THAT RECOGNIZES HUMANITY'S VISIONARY POTENTIAL AND TAKES TANGIBLE, PRAGMATIC STEPS TO REALIZE IT. EVOLVER EDITIONS EXPLORES THE DYNAMICS OF PERSONAL, COLLECTIVE, AND GLOBAL CHANGE FROM A WIDE RANGE OF PERSPECTIVES. EVOLVER EDITIONS IS AN IMPRINT OF NORTH ATLANTIC BOOKS AND IS PRODUCED IN COLLABORATION WITH EVOLVER, LLC.

SACRED ECONOMICS, REVISED CHARLES EISENSTEIN 2021-02-16 EXPANDED AND UPDATED, CHARLES EISENSTEIN'S CLASSIC TREATISE ON CAPITALISM, CURRENCY, AND THE GIFT ECONOMY. THIS REVISED VERSION TRACES THE HISTORY OF MONEY, FROM ANCIENT GIFT ECONOMIES TO MODERN CAPITALISM, AND INCLUDES NEW MATERIAL ON CRYPTOCURRENCIES AND EMERGING RESEARCH THAT HAS COME OUT SINCE THE BOOK'S ORIGINAL PUBLICATION. CHARLES EISENSTEIN SHOWS HOW CAPITALISM CONTRIBUTES TO ALIENATION, COMPETITION, AND SCARCITY; DESTROYS COMMUNITY; AND NECESSITATES ENDLESS GROWTH AT THE COST OF SOCIAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL DEVASTATION. TODAY, THESE TRENDS HAVE REACHED THEIR EXTREME--AND THEIR COLLAPSE PRESENTS A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY TO TRANSITION TO A MORE CONNECTED, ECOLOGICAL, AND SUSTAINABLE WAY OF BEING. EISENSTEIN DESCRIBES THE DEEPER NARRATIVES BENEATH OUR ECONOMIC SYSTEM, AND HOW WE CAN REIMAGINE IT TO ALIGN WITH A NEW STORY. APPLYING A BROADLY INTEGRATED SYNTHESIS OF THEORY, POLICY, AND PRACTICE, HE EXPLORES AVANT-GARDE CONCEPTS OF THE NEW ECONOMICS, INCLUDING NEGATIVE-INTEREST CURRENCIES, LOCAL ECONOMIES, GIFT ECONOMICS, CRYPTOCURRENCIES, AND THE RESTORATION OF THE COMMONS. TAPPING INTO A RICH LINEAGE OF CONVENTIONAL AND UNCONVENTIONAL ECONOMIC THOUGHT, EISENSTEIN PRESENTS A VISION THAT IS ORIGINAL YET COMMONSENSE, RADICAL YET GENTLE, AND INCREASINGLY RELEVANT AS THE CRISES OF OUR CIVILIZATION DEEPEN.

THE CROSS AND THE LYNCHING TREE JAMES H. CONE 2011 A LANDMARK IN THE CONVERSATION ABOUT RACE AND RELIGION IN AMERICA. "THEY PUT HIM TO DEATH BY HANGING HIM ON A TREE." ACTS 10:39 THE CROSS AND THE LYNCHING TREE ARE THE TWO MOST EMOTIONALLY CHARGED SYMBOLS IN THE HISTORY OF THE AFRICAN AMERICAN COMMUNITY. IN THIS POWERFUL NEW WORK, THEOLOGIAN JAMES H. CONE EXPLORES THESE SYMBOLS AND THEIR INTERCONNECTION IN THE HISTORY AND SOULS OF BLACK FOLK. BOTH THE CROSS AND THE LYNCHING TREE REPRESENT THE WORST IN HUMAN BEINGS AND AT THE SAME TIME A THIRST FOR LIFE THAT REFUSES TO LET THE WORST DETERMINE OUR FINAL MEANING. WHILE THE LYNCHING TREE SYMBOLIZED WHITE POWER AND "BLACK DEATH," THE CROSS SYMBOLIZES DIVINE POWER AND "BLACK LIFE" GOD OVERCOMING THE POWER OF SIN AND DEATH. FOR AFRICAN AMERICANS, THE IMAGE OF JESUS, HUNG ON A TREE TO DIE, POWERFULLY GROUNDED THEIR FAITH THAT GOD WAS WITH THEM, EVEN IN THE SUFFERING OF THE LYNCHING ERA. IN A WORK THAT SPANS SOCIAL HISTORY, THEOLOGY, AND CULTURAL STUDIES, CONE EXPLORES THE MESSAGE OF THE SPIRITUALS AND THE POWER OF THE BLUES; THE PASSION AND OF EMMET TILL AND THE ENGAGED VISION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.; HE INVOKES THE SPIRITS OF BILLIE HOLLIDAY AND LANGSTON HUGHES, FANNIE LOU HAMER AND IDA B. WELLS, AND THE WITNESS OF BLACK ARTISTS, WRITERS, PREACHERS, AND FIGHTERS FOR JUSTICE. AND HE REMEMBERS THE VICTIMS, ESPECIALLY THE 5,000 WHO PERISHED DURING THE LYNCHING PERIOD. THROUGH THEIR WITNESS HE CONTEMPLATES THE GREATEST CHALLENGE OF ANY CHRISTIAN THEOLOGY TO EXPLAIN HOW LIFE CAN BE MADE MEANINGFUL IN THE FACE OF DEATH AND INJUSTICE.

THE MENTAL FLOSS HISTORY OF THE WORLD ERIC SASS 2009-10-06 "AN IRREVERENT ROMP THROUGH HISTORY'S BEST BITS," THE MENTAL FLOSS HISTORY OF THE WORLD IS AN AMAZINGLY ENTERTAINING JOYRIDE THROUGH 60,000 YEARS OF HUMAN CIVILIZATION. AS AUDACIOUS AS IT IS EDIFYING, HERE IS A HILARIOUS AND IRREVERENT—YET ALWAYS HISTORICALLY ACCURATE—OVERVIEW OF THE ASCENT (OR DESCENT) OF HUMANKIND, COURTESY OF THE SAME REBEL GENIUSES WHO BROUGHT YOU MENTAL FLOSS PRESENTS CONDENSED KNOWLEDGE AND MENTAL FLOSS PRESENTS FORBIDDEN KNOWLEDGE. UPDATED WITH ALL THE HOT TOPICS AND EVENTS OF THE PAST FEW YEARS, THE MENTAL FLOSS HISTORY OF THE WORLD IS PROOF POSITIVE THAT JUST BECAUSE SOMETHING'S TRUE DOESN'T MEAN IT'S BORING.

THE ASCENT OF MAN JACOB BRONOWSKI 1973 AN ACCOUNT OF THE HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE DRAWN FROM THE BBC TELEVISION SERIES CREATED BY DR. BRONOWSKI

THE PRECIPICE TOBY ORD 2020-03-24 THIS URGENT AND EYE-OPENING BOOK MAKES THE CASE THAT PROTECTING HUMANITY'S FUTURE IS THE CENTRAL CHALLENGE OF OUR TIME. IF ALL GOES WELL, HUMAN HISTORY IS JUST BEGINNING. OUR SPECIES COULD SURVIVE FOR BILLIONS OF YEARS - ENOUGH TIME TO END DISEASE, POVERTY, AND INJUSTICE, AND TO FLOURISH IN WAYS UNIMAGINABLE TODAY. BUT THIS VAST FUTURE IS AT RISK. WITH THE ADVENT OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS, HUMANITY ENTERED A NEW AGE, WHERE WE FACE EXISTENTIAL CATASTROPHES - THOSE FROM WHICH WE COULD NEVER COME BACK. SINCE THEN, THESE DANGERS HAVE ONLY MULTIPLIED, FROM CLIMATE CHANGE TO ENGINEERED PATHOGENS AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE. IF WE DO NOT ACT FAST TO REACH A PLACE OF SAFETY, IT WILL SOON BE TOO LATE. DRAWING ON OVER A DECADE OF RESEARCH, THE PRECIPICE EXPLORES THE CUTTING-EDGE SCIENCE BEHIND THE RISKS WE FACE. IT PUTS THEM IN THE CONTEXT OF THE GREATER STORY OF HUMANITY: SHOWING HOW ENDING THESE RISKS IS AMONG THE MOST PRESSING MORAL ISSUES OF OUR TIME. AND IT POINTS THE WAY FORWARD, TO THE ACTIONS AND STRATEGIES THAT CAN SAFEGUARD HUMANITY. AN OXFORD PHILOSOPHER COMMITTED TO PUTTING IDEAS INTO ACTION, TOBY ORD HAS ADVISED THE US NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE COUNCIL, THE UK PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE, AND THE WORLD BANK ON THE BIGGEST QUESTIONS FACING HUMANITY. IN THE PRECIPICE, HE OFFERS A STARTLING REASSESSMENT OF HUMAN HISTORY, THE FUTURE WE ARE FAILING TO PROTECT, AND THE STEPS WE MUST TAKE TO ENSURE THAT OUR GENERATION IS NOT THE LAST. "A BOOK THAT SEEMS MADE FOR THE PRESENT MOMENT." —NEW YORKER

THE ASCENT OF HUMANITY. AN ESSAY ON THE EVOLUTION OF CIVILIZATION, ETC HENRY FITZGERALD HEARD 1929

THE ASCENT OF HUMANITY CHARLES EISENSTEIN 2013-02-05 SPEAKER, WRITER, AND ACTIVIST CHARLES EISENSTEIN EXPLORES THE HISTORY AND POTENTIAL FUTURE OF CIVILIZATION, TRACING THE CONVERGING CRISES OF OUR AGE TO THE ILLUSION OF THE SEPARATE SELF OUR DISCONNECTION FROM ONE ANOTHER AND THE NATURAL WORLD HAS MISLAID THE FOUNDATIONS OF SCIENCE, RELIGION, MONEY, TECHNOLOGY, ECONOMICS, MEDICINE, AND EDUCATION AS WE KNOW THEM. IT HAS FIRED OUR NEAR-PATHOLOGICAL PURSUIT OF TECHNOLOGICAL UTOPIAS EVEN AS WE PUSH OURSELVES AND OUR PLANET TO THE BRINK OF COLLAPSE. FORTUNATELY, AN AGE OF REUNION IS EMERGING OUT OF THE BIRTH PANGS OF AN EARTH IN CRISIS. OUR JOURNEY OF SEPARATION HASN'T BEEN A TERRIBLE MISTAKE BUT AN EVOLUTIONARY PROCESS AND AN ADVENTURE IN SELF-DISCOVERY. EVEN IN OUR DARKEST HOUR, EISENSTEIN SEES THE POSSIBILITY OF A MORE BEAUTIFUL WORLD—NOT THROUGH THE EXTENSION OF MILLENNIA-OLD METHODS OF MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL BUT BY FUNDAMENTALLY REIMAGINING OURSELVES AND OUR SYSTEMS. WE MUST SHIFT AWAY FROM OUR BABELIAN EFFORTS TO BUILD EVER-HIGHER TOWERS TO HEAVEN AND INSTEAD TURN OUR ATTENTION TO CREATING A NEW KIND OF CIVILIZATION—ONE DESIGNED FOR BEAUTY RATHER THAN HEIGHT.

IN THE LIGHT OF EVOLUTION NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES 2017-01-01 BIODIVERSITY-THE GENETIC VARIETY OF LIFE-IS AN EXUBERANT PRODUCT OF THE EVOLUTIONARY PAST, A VAST HUMAN-SUPPORTIVE RESOURCE (AESTHETIC, INTELLECTUAL, AND MATERIAL) OF THE PRESENT, AND A RICH LEGACY TO CHERISH AND PRESERVE FOR THE FUTURE. TWO URGENT CHALLENGES, AND OPPORTUNITIES, FOR 21ST-CENTURY SCIENCE ARE TO GAIN DEEPER INSIGHTS INTO THE EVOLUTIONARY PROCESSES THAT FOSTER BIOTIC DIVERSITY, AND TO TRANSLATE THAT UNDERSTANDING INTO WORKABLE SOLUTIONS FOR THE REGIONAL AND GLOBAL CRISES THAT BIODIVERSITY CURRENTLY FACES. A GRASP OF EVOLUTIONARY PRINCIPLES AND PROCESSES IS IMPORTANT IN OTHER SOCIETAL ARENAS AS WELL, SUCH AS EDUCATION, MEDICINE, SOCIOLOGY, AND OTHER APPLIED FIELDS INCLUDING AGRICULTURE, PHARMACOLOGY, AND BIOTECHNOLOGY. THE RAMIFICATIONS OF EVOLUTIONARY THOUGHT ALSO EXTEND INTO LEARNED REALMS TRADITIONALLY RESERVED FOR PHILOSOPHY AND RELIGION. THE CENTRAL GOAL OF THE IN THE LIGHT OF EVOLUTION (ILE) SERIES IS TO PROMOTE THE EVOLUTIONARY SCIENCES THROUGH STATE-OF-THE-ART COLLOQUIA-IN THE SERIES OF ARTHUR M. SACKLER COLLOQUIA SPONSORED BY THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES-AND THEIR PUBLISHED PROCEEDINGS. EACH INSTALLMENT EXPLORES EVOLUTIONARY PERSPECTIVES ON A PARTICULAR BIOLOGICAL TOPIC THAT IS SCIENTIFICALLY INTRIGUING BUT ALSO HAS SPECIAL RELEVANCE TO CONTEMPORARY SOCIETAL ISSUES OR CHALLENGES. THIS TENTH AND FINAL EDITION OF THE IN THE LIGHT OF EVOLUTION SERIES FOCUSES ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN PHYLOGEOGRAPHIC RESEARCH AND THEIR RELEVANCE TO PAST ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND FUTURE RESEARCH DIRECTIONS.

HUMANKIND RUTGER BREGMAN 2020-06-02 AN INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER THE “LIVELY” (THE NEW YORKER), “CONVINCING” (FORBES), AND “RIVETING PICK-ME-UP WE ALL NEED RIGHT NOW” (PEOPLE) THAT PROVES HUMANITY THRIVES IN A CRISIS AND THAT OUR INNATE KINDNESS AND COOPERATION HAVE BEEN THE GREATEST FACTORS IN OUR LONG-TERM SUCCESS AS A SPECIES. IF THERE IS ONE BELIEF THAT HAS UNITED THE LEFT AND THE RIGHT, PSYCHOLOGISTS AND PHILOSOPHERS, ANCIENT THINKERS AND MODERN ONES, IT IS THE TACIT ASSUMPTION THAT HUMANS ARE BAD. IT’S A NOTION THAT DRIVES NEWSPAPER HEADLINES AND GUIDES THE LAWS THAT SHAPE OUR LIVES. FROM MACHIAVELLI TO HOBBS, FREUD TO PINKER, THE ROOTS OF THIS BELIEF HAVE SUNK DEEP INTO WESTERN THOUGHT. HUMAN BEINGS, WE’RE TAUGHT, ARE BY NATURE SELFISH AND GOVERNED PRIMARILY BY SELF-INTEREST. BUT WHAT IF IT ISN’T TRUE? INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER RUTGER BREGMAN PROVIDES NEW PERSPECTIVE ON THE PAST 200,000 YEARS OF HUMAN HISTORY, SETTING OUT TO PROVE THAT WE ARE HARDWIRED FOR KINDNESS, GEARED TOWARD COOPERATION RATHER THAN COMPETITION, AND MORE INCLINED TO TRUST RATHER THAN DISTRUST ONE ANOTHER. IN FACT THIS INSTINCT HAS A FIRM EVOLUTIONARY BASIS GOING BACK TO THE BEGINNING OF HOMO SAPIENS. FROM THE REAL-LIFE LORD OF THE FLIES TO THE SOLIDARITY IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE BLITZ, THE HIDDEN FLAWS IN THE STANFORD PRISON EXPERIMENT TO THE TRUE STORY OF TWIN BROTHERS ON OPPOSITE SIDES WHO HELPED MANDELA END APARTHEID, BREGMAN SHOWS US THAT BELIEVING IN HUMAN GENEROSITY AND COLLABORATION ISN’T MERELY OPTIMISTIC—IT’S REALISTIC. MOREOVER, IT HAS HUGE IMPLICATIONS FOR HOW SOCIETY FUNCTIONS. WHEN WE THINK THE WORST OF PEOPLE, IT BRINGS OUT THE WORST IN OUR POLITICS AND ECONOMICS. BUT IF WE BELIEVE IN THE REALITY OF HUMANITY’S KINDNESS AND ALTRUISM, IT WILL FORM THE FOUNDATION FOR ACHIEVING TRUE CHANGE IN SOCIETY, A CASE THAT BREGMAN MAKES CONVINCINGLY WITH HIS SIGNATURE WIT, REFRESHING FRANKNESS, AND MEMORABLE STORYTELLING. “THE SAPIENS OF 2020.” —THE GUARDIAN “HUMANKIND MADE ME SEE HUMANITY FROM A FRESH PERSPECTIVE.” —YUVAL NOAH HARARI, AUTHOR OF THE #1 BESTSELLER SAPIENS LONGLISTED FOR THE 2021 ANDREW CARNEGIE MEDAL FOR EXCELLENCE IN NONFICTION ONE OF THE WASHINGTON POST’S 50 NOTABLE NONFICTION WORKS IN 2020

THE WEB OF MEANING JEREMY LENT 2021-07-12 A COMPELLING FOUNDATION FOR A NEW STORY OF INTERCONNECTEDNESS, SHOWING HOW, AS OUR CIVILIZATION UNRAVELS, ANOTHER WORLD IS POSSIBLE. AWARD-WINNING AUTHOR, JEREMY LENT, INVESTIGATES HUMANITY’S AGE-OLD QUESTIONS—WHO AM I? WHY AM I? HOW SHOULD I LIVE?—FROM A FRESH PERSPECTIVE, WEAVING TOGETHER FINDINGS FROM MODERN SYSTEMS THINKING, EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY, AND COGNITIVE NEUROSCIENCE WITH INSIGHTS FROM BUDDHISM, TAOISM, AND INDIGENOUS WISDOM. THE RESULT IS A BREATHTAKING ACCOMPLISHMENT: A RICH, COHERENT WORLDVIEW BASED ON A DEEP RECOGNITION OF CONNECTEDNESS WITHIN OURSELVES, BETWEEN EACH OTHER, AND WITH THE ENTIRE NATURAL WORLD. AS OUR CIVILIZATION CAREENS TOWARD A PRECIPICE OF CLIMATE BREAKDOWN, ECOLOGICAL DESTRUCTION, AND GAPING INEQUALITY, PEOPLE ARE LOSING THEIR EXISTENTIAL MOORINGS. OUR DOMINANT WORLDVIEW OF DISCONNECTION—WHICH TELLS US WE ARE SPLIT BETWEEN MIND AND BODY, SEPARATE FROM EACH OTHER, AND AT ODDS WITH THE NATURAL WORLD—HAS PASSED ITS EXPIRATION DATE. YET ANOTHER WORLD IS POSSIBLE. *THE WEB OF MEANING* OFFERS A COMPELLING FOUNDATION FOR THE NEW STORY THAT COULD ENABLE HUMANITY TO THRIVE SUSTAINABLY ON A FLOURISHING EARTH. IT’S A BOOK FOR EVERYONE LOOKING FOR DEEP AND COHERENT ANSWERS TO THE CRISIS OF CIVILIZATION.