

I am B

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Hackers tribes saving the world

From community
to tribe of tribes

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What's the point of Free Internet without **living planet?**

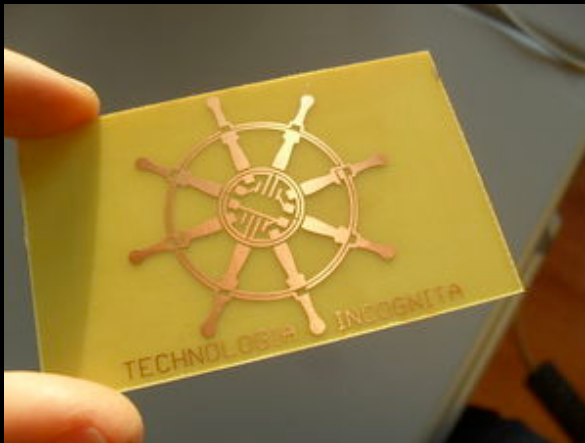
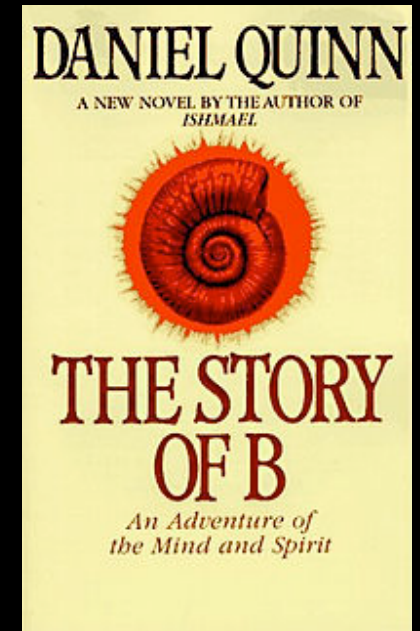
What's the point of crypto without air, water, food, let alone electricity...

*Humanity is going to require
a substantially new way of thinking
in order to survive.
(Albert Einstein)*

- The world is falling apart
 - Humanity is ruining the ecosystem & climate
 - Human society is collapsing
 - Humans are overpopulating the planet
- The good news is:
 - **WE ARE NOT “the” HUMANITY**
- We are just one culture, one tribe (so-called Takers)
 - We can acquire a new way of thinking
 - We can pass on our knowledge to new generations

The story of B

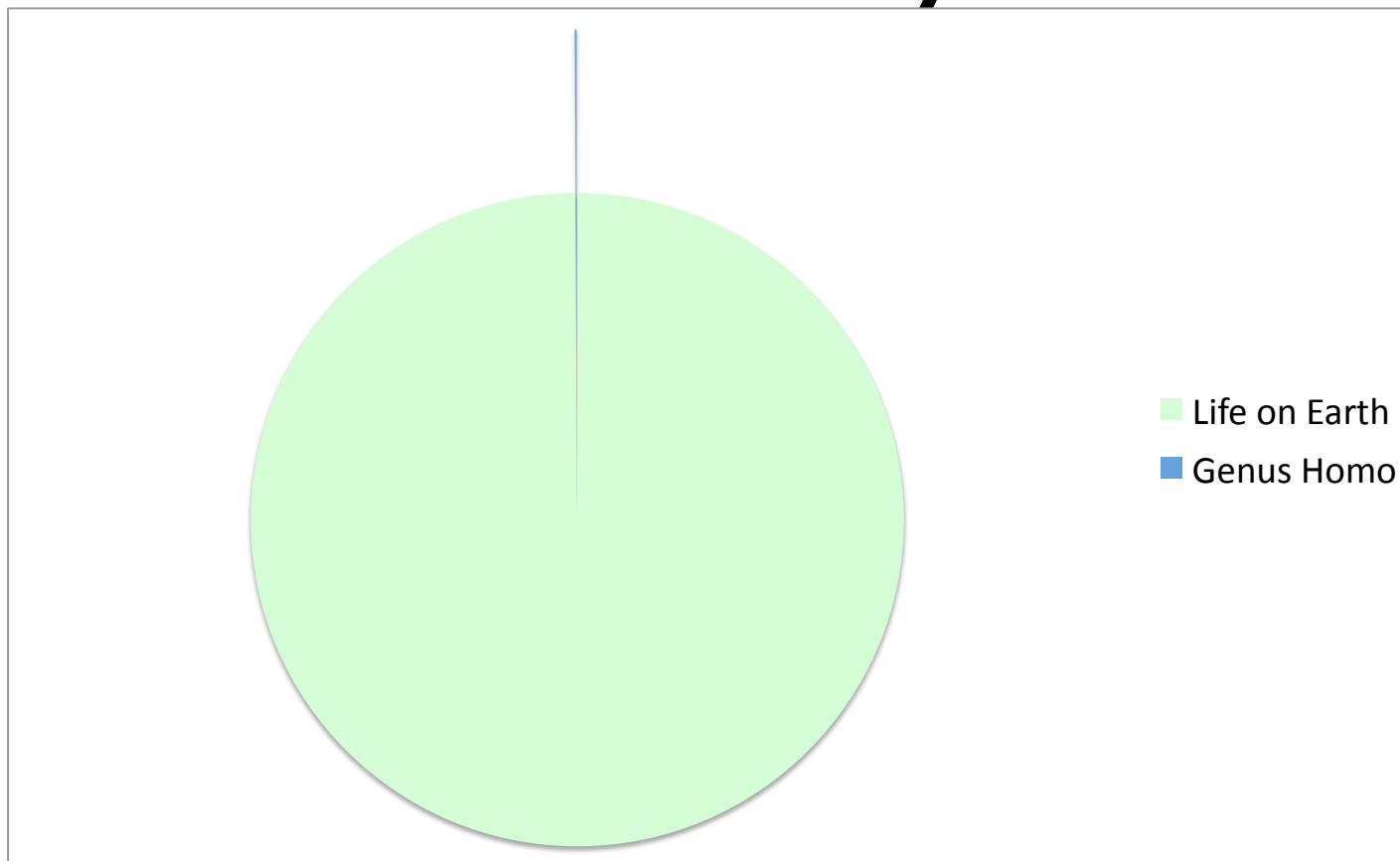
- I am B
- I am suggesting you a new way of thinking
- In the end: You are B



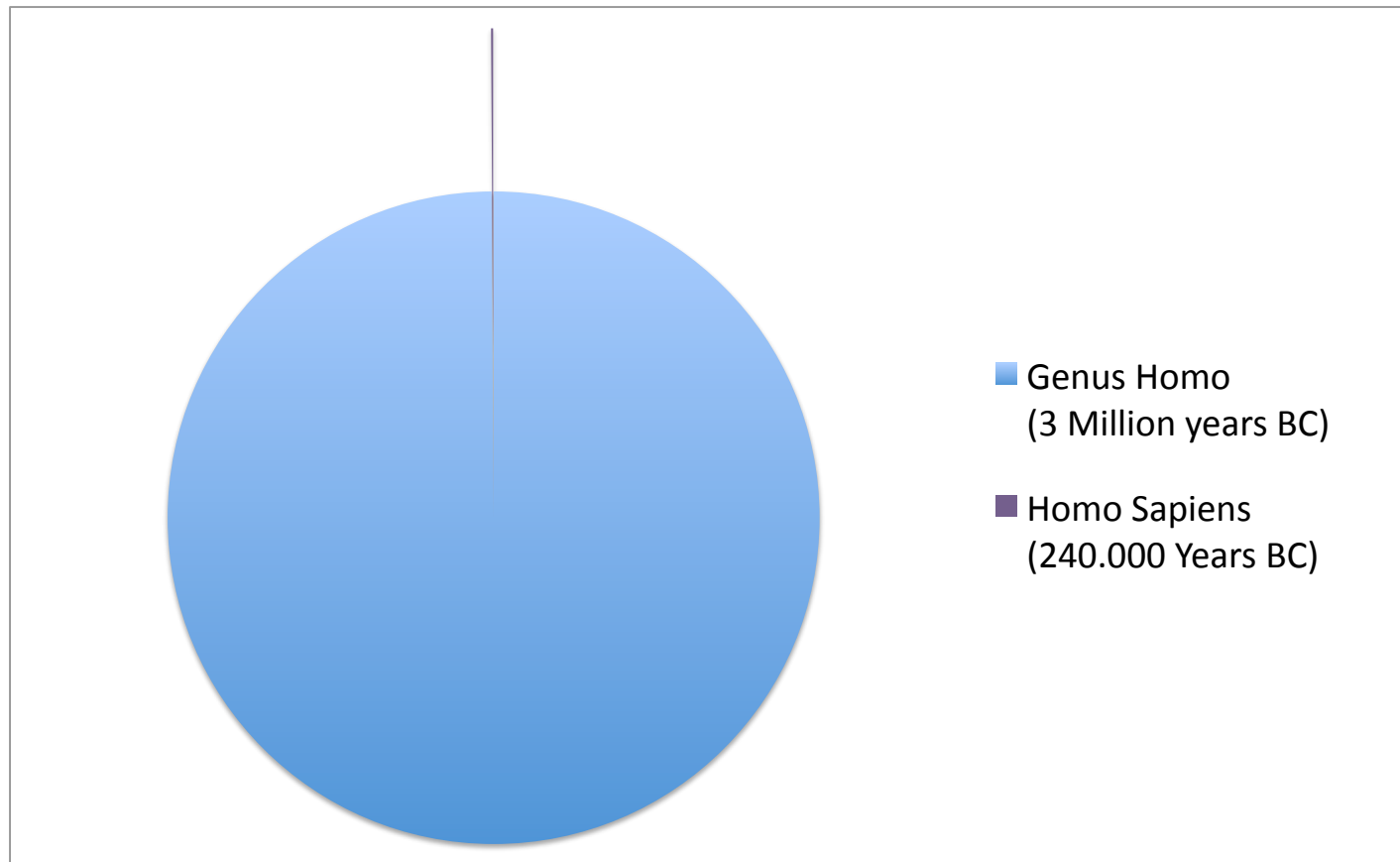
Putting things in perspective

Demystifying “The Great Forgetting”

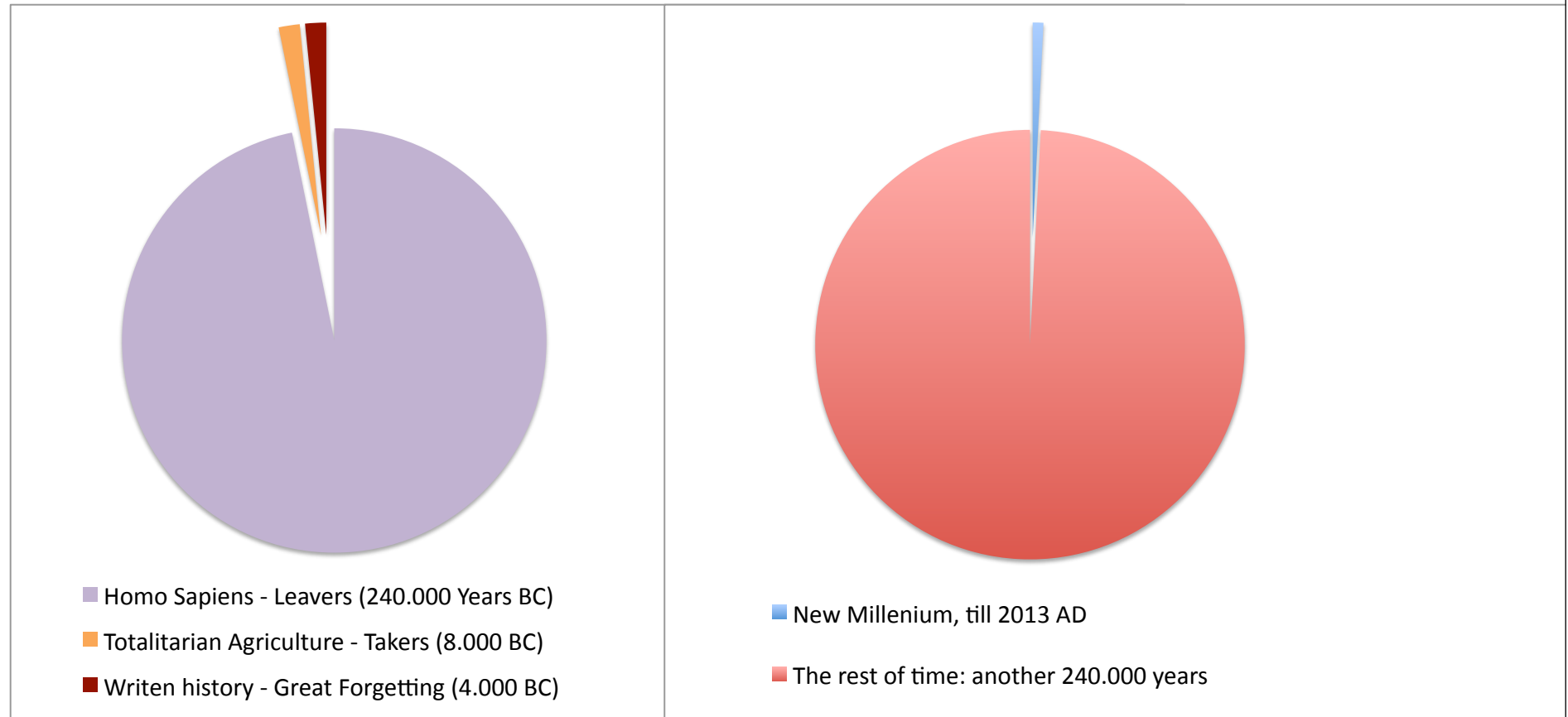
The Community of Life obeys the Laws of Life for 4 Billion years



Genus Homo obeyed Tribal Laws for 3 Million years



Homo Sapiens lived without Totalitarian Agriculture till ~10.013 years ago...

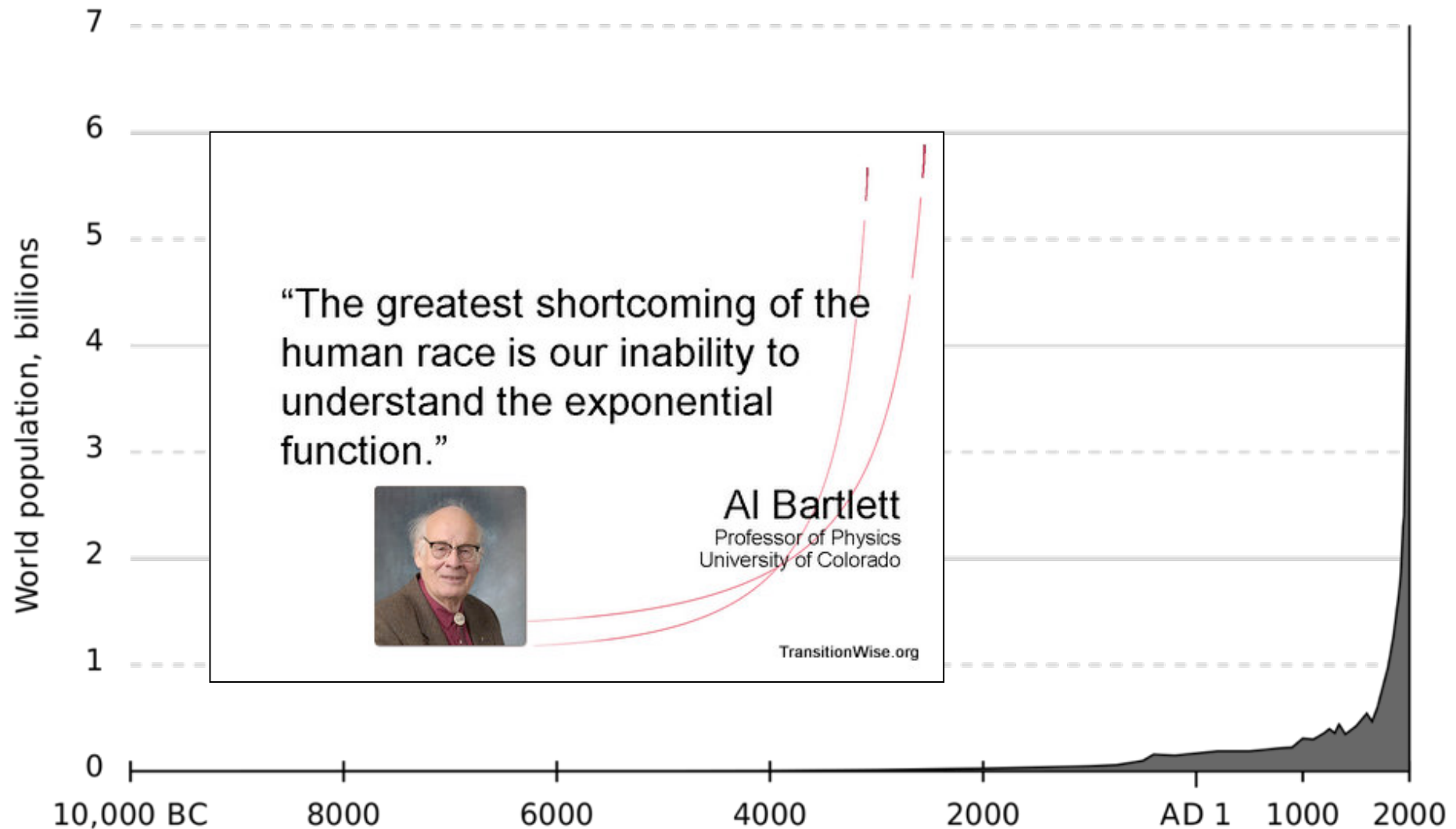


What about next 240.000 years?

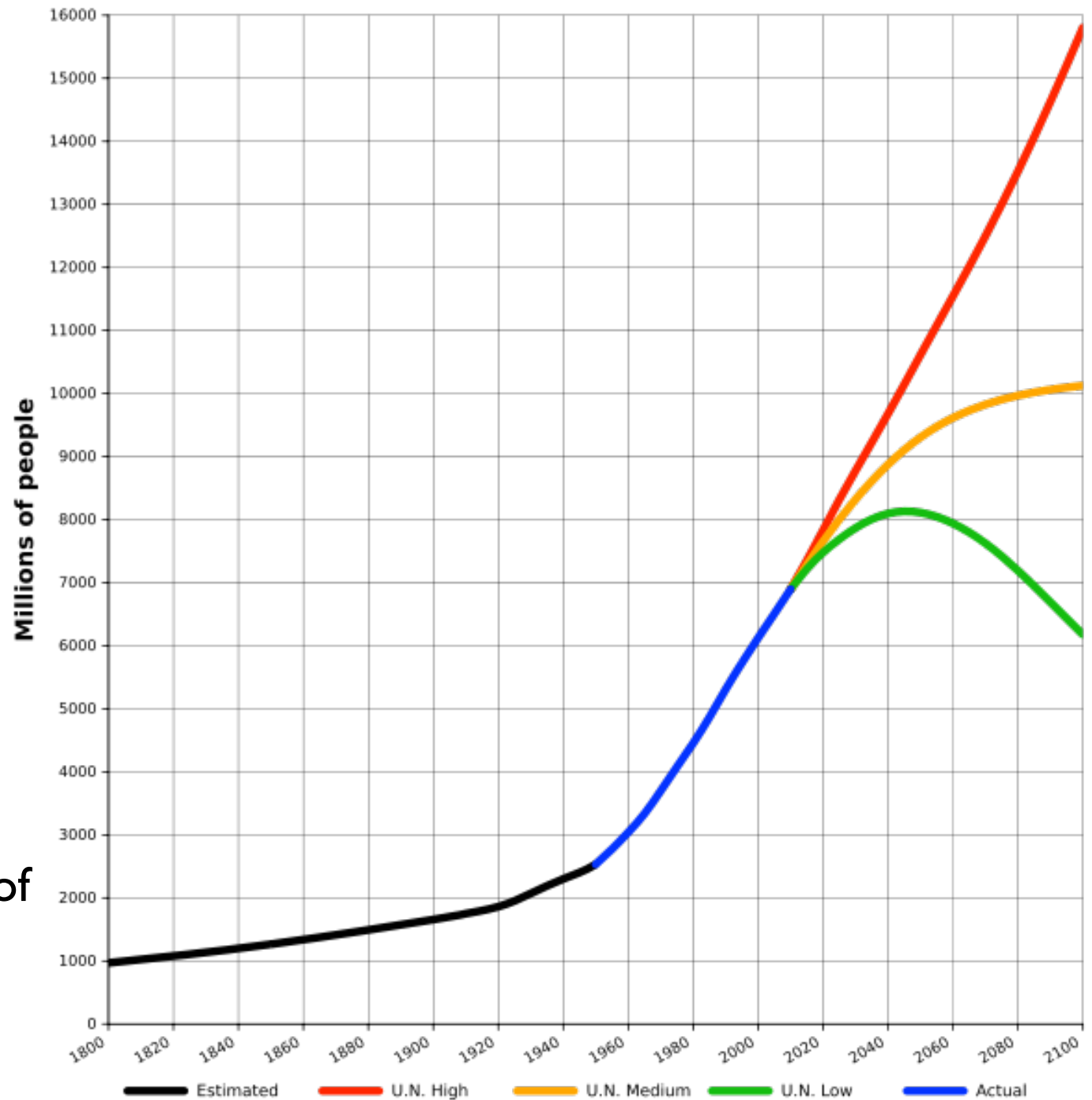
Old story

- The world was made for Man, and Man was made to conquer and rule the world.
- (Man is separate from Nature, Man is superior to nature)
- Man is separate from another Man
- Human nature is flawed; Man is born bad, sinful, aggressive & selfish
- There is only one way, out way, the best way: way of unlimited of growth, of progress - towards civilization

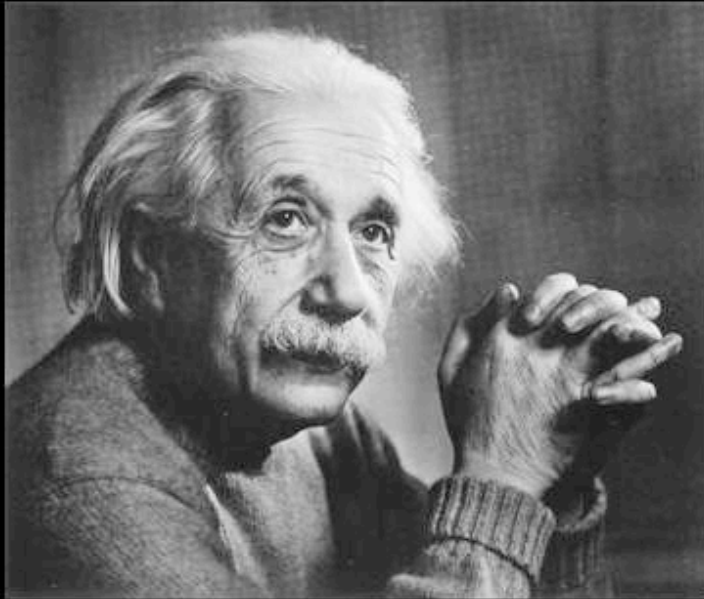
Population growth



- Predictions for human population growth vary between 6B, 10B and 42B till **2100**
- What about year 3000?
- Year 30.000?
- Year 300.000?
- What is Earth's carrying capacity of humans?



Quotes



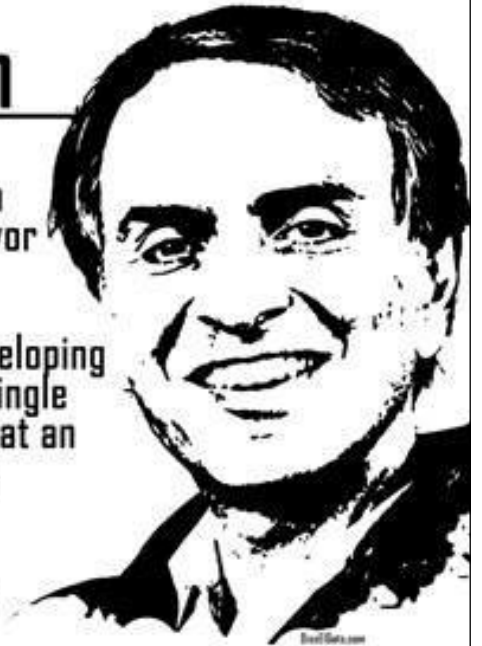
"The world will not be destroyed by those who do evil, but by those who watch them without doing anything." - Albert Einstein

Carl Sagan

The old appeals to racial, sexual, religious chauvinism and to rabid nationalist fervor are beginning not to work.

A new consciousness is developing which sees the earth as a single organism and recognizes that an organism at war with itself is doomed.

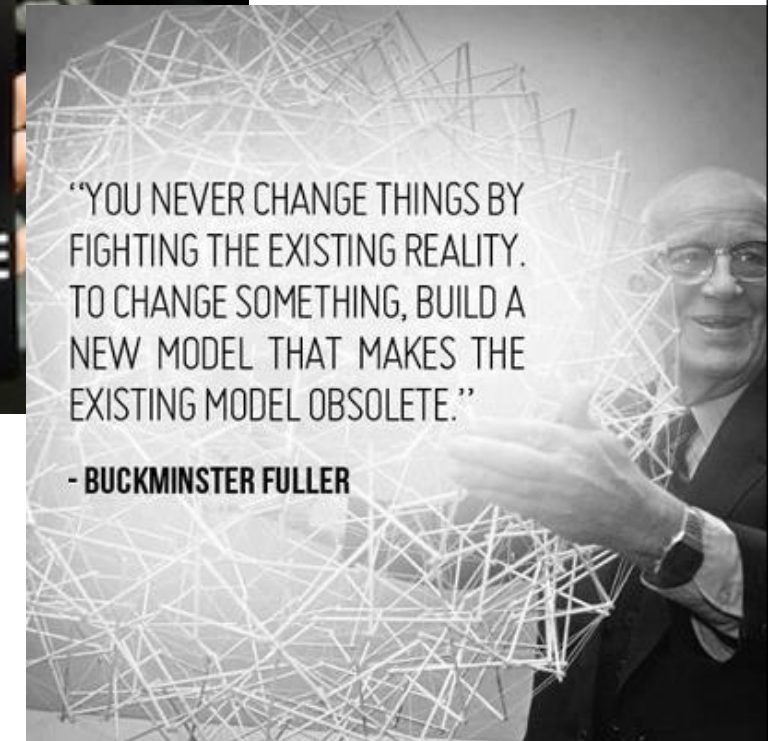
We are one planet.




**KEEP
CALM
AND
HACK THE
PLANET**

"YOU NEVER CHANGE THINGS BY FIGHTING THE EXISTING REALITY. TO CHANGE SOMETHING, BUILD A NEW MODEL THAT MAKES THE EXISTING MODEL OBSOLETE."

- BUCKMINSTER FULLER



New stories

- Man belongs to the world
- Man is part of the natural world, is dependent on it for survival.
- Men is connected to the world, and to all living beings.
- Laws of Life do apply to Men
- Human nature is based on connection and cooperation and altruism and empathy

New stories can come from Great Remembering & Tribal pre-history

- Before Great Forgetting (4000 BC), “humans” lived in tribes, of which some practiced agriculture, and some not
- For 240.000 years, Homo Sapiens lived in tribes - and some still do!!
 - Mosuo, Himba, Maasai, Yanomami, Piranha, Bushman...
- Tribal ways can show us “the new ways”

The Tribal Laws vs Civilization Laws

- Food is free
- The law of limited competition: you may compete but you may not wage war on your competitors.
- Nothing in nature takes more than it needs.
- Ecology: More food, more population
- ◆ You must work for food, food is under lock&key
- ◆ Totalitarian agriculture: all the food in the world belongs to us
- ◆ More land, more food production, more population growth.
- ◆ Laws of ecology do not apply to “us”

Life-affirming Tribal Laws

- Tribal Laws work well for all concerned
- Tribal Laws promote biological diversity within the community of Life.
- Tribal Laws have protected us from extinction for three million years
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Hackers story

- Based on commons and sharing, openness & freedom
 - Egalitarian, volunteering, meritocratic, decentralized
 - Curious, questioning, open minded
 - Searching for alternatives
- ◆ NOT proprietary
 - ◆ NOT hierarchical / power based
 - ◆ NOT dogmatic, NOT believing in “one right way”
 - ◆ NOT based on consumerism

Why hackers?

- Positive:
- we already are tribal
- we are already against mainstream culture
- we are already considered a danger to the existing society
- It is my tribe
- Negative:
- we believe in / depend on industry, technology, science, progress...
- we use lots of energy for HW & networking
- we are cause of lots of pollution & exploitation

Hackers as a model of a new tribe

- *s / tribe / hackerspace*
- Tribe is a form of organisation that works equally well for all members
- Tribal wealth is the energy that tribal members give each other in order to keep the tribe going
- Tribes share food
- *s / food / information*
- When food is scarce, share it
- Food wants to be free
- Freedom of food
- Sharing is caring.

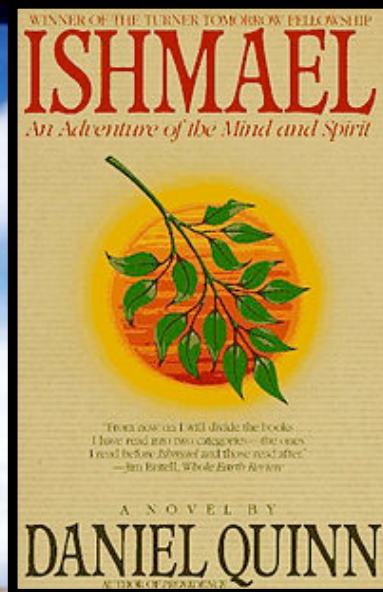
Life-affirming aspects of hackers ethics

- Embracing play
- Fostering close relationships
- Focusing on the intrinsic values, rather than on the external markers of power, prestige or material wealth
- Serving a purpose greater than ourselves
- “tend to play with any rule or system”
- Welcoming and inclusive
- Supporting diversity
- Using peer-created conflict resolution processes
- Hackercamps (and hackerspaces)

Source: Life's Operating Manual:
<http://www.scribd.com/fullscreen/138190455?>

Source: Groente's PUSCII blog
<http://www.puscii.nl/blog/content/limits-inclusion>

PEARL JAM



Similar movements

- Environmentalism
 - <http://350.org/about/blogs/movements-without-leaders>
- Occupy
- Peer to Peer <http://p2pfoundation.net/>
- Gypsies, circuses, homeless people, co-ops, anarchists... & <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tribalism>
- Otpor <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Otpor>

My part of the story

- Death is part of Life
- All we can do is to love
- This, too, shall pass
- Only love remains
- I am enough
- Love is all we have left



What to do?

- Become aware of the Great Forgetting
- Take part in creating the new way of thinking:
 - new culture, better than “civilization”
 - spread the word: **You are B**
- *First Aid: take up “sustainable” practices*
- Be part of the Hackers Tribe of Tribes
- **Love, grieve, and celebrate**


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- [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/**Beyond_Civilization**](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Beyond_Civilization)
- (more to come!)

OTOH: What has the civilization ever done for us?



<http://youtu.be/9foi342LXQE>

A scenic landscape featuring a mountain peak in the foreground, a rainbow arching across the sky, and a cloudy sky. The text is overlaid on the image.

"The living planet and a decent human community
sustain each of us,
whether we realize it or not.

Our years on this most wondrous of planets,
regardless how numerous they are,
are to be celebrated."

Guy McPherson

<http://guymcpherson.com/2012/10/only-love-remains/>

<http://guymcpherson.com/climate-chaos/>

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