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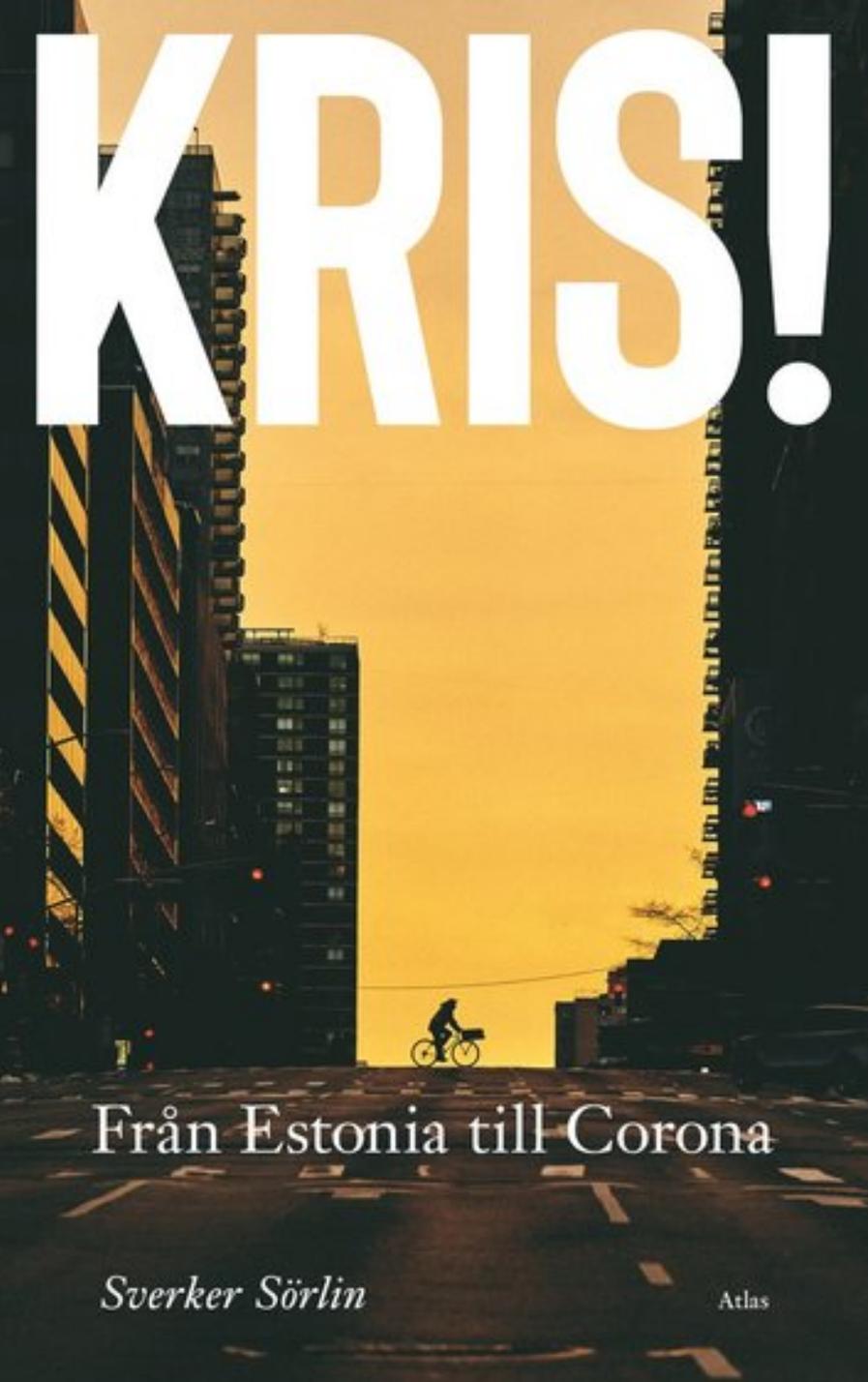
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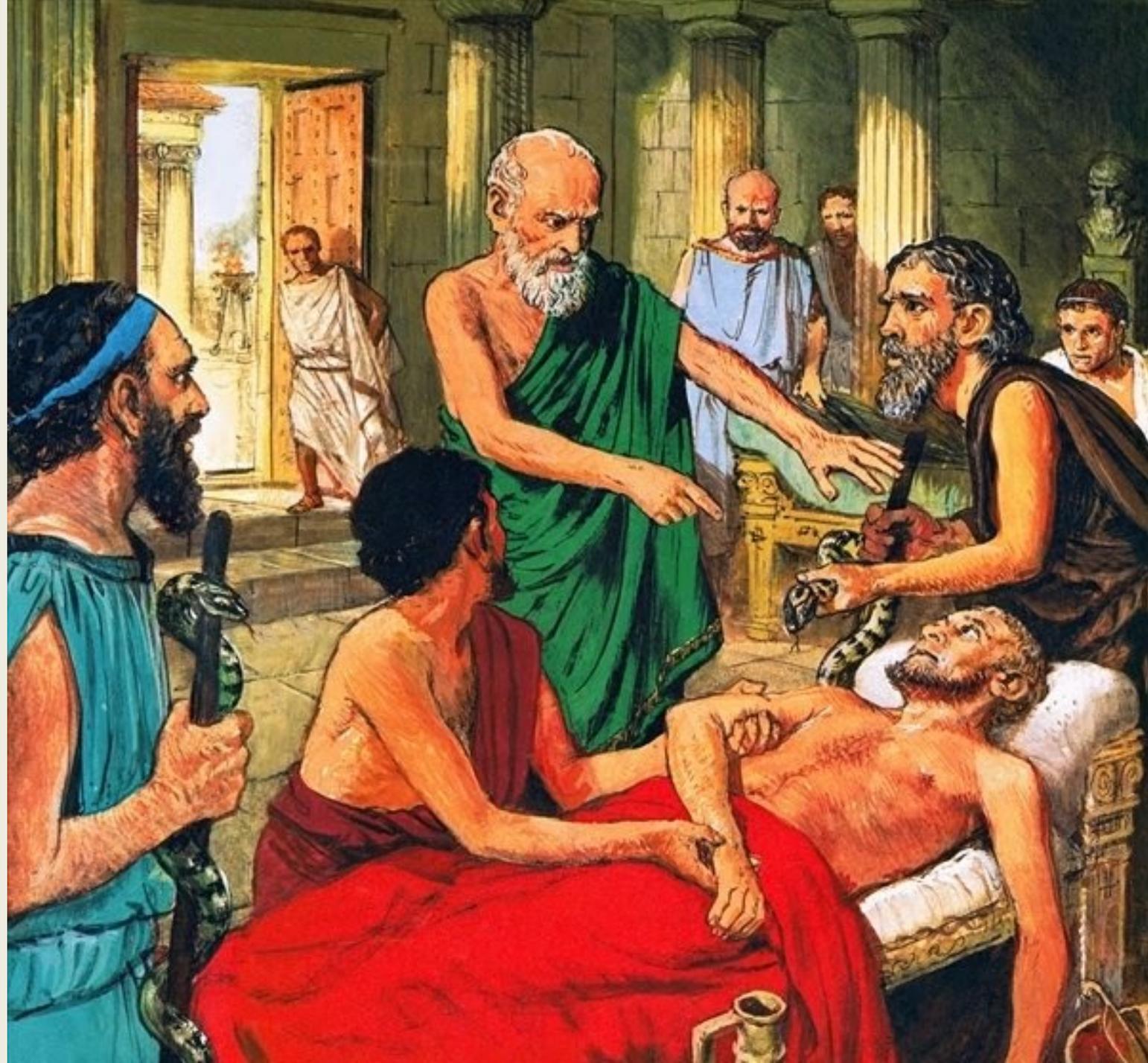
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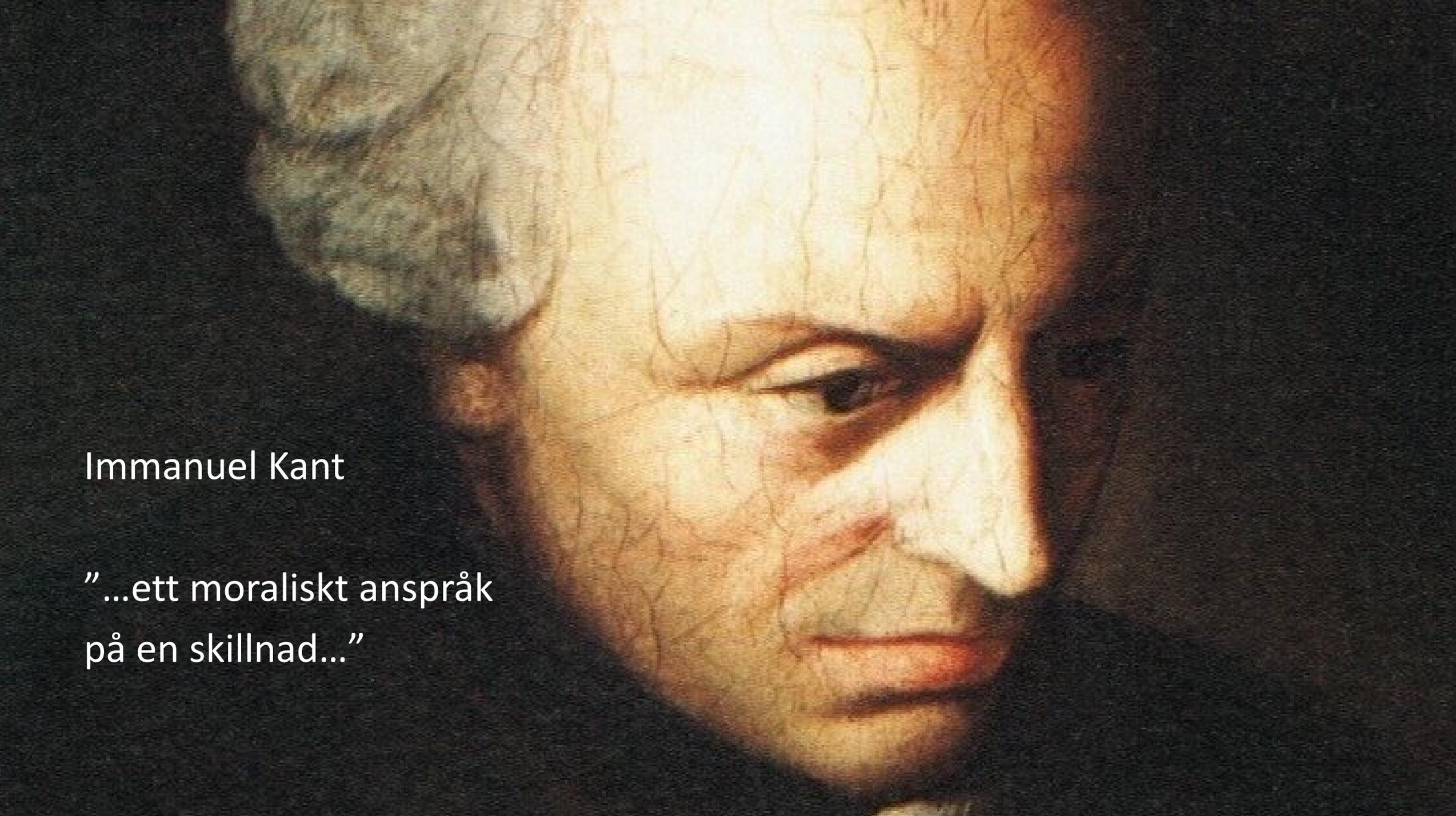


Från Estonia till Corona

*Sverker Sörlin*

Atlas

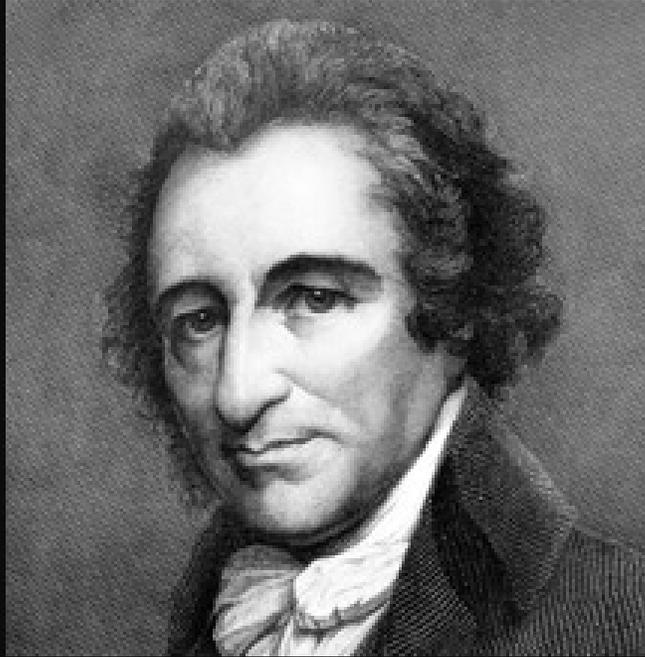


A close-up, high-contrast portrait of Immanuel Kant, showing his face from the nose up. He has white hair and is looking slightly to the right. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of his skin and the contours of his face against a dark background.

Immanuel Kant

”...ett moraliskt anspråk  
på en skillnad...”

Thomas Paine



The nearer any disease approaches to a crisis, the nearer it is to a cure. Danger and deliverance make their advances together; and it is only in the last push that one or the other takes the lead.



NYA  
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# Inte en kris...

- Pandemikris
- Klimatkris
- Miljökris
- Demokratisk kris
- Samhällskris – sammanhållning, identitet
- Framtidskris – den bärande berättelsen saknas...
- ... men håller kanske på att formas...?

# Inte en kris... -- Rahm Emanuel

- “You have three crises compounding each other: a 100-year pandemic, a 75-year depression and 50-year civil unrest,” said Rahm Emanuel, President Barack Obama’s first chief of staff and later Chicago’s mayor. This, he believes, opens political space for bold action.

SKOLSTREJK  
FÖR  
KLIMATET





# World Bank, IMF

- **What early evidence shows: COVID-19 is affecting the poorest the most, increasing inequality**
- Short-term projections by the [World Bank](#) and the [International Monetary Fund](#) suggest that extreme poverty worldwide and income inequality for low-income and emerging economies are likely to increase in 2020.

[Ruth Hill](#)

[Ambar Narayan](#)

World Bank policy brief, January 07, 2021

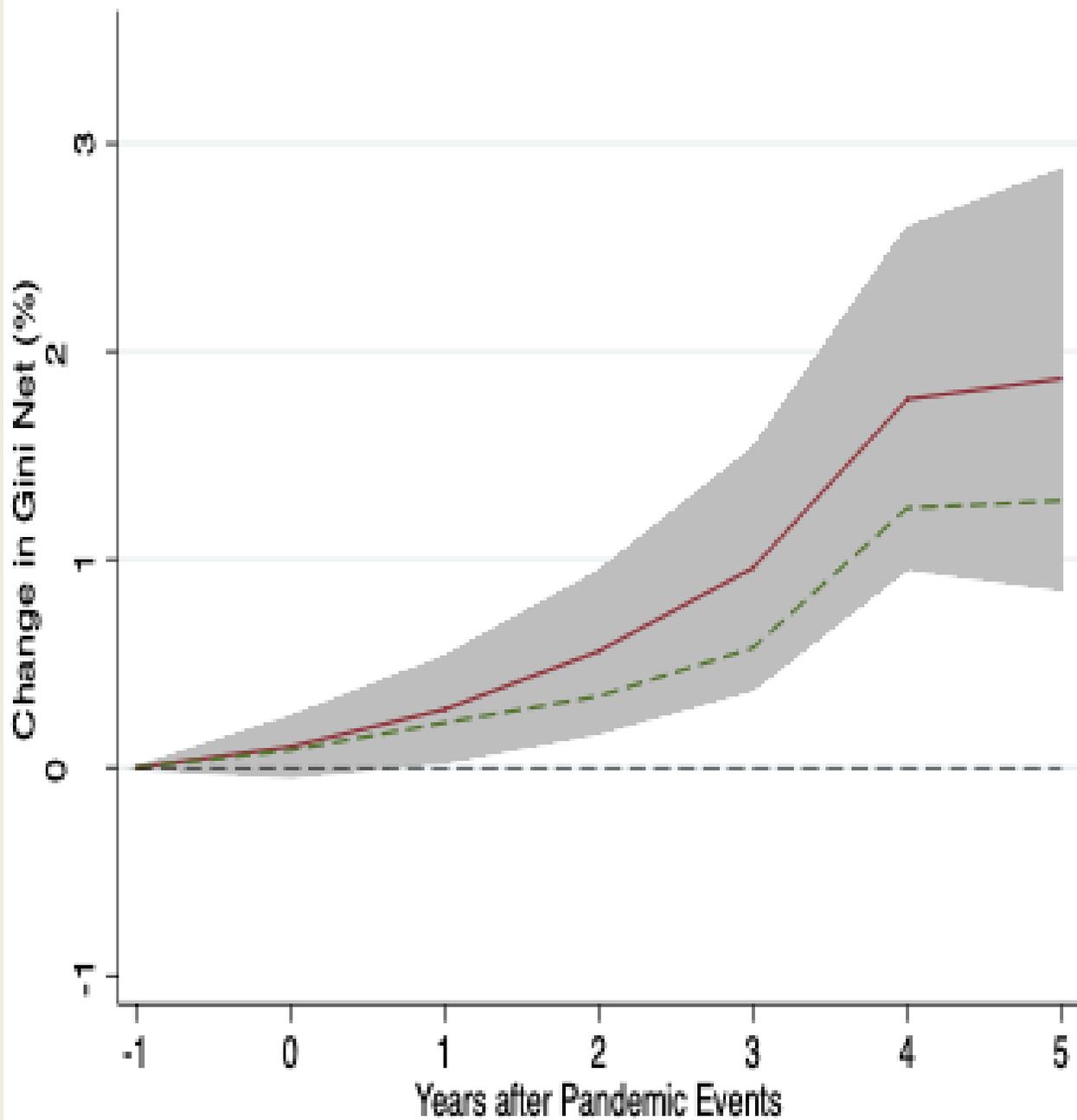
# Brookings Institution

Heather Long, Andrew Van Dam, Alyssa Fowers and Leslie Shapiro,  
“The covid-19 recession is the most unequal in modern U.S. history,”  
*The Washington Post*, September 30, 2020

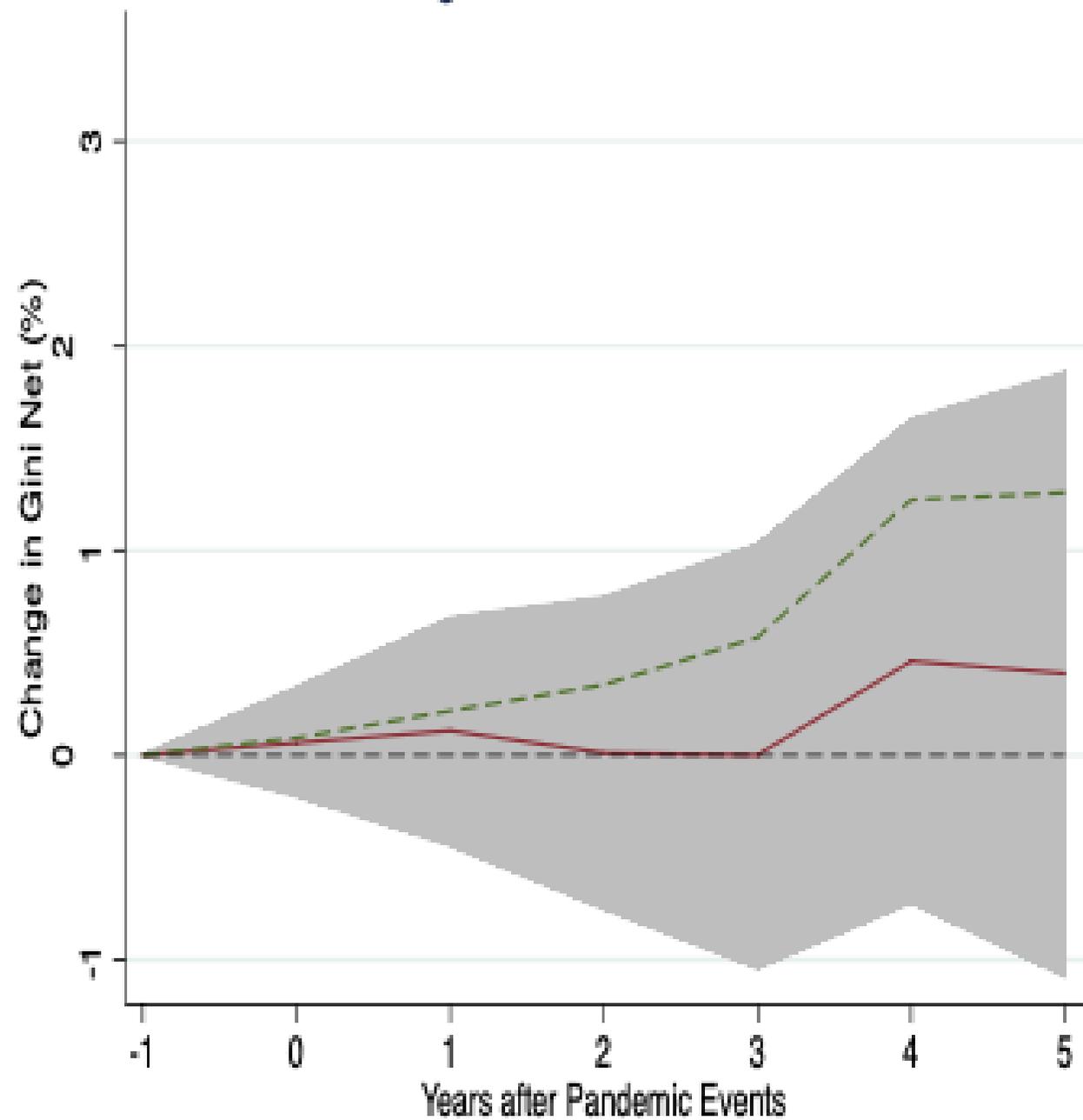
Dani Rodrik, “Democratizing Innovation” (August 2020)

“Reform of patent regimes and more effective use of public investment and tax policies on research and development can help ‘democratize’ the innovation system **so that it serves broader economic and social goals rather than narrow interests of a small group of investors.**”

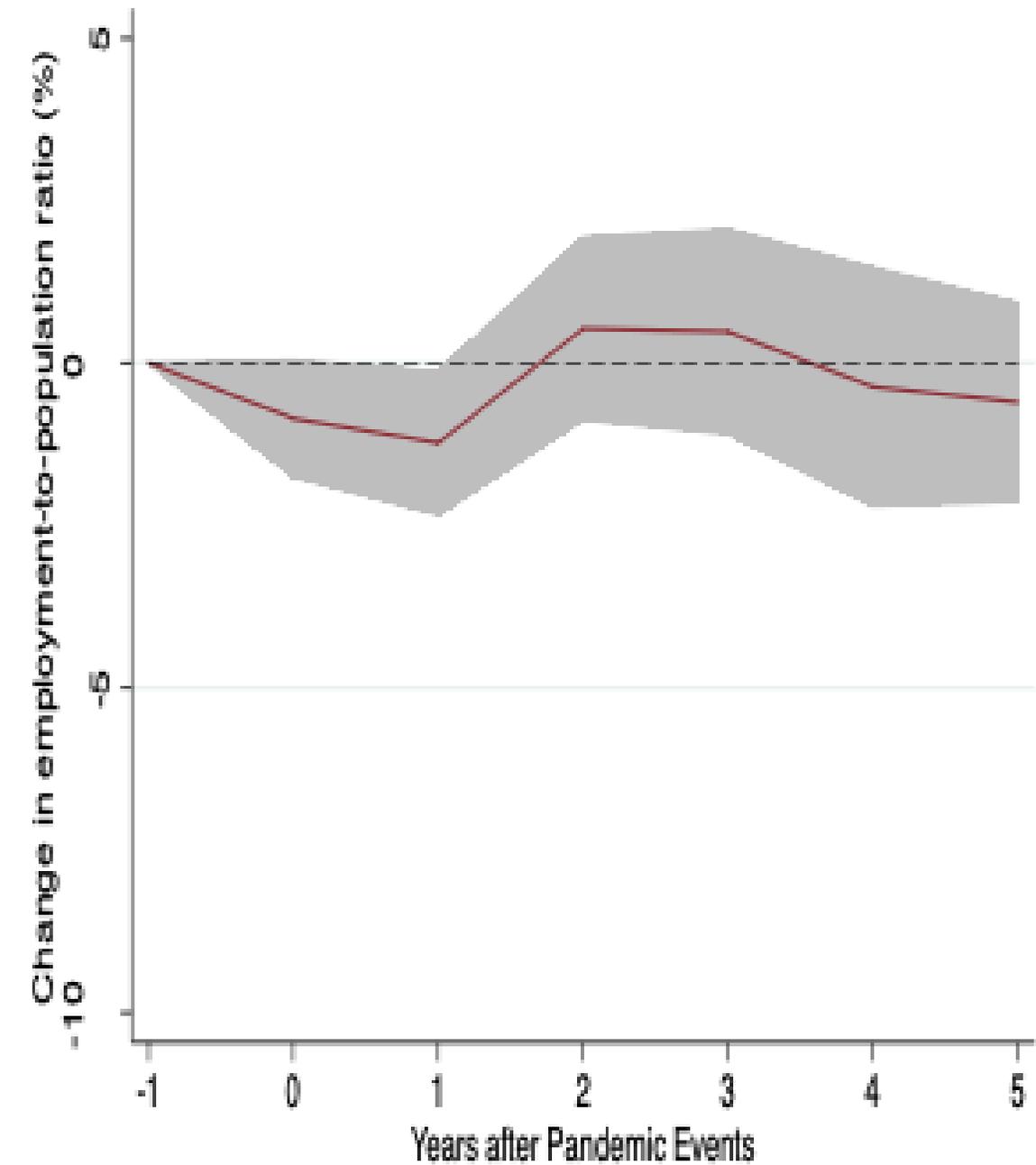
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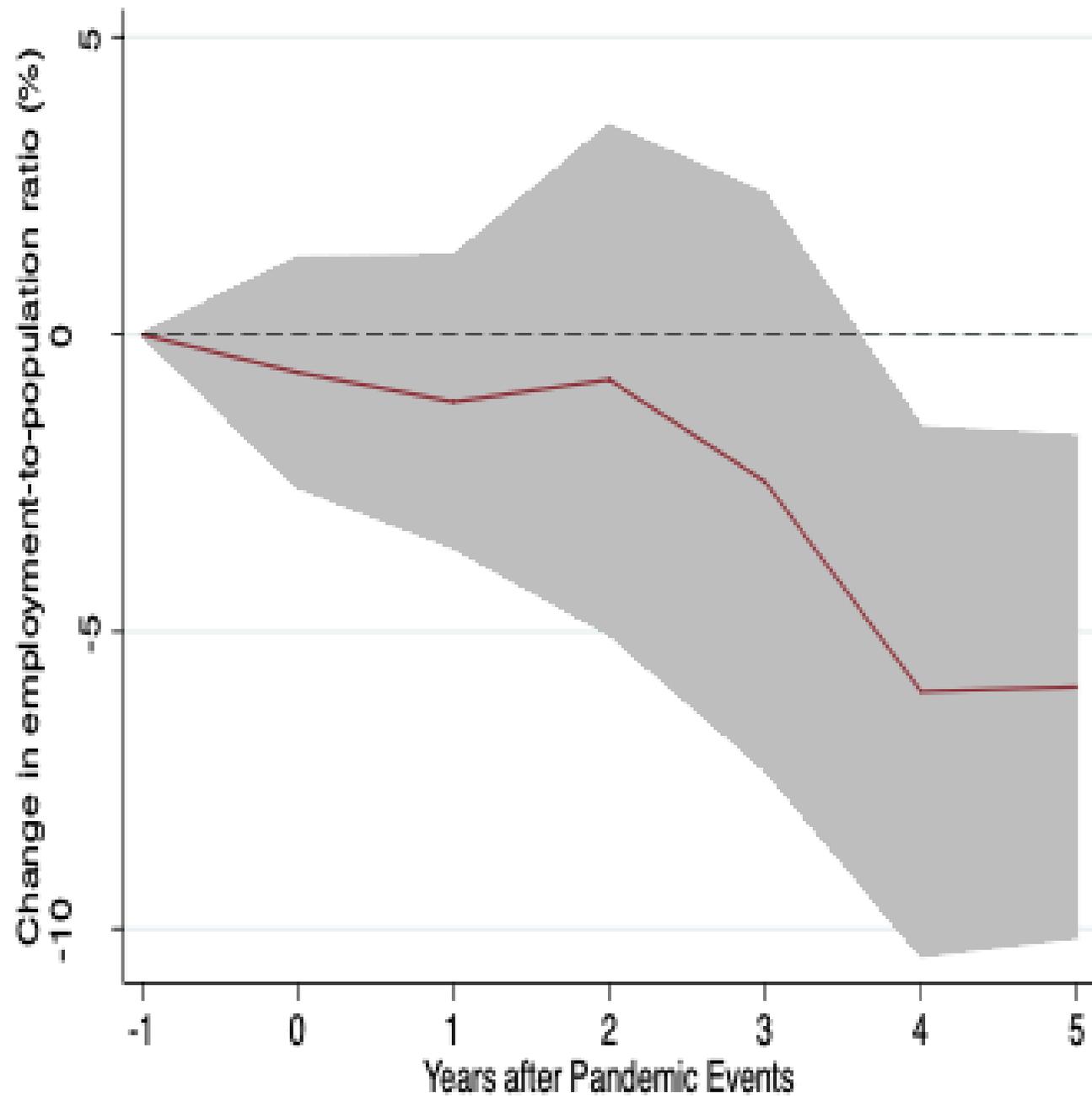
### High Real GDP Growth



### Advanced education



### Basic education



*The*  
GREAT  
LEVELER

"Sweeping and  
provocative."  
—*New Yorker*

VIOLENCE *and the*  
HISTORY *of* INEQUALITY  
*from the* STONE AGE *to*  
*the* TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY

WALTER SCHEIDEL



 **SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS**



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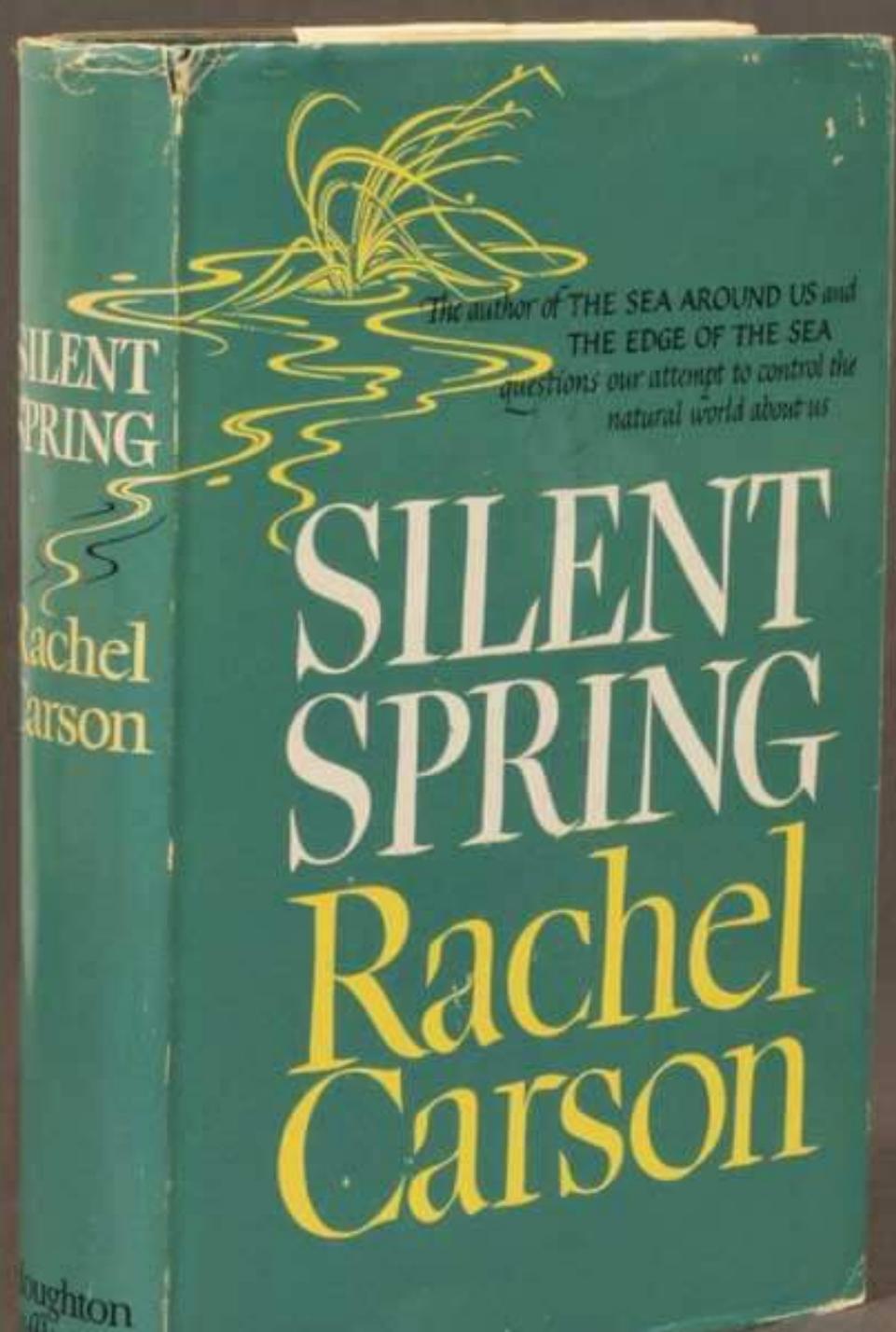
# WHAT IS HISTORY?

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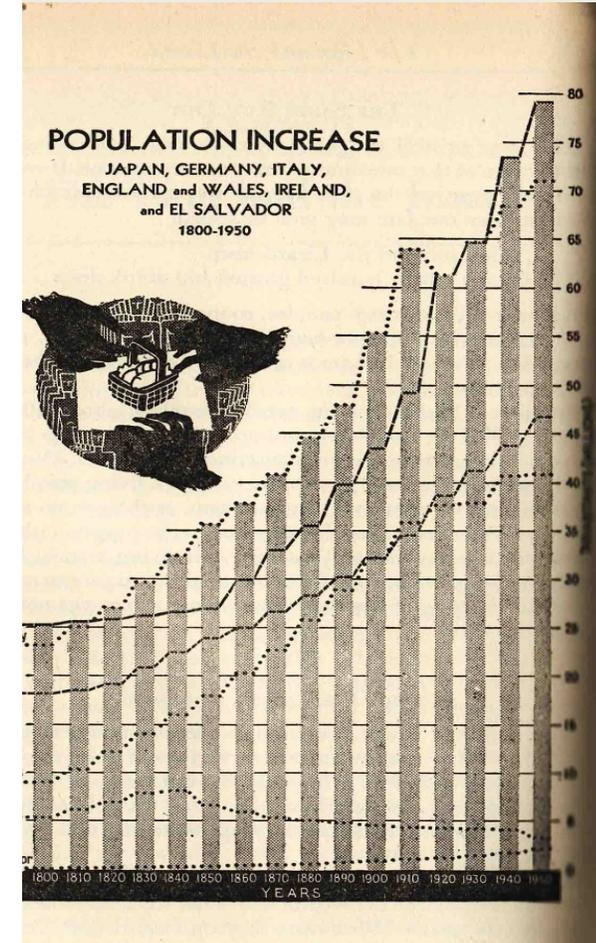
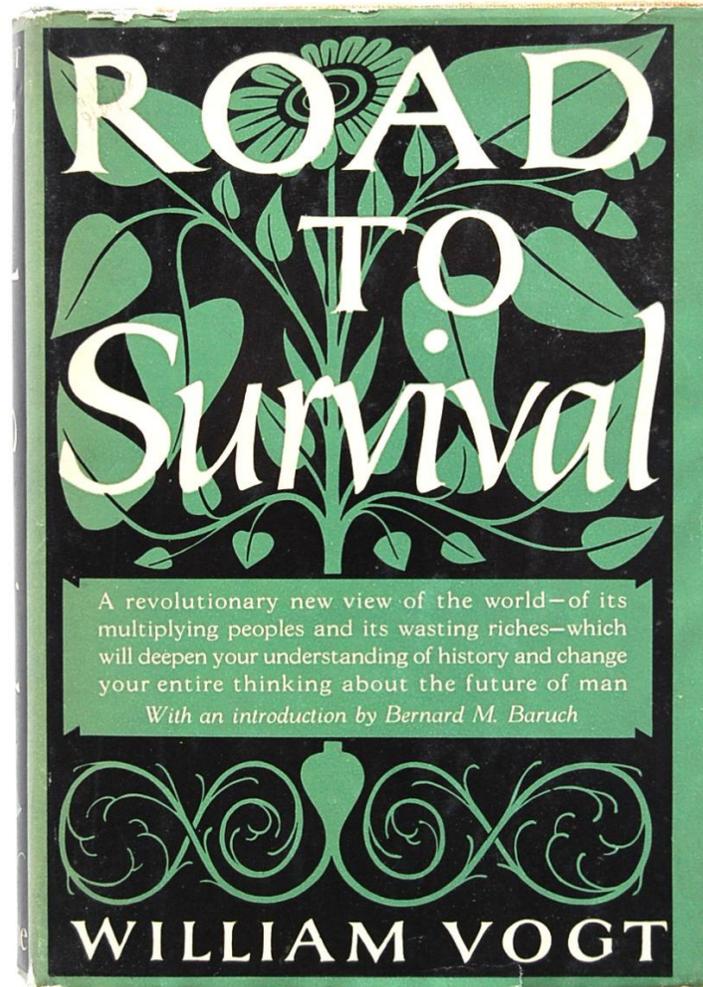
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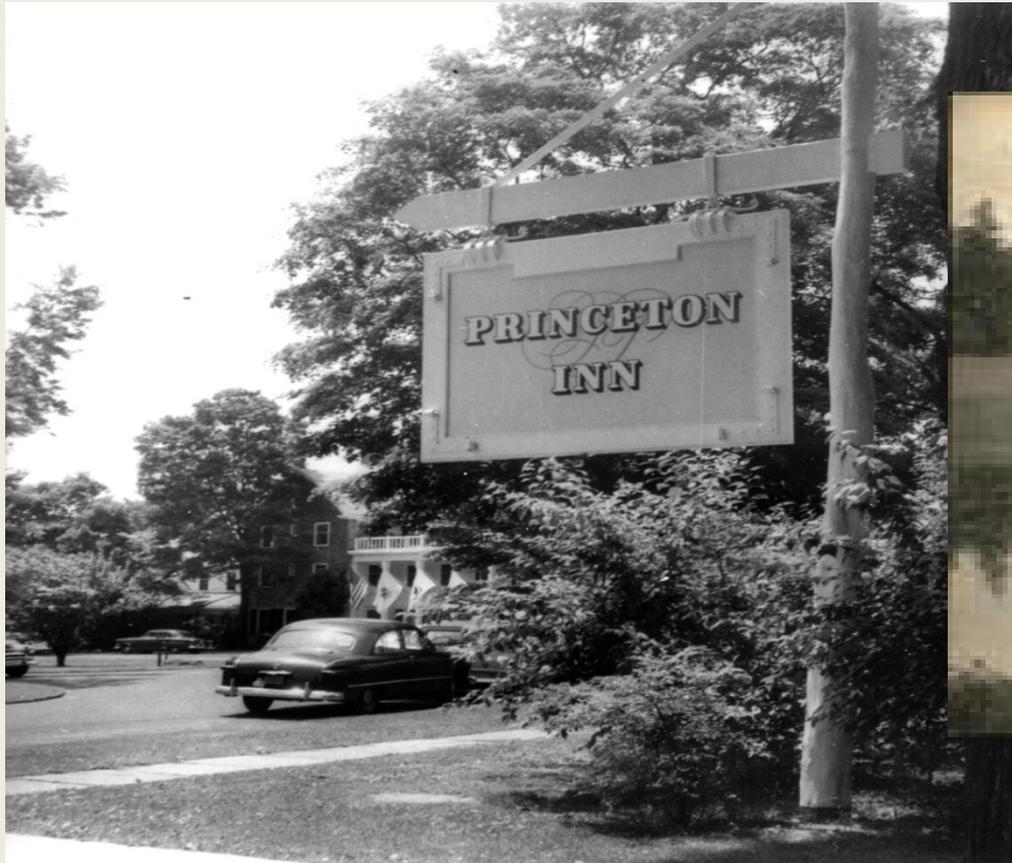


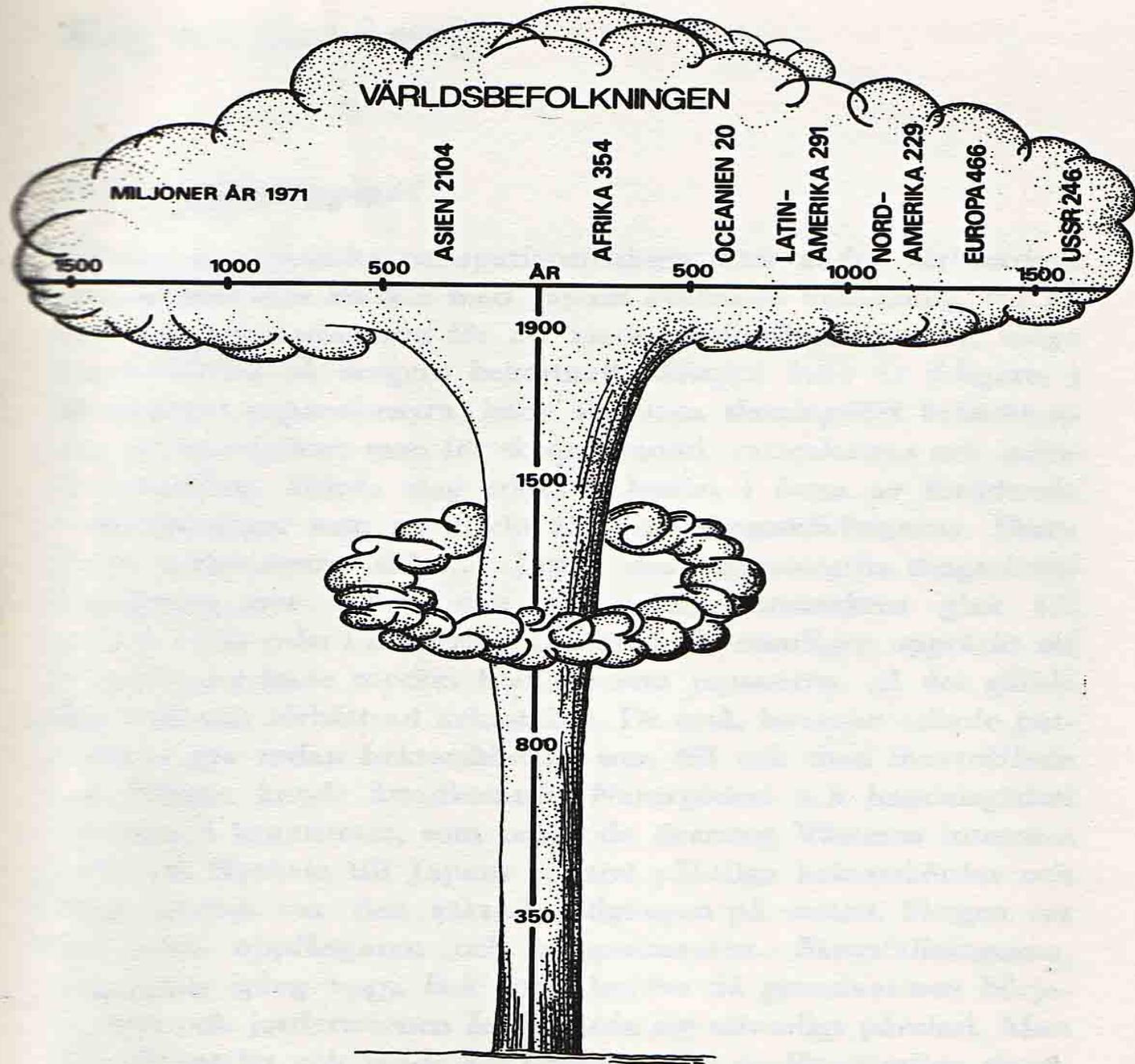
# William Vogt, *Road to Survival* (1948)



# “Man’s role in changing the face of the Earth”

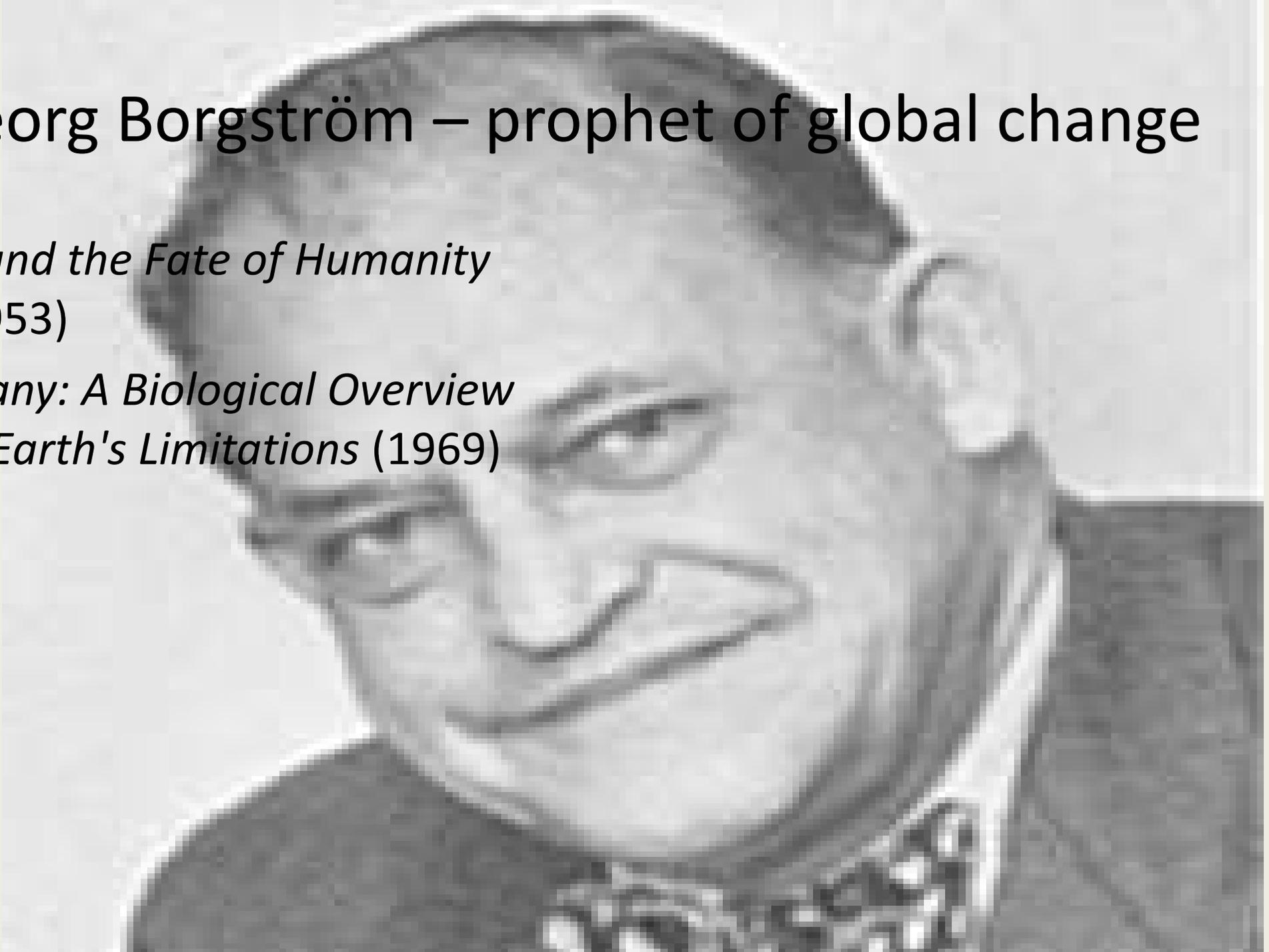
## Princeton Inn, June 1955



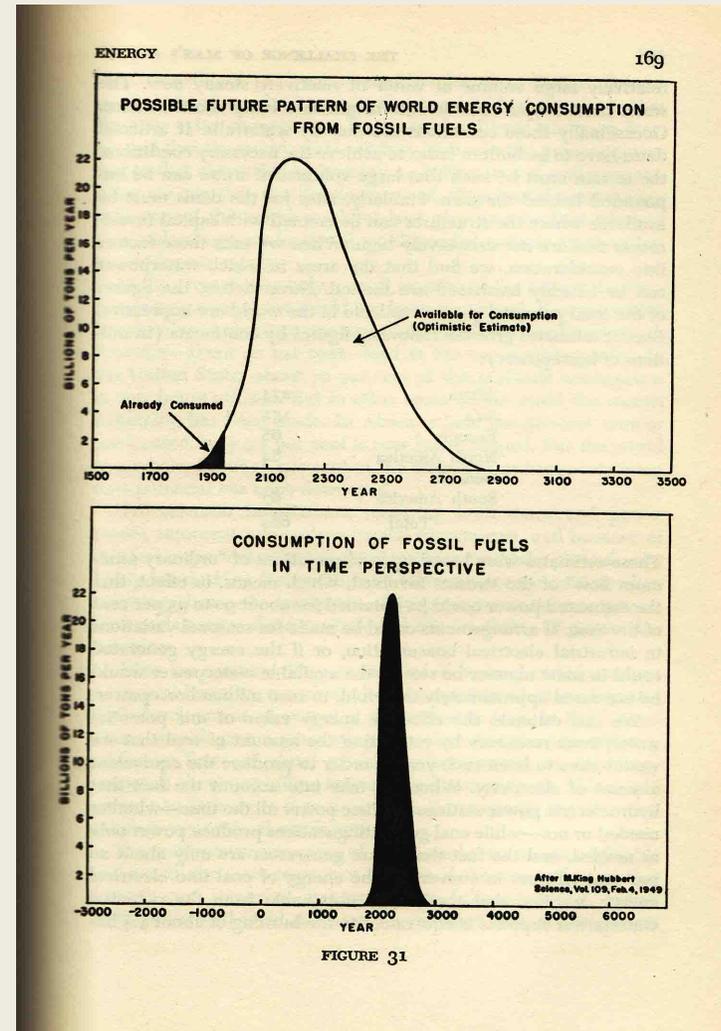
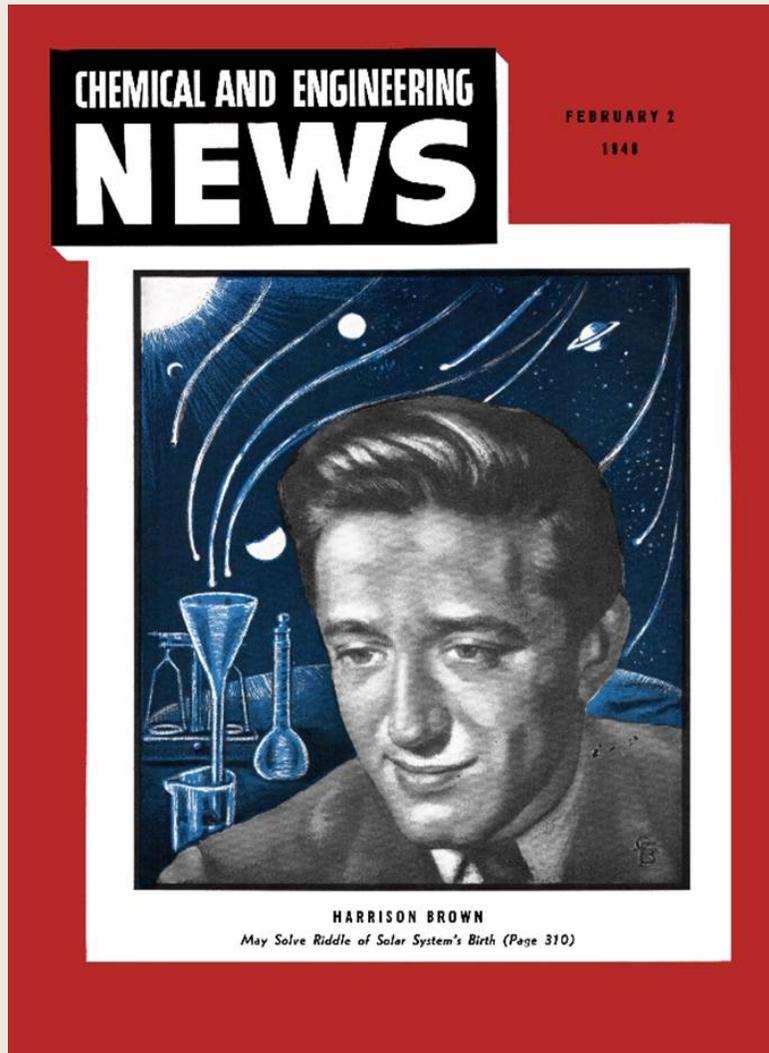


# Georg Borgström – prophet of global change

- *Earth and the Fate of Humanity*  
(Sw. 1953)
- *Too Many: A Biological Overview  
of the Earth's Limitations* (1969)

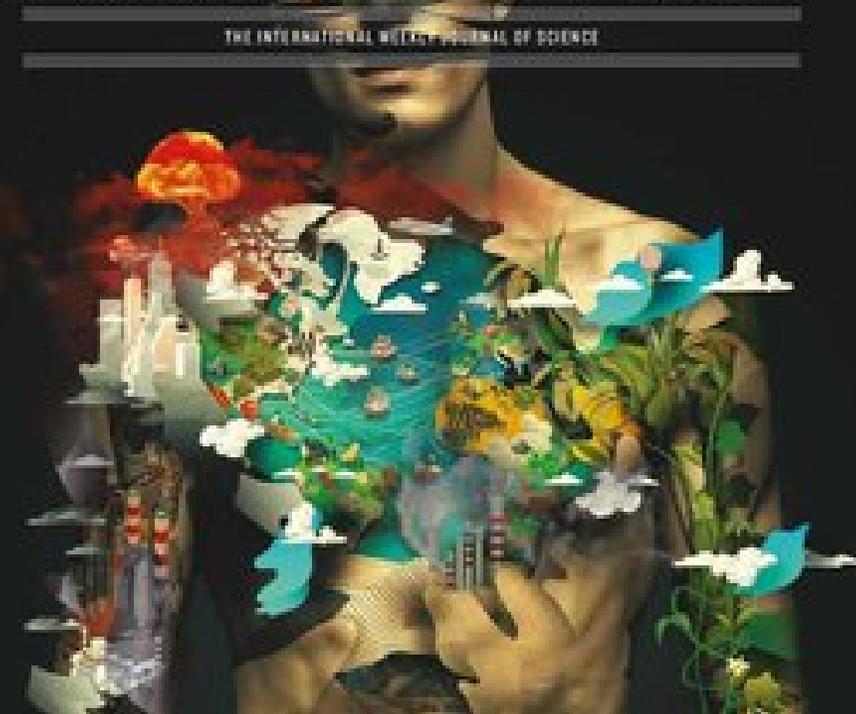


# Brown, *The Challenge of Man's Future* (1954)



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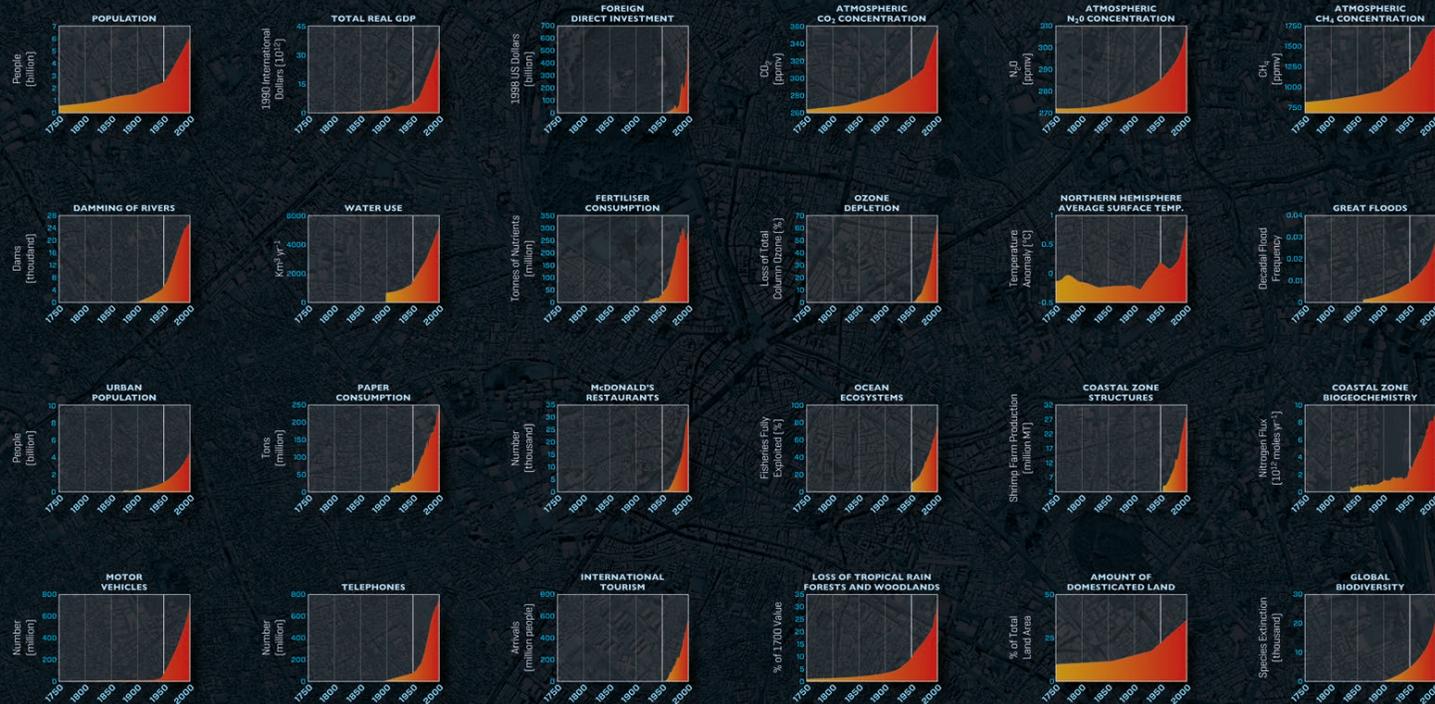


## THE ANTHROPOCENE

The Anthropocene defines Earth's most recent geologic time period as being human-influenced, or anthropogenic, based on overwhelming global evidence that atmospheric, geologic, hydrologic, biospheric and other earth system processes are now altered by humans.

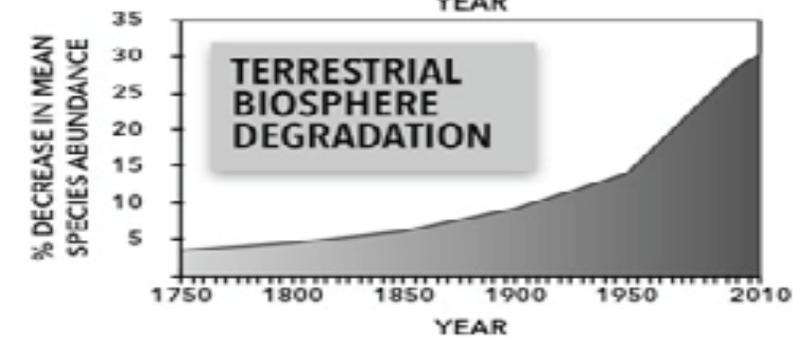
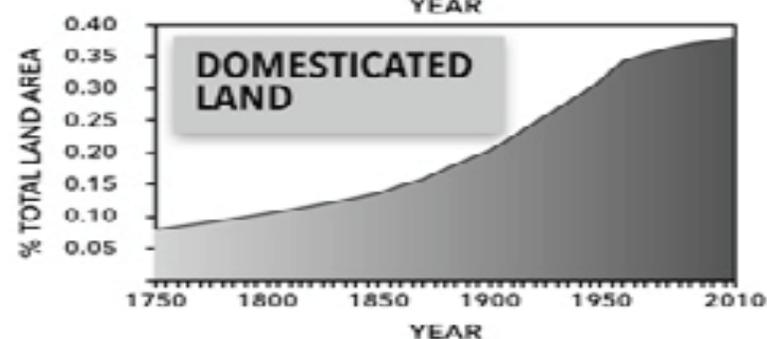
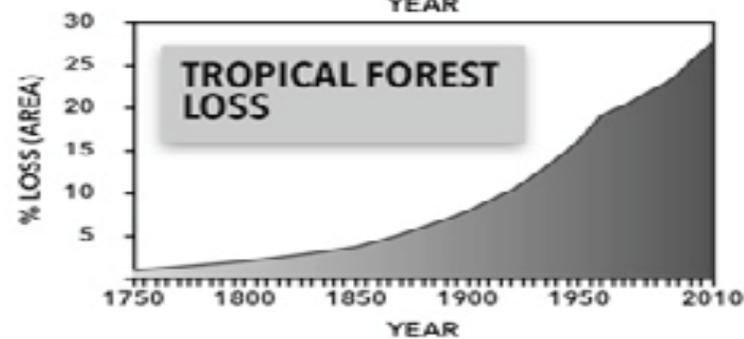
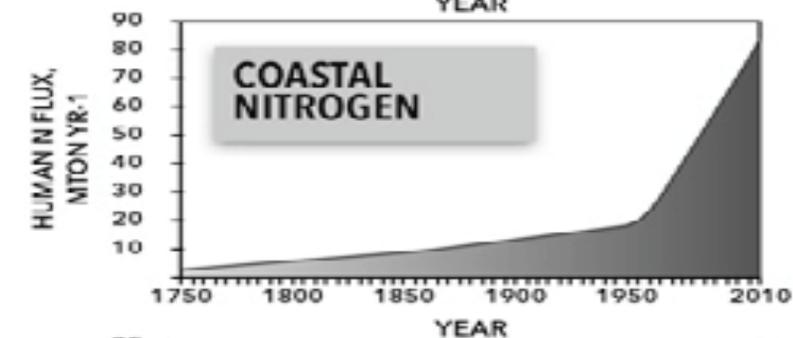
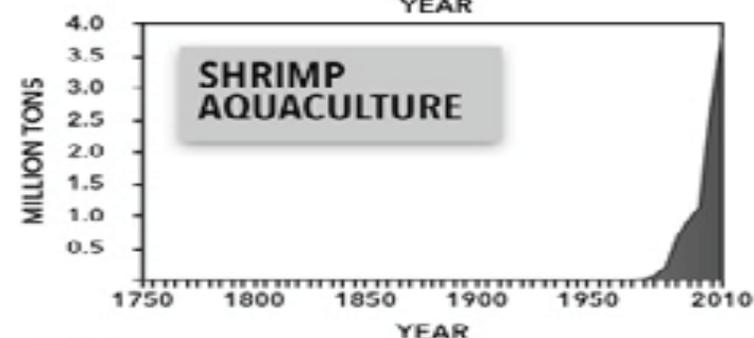
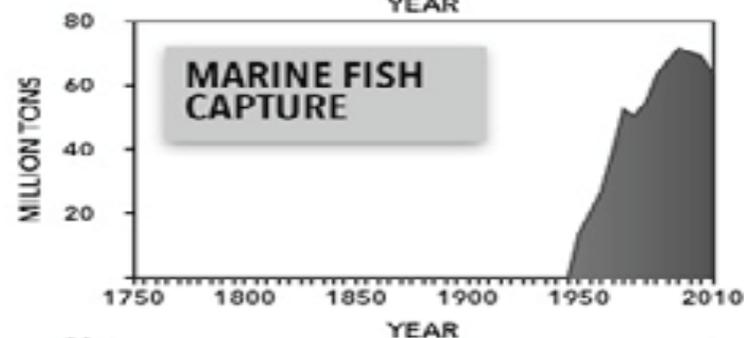
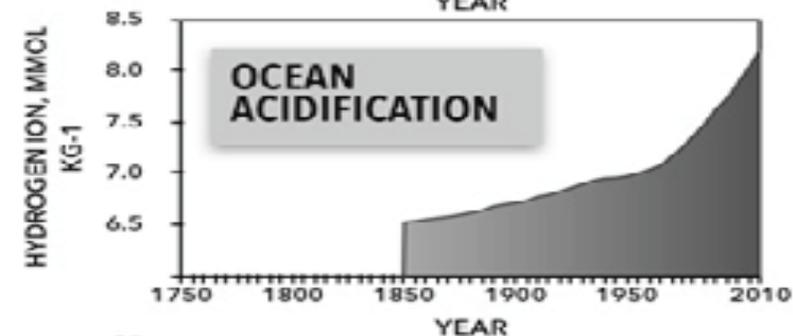
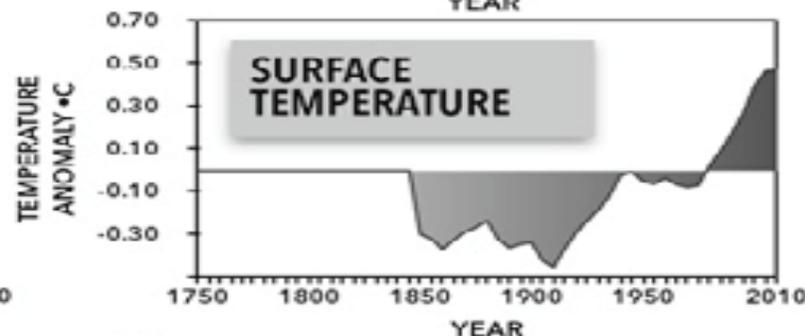
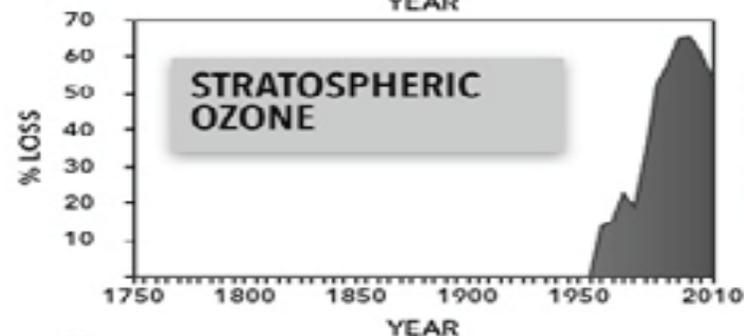
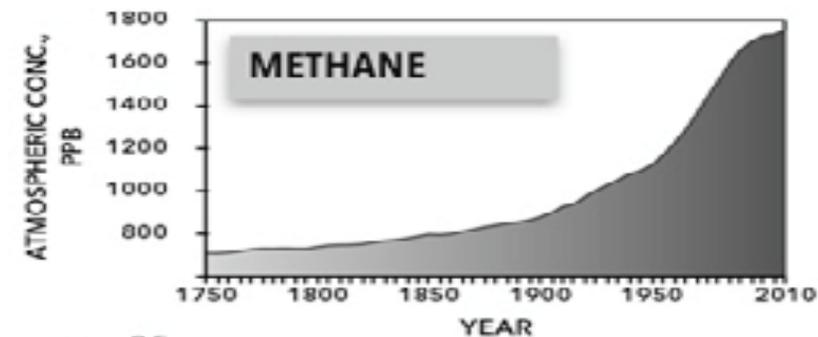
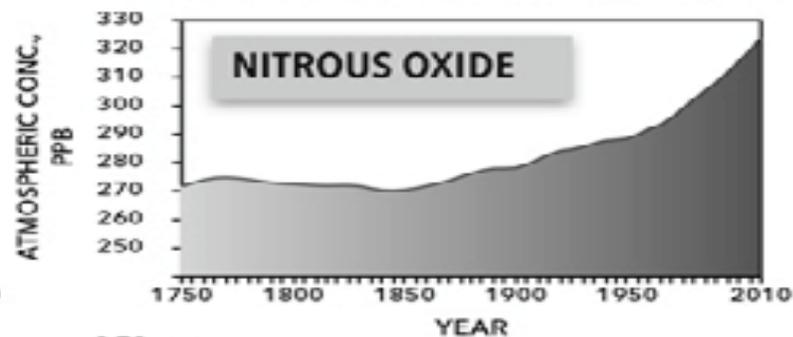
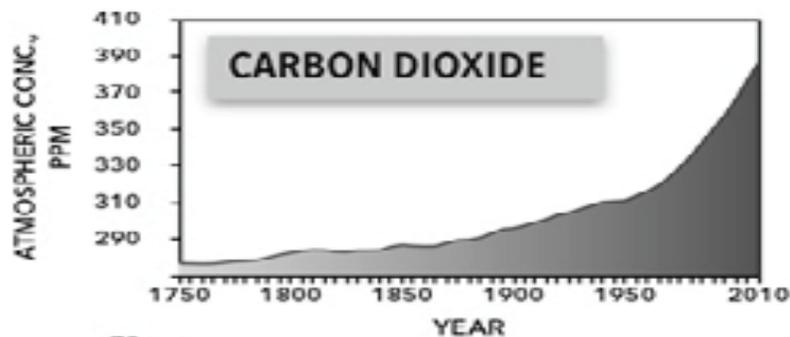
The line corresponding to 1950 highlights the **Great Acceleration**, the post-World War II worldwide industrialization, techno-scientific development, nuclear arms race, population explosion and rapid economic growth.

These graphs were compiled in a publication of the **International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme (IGBP)**.

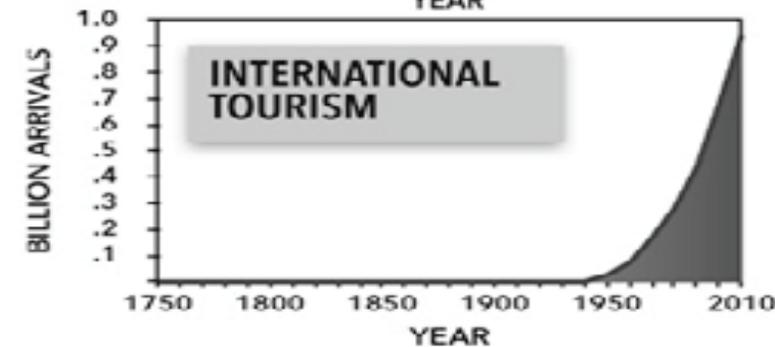
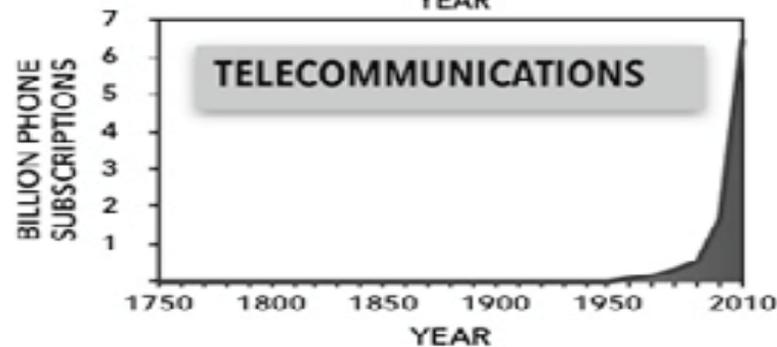
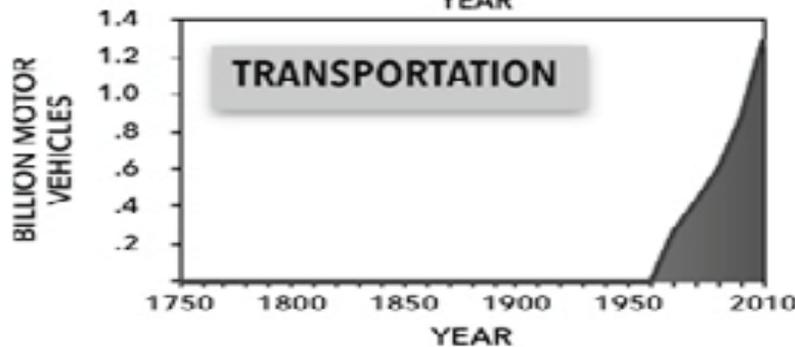
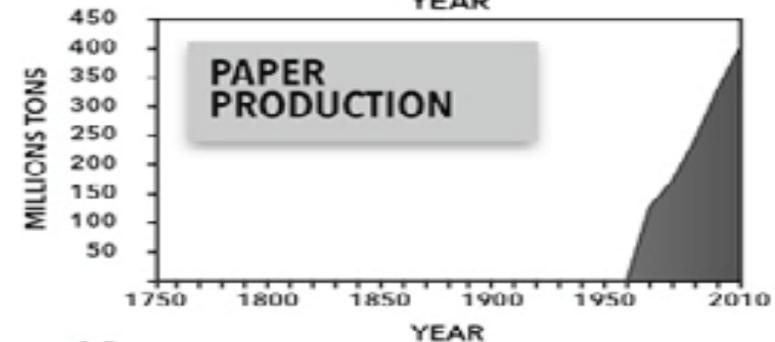
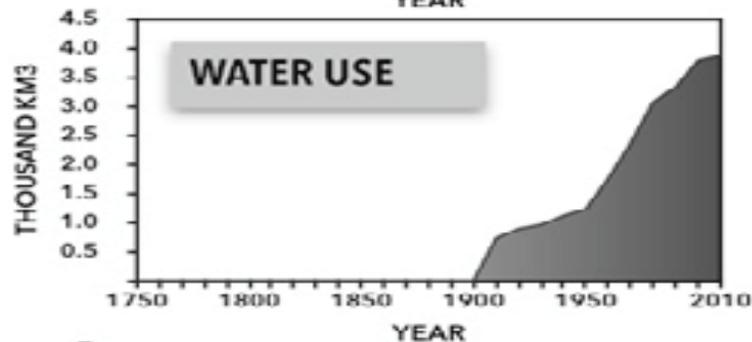
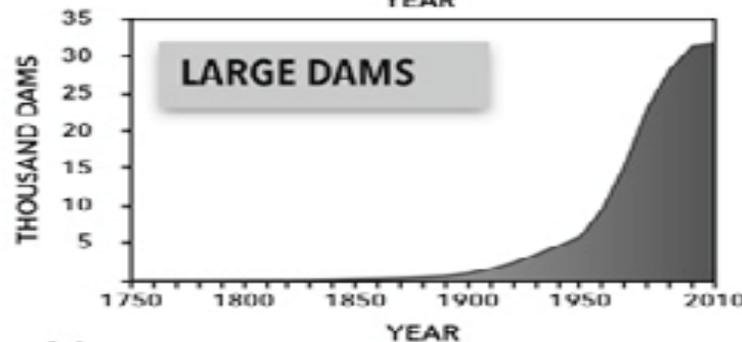
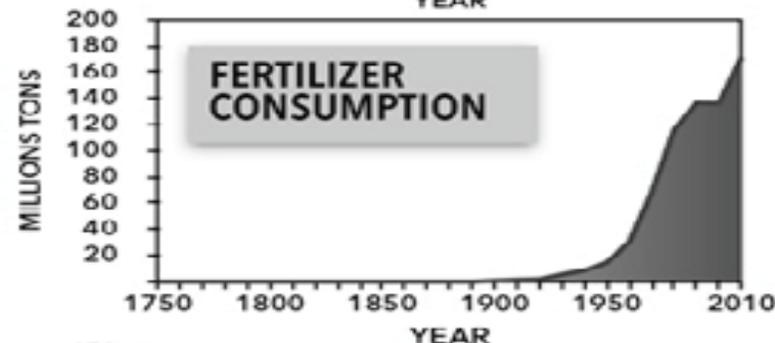
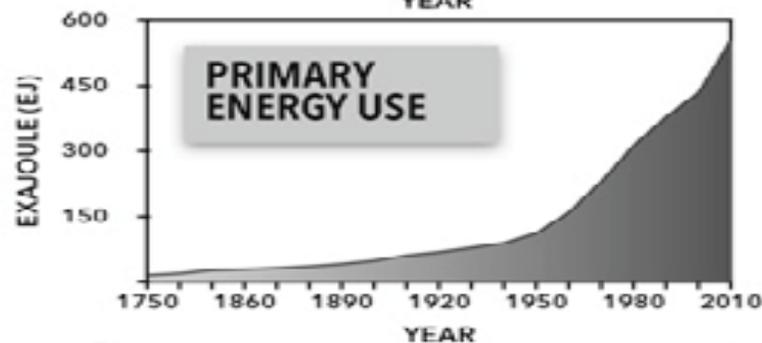
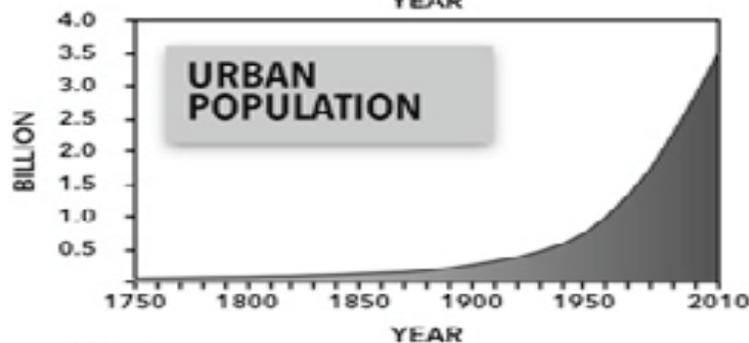
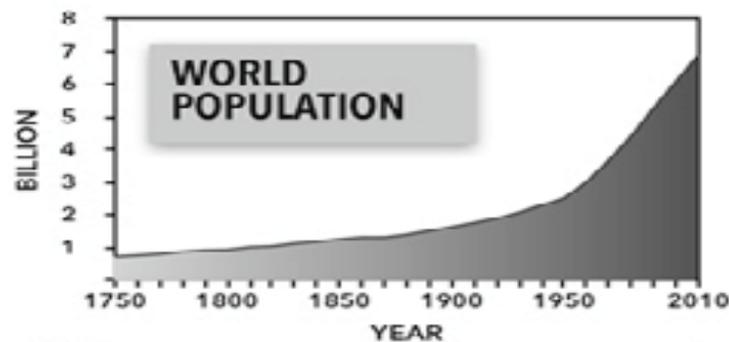


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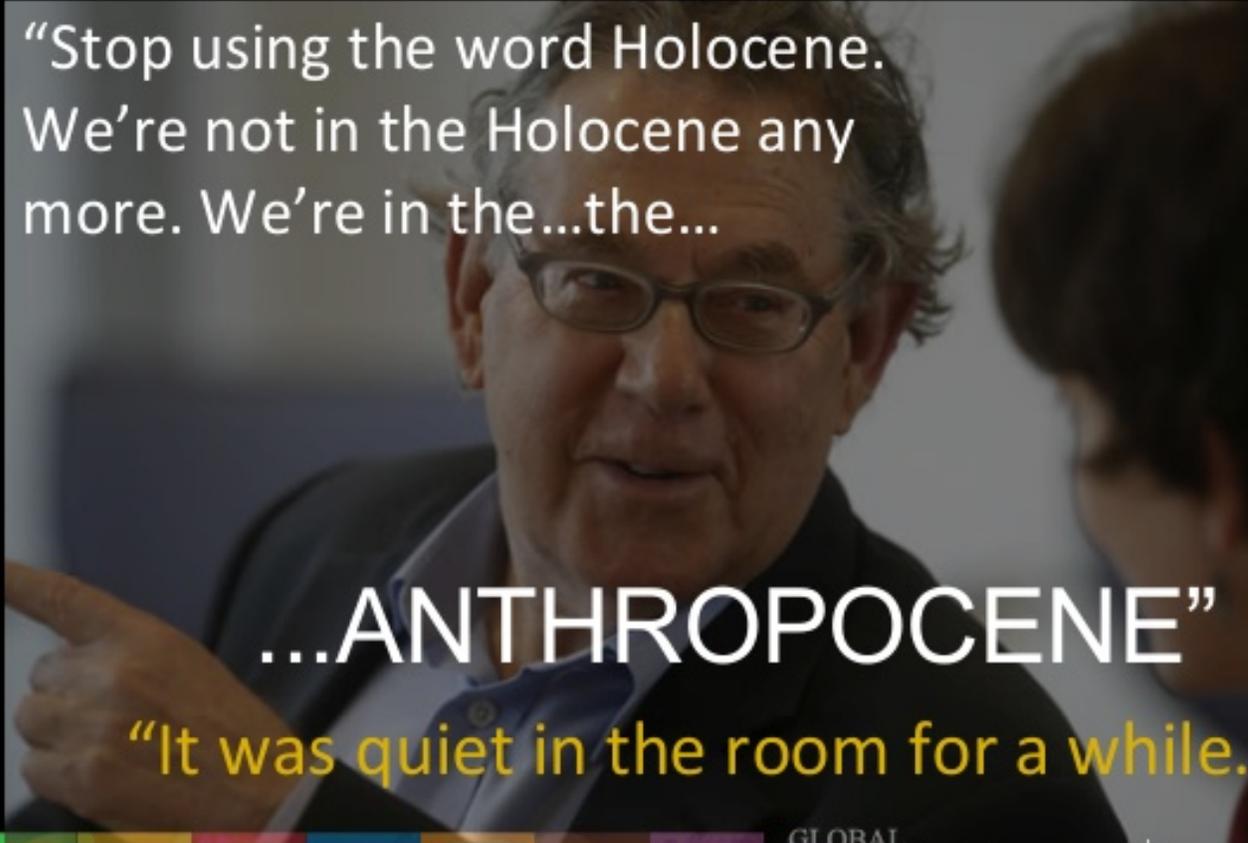
# EARTH SYSTEM TRENDS



# SOCIO-ECONOMIC TRENDS



2000. IGBP Scientific Committee meeting, Cuernavaca, Mexico



“Stop using the word Holocene.  
We’re not in the Holocene any  
more. We’re in the...the...

...ANTHROPOCENE”

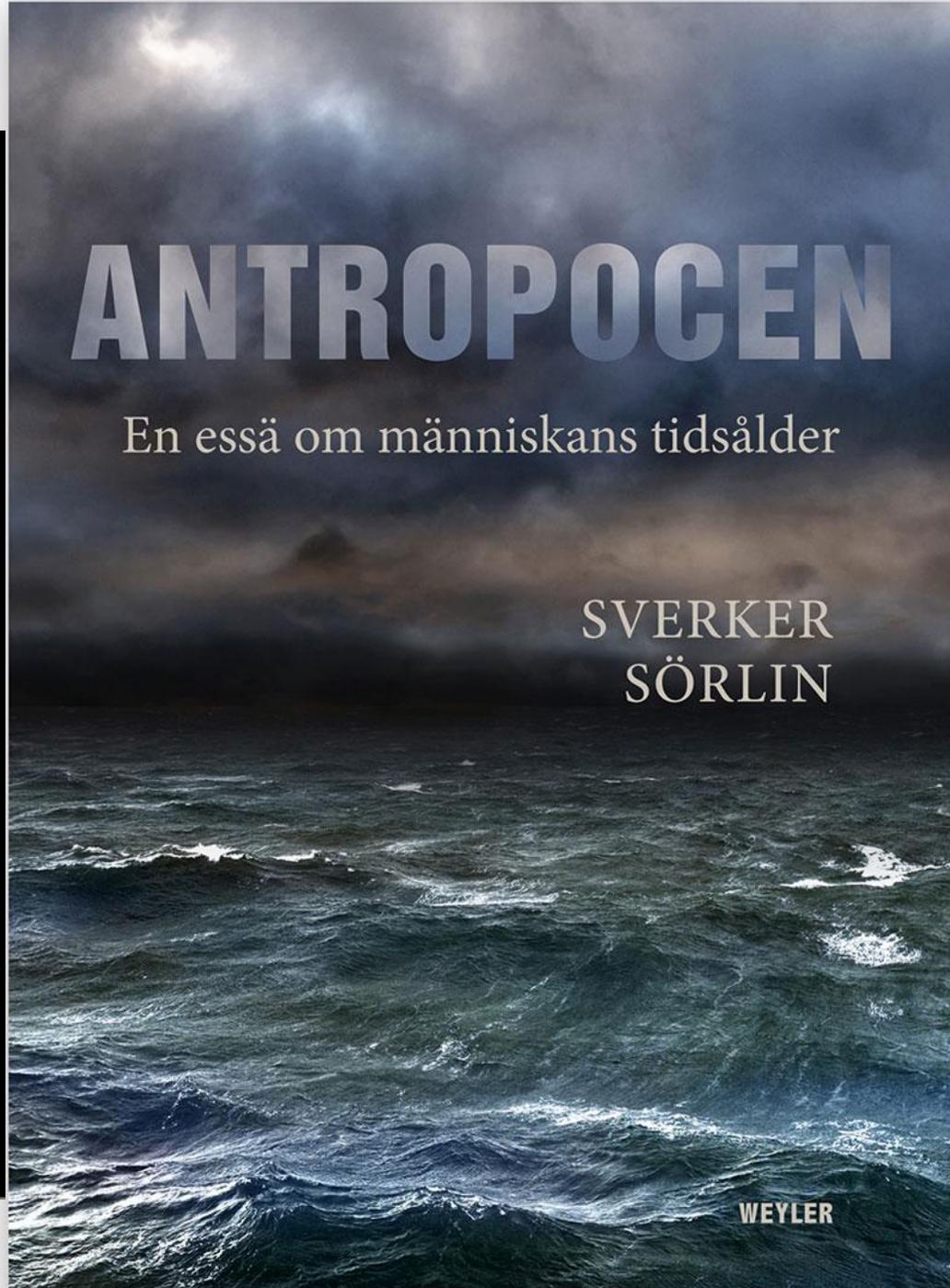
“It was quiet in the room for a while.”



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Geosphere-Biosphere  
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# ANTROPOCEN

En essä om människans tidsålder

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SÖRLIN

WEYLER



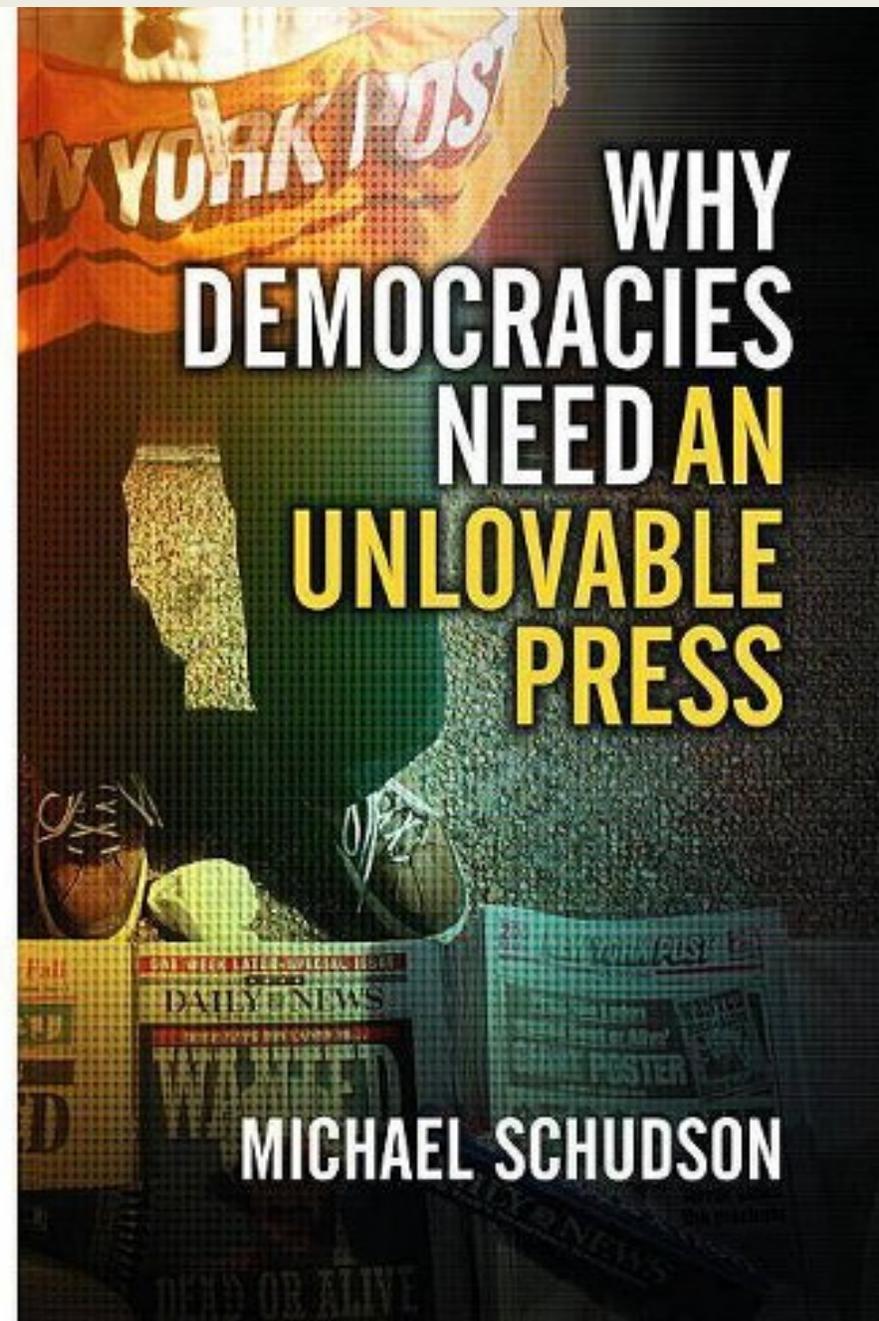
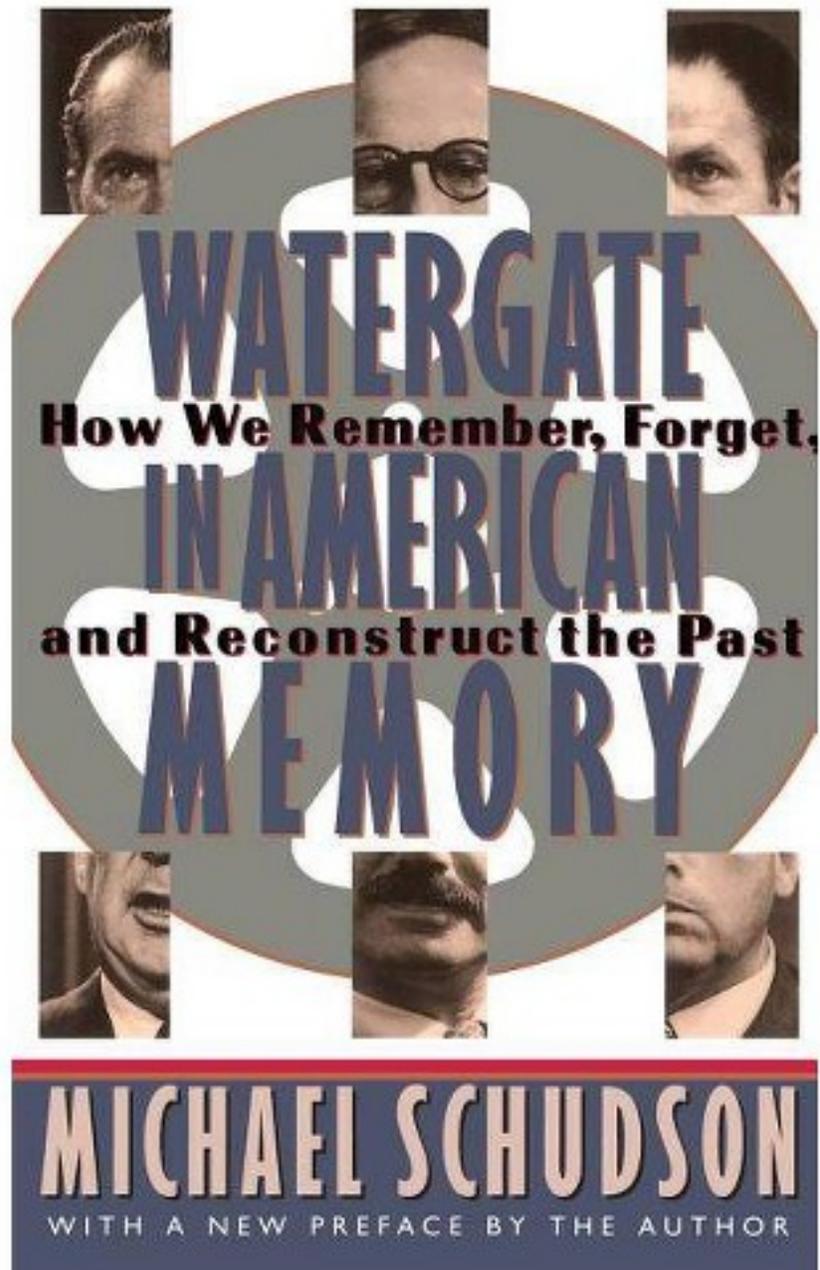
EVERYTHING  
DONE in the DARK  
Will be  
BROUGHT TO  
THE LIGHT  
Luke 8:17

TRUMP  
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KEEP AMERICA GREAT!

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KEEP AMERICA GREAT!

TRUMP  
2020  
NO MORE BULLY  
KEEP AMERICA GREAT!

120 W. Lincoln



# ON TYRANNY

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TWENTY LESSONS  
FROM THE  
TWENTIETH CENTURY

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**TIMOTHY SNYDER**



“Vänj dig aldrig, blunda inte för det obekväma, för tecken som kan förebåda ondska. Höj din röst för rättvisan, fånga ögonblicket när din röst kan ändra på det påbörjade onda och var med och skapa en bättre värld.”

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# Den nya accelerationen – sådant som kommer att bli bestående

- Transformation
- Investeringar
- Offentligt ansvar
- Säkerhet/beredskap
- Digitalisering
- Regionalisering (konstruktiv distansering...)

Tack för ordet –  
och för er uppmärksamhet!