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Rest assured, are we safe?

It's tiring to constantly think of a negative world. Yet, here we are, at least some of us who live in a world constantly exposed to the misgivings and the misdoings of the popularity movement of unsustainable development. Complementarily, the governments are turning away from the commons to the elites, with weak justifications. We can turn a blind eye or remain ignorant, but is that an option? And at what cost? Do we just go along with the flow? See what happens?

It's becoming abundantly clear with many common folks facing solastalgia, filled with missing out on what used to be and ruing what's become. Eco anxiety, stress, and depression are rising and more common than they used to be a few decades ago. Times change for the better or for the worse, but the debate when new inventions get popular is increasing in frequency keeping us on our toes of what is to come and what is to be? Pondering the impacts, despite keeping a positive frame of mind brings some of us back to the consequences of such popularities and the establishment of new practices. Do we just go along with the flow? See what happens?

It's Artificial Intelligence or Natural Stupidity? Are we in a race to understand which one of these is going to rule us? Both seem to be racing each other in different spheres of life, feeding into each other and feeding off each other. Are we to blame technology for the former or are we to blame fiction for the latter? Or are we to blame anything or anyone at all? Do we just go along with the flow? See what happens?

It's factual or fictional? Our lives are yo-yoing constantly between the two again feeding off of each other, justifying the behaviors, promoting the unthinkable. The world runs on equal quantities of both facts and fiction, but the latter responsible for all absurdities unleashing all around us, encompassing all that we touch, smell, breathe, drink, eat, see, hear, sense, well anything really. So, do we correct the imbalance and lean more towards facts and bring about a sense of balance? Do we just go along with the flow? See what happens?

It's rapid changes in a world that is unable to digest the previous shift. We've depleted one major natural protein source and are moving to harness yet another source with nothing learnt from previous experiences. Additionally, our sustained activities have ensured the alternate source to decline in visibly disturbing signs over just a few decades. Will we be able to sustain this change in focus, promoting false justifications along the way? Or are there alternatives? Do we just go along with the flow? See what happens?

It's a tight corner for us. Where do we go? The majority of us seem to be quite contented relying on misinformation, ignorance, failed models, getting rich, materialistic comforts, biases, prejudices, cult tendencies, among others failing to see what is unfolding in full glory, of increasing pollution of the air, sound, water, food, soil, of increasing temperatures, uncertain weather, unreliable forecasts, landslides, floods, droughts, of rapid declines in biodiversity, ecosystems, natural spaces, ecological sustainability, of ... well, I can go on and on, but you get it, I'm sure. Do we just go along with the flow? See what happens?

It's bothering me as its bothering many of you, I'm sure. Can we rely on each other as similar-minded buddies? Can we band together to provide each other a shoulder? Can we reach out to each other? Or remain in our silos sobbing into our pillows? Can we afford for our own stability do something about it? Do we just go along with the flow? See what happens?

It's right here that I implore you write to me and share your experiences and feelings. Let's begin somewhere, why not here? Do we just go along with the flow? See what happens?

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