

Imaginal Visioning for Prophetic Foresight

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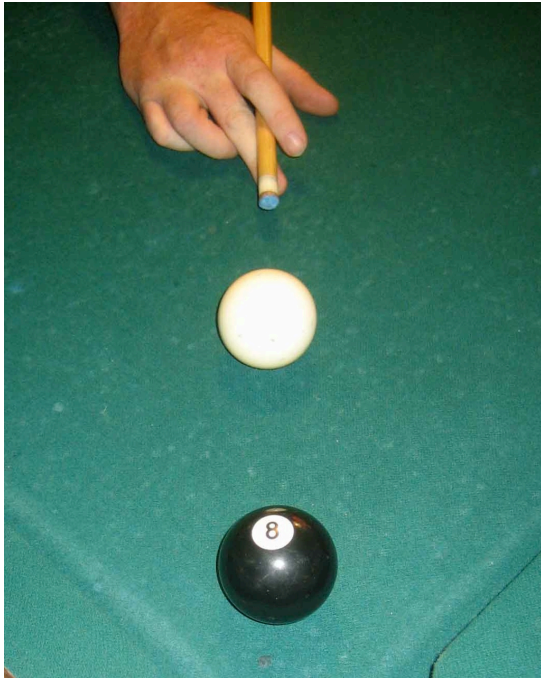
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Integrative (“Integral”)

Activism

Billiard Ball ~ Cornucopia Causality



Integrative Foresight



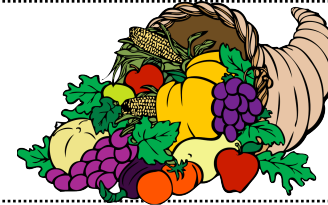
Active Volition / Willful / Yang

Expressive

Imaginative Visualizing

Rational Thinking

Conventional Foresight



Passive Volition / Willing / Yin

Receptive

Imaginal Visioning

Intuitive Feeling

Prophetic Foresight

To imagine biting into a lemon is expressive—
Imaginative Visualization

To experience a sense of tartness and salivation is receptive—
Imaginational Visioning

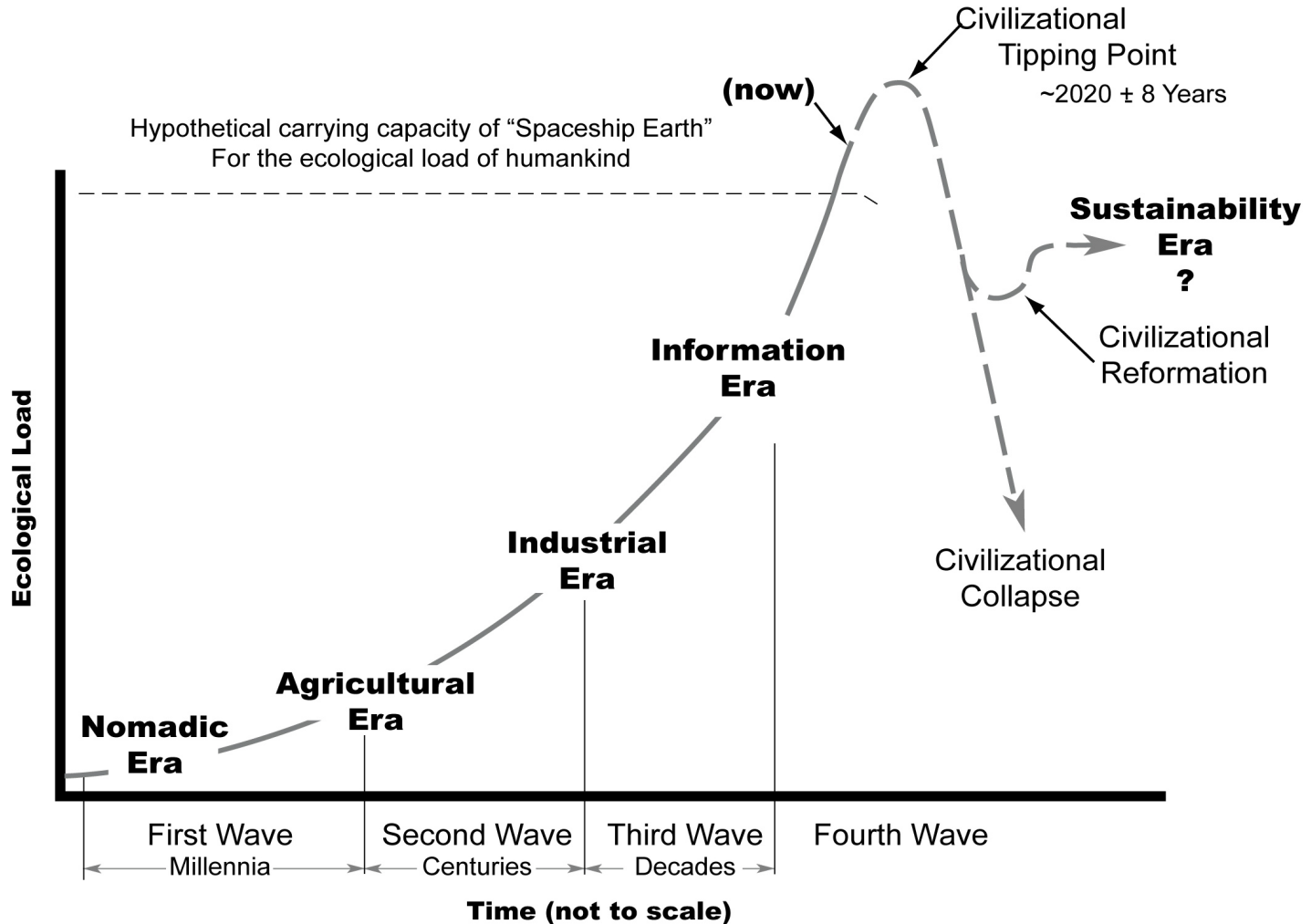


Prophetic Foresight

“Proactive knowledge based on supra-mental ways of knowing in the visioning of wise futures and ways to manifest them.”



Prophetic Foresight Developed Via Imaginal Visioning



Source: journal articles listed at the end of the presentation

Three Imaginal Visioning Processes

- *Mental Time Travel*

www.inwardboundvisioning.com/Docs/MentalTimeTravel.htm

- *Experiencing the Needs of Future Generations*

www.inwardboundvisioning.com/Docs/FutureNeeds.htm

- *Transformative ReVisioning*

www.inwardboundvisioning.com/Docs/TransformativeReVisioningCS.htm



An Exercise



Filtering Out Hopes, Fears & Expectations in Imaginal Visioning

- Hope and optimism are essential for vibrant resilience when dealing with unpredictable change
- Personally held hopes, fears and expectations are important to set aside when doing imaginal filtering in order to prevent them from biasing the outcome
- How to do this.

Background—Four Journal Articles, All Linked at:

<http://www.imaginalvisioning.com/anticipating-disruptive-surprises-with-futures-research/>

- **A New Methodology for Anticipating STEEP Surprises**, *Technology Forecasting & Social Change*, Vol. 78, 1079–97, 2011
- **Research and Action Toward the Upside of Down** *Journal of Futures Research*, Vol. 15, No. 3, 2011
- **Manifesting Upside Recovery Instead of Downside Fear: Five Ways MegaCrisis Anticipation Can Proactively Improve Futures Research and Social Policy**, *Journal of Futures Research*, Vol. 16, No. 2, 2011
- **Visionary Designs for Evolving Wise Futures**, in peer review for forthcoming (Spring, 2012) *Journal of Futures Studies*.

The Next Project

Teaching and consulting—
based on the above research
and on recent findings of
the “Positive Psychology” movement—
for resilient thriving in challenging times