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breaking with business as usual when planning for the future

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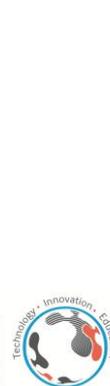
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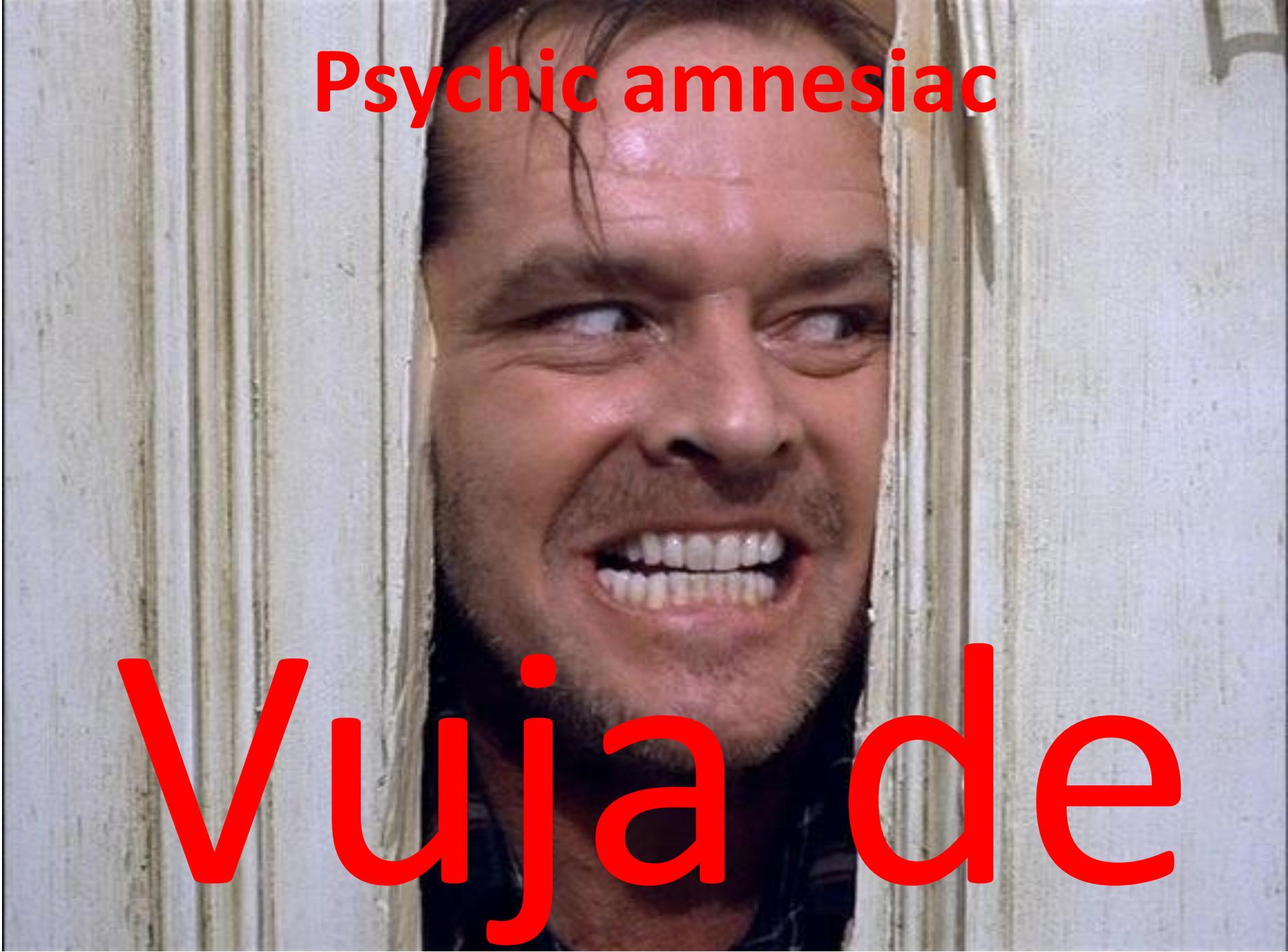
Golden Tulip Nairobi, Kenya

Co-creating the atmospherics for meaningful decision-making



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A close-up shot of a man with a menacing, wide-eyed grin peering through a narrow crack in a white door. He has a light beard and is looking slightly to the left. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting his teeth and the texture of the door.

Psychic amnesiac

Vujade



Those who know
where they come from
also know their
past



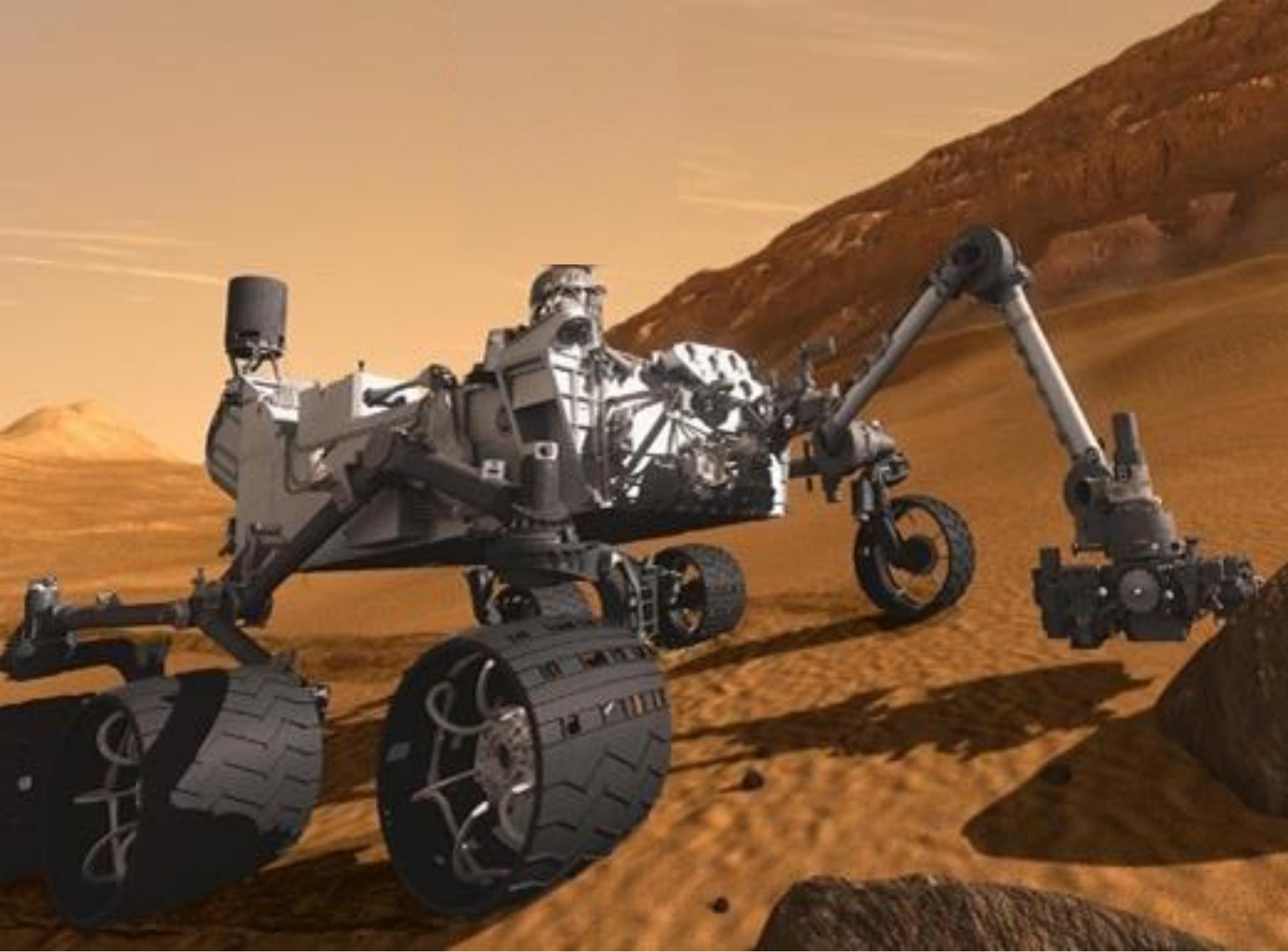
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Time won't tell.



We must tell time.





Ge'ez scrolls – Axum (Ethiopia & Eritrea)

inscriptions on coins (c. AD 270/290) (intended for international trade) highlight the fact that Aksumites were a literate people with knowledge of both Ethiopic and Greek languages ... followed the weight standards which existed in the Roman Empire

Aksumite Empire developed its own alphabet, the Ge'ez alphabet (which evolved from Epigraphic South Arabian during the late pre-Aksumite and proto-Aksumite period (c. 450AD)

A link between the trading systems of the Mediterranean and the Asiatic world & shows the extent of international commerce at that time

51 references in the Bible to "Ethiopia"

A cosmopolitan & culturally important meeting place for Egyptian, Sudanic, Arabic & Indian travellers, with Sabeen, Jewish, Nubian, Christian, and Buddhist minorities

Berlin Conference



v. Camille de Cambremont. Marquis de Penafiel.
Graf Klapka. Said Pasha.

Graf de Kaunoy.
v. d. Straten. Graf Hoffeldt.

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Graf Demomay.

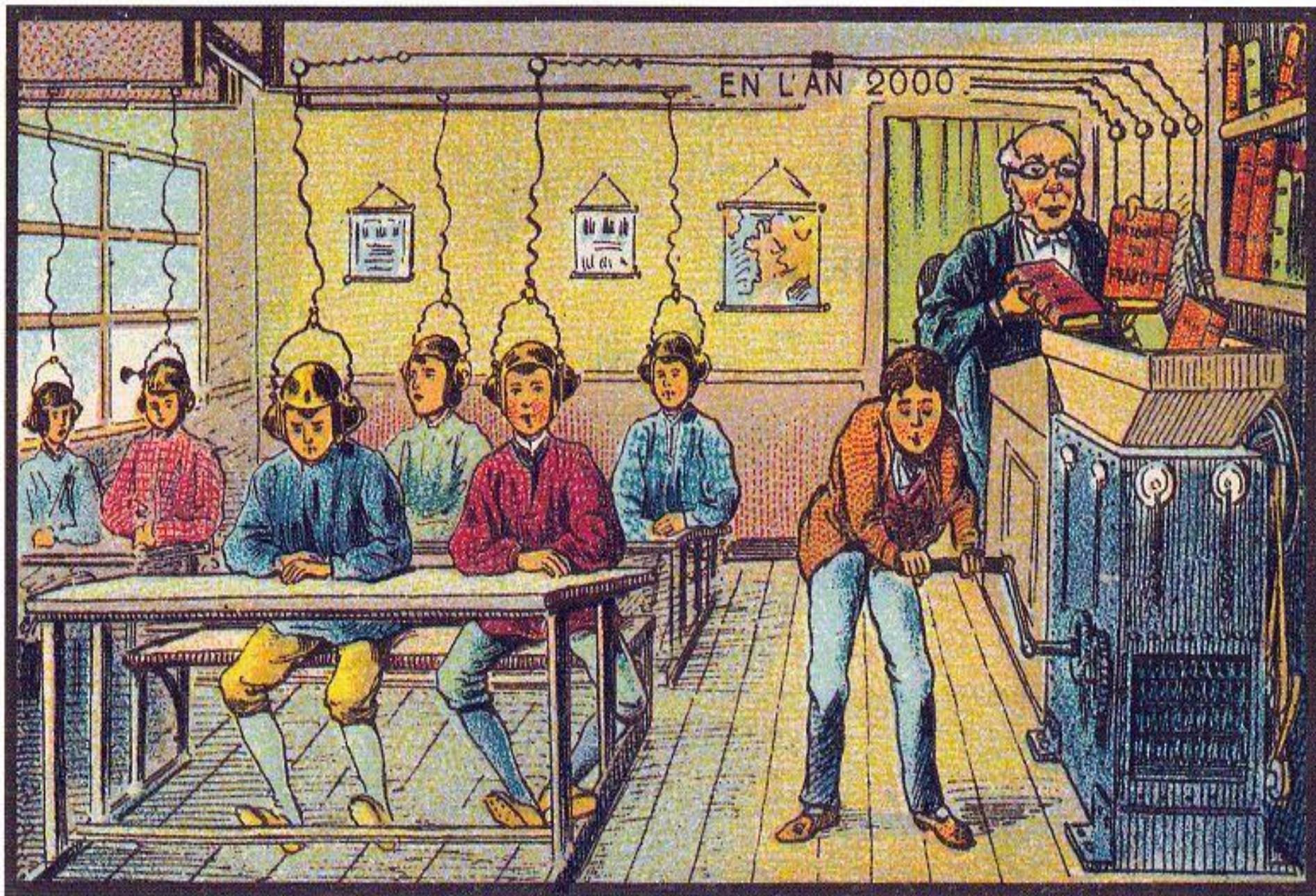
Henry Sanford.

Kaiser Bismarck.

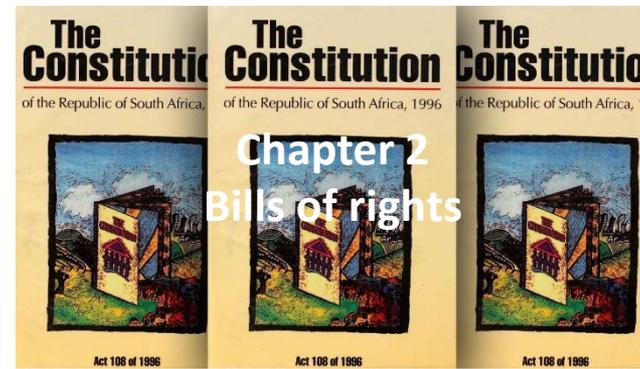
v. Dink.

Freiherr v. Bött.
Graf Szeghényi.

Graf Wilhelm Bismarck.
Unterhaatssekretär Reich.



At School Futuristic pictures by Jean-Marc Côté (et al)...France 1899, 1900, 1901 & 1910



16. Freedom of expression

(1) Everyone has the right to freedom of expression, which includes -

(a) freedom of the press and other media;

(b) freedom to receive or impart information or ideas;

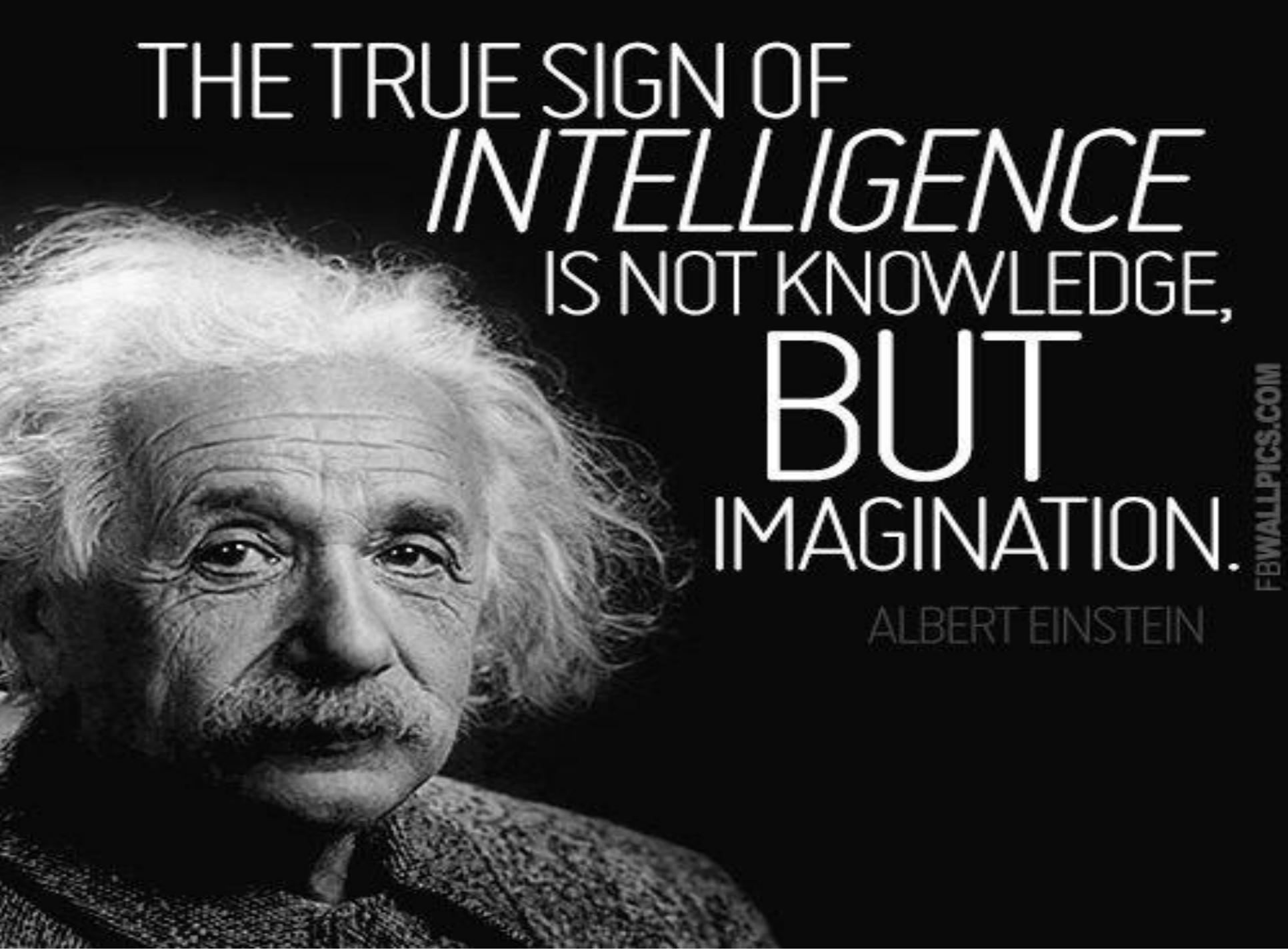
(c) freedom of artistic creativity; and

(d) **academic freedom and freedom of scientific research.**

‘study & conclude consistent with pedagogical philosophy without fear or favour’

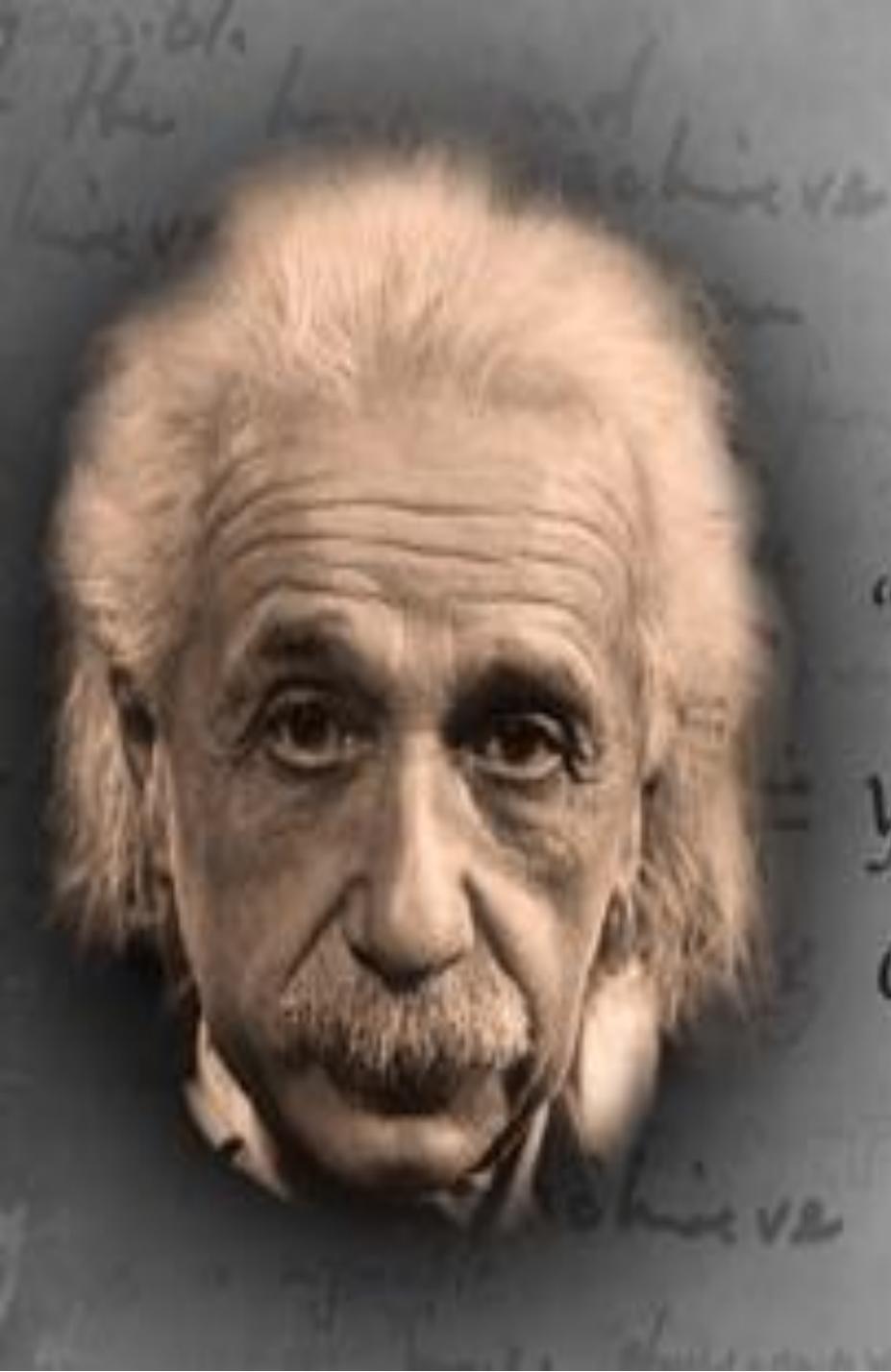
<https://www.insidehighered.com/views/2010/12/21/defining-academic-freedom>



A black and white portrait of Albert Einstein, showing his characteristic wild, white hair and mustache. He is looking slightly to the right of the camera with a thoughtful expression. The background is dark, making his face the central focus.

THE TRUE SIGN OF
INTELLIGENCE
IS NOT KNOWLEDGE,
BUT
IMAGINATION.

ALBERT EINSTEIN



Albert Einstein:

*“Your imagination is
your preview of life’s
coming attractions.”*



Alternate paradigms?

Classical perceptions in transience

West?

Rule of Law

Economics

Politics

Leadership

ORDER?

Social
dynamics

Africa?

Leadership

Politics

Economics

Rule of Law

CONTROL?



Eureka!

11.

*In the future,
not all lists have to contain
10 things*

Not even to basics





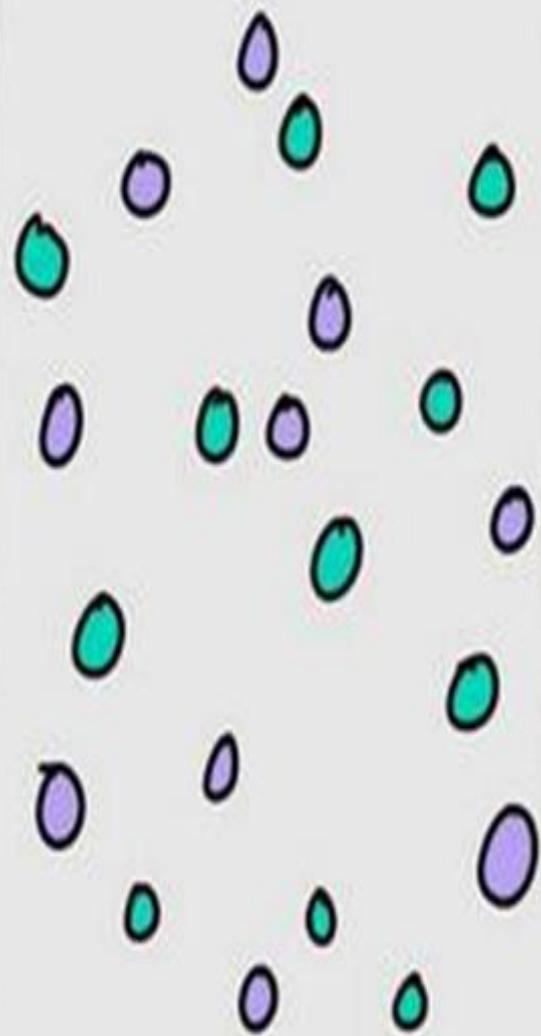


Our role

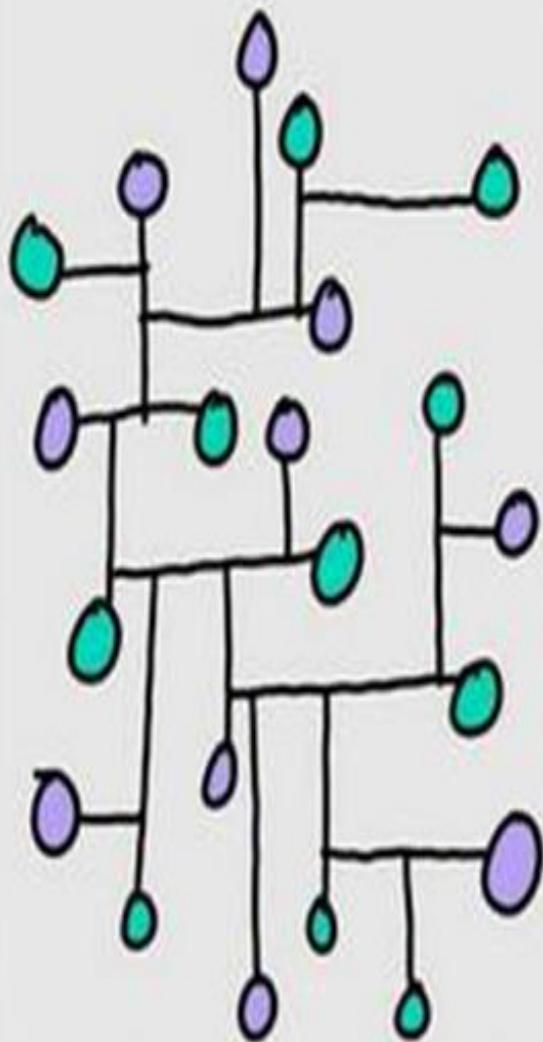
in strategic futures?

1. Which **obsolescent habits** have precipitated **current trend breaks**?
2. How do we discern the **noise-to-signal ratio**?
3. Does our generation have, and do we inspire, **futures projects**?
4. How do we overcome the risk of **akrasia** & develop humble courage?
5. What are we learning from our **skunkworks** through **Experimentation and Rapid Prototyping**?
6. Of what are we the **nimble and agile harbinger**, i.e. the shining light of things to come?
7. Where are we the **vanguard or bellwether** across sectors, i.e. what are we signaling to future generations?
8. **What should we be designing as evidence of our leading anticipatory competence?**

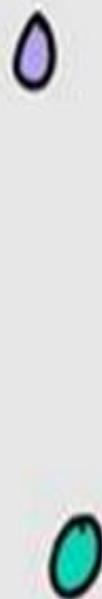
information:



knowledge:



Wisdom:





Currency

**Just as money is the currency in the general economy,
Knowledge is the currency
of the knowledge economy.**

Thus,

**the flow of knowledge
must be optimally facilitated
in policy, power structures and infrastructure.**

A close-up photograph of a man with a wide, toothy grin peering through a narrow opening in a white wooden door. The man has dark hair and a mustache. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Have a

Vuja day

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