

2 Century 21 - our Q - What are we going to do with ourselves,?

20 what will now replace Famine War & Plague on the human agenda? ^{seems to be}

28 War against Death inevitable

29 once fear of Death is gone the desire for life will sweep forward like an avalanche

32 Jefferson's idea for the USA was to limit the state power - to reserve for individuals a private sphere of choice - even if they make the "wrong" choice.

33 - Should "Happiness" be the 2nd next goal for human beings.

35 - But - Happiness bangs up against some mysterious glass ceiling.

39 - Science → happiness is determined by our biochemical system.

44 - if life could break out of the organic - it could escape earth.

72 - Since 1970 (awareness) Wildlife populations have halved 1/2

75 - Most primitive people were animists - spirits in all

78 - Evolution Belief finished off god. Banishment from garden of eden - could be the agricultural Revolution - unparalleled suffering of new class of being - Domesticated Animals.

89 Monkey babies chose the soft mom - who had no milk - Mammals need emotional bonds to live.

90 Justified actions in the name of new theist religions. ^{Humans were} sanctified

92 in Animist cosmos - everyone talked to everything directly.

95 - Hunter gatherers had not seen themselves as superior beings...

96: Ag revolution - produced Religions that justified brutality toward animals - then enslaved people

98 Scientists will upgrade us into gods.

106 - Existence of "the soul cannot be squared with the theory of evolution."

123 - N.Z. and Quebec, recognize animals as sentient beings

132 Homo Sapiens Rule because we can co-operate flexibly in large numbers.

139 - Alien Chimps - will fight or flee
Alien Bonobos will end up having sex - orgies.

140 Humans can have "close relationships" w/ up to 150 people.

159 Stone Age spirits were weak entities
Sumerian - were very powerful (ag.)

168 1884 - European Conference divided Africa among them

185 Religion is a Deal - Spirituality is a journey / Big Gap

186 - For Religions - Spirituality is a dangerous threat.

201 - Modern cultures don't see themselves as part of a great cosmic plan, no god, no script, and no Meaning

208 All Factions now love Economic Growth - the universal religion of "more stuff"

This is New NOT there in the past

213 Knowledge is a growing resource.

Not used up

⊛ The greatest scientific discovery was the discovery of ignorance.

214 - Resource Scarcity - Could possibly be overcome.
But, there is ECOLOGICAL COLLAPSE

217 We don't change behavior - Do we take it for granted that miracles will happen?

220 - The Modern Deal - we are Given Power Now we are expected to give up meaning.

222 Not possible to sustain order without meaning.
But Now we do have it both ways.

223 - Solution? Religion of Humanism - Task? to create meaning for a meaningless world.