A hyper-response…
to the hyper-threat of climate and environmental change….

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Why aren't we responding to an extreme threat?
Who can help?
Brain scientists

Faulty software…

How do humans re-wire?

Sensory input:
• Sound
• Sight
• Touch
• Smell
• Taste

Emotions & Senses
Story
Talking in groups
Strong concept, feels truthful
Philosophy: ‘how’ we live & ‘how’ we think
A threat we can’t sense or feel…

Who can help?

Climate change becomes a ‘thing’…
a strange type of monster….

“In” the problem..
Can never get out of it..
Cannot put it over “there”..

We can’t see ‘it’….
Climate Change as a Hyperthreat

What type of threat is climate change?

Why so limited response?

Brain scientists... What’s going on?

No neuron framework
No neuron framework
'Sensory' systems not activated

Social identity & sub-conscious beliefs...

So...
It’s a threat people can’t feel, sense...
or understand...

I can help...
Eco-philosopher Timothy Morton

We’re dealing with a Hyperobject...

Hyperobject = A thing massively distributed in time and space relative to humans.
Hyperobject: 5 Characteristics

1. Viscosity
2. Non-Locality
3. Temporal Undulation
4. Phasing
5. Interobjectivity

Viscosity
Like fog, it is everywhere

Temporal undulation
Planetary—not human—time frames

Phasing
Humans can’t tell which phase state they are in

Non-locality
Disrupted cause and effect

Interobjectivity
Operates through other objects. We see impacts, never see ‘it’
Humans are forced to understand their existence... in a fundamentally new way...

Let me spell it out for you.....

I'm in Charge now xxx Hyperobject
The *Hyperthreat* has warlike destructive capacities, which are so diffuse that it is hard to see the enormity of the destruction...
coherently…

It is powered by 3 enablers:

(1.) Its invisibility,

(2.) its ability to evade all existing human threat-response mechanisms…

(3). and, human hesitancy.

The slower humans are to act,
How do we respond to an overwhelming threat?

Dangerous threat experts…

Carl von Clausewitz
Military Philosopher
War Theorist

Threat analysis

Strategy

How to deal with danger, threats, fear & chaos

Hyperthreat

Enabled by…

1. Invisibility
2. Ability to evade existing threat management systems
3. Human hesitancy

Think BIGGER – at a HYPER-SCALE

Example…

HYPER-SOLUTION:

Make the threat visible and knowable
How could this 'inform' a response?

60,000 ARTISTS

Background

Art

Elegy for the Arctic

Music

Personal story

Talk in groups
Tribal symbols & rituals

Korean Gangnam style dancing

Example: Images & sound...

London #WalkforWildlife, 2018

People's Walk for Wildlife fills London with birdsong

Thousands march on Whitehall to call for end to ‘war on wildlife’

Protesters including Billy Bragg and Chris Packham take to central London to demand pro-wildlife policies