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1 planet

2 possible futures

2 possible ways to change

1 way tried

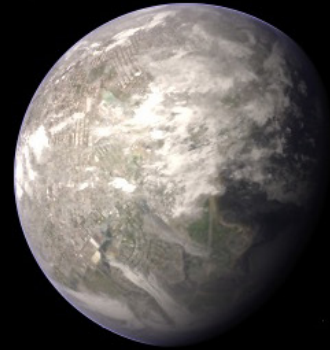


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Progress?

Population 3.8b
CO₂ 328ppm

Population 7b
CO₂ 393ppm

1972

2012



Stockholm Summit 1972

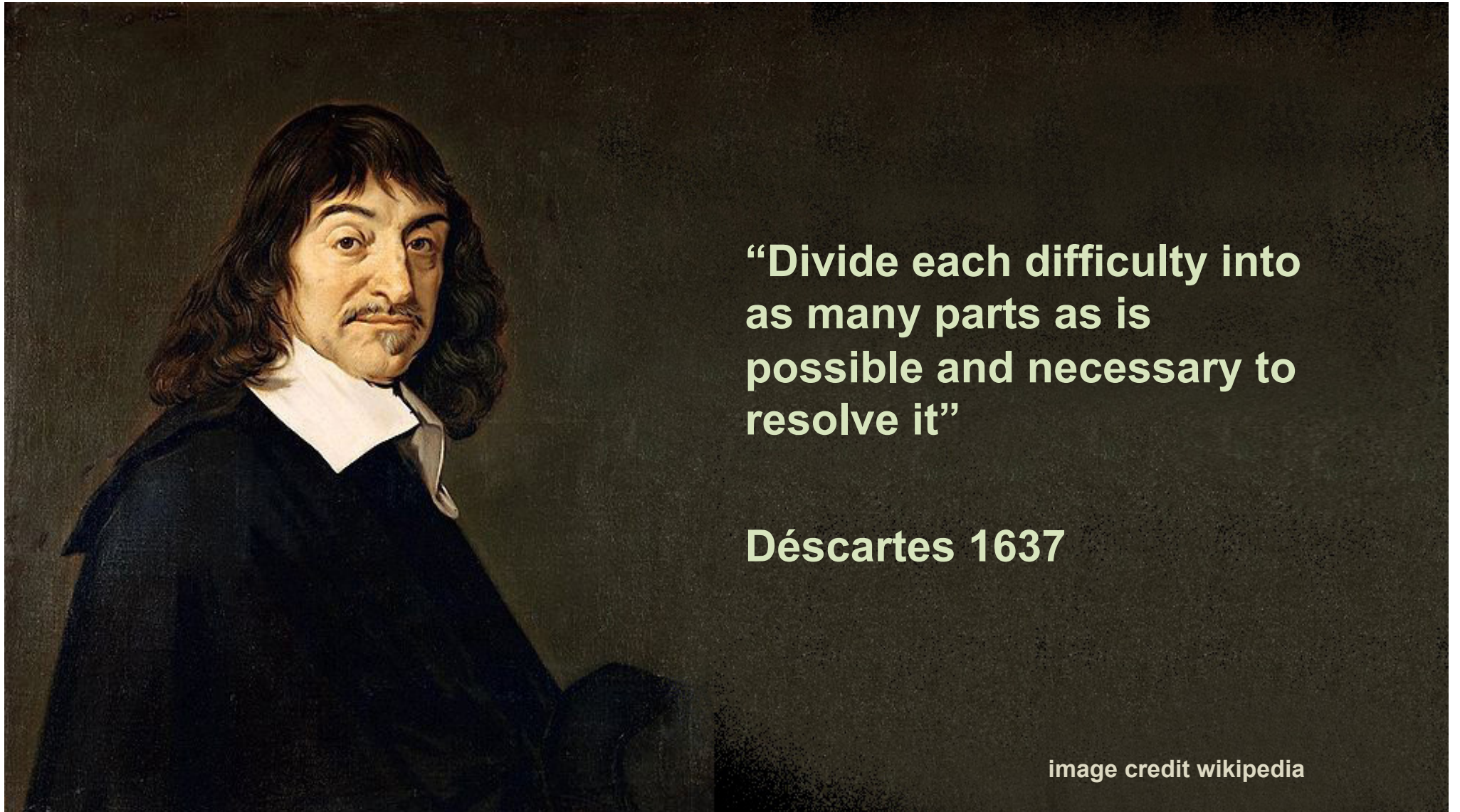
United Nations Summit on
the Human Environment



United Nations Environment Programme
Programme des Nations Unies pour l'environnement



RIO+20
United Nations
Conference on
Sustainable
Development



**“Divide each difficulty into
as many parts as is
possible and necessary to
resolve it”**

Déscartes 1637

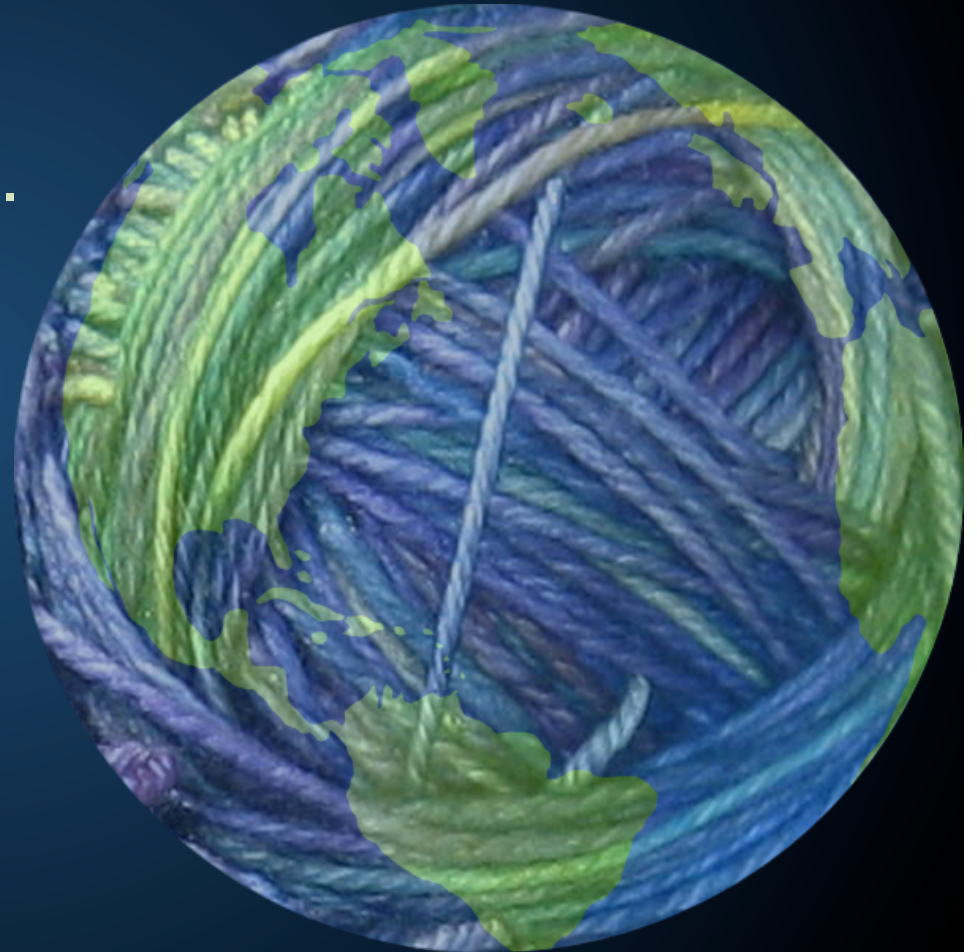
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“

...all the threads are interwoven
everything leads to something else...

”

First lady 'Lady Bird' Johnson 1970



How much complexity and change can we handle?

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Pick a piece of complexity, make ripples



What lies beyond?

Unknown

Unmanageable

Unrealistic



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Leverage

New thinking -> new system -> new outcomes

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Lever 1

How ambitious?

Default: reduce a problem

New: reverse all problems

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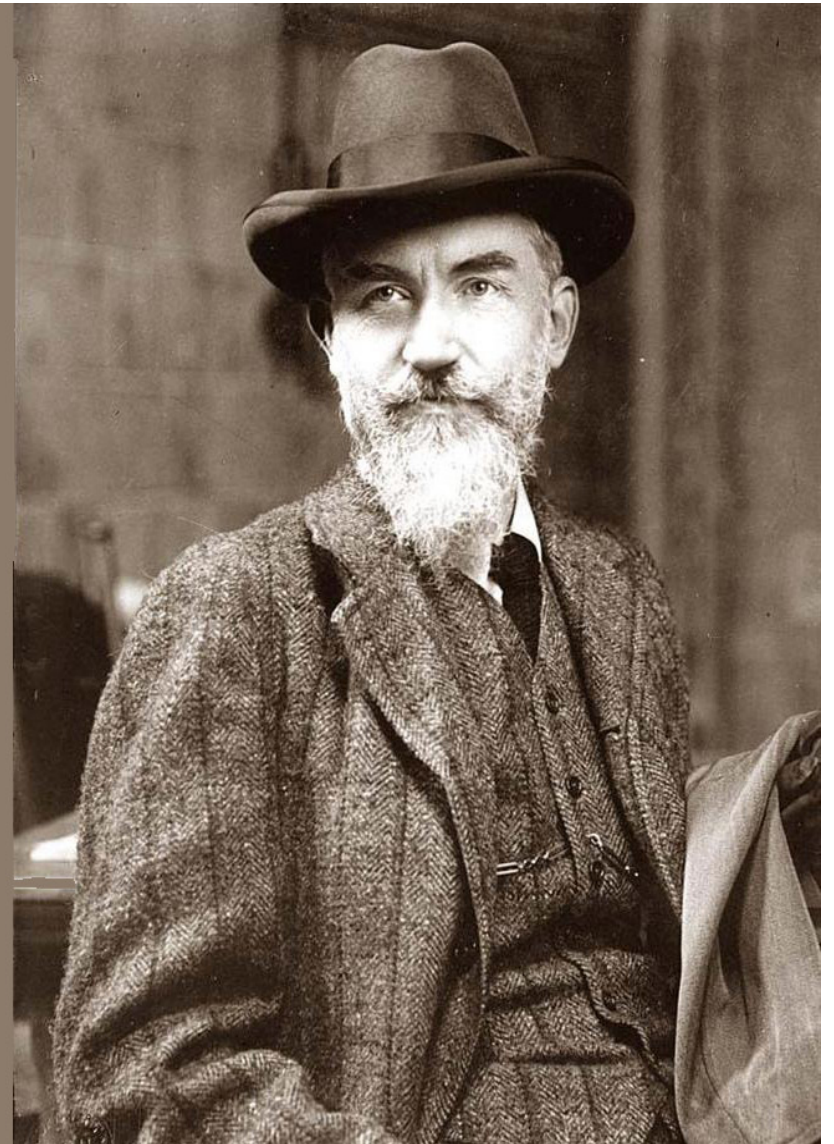
“

What we want to see is the child in
pursuit of the knowledge not the
knowledge in pursuit of the child

”

George Bernard Shaw

Lever 2



Lever 3

How to handle resources?

Default: linear

New: circular



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How to seek security?

Default: prepare for conflict

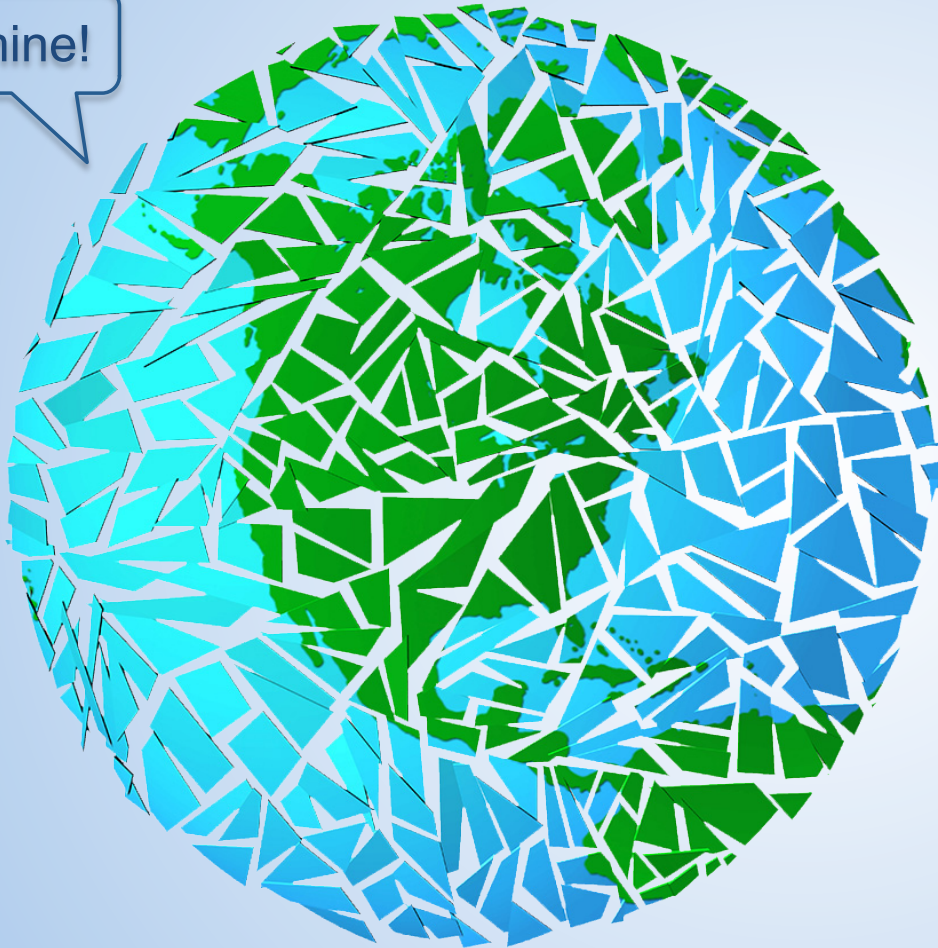
New: reverse arms race by GPP
global security

Lever 4

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Reference: Institute for Economics and Peace



It's mine!



Lever 5

How to get on with nature?

Default: the Earth belongs to us

New: we belong to the Earth

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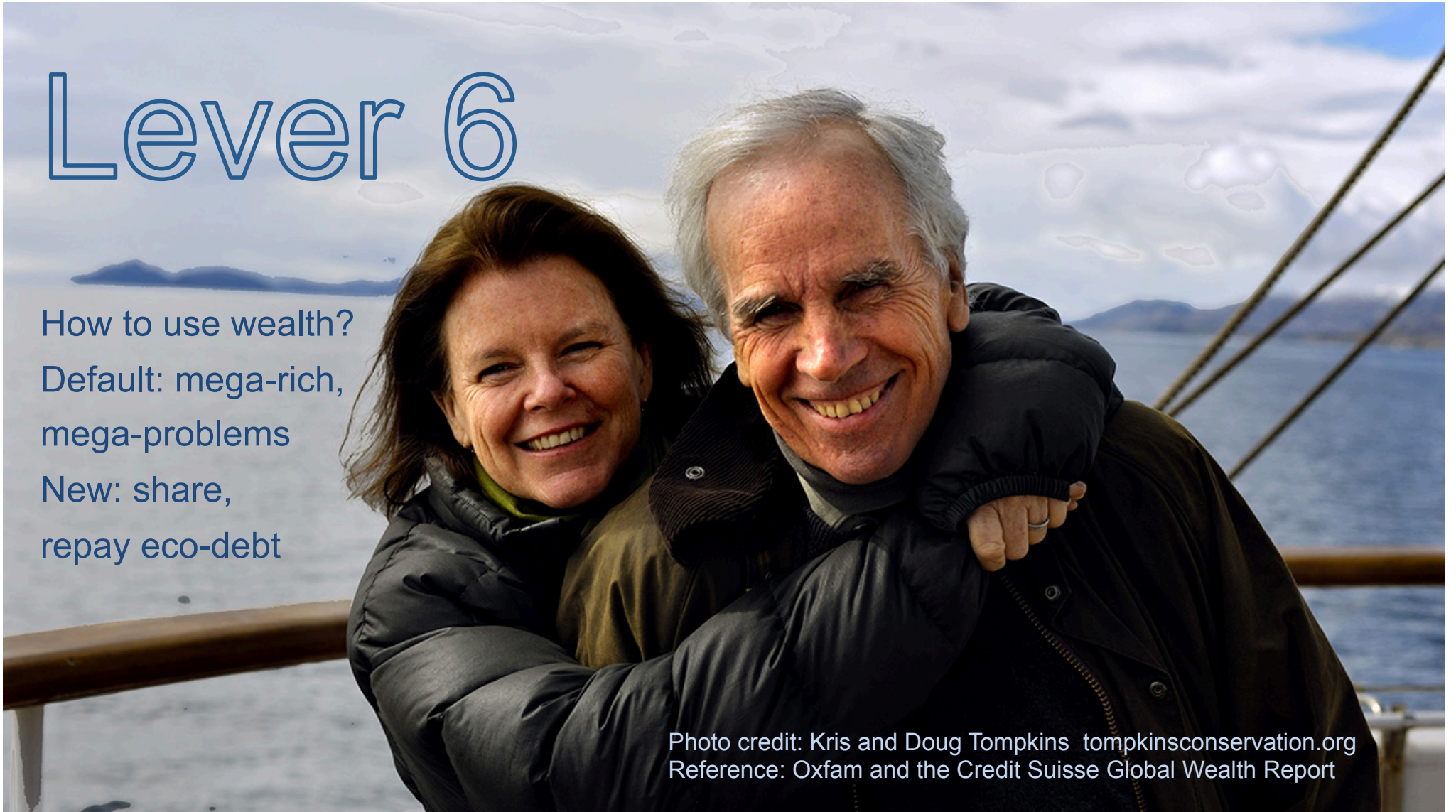
Lever 6

How to use wealth?

Default: mega-rich,
mega-problems

New: share,
repay eco-debt

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Reference: Oxfam and the Credit Suisse Global Wealth Report



Lever 7

How to create money?

Default: create money as debt

New: create money publicly,
grow real value

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Reference: positivemoney.org



Every planet
lever remains
in the locked
position...

so we're stuck
in reverse
progress



If all the levers
are shifted in
time...

we can unlock
a positive
future

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