



Leadership for Civilizational Trajectory Change

THE Strategic Challenge
Of the 21st Century

Effective Learning in an Age of Increasing Speed, Complexity and Uncertainty

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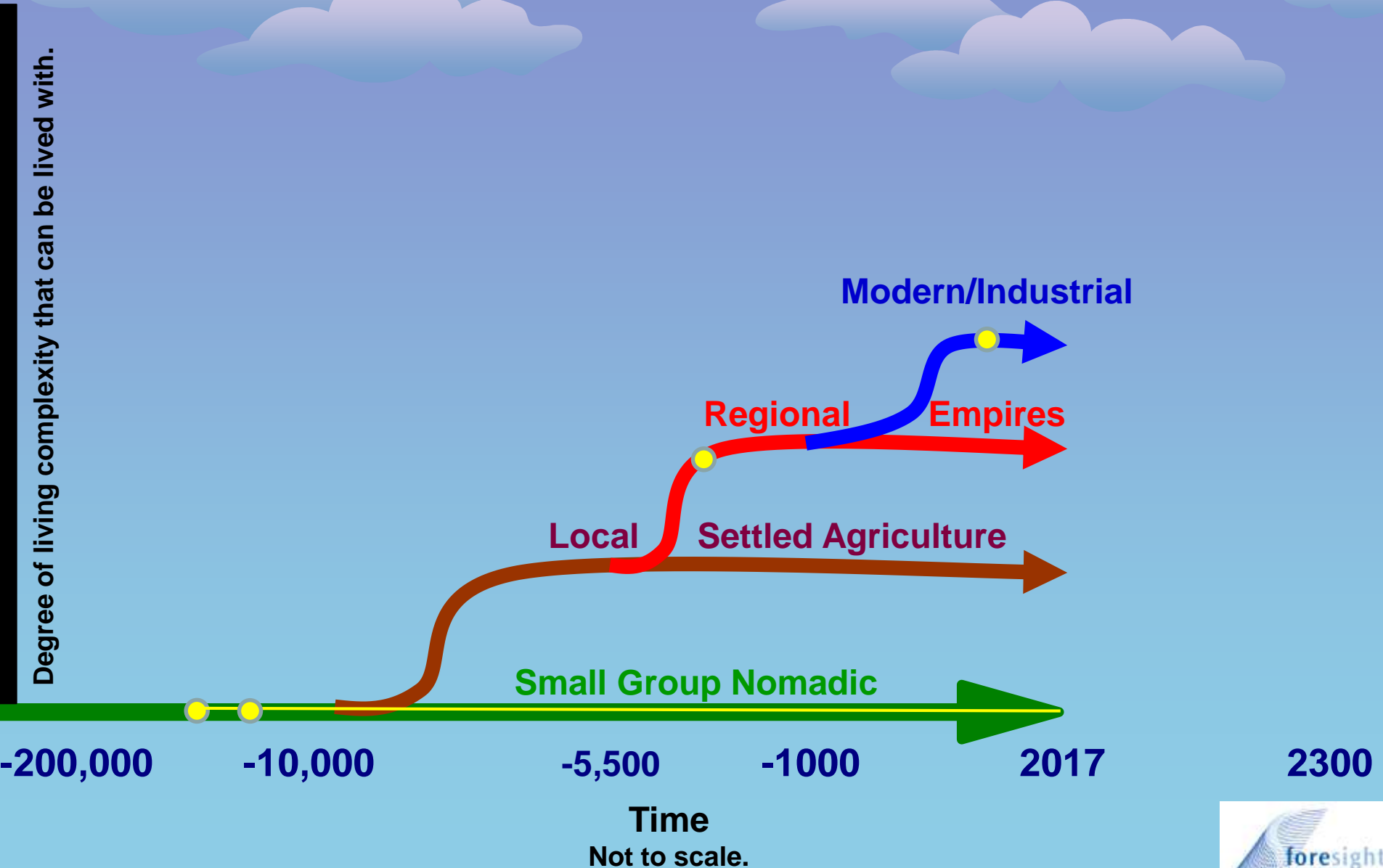
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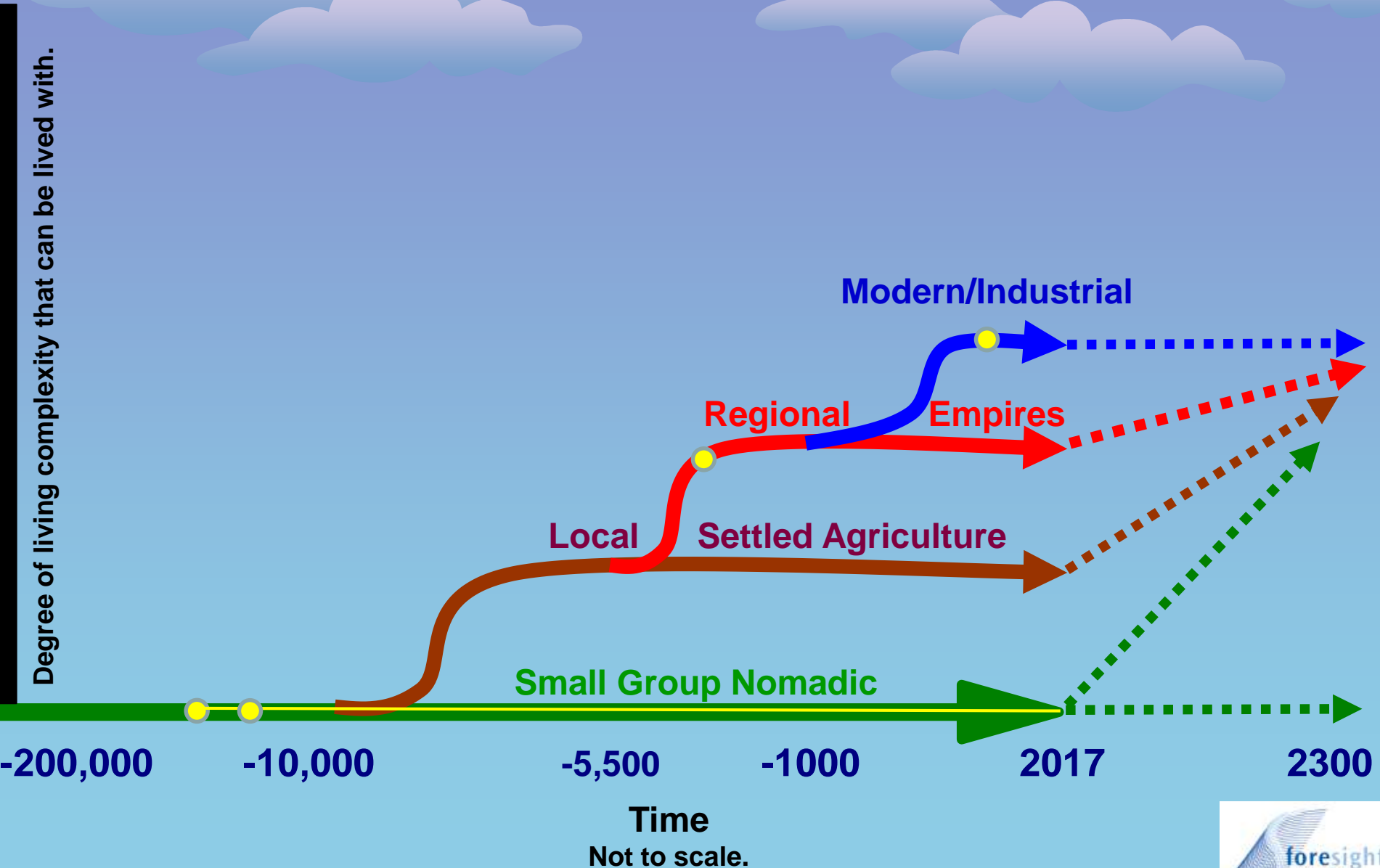
My Thesis

1. **WE NEED:** a new type of **leadership** and a new global/local **institutional support system** for it.
2. **NEW WORK:** nurture into robustness the next level of **human personal/cultural maturity** and the next **form of human civilization** while there is **time**.
3. **THIS AGENDA:** is a **necessary condition** for a deeply humane and sustainable future.
4. **WE ARE AT RISK:** this agenda is **not on the table**.
5. **THERE IS HOPE:** the other side of despair and depression.

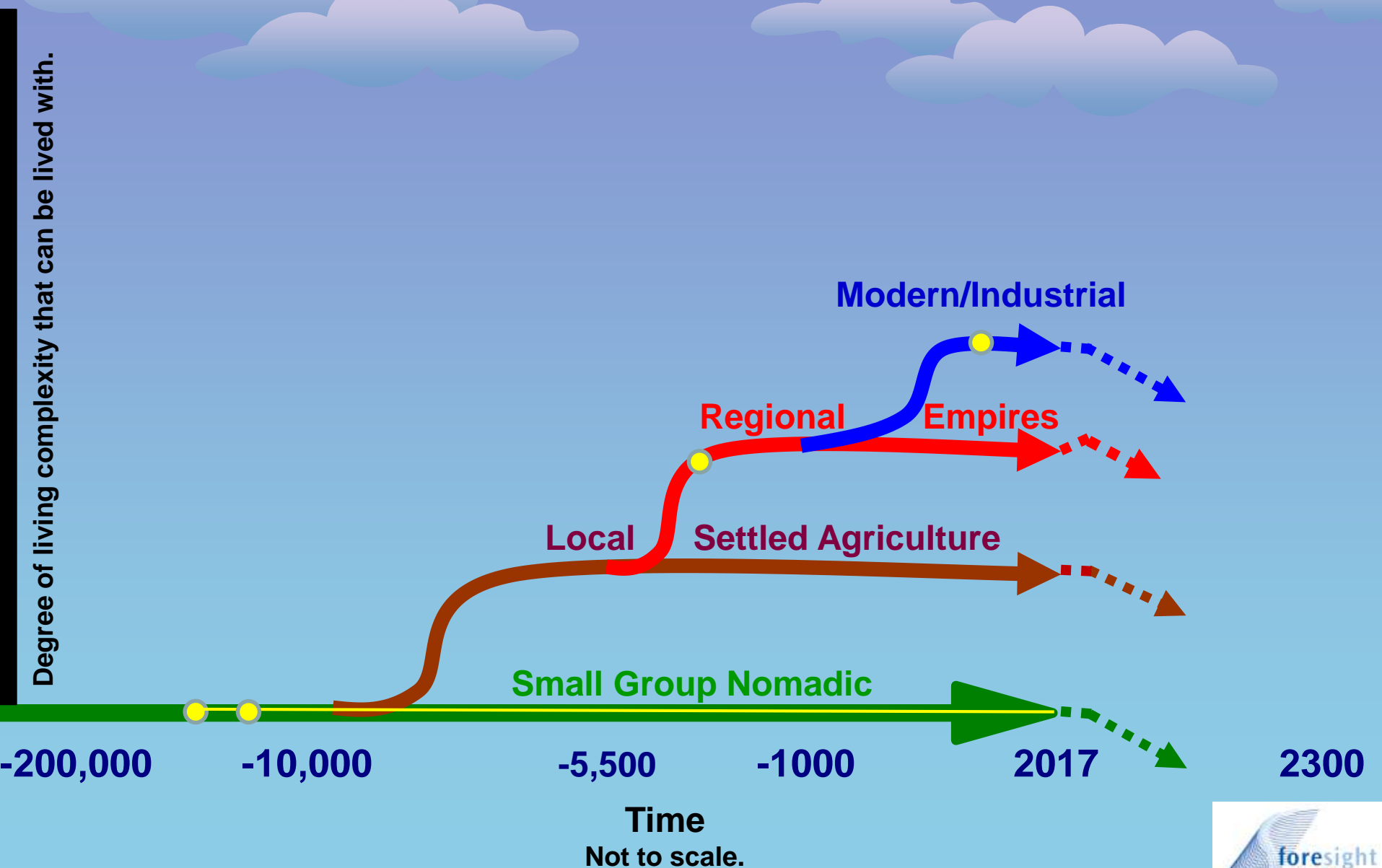
Forms of Civilization to Date



Official M/I Expectations

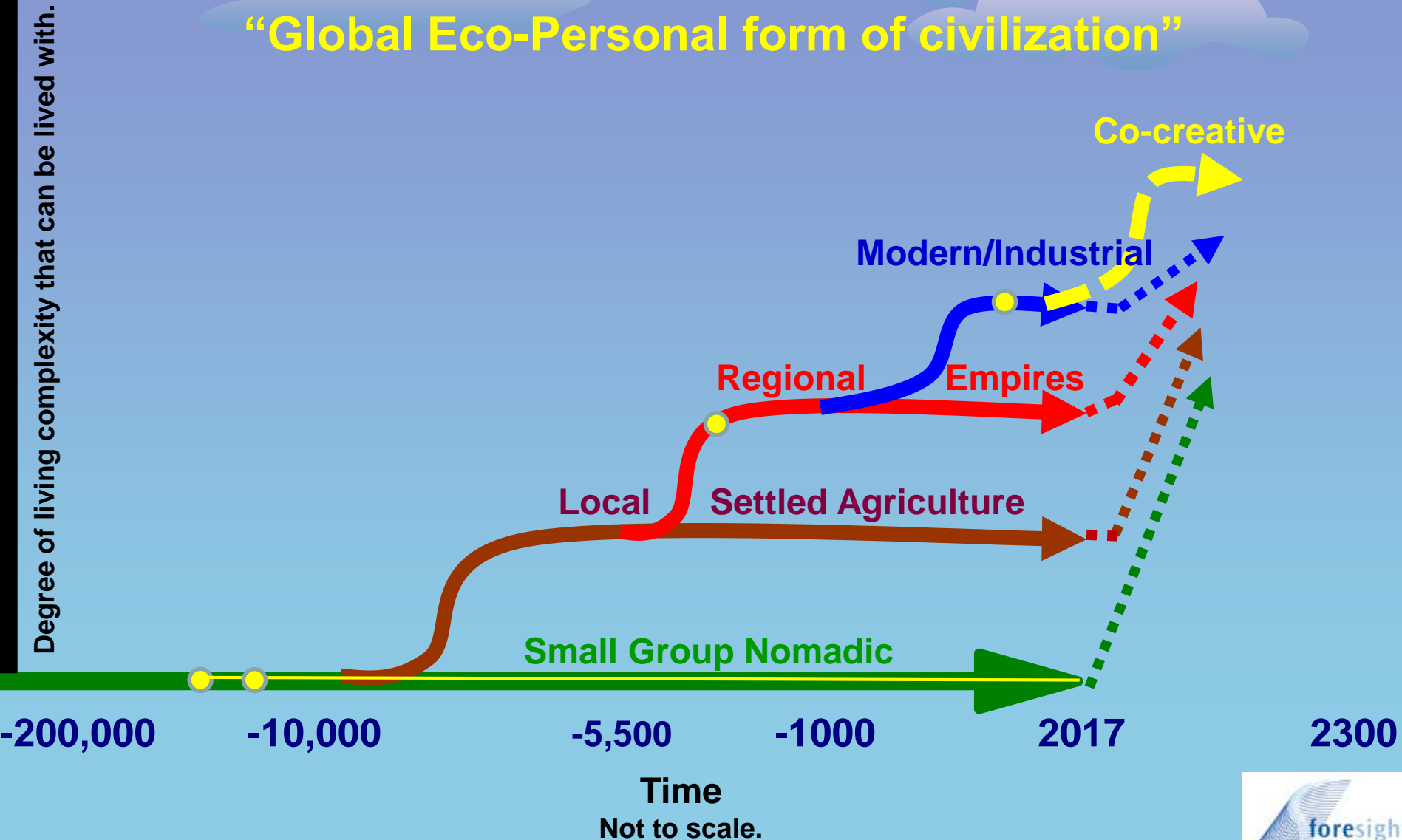


Futures Now Programmed In

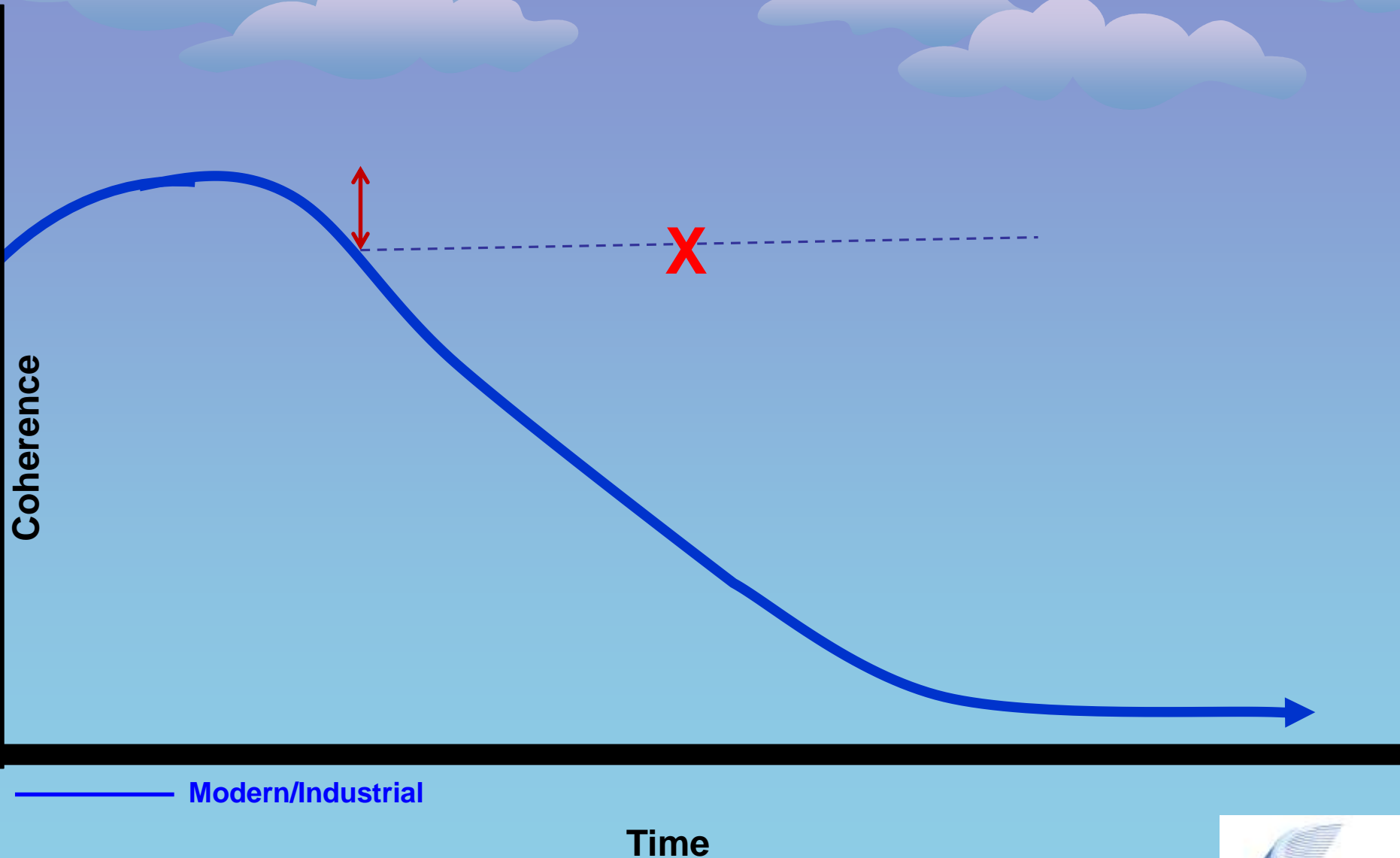


There is a Promising Future

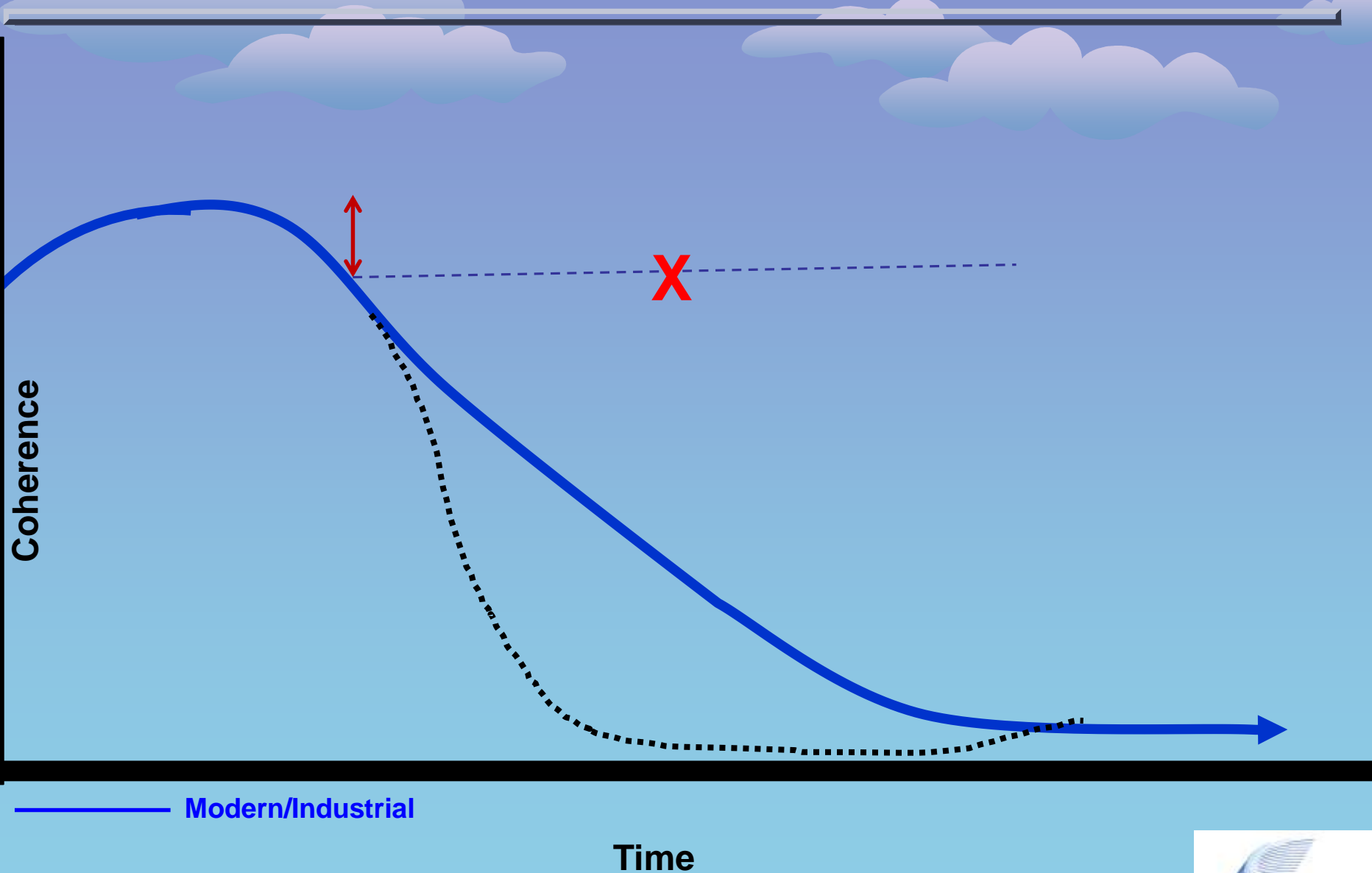
“Global Eco-Personal form of civilization”



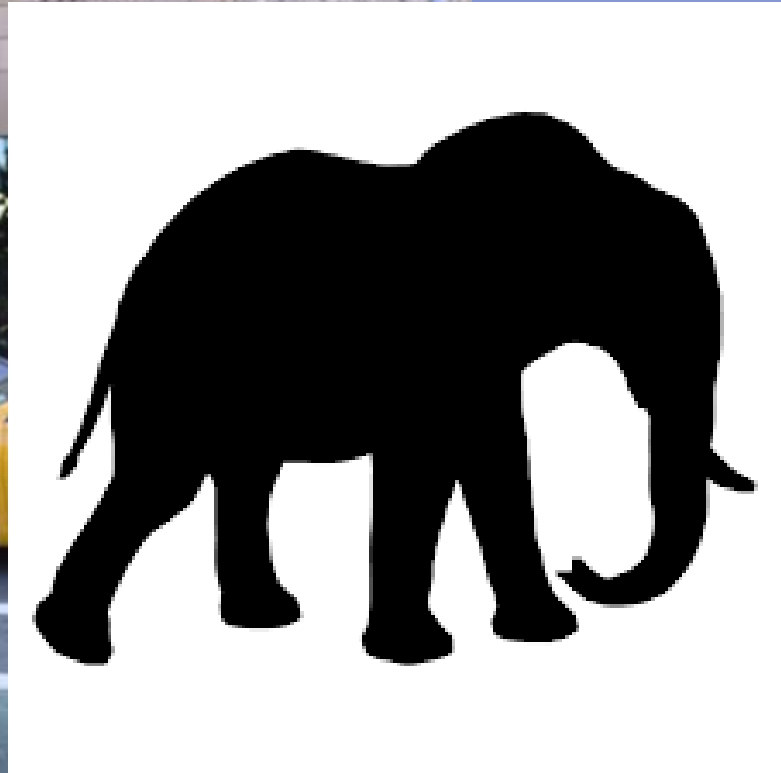
M/I in a Long Disintegration



Seneca Cliff



A Black Elephant In Our Room



(TIMOTHY A. CLARY/AFP/Getty Images)

THE CRYSTAL BALL

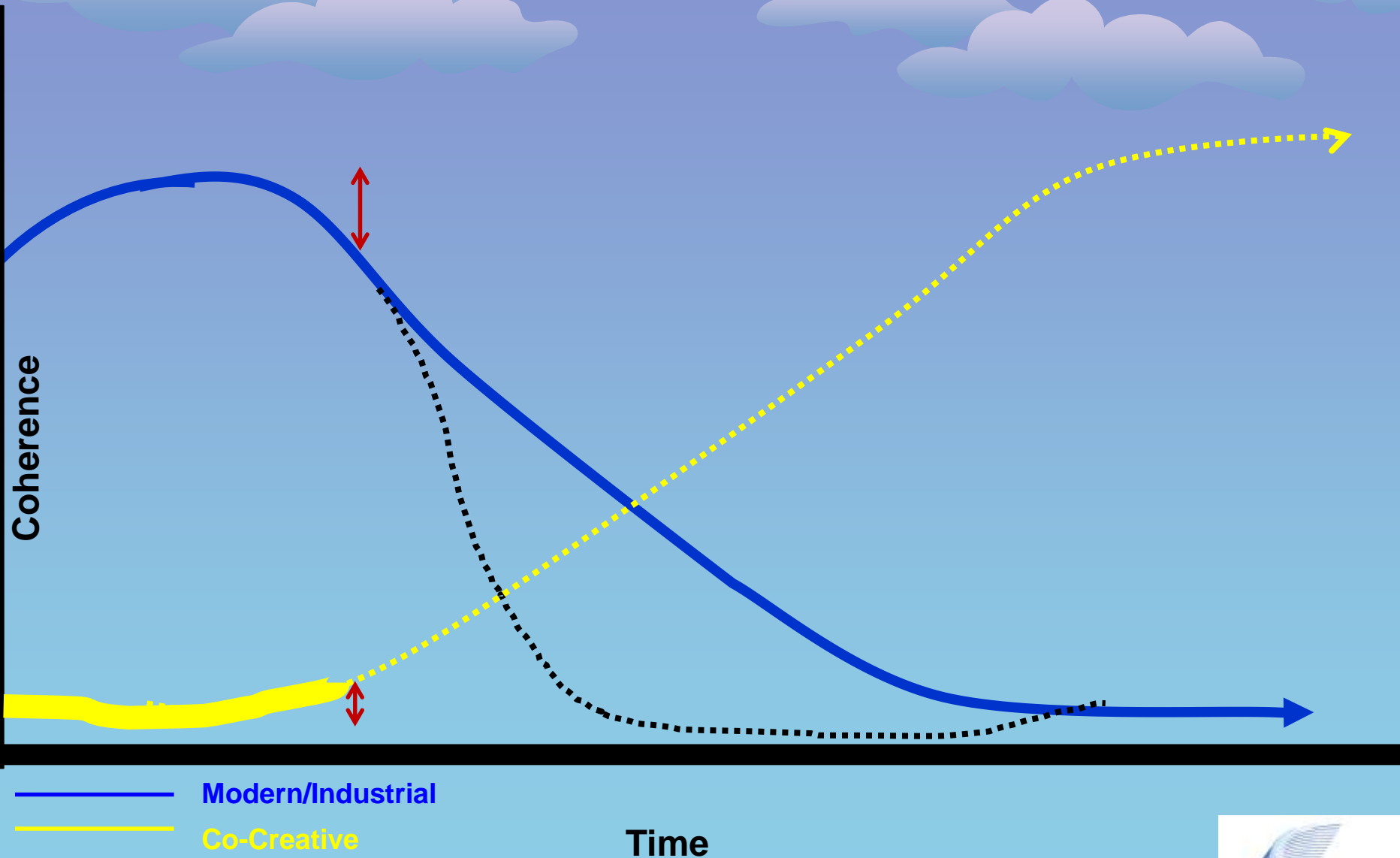
**The Official Future Is Dead! ~~Long Live~~
~~the Official Future!~~**



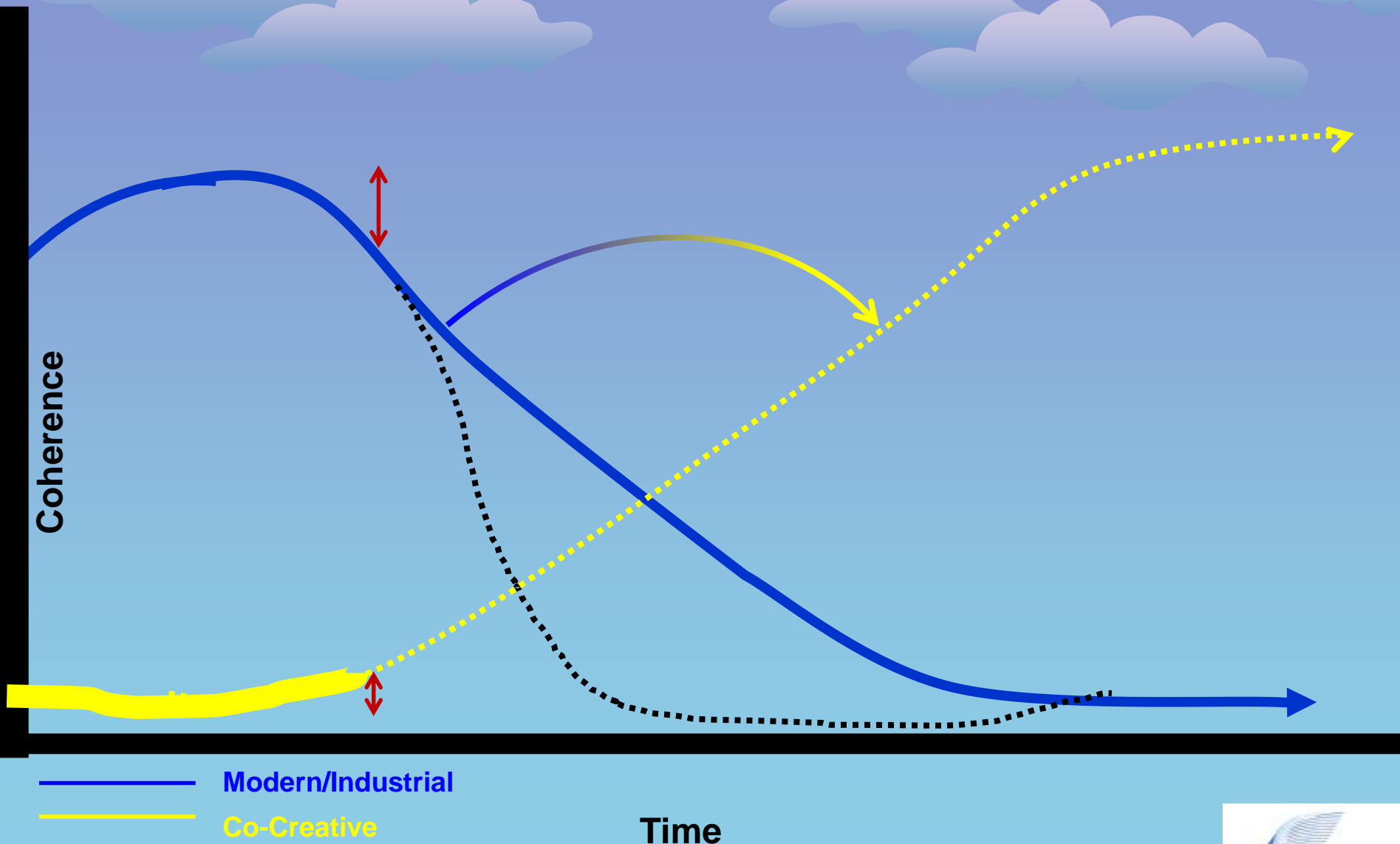
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A year after Donald Trump's improbable election, the post-Cold War Official Future has collapsed—and in its place have emerged a bewildering array of possibilities.

Our Hope



A Century of Bridging Strategies



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1. Leadership Unprecedented Conditions

Previous CTCs

- Long/Slow
- Optional
- Local/Regional
- Unintentional
- Exclusive

Our CTC

- Short/Fast
- Required
- Scalable to all
- Fully Intentional
- Inclusive

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2. Beyond the fragmentations of the 1st Enlightenment

“I have spent much of the last forty years endeavouring to understand world views other than those we in the West have inherited; and in the last several years I have been particularly concerned with the question of what is involved in the endeavour to understand, and to help others understand, an outlook different from the one that one already has.

One of the conclusions to which I have come is that in order to understand a different view – especially if it be radically different and/or profound, comprehensive, humane – *one must oneself become a different sort of person.*”

Wilfred Cantwell Smith

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3. Beyond the framing of our M/I form of Civilization

- **Greenfield** project.
- **Embody corporate integral and reflexive wisdom.**
- **Research, training, practise, citizen engagement.**
- **An effective and serious (\$100m) global network by 2022.**
- **Design and launch a “Manhattan-type” project by 2025.**

Inspiration

**The biggest things are always
the easiest to do because
there is no competition.**

William van Horne
Canadian Industrialist
1843-1915

A stone cairn, a stack of rocks, sits atop a rocky, grassy hill. The sky is a clear, bright blue. The text 'Over to YOU!' is overlaid in a large, bold, maroon font.

Over to YOU!

Our Future **is** in Your Hands, Minds and Hearts

Thank you

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