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Comprobación de lectura de los capítulos 17 y 18 el libro de Deutsch, David. The Beginning of Infinity: Explanations That Transform the World (English Edition) .

1. En la lectura contrasta dos visiones sobre la sociedad de la Isla de Pascua y porqué no sobrevivieron. Una de las visiones es defendida por David Attenborough y la otra por Jacob Bronowsky. ¿Cuáles eran estas dos visiones?
2. A que se refiere el concepto : “Nave espacial tierra”.
3. El autor plantea que la idea de sostenibilidad tiene significados ambiguos. ¿Cuáles?
4. ¿Por qué las explicaciones biogeográficas de la historia son falsas?
5. ¿Qué diferencia hay entre la visión pesimista de la gente y la visión optimista de la gente?
6. En el libro el autor manifiesta que “The prophetic approach can see only what one might do to postpone disaster, namely improve sustainability: drastically reduce and disperse the population, make travel difficult, suppress contact between different geographical areas”. ¿Por qué es esto problemático?
7. ¿Qué es una sociedad estática?
8. ¿Qué es la gente de acuerdo con el autor?
9. ¿Cuál es el superpoder de la gente?

Ayuda1:

“This is dangerous. There is as yet no serious sign of retreat into a sustainable lifestyle (which would really mean achieving only the semblance of sustainability), but even the aspiration is dangerous. For what would we be aspiring to? To forcing the future world into our image, endlessly reproducing our lifestyle, our misconceptions and our mistakes. But if we choose instead to embark on an open-ended journey of creation and exploration whose every step is unsustainable until it is redeemed by the next – if this becomes the prevailing ethic and aspiration of our society – then the ascent of man, the beginning of infinity, will have become, if not secure, then at least sustainable.”

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Ayuda 2:

“Our world, which is so much larger, more unified, more intricate and more beautiful than that of Eratosthenes, and which we understand and control to an extent that would have seemed godlike to him, is nevertheless just as mysterious, yet open, to us now as his was to him then. We have lit only a few candles here and there. We can cower in their parochial light until something beyond our ken snuffs us out, or we can resist. We already see that we do not live in a senseless world. The laws of physics make sense: the world is explicable. There are higher levels of emergence and higher levels of explanation. Profound abstractions in mathematics, morality and aesthetics are accessible to us. Ideas of tremendous reach are possible. But there is also plenty in the world that does not and will not make sense until we ourselves work out how to rectify it. Death does not make sense. Stagnation does not make sense. A bubble of sense within endless senselessness does not make sense. Whether the world ultimately does make sense will depend on how people – the likes of us – chose to think and to act.



Many people have an aversion to infinity of various kinds. But there are some things that we do not have a choice about. There is only one way of thinking that is capable of making progress, or of surviving in the long run, and that is the way of seeking good explanations through creativity and criticism. What lies ahead of us is in any case infinity. All we can choose is whether it is an infinity of ignorance or of knowledge, wrong or right, death or life.”




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