

I want the crux to be: humans have intuited this in the past, in particular eastern philosophies and pre-monotheistic/indigenous cultures. How have monotheism and technological "progress" lost the important perspectives. So exploring how Taoism sees reality and how the mirrored asymptote is an updated understanding of a similar concept, then the progression from there to where we are now - assumptions of infinite growth/progress, infinite resources, anthropocentrism, capitalism, ecological exploitation, complexity and global interconnection. How do we square the angst that the post-Taoist worldviews have created, how do we live with ancient understanding of the true nature of reality while existing in the contemporary human-drive world?

Tone-wise I am hoping to present a new lens for examining the state of things as they are more than suggesting changes. Our system has too much inertia to adapt to the planet's upcoming changes. We are likely to enter a new "fallow state", (think post-Roman "Dark Ages") which is a softer way to consider collapse. I am not hopeful but also have to acknowledge that the none of the forces are under my control, so the question is how to live a meaningful existence while chaos rules around me. My best hope is that we will be able to keep the intellectual wisdom and knowledge as we lose access to the resources that drive the technology that drives modern civilization.

I think the concept of the mirrored asymptote can apply to any gradient - and everything is an infinite gradient. It's a matter of scale and scope, so I'd like to apply it to different scales (individual, societal, species, micro/quantum, macro/cosmological)

For mathematical - my sense is that the function of the mirrored asymptote is very basic but needs solid explanation for different audiences - intellectuals/scientists/mathematicians/physicists as well as people who do not think about this stuff but who it would resonate with if properly presented

I don't know that I want to have calls to action, but I do want to ask lots of open ended questions that will help people explore how these concepts might apply to their own experiences and/or how they understand reality and their place in it

I think it will be important to have strong and clear metaphors/analogies, parables, historic and contemporary examples. It should be a combo of introducing a concept and then giving examples of how it applies to reality

I will have to adjust tone on the fly. I don't want to alienate but I don't want to sugar coat anything. I want to break through the anthropocentric worldview that dominates and explain why the things we have invested our energy and resources have been misguided and counter-productive.

I assume 45 minutes per episode will be enough and then we can have mini episodes in between to respond to questions or introduce examples, interviews, nuance, etc.