

Third Saturday Seminar 2010-2011
Humanity at a Crossroads
Session 07
21 May 2011

The bin Laden Effect
Curt Gibby

Current Events Segment
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ALL Program, Lone Star College – Montgomer
Conroe, Texas

Change

There is only one corner of the universe you can be certain of improving, and that's yourself.

Aldous Huxley

Return of the Elders, Unleashing Your Wisdom

Our Middle Aged Brains

David Niesel and Norbert Herzog

Ah... if only I could stay young... instead of faking it.

No kidding! It's actually true that our brains change with age. There was a report that said forty percent of your brain cells are lost with age but that's actually not true....

Something the middle aged brain is better at doing is recognizing the central idea or big picture. So if the brain is in good shape, it can build pathways that allow it to recognize patterns and their significance and find a solution faster than a young person.

Program for TSS Meeting 21 May 2011

- **9:30 am** Introduction & Current Events (45 Minutes +/-) – *Curt Gibby*
- **10:15 am** - 10 Minute Break
- **10:25 am** – The bin Laden effect
- **11:55 am** Closing Remarks
- **12:00 noon** – Adjourn - Next Session – September 2011

Third Saturday Seminars (Spring Semester)

To refer to an ancient Chinese saying, our world is in interesting times and individual citizens are assaulted with a blinding array of propaganda from every conceivable source. The Third Saturday Seminar is about demystification of what is going on around us. Time will also be spent on current events. (Class will meet on 5/21, [6/18 TBD]. No fee to ALL members Lone Star College-Montgomery B102 Sa

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<http://northstarinst.org/TSS/>

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If you have any questions please contact me.

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Before We Get Started

1. As tempting as it might be to think so, this is not a political rally for one side or another. It is a discussion of some very important real issues and questions which many, if not most of us share. Please, don't let political differences if you know about them, affect your friendships. History will tell who was right (maybe). In the meantime we need good friends, especially those who can be candid and friends at the same time.
2. By participating, we will help ourselves as well as the other seminarians deal with these important issues. Nobody has the "right answer" except for themselves. We all owe it to each other to respect and support each other. We are all Americans or guests. We will all benefit from or have to live with the outcome.
3. Please keep your remarks brief and to the point.
4. Have faith -- in each other and yourselves. **Our republic has lasted over 200 years.** We are the oldest living Constitutional democracy. Our **Constitution** limits the power of the leaders and **guarantees the rights of its citizens.** That 200 years has not all been smooth sailing. From time to time, generally in "times of war", **leaders have** usurped the authority of the Congress, **violated the Constitution and the rights of the people** who rightly or wrongly have acquiesced, being promised security. Something has always brought us back from the brink, but I don't think we ever make a full recovery. Best, we keep our rights and respect for each other intact in the first place. Let's not let anything we say or do be harmful to each other.
5. Have fun - We always do. (Sept 22, 2005)

To Any Members of Law Enforcement

If there are any members of law enforcement here in any sort of official capacity and not in a uniform recognizable as one of law enforcement we ask that you identify yourself or selves, your agency, department or organization and your official reason for being here.

Rest assured that we are engaged in no illegal activity, but we are aware of, value and have faith in our Constitutional rights.

In any case you are welcome to stay and participate as a member or guest of the Third Saturday Seminar. But, if at any time you consider anything you see or hear happening or about to happen is or will be putting any one or all of us in jeopardy of breaking the law as you understand it, we request that you advise us of that situation .

This is consistent with your obligation as a peace officer or agent to protect and serve the people. Anything else will be a betrayal and you will be derelict in your duty. It will result in harm to those you are obligated to protect.

The donuts are free to law enforcement.

I have recently been made aware that it is legal for law enforcement to lie to anyone,

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Current Events

16 April 2011

Don't*be***Panic***ked!*

Queen Elizabeth lays wreath on first state visit to Ireland

May 17, 2011 | By Peter Wilkinson, CNN World

Queen Elizabeth II laid a wreath at the Garden of Remembrance in Dublin during her landmark visit Tuesday to Ireland, the first by a UK monarch since the country gained independence in 1922.

The wreath-laying ceremony was of huge symbolic significance as the Garden of Remembrance honors those who fought for Irish freedom from British rule.

The **Cromwellian conquest of Ireland** (1649–53) by the forces of the English Parliament, led by Oliver Cromwell during the Wars of the Three Kingdoms. Cromwell landed in Ireland with his New Model Army on behalf of England's Long Parliament in 1649.

Al-Qaeda's Alleged New Leader: Who Is Saif al-Adel?

News.Yahoo.com, 5/18/2011

By *ISHAAN THAROOR* –Terrorism expert Peter Bergen reports on CNN International that the Egyptian Saif al-Adel has been appointed as a "caretaker" leader of al-Qaeda, following the death of its emir Osama bin Laden.



SAIF AL-ADEL



According to the FBI, he's wanted in connection with the 1998 U.S. embassy bombings in the capitals of Kenya and Tanzania; the 50-something al-Adel - his full name, meaning "sword of justice," is a pseudonym - has a bounty of \$5 million on his head. ([See more on the death of bin Laden.](#))

He left Egypt shortly after the assassination of President Anwar Sadat in 1981 (a connection to the murder has not been ruled out) and made his way eventually to join the U.S.-backed *mujahedin* fighting in Afghanistan. Around this time he likely made contact with al-Qaeda and found himself rising up the terrorist organization's ranks, moving with other key al-Qaeda operatives to Sudan in the 1990s, where he allegedly taught recruits how to handle explosives.

Solar Storms Could Have 'Potentially Devastating Effects': NOAA Official Huffington Post, 05/17/11

GENEVA -- A senior official at the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration says solar storms pose a growing threat to critical infrastructure such as satellite communications, navigation systems and electrical transmission equipment.

NOAA Assistant Secretary Kathryn Sullivan says the intensity of solar storms is expected to peak in 2013 and countries should prepare for "potentially devastating effects."

Solar storms release particles that can temporarily disable or permanently destroy fragile computer circuits.

Sullivan, who in 1984 became the first woman to walk in space, told a U.N. weather conference in Geneva on Tuesday that "it is not a question of if, but really a matter of when a major solar event could hit our planet."

Top 10 Elite Fighting Units

<http://www.time.com/time/>

Seal Team 6, the U.S. special-operations force that took out Osama bin Laden, is one of the most highly trained units in the world. TIME takes a look at some of the world's most elite military teams, now and in history

Full List: The Fast and the Furious

TThe Navy Seals

- The Immortals
- The Brigade of Gurkhas
- The Knights Hospitaller
- The Special Air Service

T The Green Berets

- The Varangian Guard
- The Hashishin
- The Israeli Special Forces
- The Jaguar Warriors



Obama lays out U.S. vision for supporting Arab democracy, resolving Israeli-Palestinian conflict

- Yahoo! News 5/19/2011

In a widely anticipated speech today, President Barack Obama laid out a sweeping vision for U.S. policy in the Middle East and North Africa. Obama stressed a renewed U.S. support for democracy and human rights, and drew heavily on the "Arab spring" popular rebellions of the past six months, which have challenged and in some cases upended, seemingly stable authoritarian regimes in the Arab world.

Israel, Fatah and Hamas to get serious about a 2 state solution...

Money for Egypt





SEAL-mania grips nation in wake of OBL raid

Navy Times

By Julie Watson - The Associated Press

Posted : Tuesday May 17, 2011 11:14:41 EDTENCINITAS, Calif. — Joe Stumpf snaps the 115-pound barbell up to his chest and swiftly lifts it over his head, holding it with gritting teeth and locked arms as sweat streams down from his gray hair line.

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Stumpf is one of a growing number of Americans putting themselves through grueling fitness programs modeled after Navy SEAL workouts as interest in the elite military unit has soared since one of its teams killed Osama bin Laden. Everyone these days seems to be dreaming of what it's like to be a SEAL, know a SEAL or at least look like on

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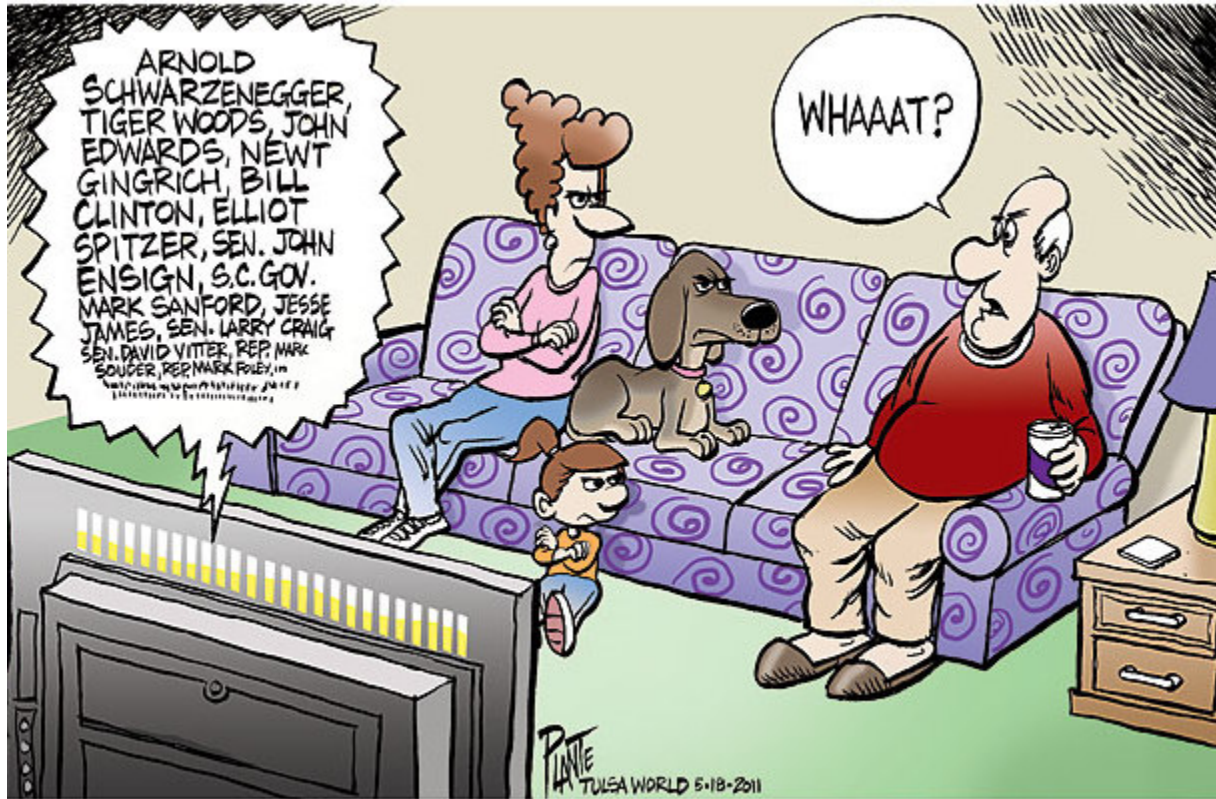
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Hotels, Porsches and No Taxes: Dominique Strauss-Kahn's Maddeningly Luxe Lifestyle

By: Josh Sanburn (5/18/2011), Reuters

It's good to be managing director of the International Monetary Fund. Until you're caught up in an unsavory sex scandal.

As one of the IMF's top officials, France's Dominique Strauss-Kahn has been riding high for years (largely on the tax dollars from developed countries). Just look at the hotel he stayed at on May 14 when he was accused of sexually assaulting a maid. Strauss-Kahn roomed at the upscale Sofitel in New York City's Times Square in a suite that cost \$3,000 a night and had its own foyer, conference room, living room, marble bathroom and bedroom (with a king-sized bed and feather and down duvet, apparently).



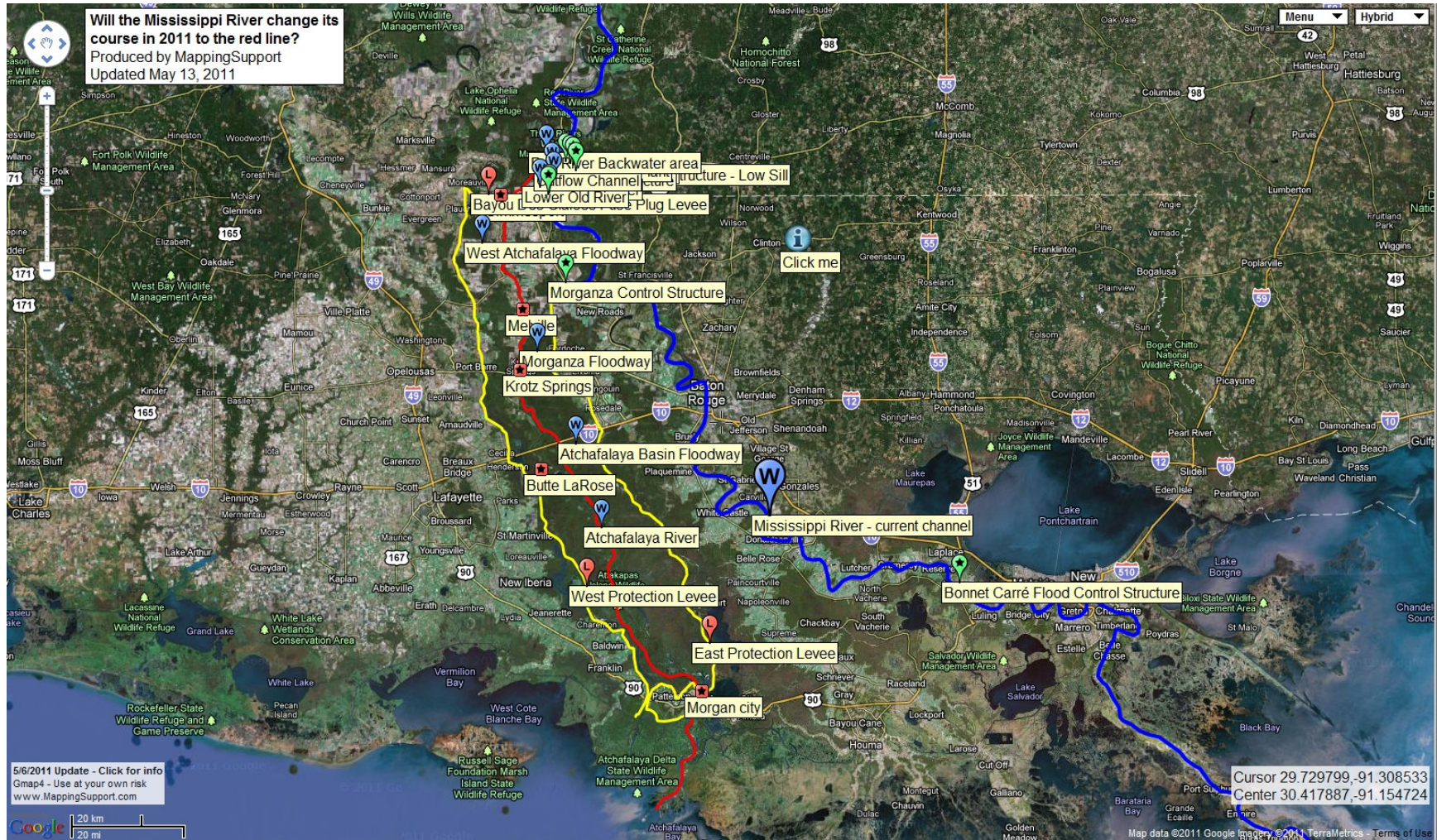
When will the Mississippi change course

... the Mississippi has changed course over the eons, but I didn't know it was so drastic. At one time it entered the Gulf via what we know of as Texas. At another, it was way to the east in the Florida panhandle. The most likely course is where it's been trying to go for a long time, ... The Mississippi almost won the battle in 1973. Some scientists are worried that the current record flooding might be too much for the Corps's structures to hold.

... it turns sharply east before emptying into the Gulf of Mexico, 95 miles downriver of New Orleans. But a shorter and steeper path to the ocean lies to the west along the Atchafalaya River, ... In the 1950s, scientists concluded that the Mississippi was on the brink of shifting course ... If that were to happen, New Orleans and Baton Rouge would be choked off from water and areas such as Morgan City

Green's Blog, By [Green](#) – May 12, 2011

Will the Mississippi change ...?





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The Increasingly Poor Decisions Of Newton Leroy Gingrich HuffPost, 20 May 11



“I don't think right wing social engineering is any more desirable than left wing social engineering. I don't think imposing radical change from the right or the left is a very good way for a free society to operate.”

... Gingrich apologized in a telephone call to ... Paul Ryan (R-Wis.) on Tuesday afternoon for his remarks on "Meet the Press," ... "Newt apologized," said Rick Tyler, his press secretary and longtime aide. "The call went very well."



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Ron Paul Officially Announces He's Running For President

Posted on May 13, 2011

“The time has come around to the point where the people are agreeing with much of what I've been saying for 30 years so I think the time is right,” Rep. Ron Paul (R-TX) said on ABC's "Good Morning America.”



RealclearPolitics.com

Rising Tensions in the Gulf, WSJ.com

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A look at the Sunni-Shiite divide in the Middle East and some of the key flashpoints in the cold war between Saudi Arabia and Iran.

LEBANON

A large Sunni population is led by a close ally of the Saudis, and Iran-backed Hezbollah dominates the Shiite minority.



PALESTINIAN TERRITORIES

The territories are divided between the pro-Iranian militant group Hamas in Gaza and the pro-Saudi Fatah faction in the West Bank.



LEBANON
4.3
Divided

SYRIA
22.5
Alawite regime allied with Iran

IRAQ
31.5

IRAN
POPULATION
75 MILLION

PALESTINIAN
TERRITORIES
4.4

KUWAIT
3.0

QATAR
1.5

SAUDI
ARABIA
POPULATION
26.2 MILLION

UAE
4.7

OMAN
2.9

BAHRAIN
0.8

■ SHIITE MAJORITY COUNTRIES
■ SUNNI MAJORITY COUNTRIES

BAHRAIN

The country's Shiite majority is ruled by a Sunni dynasty that goes back to the 18th century.



YEMEN

The Saudi government charges Iran with aiding a secessionist movement in the country's largely Shiite north.

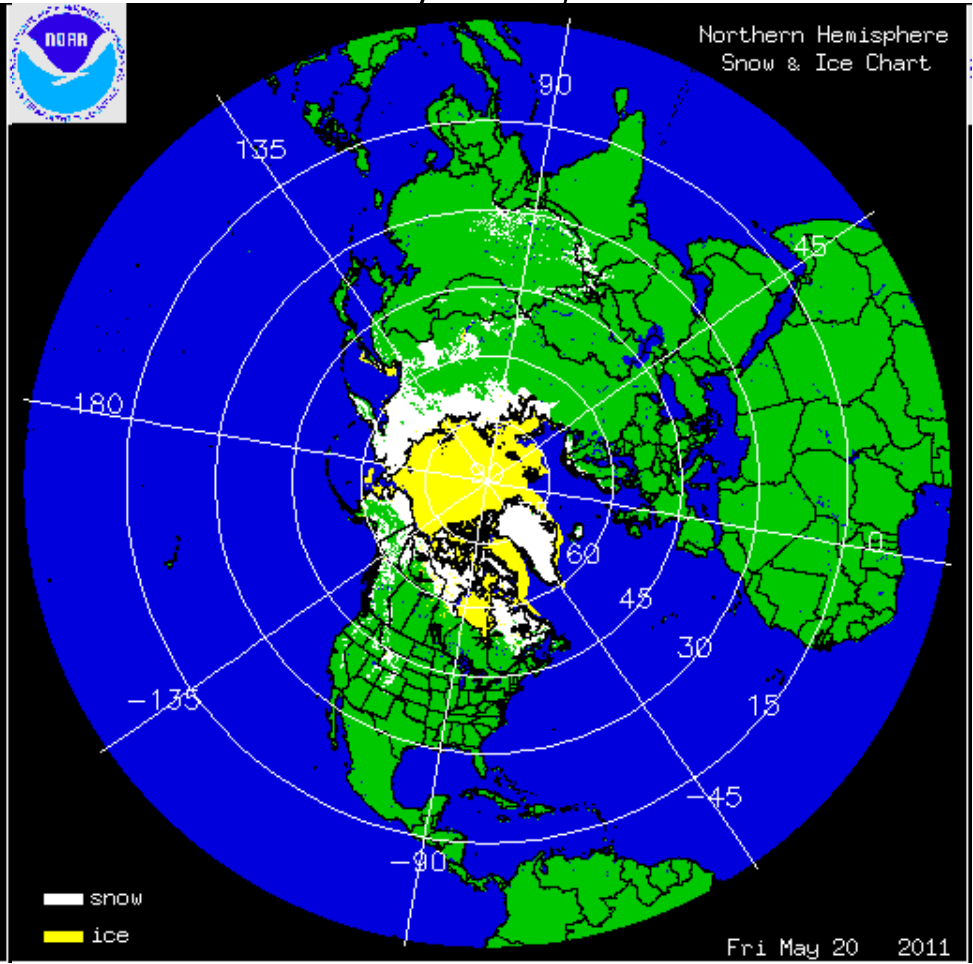
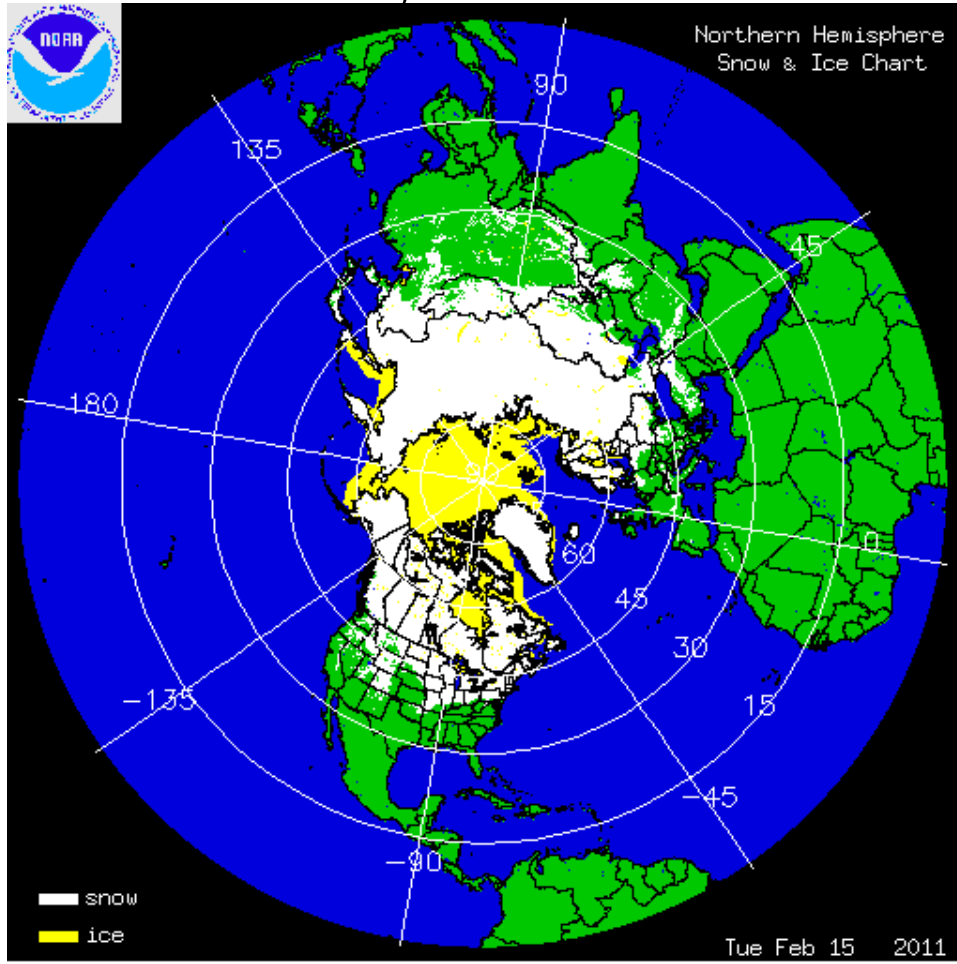


Source: Military Balance; Photos: Agence France Presse/Getty Images (Yemen, Palestine); Associated Press (Lebanon, Bahrain)

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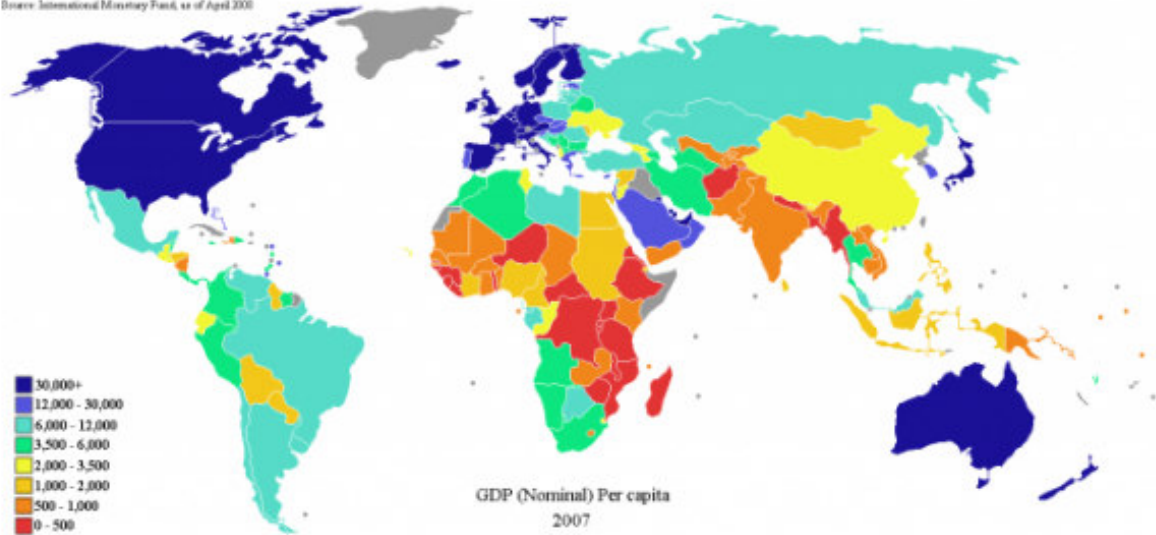
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Climate policy has almost nothing to do with environmental Protection

IPCC Official: “Climate Policy Is Redistributing The World’s Wealth”

Posted on [November 18, 2010](#) by [Anthony Watts](#)

Source: International Monetary Fund, as of April 2008

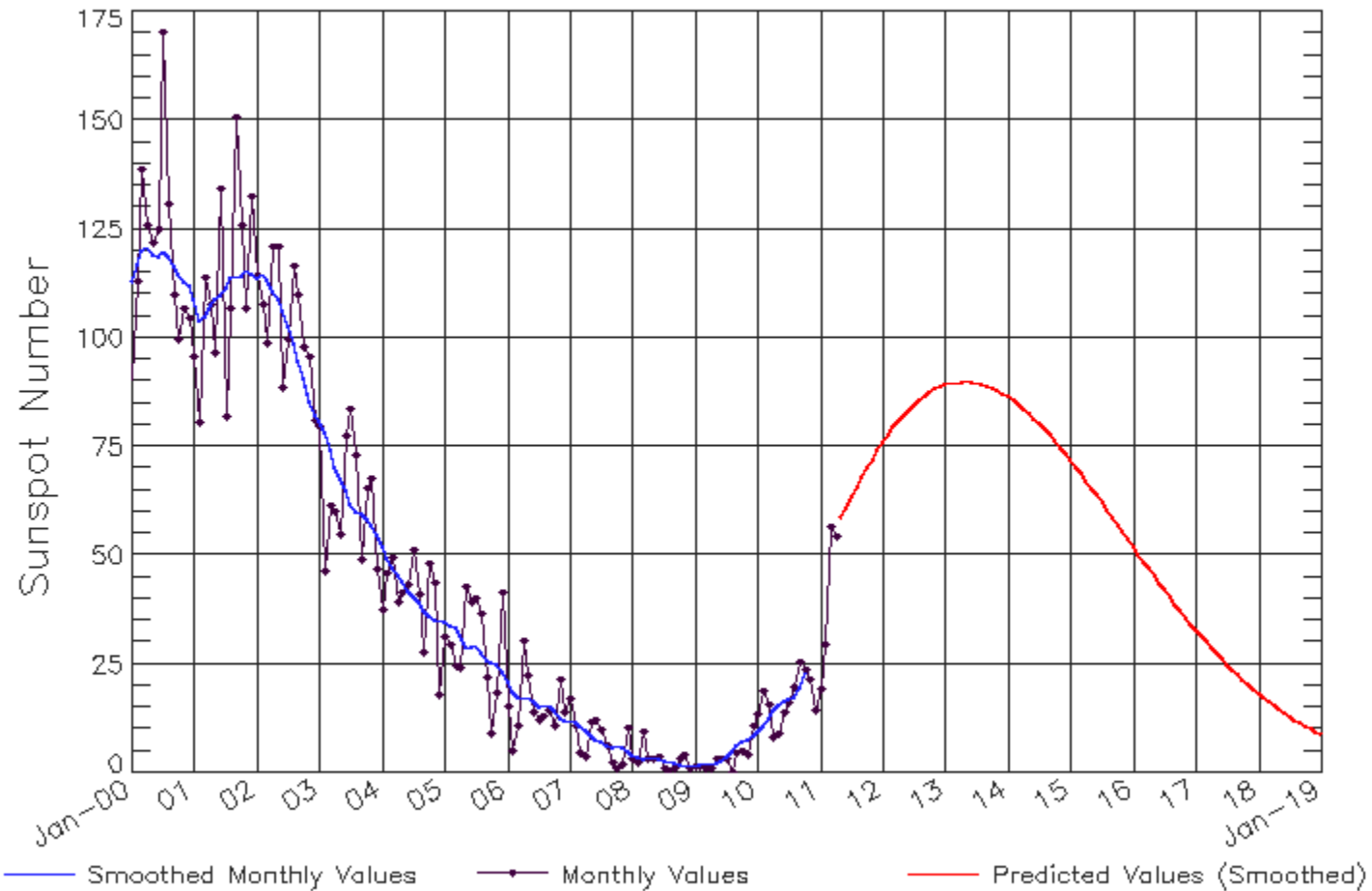


[Neue Zürcher Zeitung, 14 November 2010](#)

Climate policy has almost nothing to do anymore with environmental protection, says the German economist and IPCC official Ottmar Edenhofer. The next world climate summit in Cancun is actually an economy summit during which the distribution of the world’s resources will be negotiated. – Ottmar Edenhofer

Sun Spots

ISES Solar Cycle Sunspot Number Progression
Observed data through Apr 2011



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NOAA/SWPC Boulder, CO USA

<http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/SolarCycle/>

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Hubris, Texas Style

Texas House bans 'offensive' security pat-downs

© 2011 The Associated Press, May 13, 2011, 7:04AM

AUSTIN, Texas — The Texas House passed a bill that would make it a criminal offense for public servants to inappropriately touch travelers during airport security pat-downs.

Approved late Thursday night, the measure makes it illegal for anyone conducting searches to touch "the anus, sexual organ, buttocks, or breast of another person" including through clothing.

It also prohibits searches "that would be offensive to a reasonable person."

The bill's chief sponsor is Republican Rep. David Simpson, who said, "this has to do with dignity and travel, and prohibiting indecent, groping searches."

He believes it will keep Transportation Security Administration officials from treating travelers like criminals, though the measure may be superseded by federal law.

After a brief but raucous debate, lawmakers approved the measure with little opposition — drawing applause from supporters.

Then This ...



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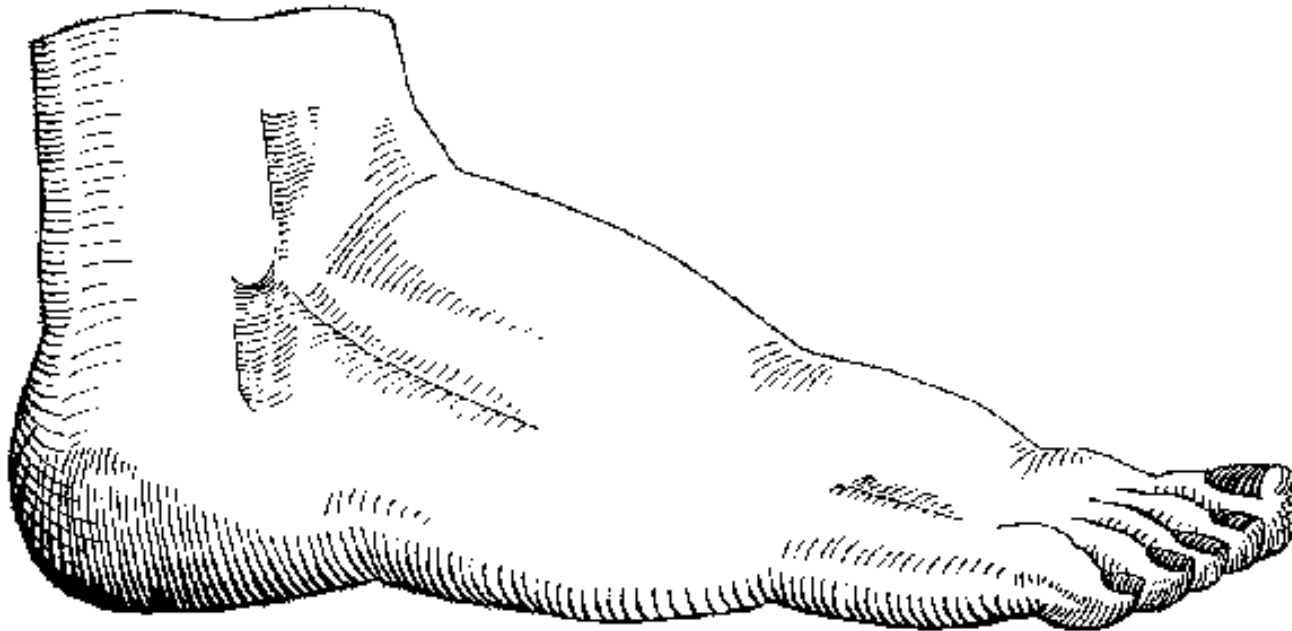
Don't be Panicked!

Welcome back to interesting times !



See You 21 May 2011

The Monty Python Foot, a convenient way to end something that would seem to go on for ever accomplishing nothing.... (*See deus ex machina*)



The famous Python Foot can here be seen in its original format in the bottom left corner of "An Allegory of Venus and Cupid" by [Bronzino](#) (~1545)

When Monty Python had no ending for a skit, this foot would appear out of the sky and squash whatever was on screen with a rude noise. Allowing the show to move on.

Enrichment Material

What makes you an Authority?

The word authority comes from the word *author*. And the word author has a Latin root. It means: “he who enables growth”.

So, the person whom you recognize as an authority is a person who enables your growth.

The others are the ones to decide if I am an authority to them or not.

What makes you an Authority?

Your personal abilities:

1. Your Inner Power
2. Your knowledge

Authority and Inner Power:

I just said the true Authority is the result of your Inner Power.

This means I would judge your sense of Authority at your Inner Power.

<http://www.luismartinssimoes.com/2009/07/how-to-be-respected/>

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Authority and Inner Power:

Yet, most people will judge your authority by **how you appear** and **how you act**.

We could call this your intrapersonal intelligence and your interpersonal intelligence.

People will confuse your Inner Power with your appearance and your acts, which are part of the ego.

This means that may you be totally genuine or totally faked, you will be an authority for someone.

Some will like a person's big ego and strong personality.

And he will be considered as an authority to them. That's their choice.

Some others will prefer another person's genuine vibration and ability to connect and recognize the source, and he will be considered as an authority to them.

It's always the others' choice.

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Authority and Knowledge:

You can be considered an authority for thousands of characteristics:

It can be because you are a good listener, or because you react calmly and softly to others' fragilities, or because you are good at saying No, or because you have no fears, or because you verbalize and observe your emotions...

If you are an individual who is very much identified with your ego, you will recognize authority to egotistic people.

If you are an individual who prefers to connect to the Source, to the I Am, you will recognize authority in spiritual people, for example, but not in egotistic people.

Authority and Knowledge:

Your knowledge is your ability to master [Instruction on Matter](#).

People will like your knowledge in Economy, or in Finance, or in Law, or in Philosophy, or in Engineering, or in Astrology, or in Painting...

This means authority does not claim for obedience, never!

Only someone who feels that his authority may be at stake will claim for obedience thru the use of power.

Power inspires fear.

Authority inspires respect.

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RETURN of the ELDERS UNLEASH YOUR WISDOM

It's time for the Return of the ELDERS! Previous successful societies relied on the councils of their ELDERS to offer WISDOM in times of confusion. Folks, we can't quit yet.

What does Authority mean?

The true Authority is the result of your inner power. It's the wisdom that comes from within.

It has to do with your connection [to the source, to the I Am](#).

Authority has nothing to do with the verb to have, but rather with the verb to be.

You do not have authority. You are seen as an authority.

The big difference between the External Power and Authority lies in the fact that authority cannot be imposed, it needs to be recognized.

So your authority depends on those who look at you.

Some people may recognize your authority and some others may not.

And you cannot do anything about it.

This is why people who are very much identified with their ego, and thus seeking for others approval, can't stand those who do not recognize their authority and hence use power to submit them by force.

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Accepting the challenge

Many of you have in fact made real contributions during your lifetimes and careers. And now you feel you have earned a rest and start cashing in your chips and enjoying the good life.

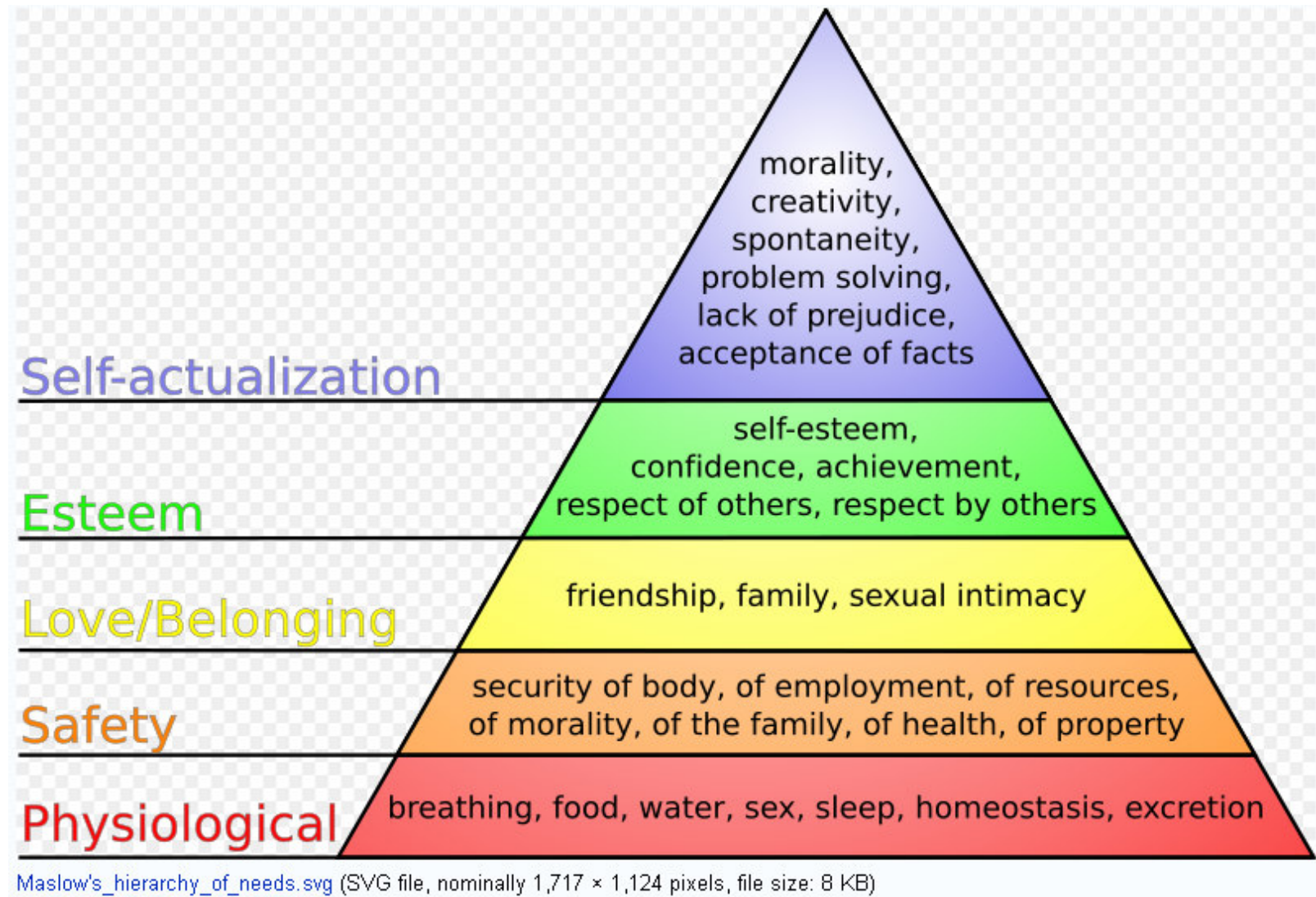
Not so fast, I'm afraid. We still have work to do if we are going to still have the America we thought we were going to have, but we see disappearing.

One of life's persistent questions:

“Why do cockroaches roll over before the die?”



Mazlow's Hierachy of Needs



It all connects

Fear, War, Greed

To much capital in the hands of the few

Too little money in the hands of the consumers.

Credit is not a replacement for disposable income

Oil is a limited resource

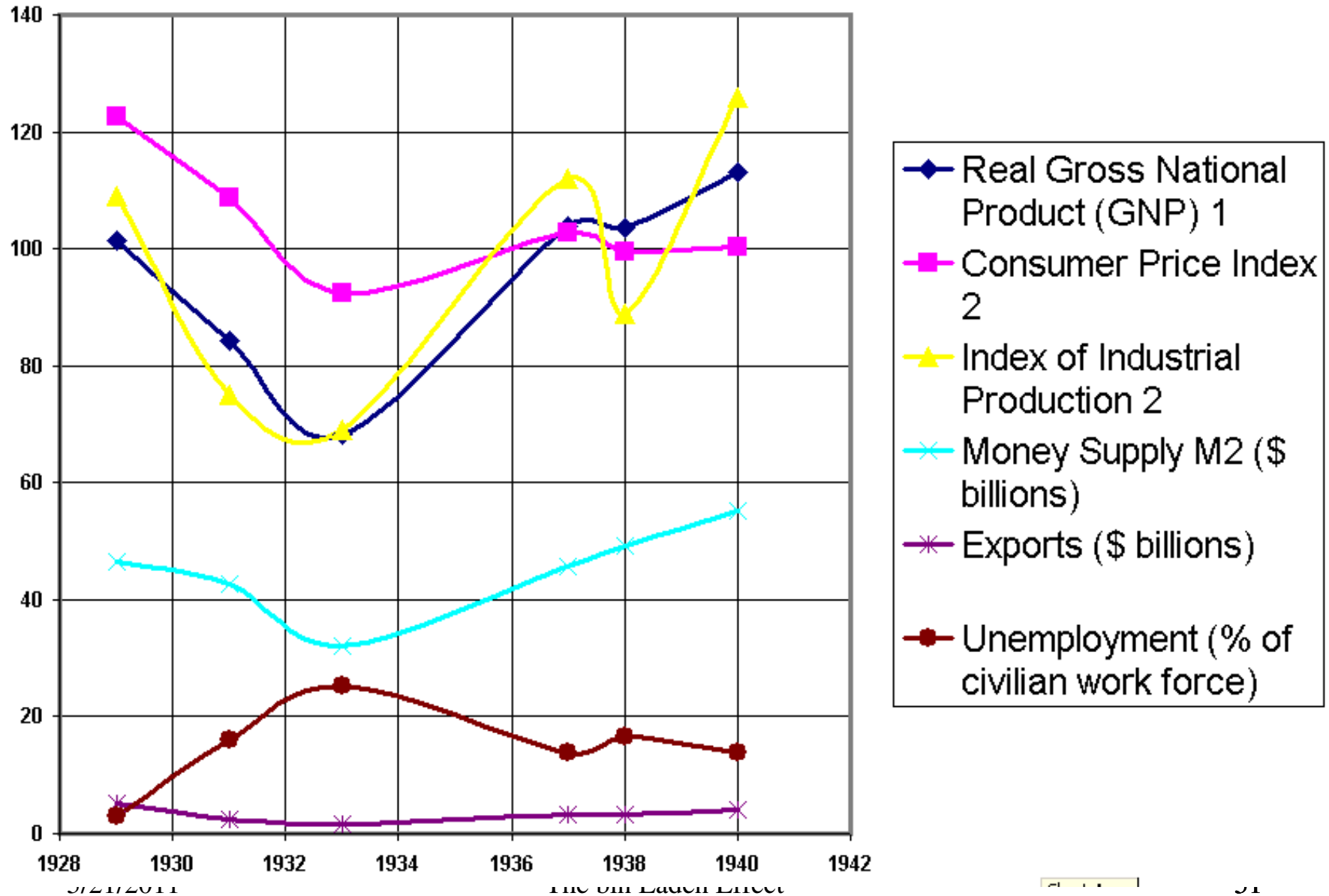
Unable to anticipate what looks obvious in retrospect

Trusting of Authority

Lacking critical ability/Education

Etc.

The Years of the Great Depression



Don't just be a thermometer, Be a thermostat

Jill Carroll

**“...we are the leaders we've
been looking for.”**

Grace Lee Boggs

Basic Wilderness Survival Skills

From: **British Columbia Outdoor Wilderness Guide**

Fear - For anyone faced with a wilderness emergency survival situation, fear is a normal reaction. Unless an emergency situation has been anticipated, fear is generally followed by panic then pain, cold, thirst, hunger, fatigue, boredom and loneliness. It is extremely important to calmly assess the situation and not allow these seven enemies to interfere with your survival.

Pain - Pain may often be ignored in a panic situation. Remember to deal with injuries immediately before they become even more serious.

Cold - Cold lowers the ability to think, numbing the body and reducing the will to survive. Never allow yourself to stop moving or to fall asleep unless adequately sheltered.

Thirst - Dehydration is a common enemy in an emergency situation and must not be ignored. It can dull your mind, causing you to overlook important survival information.

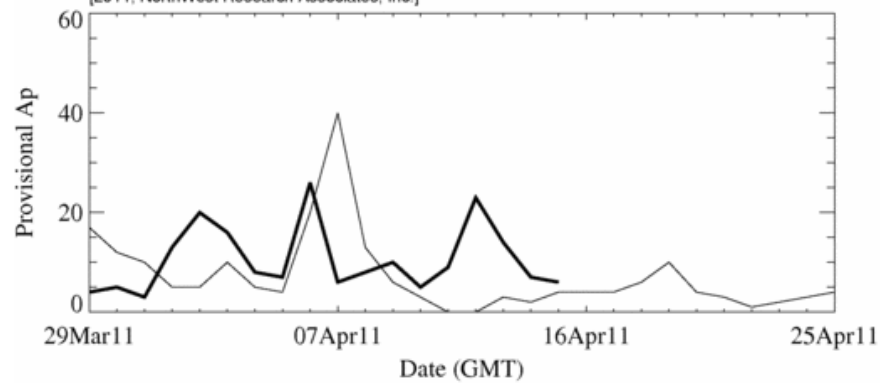
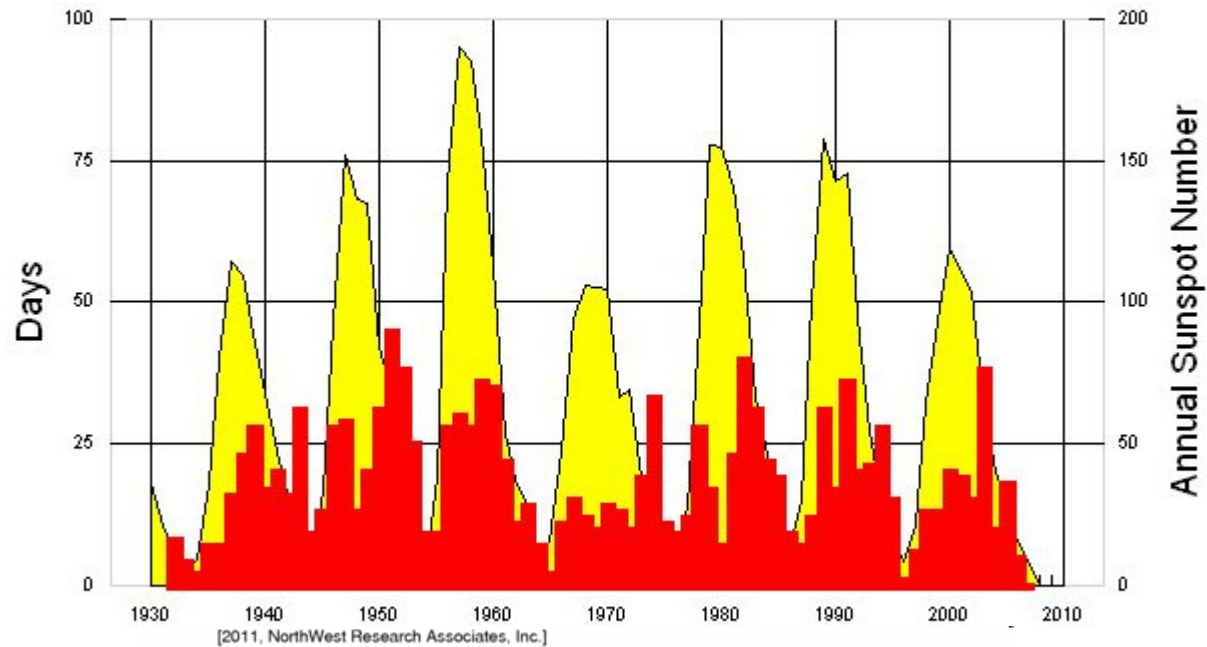
Hunger - Hunger is dangerous but seldom deadly. It may reduce your ability to think logically and increase your susceptibility to the effects of cold, pain and fear.

Fatigue - Fatigue is unavoidable in any situation so it is best to keep in mind that it can and will lower your mental ability. Remember that in an emergency situation this is often the body's way of escaping a difficult situation.

Boredom & Loneliness - These enemies are quite often unanticipated and may lower mind's ability to deal with the situation.

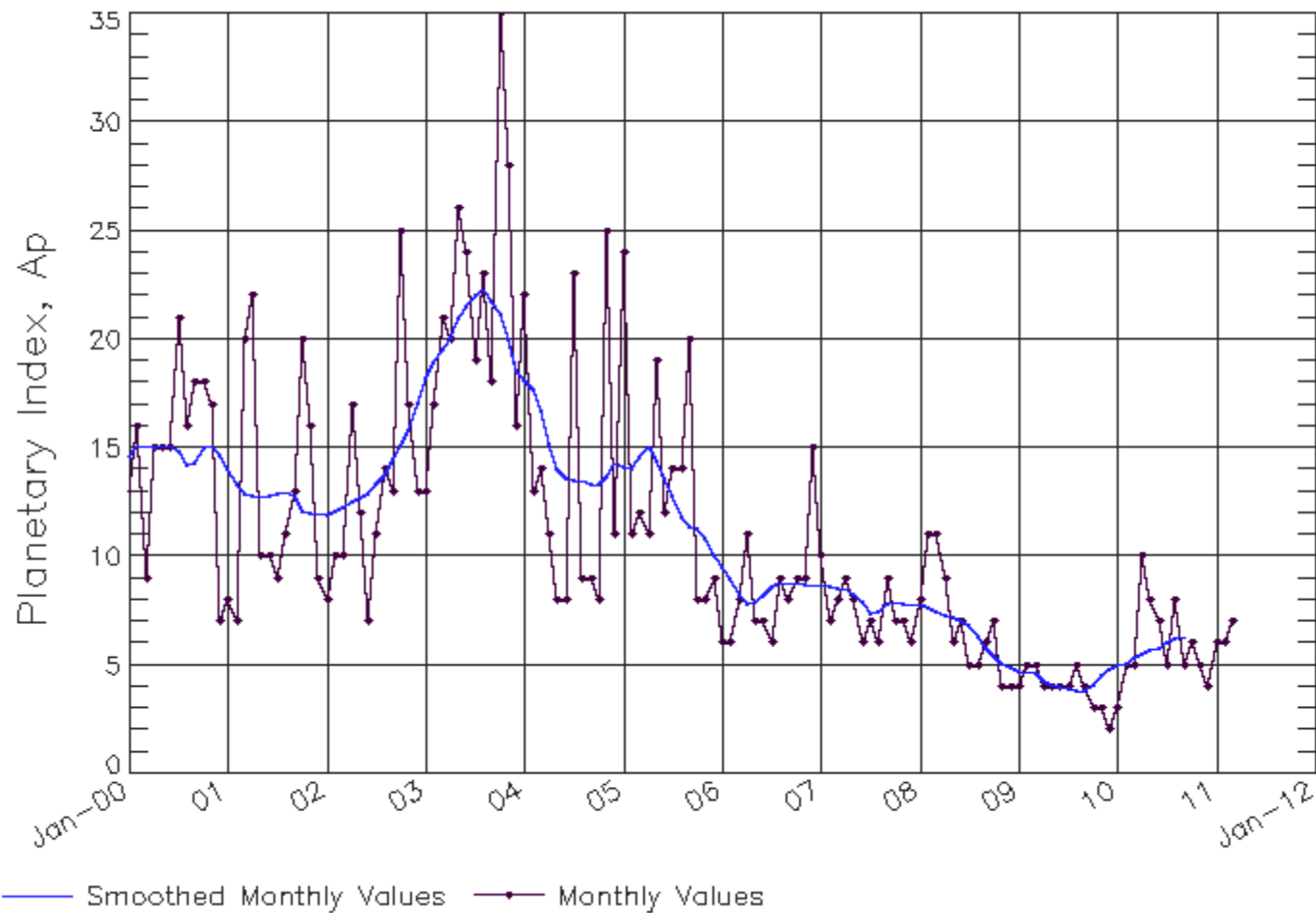
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Number of Days $A_p^* \geq 40$
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<http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/SolarCycle/>

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