

## Climate Existence 2020 Abstract

**The great falsification** – Life in the abyss between story and reality. Thoughts concerning the need for a deep philosophical approach to environmental crisis.

It started many years ago with a phrase from A.N. Whitehead. "A civilisation which cannot burst through its current abstractions is doomed to sterility after a very limited period of progress."<sup>1</sup> And here we are now, in a time and place where the dominating story of never ending and unproblematic progress on all levels is tested against actual non-negotiable reality of life. And the "theory" of civilisation, with its abstractions, is slowly cracking in a gigantic falsification process.

Many of us are convinced of the need for a cultural story that matches reality better. But where to go when our thoughts and actions tends to emerge out of readymade patterns and the problematic habit of misplaced concreteness? And what about that "black box" of quiet and mostly unseen pre- suppositions that shape our alternatives of thoughts and action and far too often create endless chains of positive feedback and double bind? Are there any keys?

This abyss, this growing dichotomy between map and reality is a painful, sad and frustrating place to be. And just that might be a concrete and fruitful rabbit hole to dive into in the attempt to troubleshoot the "deep" story.

Let's follow that rabbit down.....

Pia Skoglund

---

<sup>1</sup> Whitehead A. N.: *Science and the Modern World*, Mentor Books 1948 Citat s. 59