

# In our use of the earth, we may need to change from a paradigm of “growth” to “homemaking”

## The principle of growth...

is a self-investment strategy, visible in all natural systems during their initial development, and those that achieve longevity will have switched to a **principle of homemaking** as the strategy to do it.

Our “SDG’s” don’t include that yet, and also neglect how a growth economy changes upon hitting the hard limits of the earth, so the enormous scale of investment in sustainability hoped for is not likely to be available.

## It’s likely the plan would confront a world of ever increasing competition over shrinking funds and resources.

When the parts of growth systems meet increased resistance to growth it naturally produces swelling inequities between them.

The more competitive parts keep growing, and by taking over the markets and driving up the costs for all others. It would be like what we see today, a great natural tide of inequities throughout the world. It’s why we can’t wait, too.

How a market economy changes from a growth to a homemaking strategy is by target investments to benefit the system as a whole. It would be more profitable to investors to have the environment producing them thrive rather than fail. “Reality math” would let people see their real part the economy’s global depletion of our economic capital, to compare with other values.

## It’s a major rethinking, but the idea and the home-economics of caring for the whole, to make the earth our home, can carry us through.

We are nature’s most adaptable species in many ways, but still can only make new ways to think and work with nature using our old ways as a bridge. Given the late hour, the emotional and cultural challenge would be almost impossible not to underestimate.

So making all effort to ease the path, to go directly there, may be the only way.

The real work would be expanding our awareness of how nature works

**...the biggest challenge discovering why nature is so irreducibly lively, and trusting our inanimate equations so central to our problem.**

*There are lots of short essays on my blog, new and old, that would be useful for exploring where this view point can go.*

*One of the more useful is a group activity concept, a elemental structured learning plan, called:*

*“3Step process for Working With Nature”*

*<http://synapse9.com/signals/2013/07/03/3steps-process-for-working-with-nature/>*

*The world looks very different from an organic systems view. Economies seem powered by their own communities of living parts, all learning from each other as they creatively explore the earth searching for new territories and new ways to use them and work with each other.*

*Change in “the system” would take on a “follow the leader” behavior like that of flocking birds searching for the next roost, foraging for ever bigger ones, finding and using them up one after another, improving productivity ever faster to expand at the fastest pace achievable, that once seemed such a sensible use for wealth, increasing the flock, the territories found and used, the number and complexity and changing of its languages, ever faster.*