

Welcome to the Idiocene

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It has been proposed that the present era of life on earth should be called the Anthropocene to reflect the human domination of our planet.

However, an elegant, scientific-sounding term like anthropocene seems like a cop-out, a handy euphemism to hide exactly what kind of domination this is and what it's doing to the planet.

I propose that instead we call it the Idiocene, signifying the New Era of Idiots. Idiot comes from the Greek word "idiotes" meaning both an incompetent person and a private citizen. Idiocene is the one precisely appropriate name for an era that is suicidally stupid and ecocidally privatizing.

Would you like a simple definition of the Idiocene? You might remember the old joke about a robber who comes up to somebody on the street, pulls out a gun and says: "Your money or your life!" The victim pauses and then says, "Can I have a moment to think it over?"

That moment is the Idiocene.

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It's the Obliviocene

It's the Distractocene

It's the DontWorryBeHappyocene

It's the ADHDocene

It's the SpacedOutocene

It's the Narcissocene

It's the WhichWayIsUpocene

It's the Amneseocene

It's the NoThereWhenYouGetThereocene

It's the BlahBlahBlahocene

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It's the Comatosocene

It's the DruggedOutocene

It's the Wastedocene
It's the FiddleWithYourIphoneWhileTheWorldBurnsocene
It's the Shopoholocene
It's the SoUpI'mDownocene
It's the Dopocene
It's the Undeadocene
It's the Zonkedocene
It's the Crunkocene
It's the Idiocene

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It's the Assbackwardocene
It's the FoxToldMeIt'sNotTrueocene
It's the Moronocene
It's the Stupidocene
It's the DumbAssocene
It's the SingleDigitIQocene
It's the Imbecilocene
It's the OutToLunchocene
It's the Nincompoopocene
It's the Schlemielocene
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It's the EndOfTheLineocene
It's the HotelTerminusocene
It's the Nightmareocene
It's the ChickensComeHomeToRoostocene
It's the Saw15ocene
It's the UpShitCreekoscene
It's the OMGocene
It's the DeadEndocene
It's the Suicidocene
It's the Collapsocene
It's the Idiocene

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It's the HumptyDumptocene
It's the Jonestownocene
It's the WalkingOffACliffocene

It's the SpringBreaksOverY'allocene
It's the BuiltOnAnIndianBurialGroundocene
It's the ThatsAllFolksocene
It's the EndOfSmileyFaceocene
It's the Extinctocene
It's the ItStinksocene
It's the DeadMeatocene
It's the Idiocene

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It's the KickTheBucketocene
It's the Croakocene
It's the SwanSongocene
It's the KillItIfItMovesocene
It's the LastGaspocene
It's the GooseIsCookedocene
It's the ZombiesInTheMallocene
It's the NightOfTheLivingDeadocene
It's the EndOfTheRopeocene
It's the BiteTheDustocene
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It's the NoExitocene
It's the DeadEndocene
It's the Wastelandocene
It's the InTheToiletocene
It's the Screwedocene
It's the FuckedUpocene
It's the Trashedocene
It's the ShotToHellocene
It's the DeadDuckocene
It's the Kaputocene
It's the Idiocene

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It's the CheckOutocene
It's the ManBearPigWinsocene
It's the EverythingMageddonocene
It's the Apocalyptocene

It's the MadMaxocene
It's the ShitHitsTheFanocene
It's the Y2KForRealThisTimeocene
It's the WeAllGetDarwinAwardsocene
It's the MoneyTalksNatureWalksocene
It's the VeryBadSceneocene
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Yes, folks. It's the Idiocene
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