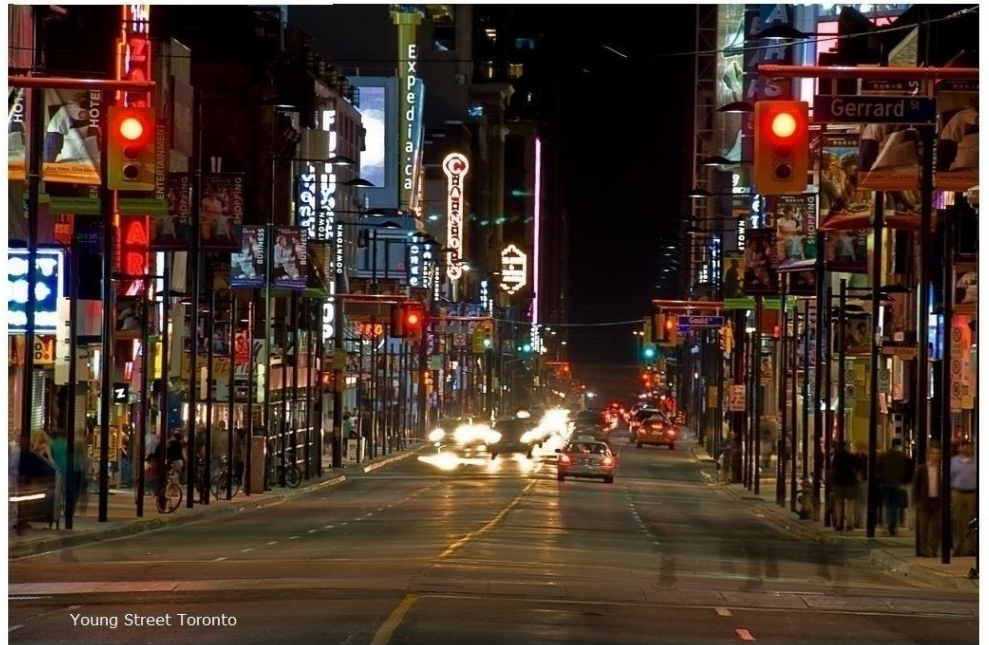


Over 80% of the population of Canada and the US live in the city. Most wouldn't have it any other way. Nature is not served by our bemoaning this, but by our embracing it as a sign of an extremophile nature that has yet to be fully realized.

Realizing it might give some **relief to both natures.**

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Young Street Toronto

Is it naive to suppose that much of the unease we do find here is caused ultimately by **the ghosts of species displaced** from one of the richest Natural systems in the world? The city of Toronto was plunked down where the Humber River enters Lake Ontario only 300 years ago, and it's been sprawling outward ever since.

We have been using the prolific, but self-contained, intelligence of evolving bio-associations as if it were our slave; and a taker, with nothing to give in return, will surely adopt the warped mentality of a slave-master.



Toronto Harbour

**Technology is meant to free us and Nature too** from an 'interdependency' that is the vast illusion of not just a pre-Darwinian mindset, but of a simplistic interpretation of the evo-ecological message: there is **no such thing as sustainability** when you take from an already balanced system in which you no longer have any part. The good news is that what we do now on a small scale we can do on a larger scale.

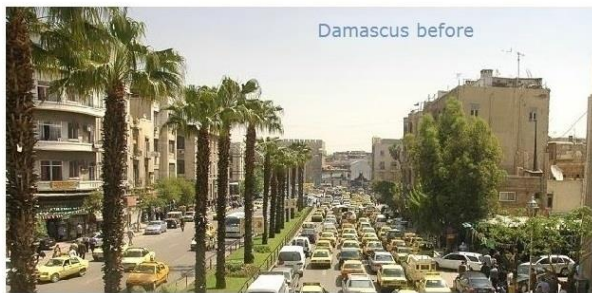


Montreal's underground city

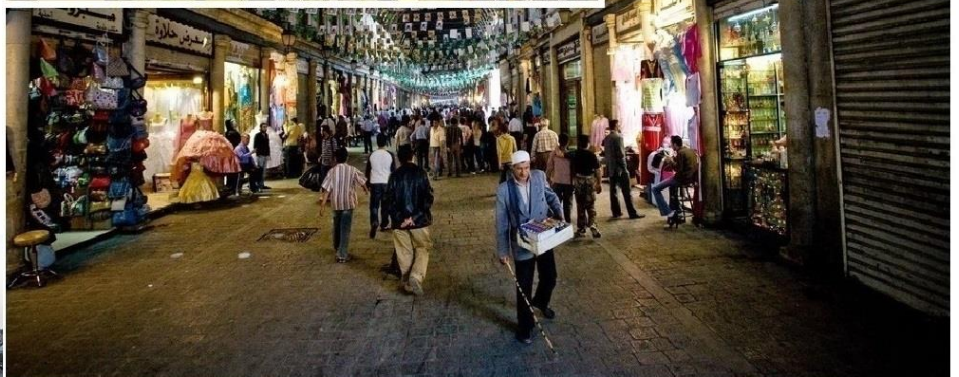
For instance: 80% of all office space and 35% of commercial space in downtown Montreal is underground already. In winter, 500,000 people use this underground city. What can we do in another 300 years?

Just look at this. Arrrrgh! I get angry when I see what human beings are doing to one another, and to the gifts entrusted to us by our ancestors in their sporadic wisdom. Just as I get angry at what we, in our original ignorance, are doing to Nature's original intelligence.

But then when I take the trouble to look into my own nature, I can see where all this fear and anger is coming from: an **out-dated animal territoriality**, and an incomplete understanding of our place in an intelligent universe. (Syria's civil war was originally motivated by limited access to receding groundwater, not religion.)



Damascus before



Damascus after



And so I have hope that change is already happening, as a new generation, transfixed by an unprecedented surge in the disparity between the timescales of **two sovereign intelligences**, is compelled to see this too. And, though we are born in the shape of animals, we must finally come to know our proper nature.