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Welcome to the Anthropocene

Increasingly we live in a world made – or remade – by humans. For this reason, geologists are seriously considering whether we have embarked a new epoch: the Anthropocene. As we change the world, the questions we ask also change. For a start: what does it mean to be human in an age when mankind is determining the fate of the planet?

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