

Global Grand Challenge Award 2016

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Executive Summary:

Stories, The Big Moon Dig / Iron Seas

Our task is to tell the story of the 21st Century, Now! By this effort we can alleviate fear with clarity of vision and lead millions of people to effective action. Currently we have very few stories of the 21st Century and most of those we have are pure rubbish.

We can and must tell the stories of dedicated characters in effective action on the great problems of the 21st Century. Tales of zombie apocalypse and comic book heroes will not do. Down that path lies fear and inaction. We need visions that real people can emulate.

Change is always frightening and the 21st is a century of change if nothing else. Currently our popular media is simply not generating positive visions of these changes and this is leaving people in fear of the future.

To generate a positive vision of the future we will use the best computer models available: (1) Global Warming with its sea level rise, (2) population peaking with its demographic shifts, and (3) technology growth, the driving force.

Our stories will also feature our best educated guesses of which new technologies will change society most quickly: (1) Artificial Intelligence, (2) power storage cells, (3) social media, etc.

These are the tools of technical people, that can both provide vision and suggest effective actions, but we need to team with humanist to envision believable characters. Only we can envision our technological future; only they can envision the believable people to populate it.

Currently we have two story lines in work: (1) "The Big Moon Dig" on new ideas for space exploration, and (2) "Iron Seas" on addressing the problems of the oceans. Each line now has several short stories complete.

When faced with great problems, as people we must first talk solutions into existence. This we can do very well, but it does take teams of people supporting each other's strongest capabilities and visions to produce the level of quality that this task now demands.

Our task then is to build teams and write the stories. We have made a start.

<http://bigmoondig.com/Stories/BMDStories.html>

