

These selected quotes from a range of thinkers articulate some of the key principles in slow ecology:

Science and technology, as currently practiced, cannot solve the many serious problems we face.... A paradigm shift is needed to reorient science and technology in a more socially and environmentally sustainable direction
— Michael and Joyce Heusemann

No problem can be solved at the same level of consciousness that created it
— Albert Einstein

If we succumb to a dream world, we'll wake up in a nightmare
— President Jimmy Carter

We are entering territory that is very much taboo. The things that we may have to force or nudge people to do are entwined with identity. They are stickier, harder to change
— Benjamin Sovacool

The shadow of a cornstalk on the ground is lovely, but it is no denial of its loveliness to see as one looks on it that it is telling the time of day, the position of the earth and sun, the size of our planet and its shape, and perhaps even the length of its life and ours among the stars

The real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes, but in seeing with new eyes
— Marcel Proust

We must step back to see the bigger picture. Living headlong we skim over the surface of the world rather than allowing ourselves to enter into its depth. At the same time, as it might seem paradoxically, our view is too 'close up': always in a hurry, we are narrowly focussed on a few salient things and miss the broader picture. We need to find a more natural, a slower, more meditative, tempo. That way too we see more
— Ian McGilchrist

An implicit almost universal assumption of discussions published in professional and semi-professional scientific journals is that the problem under discussion has a technical solution. A technical solution may be defined as one that requires change only in the techniques of the natural sciences, demanding little or nothing in the way of change in human values or ideas of morality — Michael and Joyce Heusemann