

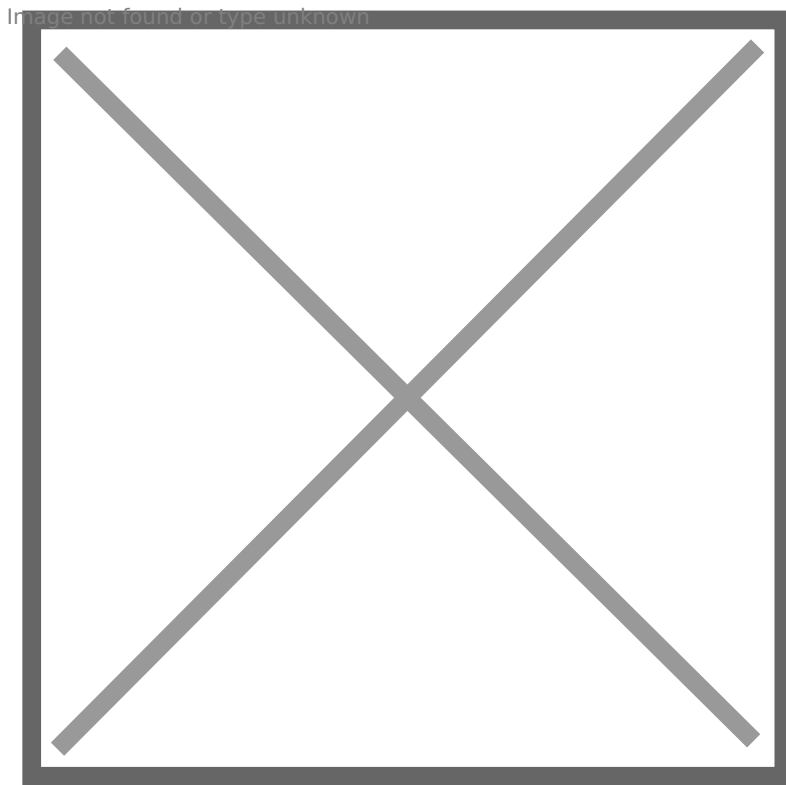
Dealing With Electric Grid Disruption

Post by "Don" of May 12, 2024 at 12:01 PM

[Quote from Cassius](#)

I do not think that humans will be limited to this planet much longer, and after that the solar system, and eventually the galaxy, will be left behind. And it will be entirely reasonable to leave our Sun behind when it eventually seems likely to terminate in some way.

Sure. I'm happy to give you all that, and I have zero opposition to the aspiration of space travel. I'm a *Star Trek* fan, too. 😊 However, after a recent Clear + Vivid episode, I don't expect colonies on the Moon or Mars in my lifetime:



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I don't see that viewpoint as any different from the actions of Nature / Venus / Pleasure cited in the opening of book one of Lucretius in spurring all living things on to continue their species. Nature calls us to pursue pleasure as long as we are able, and life is necessary for pleasure.

Yep, I'll agree to that.

I've read your responses rapidly, and I'll post over in the other thread, too. But I'll cut to the chase for me now.

In the scale of the universe or even our cosmos, humans aren't special. Thousands, millions, of species have gone extinct. Eventually, our species will - no doubt - go extinct as well. That's the way things are. Species evolve, exist, then are gone. We were not, we are, we will be no longer... Do we make decisions to protect our individual lives? Of course! Should we make collective decisions to not hasten our species demise? Absolutely! But to imagine our species as somehow able to leap frog the fate of every other species and the eventual far-distant demise of Earth or the Sun or other suns and other planets strikes me as misplaced . I find it hard to articulate, but the insidious idea that humans can transcend the eventual end of every other thing, strikes me as somehow corrosive to our taking pleasure in this life, this existence, this time.