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At the end of this century it has for the first time become possible to see what a world may be like in which the past, including the past in the present, has lost its role, in which the old maps and charts which guided human beings, singly and collectively, through life no longer represent the landscape through which we move, the sea on which we sail. In which we do not know where our journey is taking us, or even ought to. . . . This is the situation with which a part of humanity must already come to terms at the end of the century, and more will have to in the new millennium.

Eric Hobsbawm, *Age of Extremes*, 1994 (1995 paper): 16–17

The choice is not between throwing away rules previously developed and sticking obstinately by them. The intelligent alternative is to revise, adapt, expand and alter them. The problem is one of continuous vital readaptation.

John Dewey, *Human Nature and Conduct*, 1992: 239–40