

TØR VI TÆNKE TANKEN?  
DARE WE THINK  
THE THOUGHT THROUGH?

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# *Tør vi tænke tanken?*

**V**i oplever i denne tid en mikroskopisk lille organisme, der pludselig forandrer hele vores verden. Ikke din verden. Ikke min verden.

Men hele menneskehedens verden. På trods af al vores viden, vores avancerede teknologier og tidligere erfaringer med pandemier, så virkede det som, at alverdens ledere virkede hjælpeløse.

Alle holdt vejret. Hvad ville der nu ske?

Den skjulte smitte truer overalt. Mange er døde og hver dag får vi dagens dødstal fra lande i hele verden. Endnu flere er blevet smittet, og mange er påvirket af alvorlige eftervirkninger af infektionen.

Nu udvikler den virus sig til nye varianter, som måske bliver endnu vanskeligere at bekæmpe. Tør vi tænke tanken?

Hvad venter i det skjulte? Nye vira eller andre trusler, som vi end ikke kan forestille os i dag? Tør vi tænke tanken?

Blandt filosoffer er der en udbredt opfattelse af, at menneskeheden er alene i det store univers, og at vores mulighed for på sigt at

overleve på vores lille, skrøbelige planet er så undseelig lille. En dag eksisterer mennesket måske ikke længere. Tør vi tænke tanken?

På personligt plan er vi jo hver for sig bevidst om, at vi på et eller andet tidspunkt skal herfra. De fleste skubber tanken fra sig. Men det kan være svært, når pårørende og bekendte falder bort, og vi bliver mindet om vores egen dødelighed. Mange tør knap nok tænke tanken.

Jeg håber på, at den pandemi, vi lige nu oplever, som et positivt aftryk får, at flere mennesker begynder at ræsonnere over de eksistentielle betingelser for menneskeheden. Miljø, klima, overforbrug, sult, vold og krige. Hvordan kan vi indrette os og gøre vores alles livsbetingelser bedre og mere stabile?

Overalt hvor vi færdes kan vi opleve den smukke natur. Her kan vi finde den indre ro. Jeg fandt min indre ro i den grønlandske natur. Hvad er mere fuldkomment og harmonisk end vinterlandskabet i Grønland? Her er der virkelig plads til at turde tænke store tanker.

# *Dare we think the thought through?*

These days, we are experiencing a microscopic, little organism, that suddenly changes our entire world. Not your world, not my world. But the world of mankind. In defiance of all our knowledge, advanced technologies, and past experiences with pandemics, the leaders of the world seem to be helpless.

Everyone is holding their breath. What would happen now?

Everywhere, the hidden virus threatens. Many are dead and every day, the news gives us the death toll of today from countries all over the world. Even more have been infected and many are affected by serious after-effects of the infection.

Now the virus is evolving into new variants, which may become even more difficult to combat. Dare we think the thought through?

What is waiting beneath the surface? New viruses or other threats that we today cannot even imagine? Dare we think the thought through?

Among philosophers, there is a widespread perception that humanity is alone in the vast universe and that our ability to survive in the

long term on our small, fragile planet is so elusively small. One day, man may no longer exist. Dare we think the thought through?

On a personal level, individually, we are aware, that we must pass away in the future to come. Most people push the truth away. But it can be difficult, when relatives and acquaintances fall away, and we are reminded of our own mortality. Many people barely dare to think the thought through.

As a positive imprint, I hope the pandemic, we currently experience, will get more people starting to reason about the existential conditions of humanity. The environment, the climate, the overuse, the hunger, the violence and the wars. How can we adapt and make the living conditions of everyone better and more stable?

Wherever we go, we can experience the beautiful nature. Here we can find the inner peace. I found my inner peace in the Greenlandic nature. What is more perfect and harmonious than the winter landscape in Greenland? In that landscape you find room to dare to think big thoughts.



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