

Intelligent Opinion: The old must give way to the new

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Figure 1: Big old clap clap, 2020, by Lee Ellis

💡 Me:

Generate a prompt to ask LLM about the following:

- Why must the old die to pave way for the new?
- A good person 100 years ago will probably be evil today (politics and morally)
- The response needs to be brief but enough to be intelligently informative
- Other examples where morality also grows old? religion? culture?
- How did natural selection create this, or does this point into an intelligent being?
- Anything else i might need to know?

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The old must give way to the new because both biology and ideas rely on turnover for adaptation. In biology, death frees resources and space for younger generations, ensuring genetic variation and resilience. In thought, outdated beliefs fade so new frameworks can address fresh challenges.

A person considered “good” a century ago might today seem immoral because morality is context-dependent - shaped by shifting norms, power structures, and collective understanding. Practices once common (slavery, arranged marriages without consent, public executions) are now widely condemned. Religion and culture evolve similarly: doctrines and traditions adapt - or resist - and eventually transform under social and historical pressures.

Natural selection explains this change as trial-and-error: systems that don't adapt decline, while those that fit survive. This doesn't require intelligent design, though some interpret the seeming directionality as purposeful.

Women's rights, once ignored, now central.

The key takeaway: change, even through loss, is the mechanism of renewal. What seems moral or true is never fixed - it's a living system that evolves with humanity itself.

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