

# Welcome to The Idiocene

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WELCOME TO THE IDIOCENE Â by Max Cafard Â It has been proposed that the present era of life on earth should be called the "Anthropocene" to reflect the human domination of our planet.Â However, an elegant, scientific-sounding term like "anthropocene" seems like a cop-out, a handy euphemism to hide exactly what kind of domination this is and what it's doing to the planet. I propose that instead we call it the "Idiocene," signifying the "New Era of Idiots." Â "Idiot" comes from the Greek word  $\text{ὀϊδίτης}$ , meaning both an incompetent person and a private citizen. "Idiocene" is the one precisely appropriate name for an era that is suicidally stupid and ecocidally privatizing.Â Would you like a simple definition of the Idiocene? You might remember the old joke about a robber who comes up to somebody on the street, pulls out a gun and says: "Your money or your life!" The victim pauses and then says "Can I have a moment to think it over?" That moment is the Idiocene. Â Welcome to the Idiocene It's the Obliviocene It's the Distractocene It's the DontWorryBeHappyocene It's the ADHDocene It's the SpacedOutocene It's the Narcissocene It's the WhichWaysUpocene It's the Amneseocene It's the NoThereWhenYouGetThereocene It's the BlahBlahBlahocene It's the Idiocene Â Welcome to the Idiocene It's the Comatosocene It's the DruggedOutocene It's the Wastedocene It's the FiddleWithYourIphoneWhileTheWorldBurnsocene It's the Shopoholocene It's the SoUpImDownocene It's the Dopocene It's the Undeadoocene It's the Zonedocene It's the Crunkocene It's the Idiocene Â Welcome to the Idiocene It's the Assbackwardocene It's the FoxToldMelt'sNotTrueocene It's the Moronocene It's the Stupidocene It's the DumbAssocene It's the SingleDigitIQocene It's the Imbecilocene It's the OutToLunchocene It's the Nincompoopocene It's the Schlemielocene Â It's the Idiocene Â Welcome to the Idiocene It's the EndOfTheLineocene It's the HotelTerminusocene It's the Nightmareocene It's the ChickensComeHomeToRoostocene It's the Saw15ocene It's the UpShitCreekoscene Â It's the OMGocene It's the Suicidocene It's the Collapsocene It's the Hoistonourownpetardocene It's the Idiocene Â Welcome to the Idiocene It's the HumptyDumptocene It's the Jonestownocene It's the WalkingOffACliffocene It's the SpringBreaksOverY'allocene It's the BuiltOnAnIndianBurialGroundocene It's the ThatsAllFolksocene It's the EndOfSmileyFaceocene It's the Extinctocene It's the ItStinksocene It's the DeadMeatocene It's the Idiocene Â Welcome to the Idiocene It's the KickTheBucketocene It's the Croakocene It's the SwanSongocene It's the LastGaspacecene It's the GooselsCookedocene It's the ZombiesInTheMalloocene It's the NightOfTheLivingDeadocene It's the EndOfTheRopeocene It's the BiteTheDustocene It's the DeadIsTheNewAliveocene It's the Idiocene Â Welcome to the Idiocene It's the NoExitocene It's the DeadEndocene It's the Wastelandocene It's the InTheToiletocene It's the Screwedocene It's the FuckedUpocene It's the Trashedocene It's the ShotToHellocene It's the DeadDuckocene It's the Kaputocene It's the Idiocene Â Welcome to the Idiocene It's the CheckOutocene It's the ManBearPigWinsocene It's the EverythingMageddonocene It's the Apocalyptocene It's the MadMaxocene It's the ShitHitsTheFanocene It's the Y2KForRealThisTimeocene It's the WeAllGetDarwinAwardsocene It's the MoneyTalksNatureWalksocene It's the VeryBadSceneocene Â Â It's the Idiocene Â Yes, folks. It's the Idiocene Welcome to the Idiocene Â