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For the last few years, scientists have [argued](#) that we're living through a distinctly new geological age. They call it the Anthropocene: a new age characterized by humanity's profound impact on Earth itself as evidenced by pollution, mass extinction and climate change.

We are currently facing a new systemic collapse, one that has built far more swiftly but poses potent risks for all of humanity: the collapse of the information ecosystem. We see it play out every day with the viral spread of misinformation, widening news deserts and the proliferation of fake news. This collapse has much in common with the environmental collapse of the planet that we're only now beginning to grasp, and its consequences for life as we know it are shaping up to be just as profound.

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