

# Farrar: politics - carpe diem

[Farrar, June 19, 2019](#): (P)eople .. are going to see **unbelievable changes in society in the next 20 to 30 years** in ways that .. will be very **disruptive**.

Farrar the futurist. He knows what's coming:

- *disruption* -

It's Jeremy's job to shape it. For all of us.

Personally, i've had about enough of your *Disruption*. Right when *disruption* became a scientific buzz-word - we had the ultimate *Disruption*.

[Farrar: 27:35](#): At this moment, when the scientific advances are perhaps the most exciting in the last few decades, we are **facing** a society and a **political structure** which is **questioning** the very advances that are being made.

The dreaded questioning. If you really want to infuriate a world-leading scientist, ask them a question...

(Francis, [King Arthur of Genomics](#), was onto this since way back as well:

[Technology](#): (On Feb 14, 2001) Francis Collins, head of the Human Genome Project, made a **disturbing** claim about the future. "Major anti-technology movements will be active in the U.S. and elsewhere by 2030," he predicted.)

[Farrar](#): As a scientific community, I think we have been complacent that people would accept scientific advances (without question) and they would **just thank us** for it.

(A)s a community, we've got to engage much better than **we** have done in the past in order to bring society with **us**. .. **We** have to see this as one of **our great challenges**.

The scientists being *us*. Us being society. This is a theme of Farrar's - repeated in other rousing speeches. He is always thinking *outside* the pure science. Thinks about the propaganda game - as Francis did - the *great challenges* of annoying democratic structures - societies - how to overcome them - bring *them* with *us*. *Us* being the *Deciders*. (you being a *Decidees*).

[Farrar](#): *That combination of science, innovation and society is the triangle that Wellcome seeks to put together.*

Farrar was keenly aware a GoF-exit would have been disastrous for all that. The cherished vision of *One Health* genomic surveillance *up in smoke*.

That's motivation for a cover-up right there.

[Farrar: \(7:13\)](#) *Our lawyer at Wellcome - promise I should never say anything about US politics so anything that may seem as if it may indicate any political view, please, it does not (smirks) - necessarily. (audience laughter)*

*But as you go through your own political cycles (as opposed to us, who, like the CCP, just keep on ruling - Fauci's been director of NIAID since 1984!) - and I can tell you we're going through an even worse one in the UK - I'll come back to that - just don't forget - the leadership role that you play. .. So thank you for your leadership and please: do **never never step down** from it.*

Ok, so much for *taking the politics out*. That's a straightforward call-to-political-arms from an unelected power cohort. As co-author with Gao and Fauci on a powerful/political WHO/World Bank report, titled [The World at Risk](#), you *urge political action*.

The message is: we have enormous power - *use it*.

[Farrar: 8:50](#): *If not now then when? If not now - if we don't stand up for the values that we all hold dear (One-Everything) - at this time of real change politically around the world, then - and if not us - who (WHO?) will do it?*

Jeremy, it's not your job to *rule the world* - whatever you may have convinced yourself. You're not the messiah - *you're a very naughty boy*. No one voted for you for a start. If you want to play global politics, become a politician. But you won't do that will you? - coz you might have to face being questioned - getting cycled out. One-ism doesn't *do cycle-out*.

To finish the lecture Farrar quotes Shakespeare:

*There is a tide in the affairs of men*

*which taken at the flood, leads on to fortune*

*Omitted, all the voyage of their life*

*is bound in shallows and in miseries*

*On such a full sea are we now afloat*

*And we must take the current when it serves*

*or lose our ventures*

The signalling is loud and clear: As an empowered Science Community (thanks to [Anthrax](#) and [SARS-1](#)), we're on a full sea. Sail (for war) now. If not now, we'll *lose our global ventures*.

Interestingly Farrar omits the first line, which is:

*We at the height are ready to decline*

It's spoken by Brutus in Julius Caesar - which explores how warning signs can be mistaken for opportunity by ambitious *people at the height*.

To Jeremy's credit - he did note:

*...it didn't end well for the speaker.*

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