

Today is free of discomfort

Here, 10 years in the future, you'd be surprised both at how much has changed, but also how much has stayed the same. The air is warm and skies are golden, which is a beautiful but grim marker of an environment straining at the edges. Still we go on living a good life. I'm much closer to my close friends and family in this new world. It's remarkable to think of how little time I had for them not that long ago. Today, work is wherever you are. You switch your mind to it, and you're back in 'the office'. This affords me time to be in the places that makes me feel safe and relaxed, but also torments my mind at times. We have full freedom of movement, but have lost significant liberties to think freely. I feel very distant from discomfort, which when I think about it too directly is a haunting thing. There are terrible things happening in the world. Not every is living this idyllic life, but while we are all more connected and closer here in Australia, it feels like helping those in less fortunate places is harder than ever. Most people ignore it. Sometimes I dream about it. My main concern is about fatherhood and resilience. Of trying to instil values and experiences in my child that will help them to cope in a situation radically different to this. Because while today is free of discomfort, history has shown that this won't likely be our static state. I fight against prescribed notions of childhood education and entertainment in order to help them know other ways of living, but it's like fighting against a rapid stream.