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"The scarcest resource is not oil, metals, clean air, capital, labor, or technology. It is our willingness to listen to each other and learn from each other and to seek the truth rather than seek to be right."

Donella Meadows, Environmental Scientist, Teacher and Writer

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