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At the present time, futures studies is enjoying a rebirth of demand and growth similar to that of the 1960s and 70s.
Demand for useful information about the futures is incessant.

While still ignored by most academics, more and more universities around the world are incorporating futures studies into their curriculum.
Unfortunately, many of those programs focus only on foresight, or strategic foresight— for the most part they have a single-visioned view of the future.
Too many still assume it is, or soon will be, possible to predict the future.

These are serious errors.
It is not possible to “predict” THE future.

It is possible and necessary to “forecast” alternative futures.
There are four “generic” alternative futures:
Grow,
Collapse,
Discipline,
Transform
Futures must always be considered within the framework of those four alternative images of the futures.
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