

# WIKIPEDIA in Universities and Colleges

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# WIKIPEDIA

The Free Encyclopedia

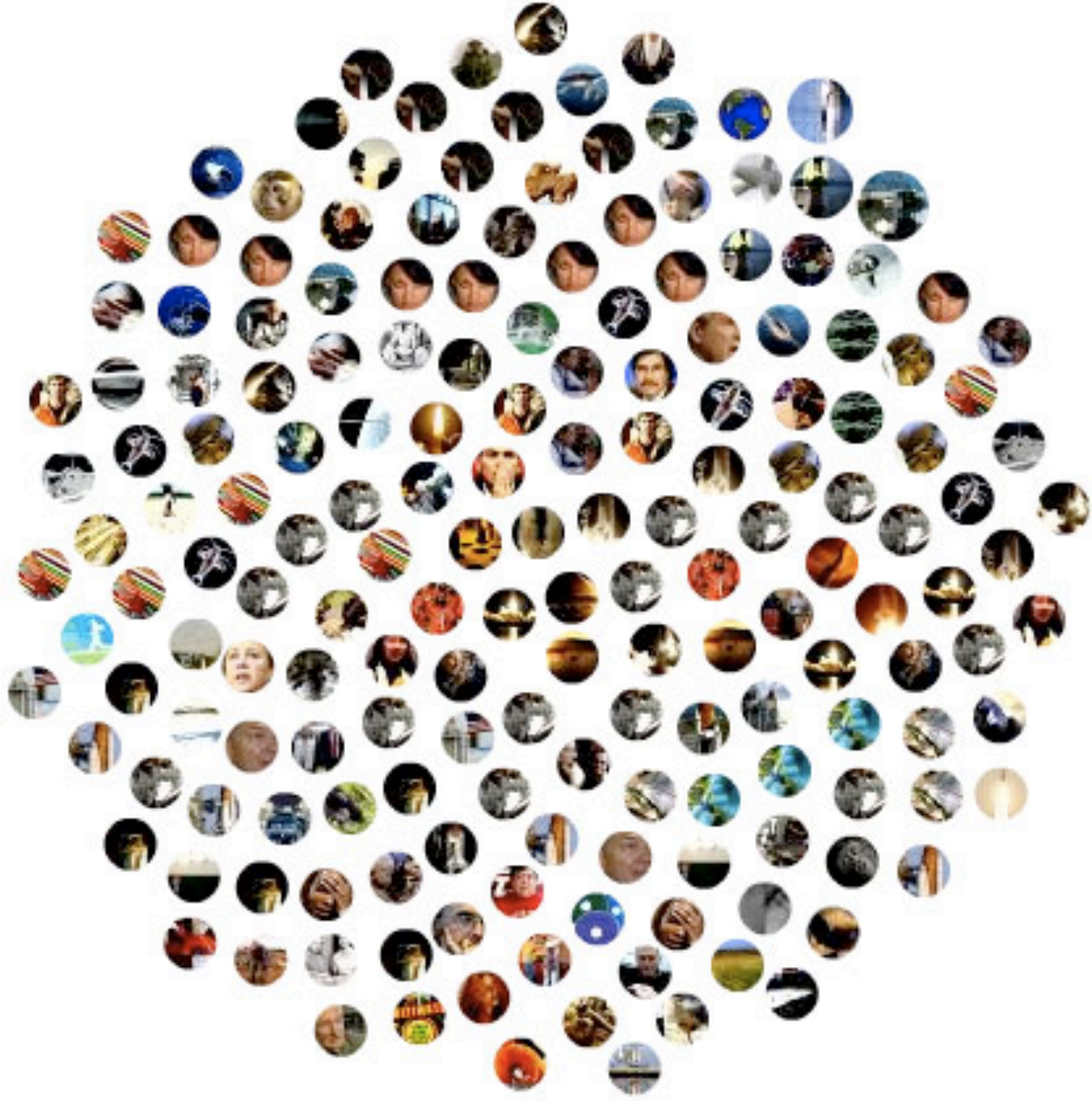


Scholarship is Evolving



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IN THE WIKI WAY ...**

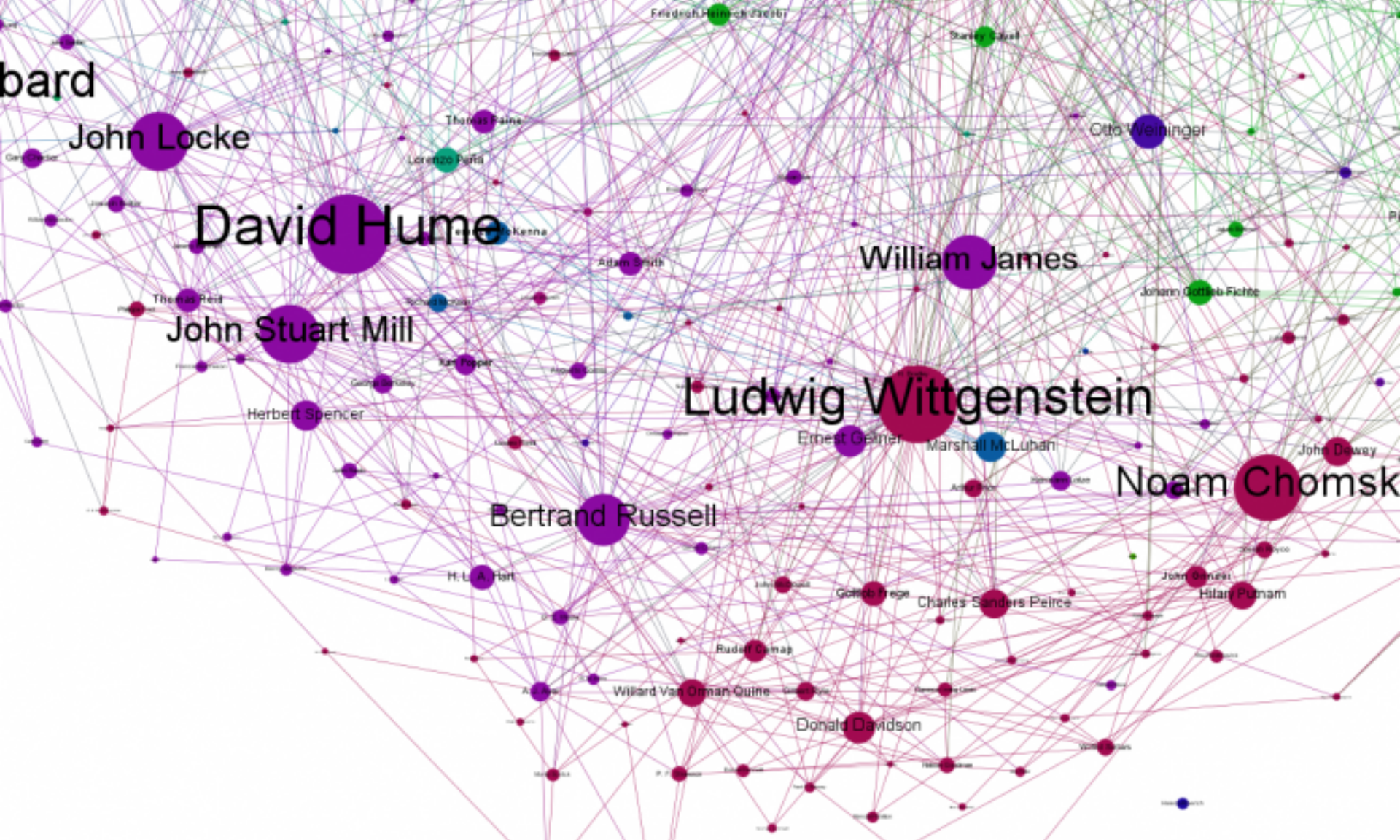
... LEARNING THE  
MANY EYES  
PRINCIPLE



TAKES US BEYOND DEWEY ....







...TO KNOWLEDGE NETWORKS



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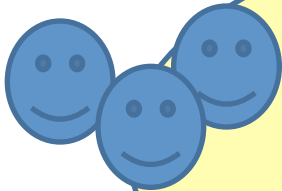
# The Networked World

Resources: Wikipedia, OERs, iTunesU, ebooks, blogs...

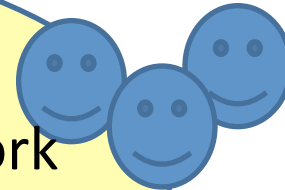
Connections: social media, mailing lists, forums ...

People: learners, educators, supporters, curators ...

people who  
want to  
learn



you and your  
personal learning network



people who  
can support  
learning

accreditation

←→  
payment

new  
providers

educational  
institutions

providers of learning opportunities  
and providers / partnerships of open accreditation

# Scholarship is Evolving

## WIKIPEDIA

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**EVOLUTION OF KNOWLEDGE NETWORKS**  
and educators can benefit and contribute by ...

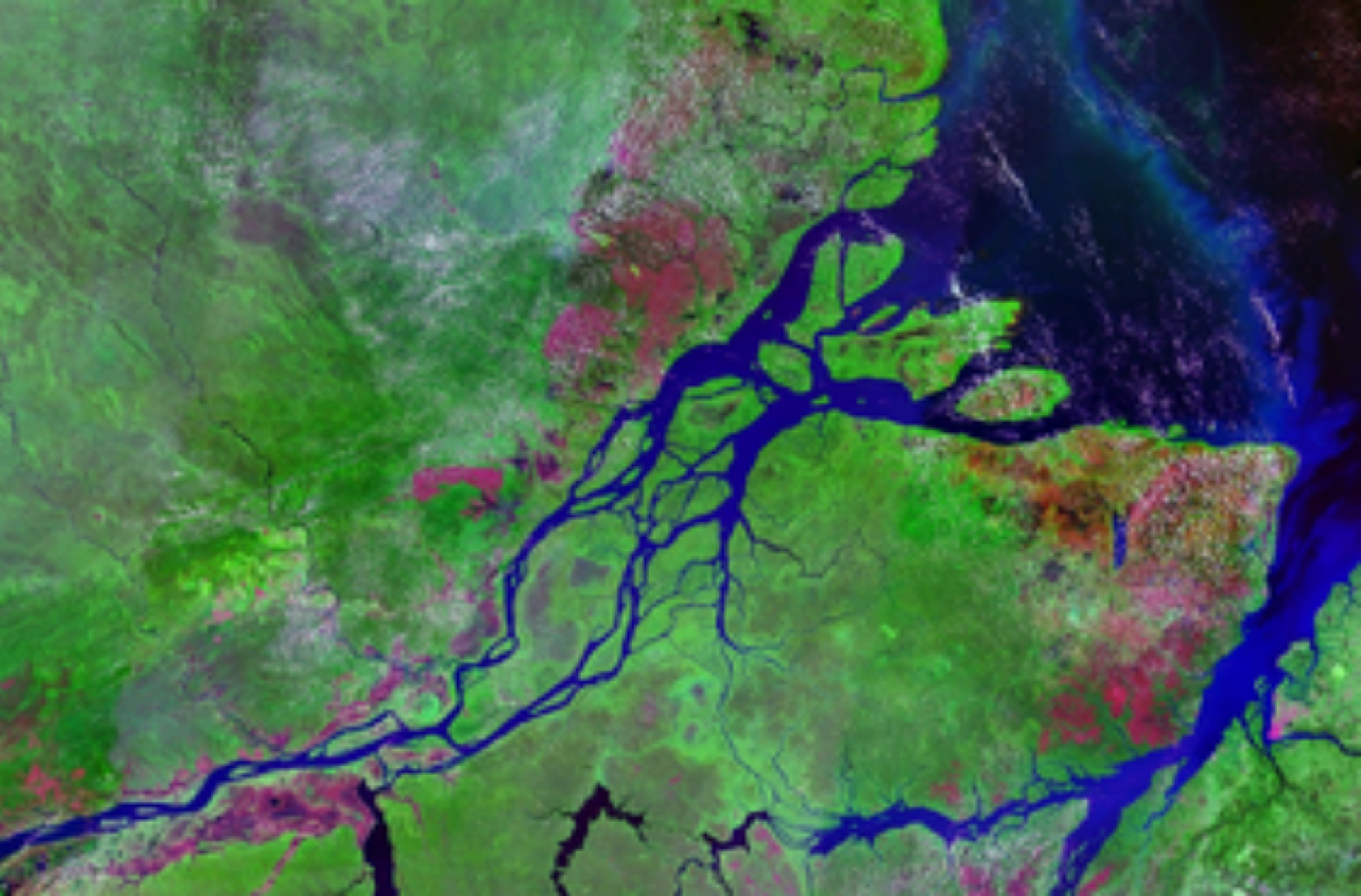
releasing openly-licensed  
learning materials

sharing research  
in public

... feeding the  
digital commons

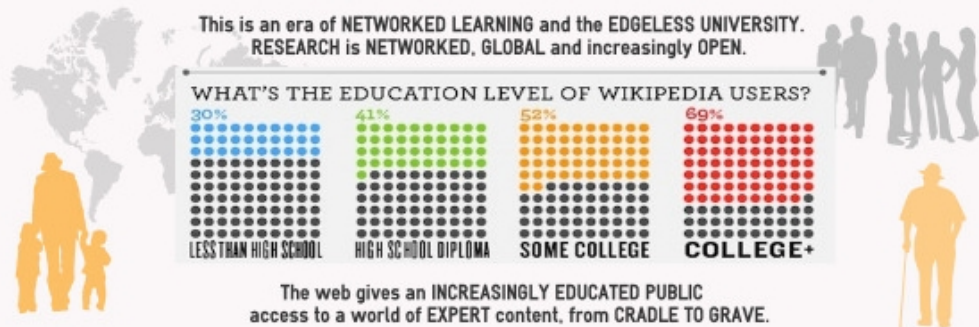
nurturing digitally-literate  
lifelong learners

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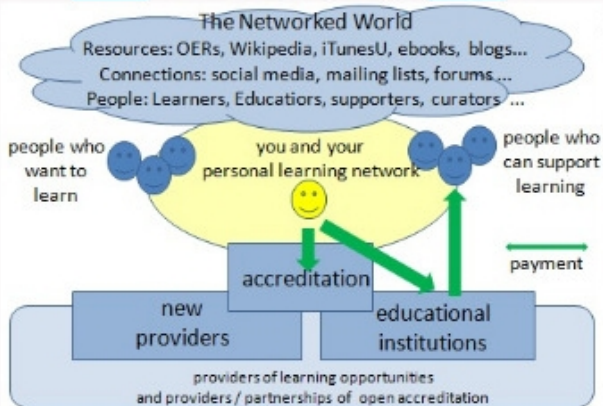


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signs of change: academic blogging, open lab notebooks, collaborative texts, crowdsourcing, citizen science, open access research papers, public datasets ... a more PARTICIPATORY AND PUBLIC SCHOLARLY DISCOURSE IS EMERGING

Open Education



Meanwhile, TEACHING is changing too. New models of PEER LEARNING, COURSE DELIVERY and ACCREDITATION are co-evolving the LONG TAIL of OPEN AND FREE CONTENT.

**WIKIPEDIA** embodies and supports this EVOLUTION OF KNOWLEDGE NETWORKS and educators can benefit and contribute by ...

- releasing openly-licensed learning materials
- sharing research in public
- nurturing digitally-literate lifelong learners
- ... feeding the digital commons

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