

CAUSALITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

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Systems theory developed within the cybernetics movement as an enriched understanding of causal connections, but most people still make decisions on the basis of simple lineal connections between actions and desired outcomes. Decisions made on this basis are at the root of today's environmental crisis, which is only intelligible in systems terms. As we look ahead at the anthropocene, it is essential to shift from lineal to systemic decision making and reshape our "common sense" about the nature of responsibility, intention and causation. When and how is such a change possible in the life cycle?"