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needs is not more and better theory but an entirely new way of thinking

- one that will put an end to its current deep-seated conceit.