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the only environment that I think produces incremental change that can be validated, is one which brings good people in together to have a chance to interact broadly on an interesting subject for awhile, get ideas and collaborations fermenting, and gives them a little time to do substantive work there.. the two examples I can think of are Aspen Center for Physics and Kavli Inst in Santa Barbara... where new collaborations have developed that have done important and useful work.

Now the question is: does the world need any more of these?

My answer: yes, if it is to go beyond disciplines.... most of the existing places are disciplinary in nature.

That is what I wanted Origins to be in principle...

But, I am willing to move completely if necessary under the right opportunity to create and lead such an institute.. in the right place to attract people, and with enough funding to get good programs going right away.. I haven't done a business plan, but I expect 2-2.5 Million/year in operating funds at least.. probably 3-5 is better.. but I think 2.5 would work..

anyway, those are my thoughts..

Intellectually it would be great.. and personally, if Nancy and I are going to survive, I need to find a place for us..

anyway.. enjoy St. Thomas.. Come to New Calendonia and see the eclipse Nov 14th and I will buy you a drink. :)

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