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## **Encounters with, and Prospects for, the Discipline of Anthropology**

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**ABSTRACT** Anthropology grew during colonialism, enabling the powers that be in a few nations to better understand the many and diverse cultures of humankind. Unfortunately these powers sought to rule and control the peoples of the globe without understanding their own paths and limitations. As a result of their failure to lead towards positive directions, the leaders (and everyone else) are facing a gathering storm of unsolved and probably unsolvable global problems. Time to address and deal with these situations is short. The discipline of anthropology could help address at least some of these issues, focusing on the decision makers few remaining choices, the scarce opportunities for the peoples and cultures of the world to survive, and the processes by which positive solutions are either consciously sought, or by which “solutions” such as die-off, occur happenstance.