

A person stands on a rocky outcrop, looking out over a sprawling city skyline. In the background, a large, glowing, ethereal sphere, resembling a planet or a massive energy field, dominates the sky. The scene is bathed in a warm, golden light, suggesting a sunrise or sunset. The person is silhouetted against the bright light, creating a contemplative and hopeful atmosphere.

# ON THE CUSP OF A NEW CIVILIZATION

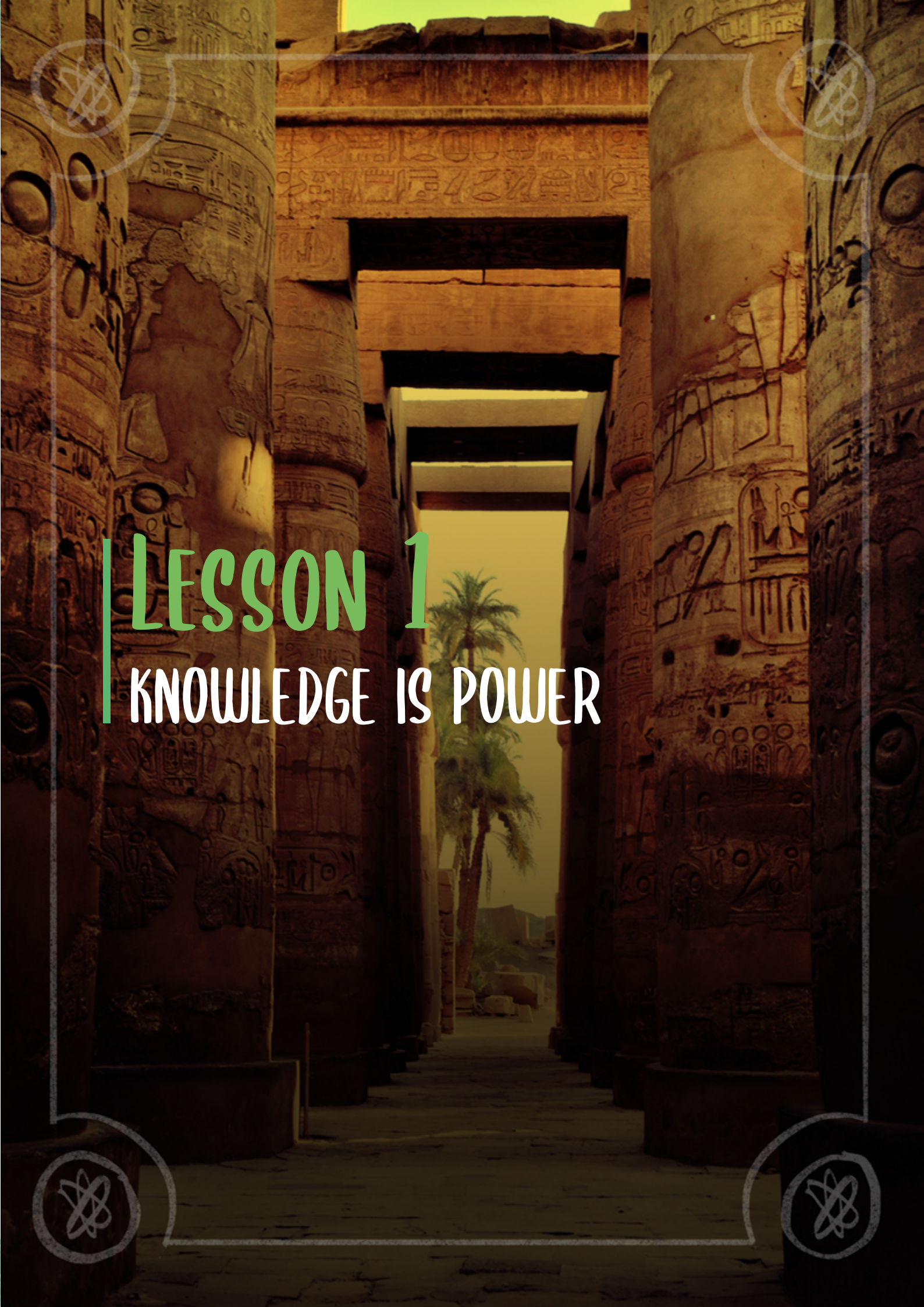
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In this lesson:

- Human genes and biology, and the ecosystem.
- The Anthropocene period.
- Human behavior and the ecosystem.
- Crisis and evolution.
- The evolution of society.
- Surviving the change.

In this lesson, we will hear about human genes, biology, and the ecosystem. Human behavior is fundamentally undermining the ecosystem altering the evolution of our planet. Scientists now refer to this period of time as the Anthropocene period.

By altering the habitat of organisms on this planet, we have interfered with the normal expression of life significantly. This situation is not new, history shows that there has always been a play between human behavior and the ecosystem. The relationship between human crisis and evolution has presented itself many times. This invariably leads to the evolution of society. However, humans have proven to be hardy and quite adept at surviving the change.

### Exercise: Catch up on history

There have been many ecological impacts of human exploration in the past decade. Research, identify, and write down five man-made natural disasters that negatively affected the evolution of our planet.

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