Cover image: Stylized turtle, street art from Quito, Ecuador (artist unknown). Driven by human agriculture and industry, the Earth is currently undergoing the sixth mass extinction episode in its history. This image symbolizes both human industry and the countless unknown species that are disappearing before they can be catalogued and studied. Image courtesy of John C. Avise.

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