

Librarianship in the Growing Information Domain

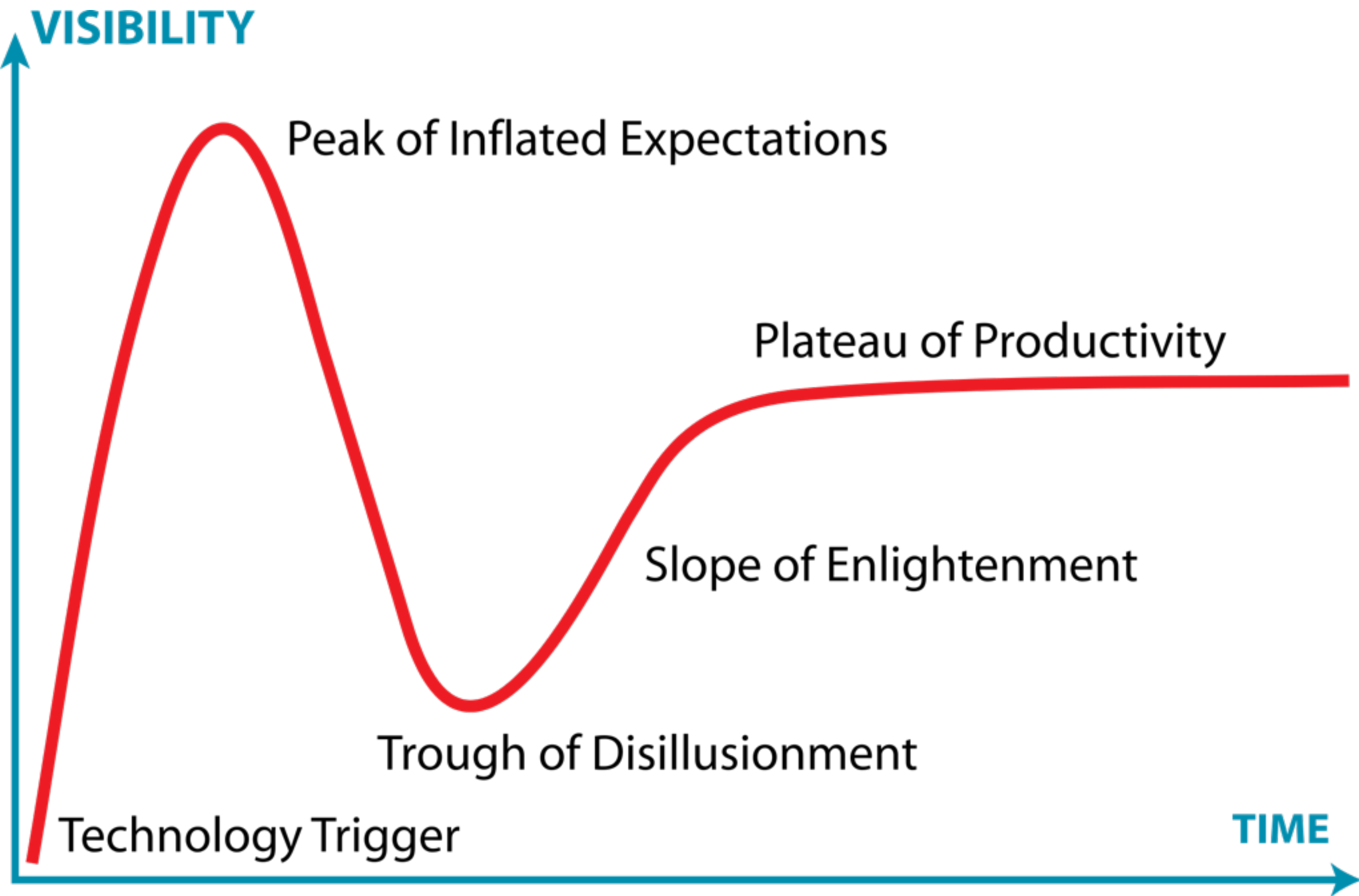


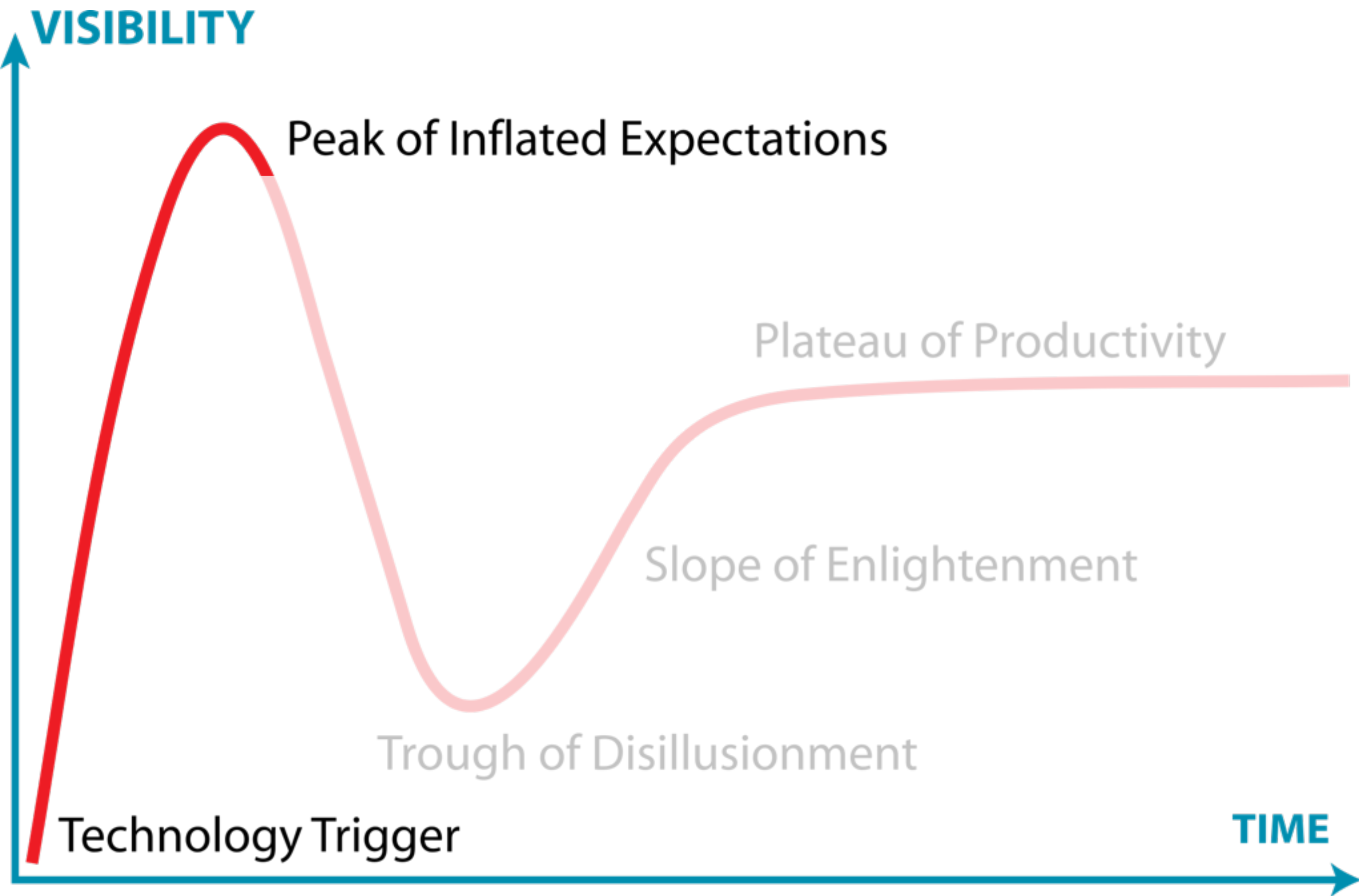
...or How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love Information

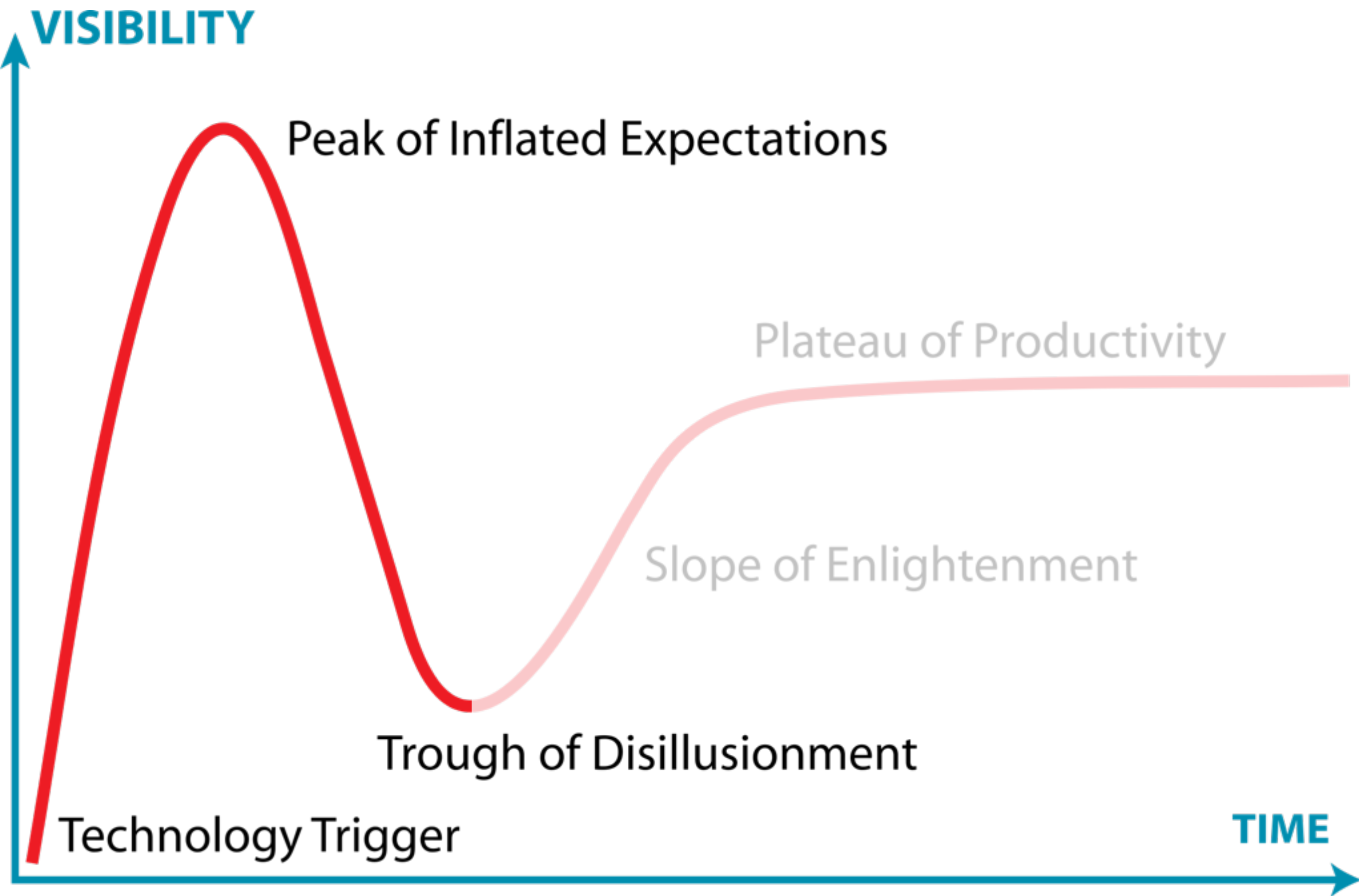
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Define: Information

Why Information Sucks

- Anthropomorphic
- Not Measurable
 - Except in Particle Physics
- Widely Adopted
- “Information Perspective”
- John Budd, Michael Buckland

The L vs I Breach



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Science

Traditional Skills [Cataloging]

Abandoning Institutions

Chase the Money/Shiny

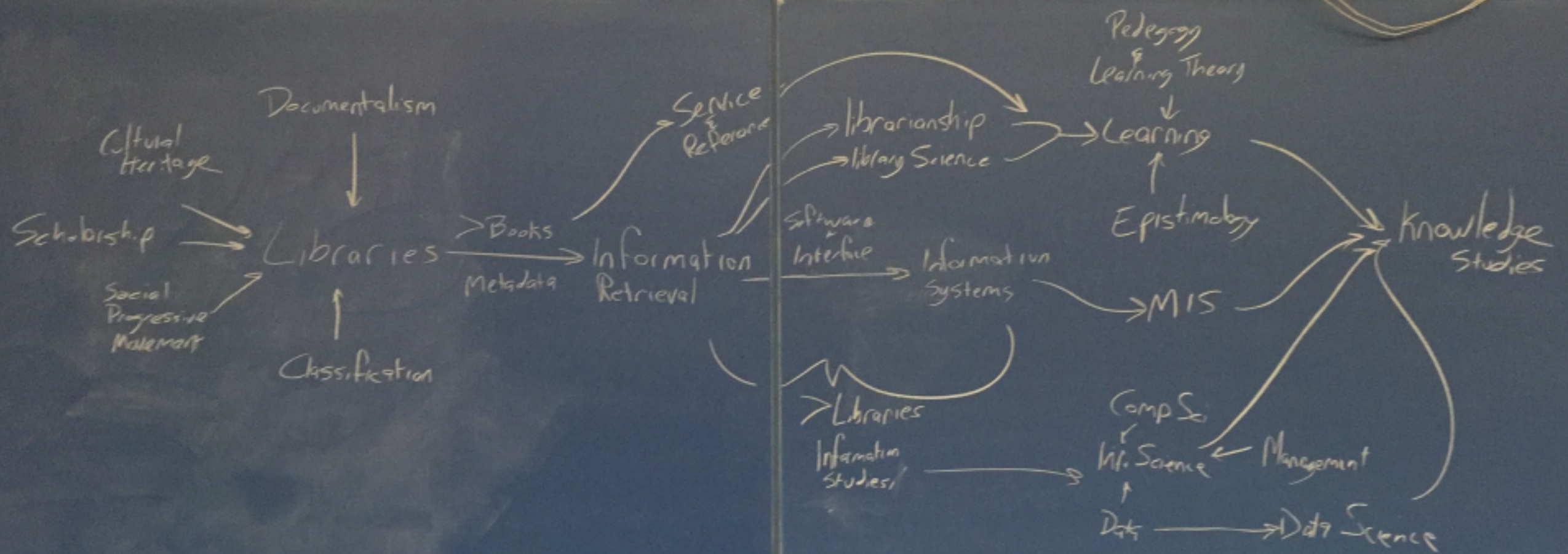
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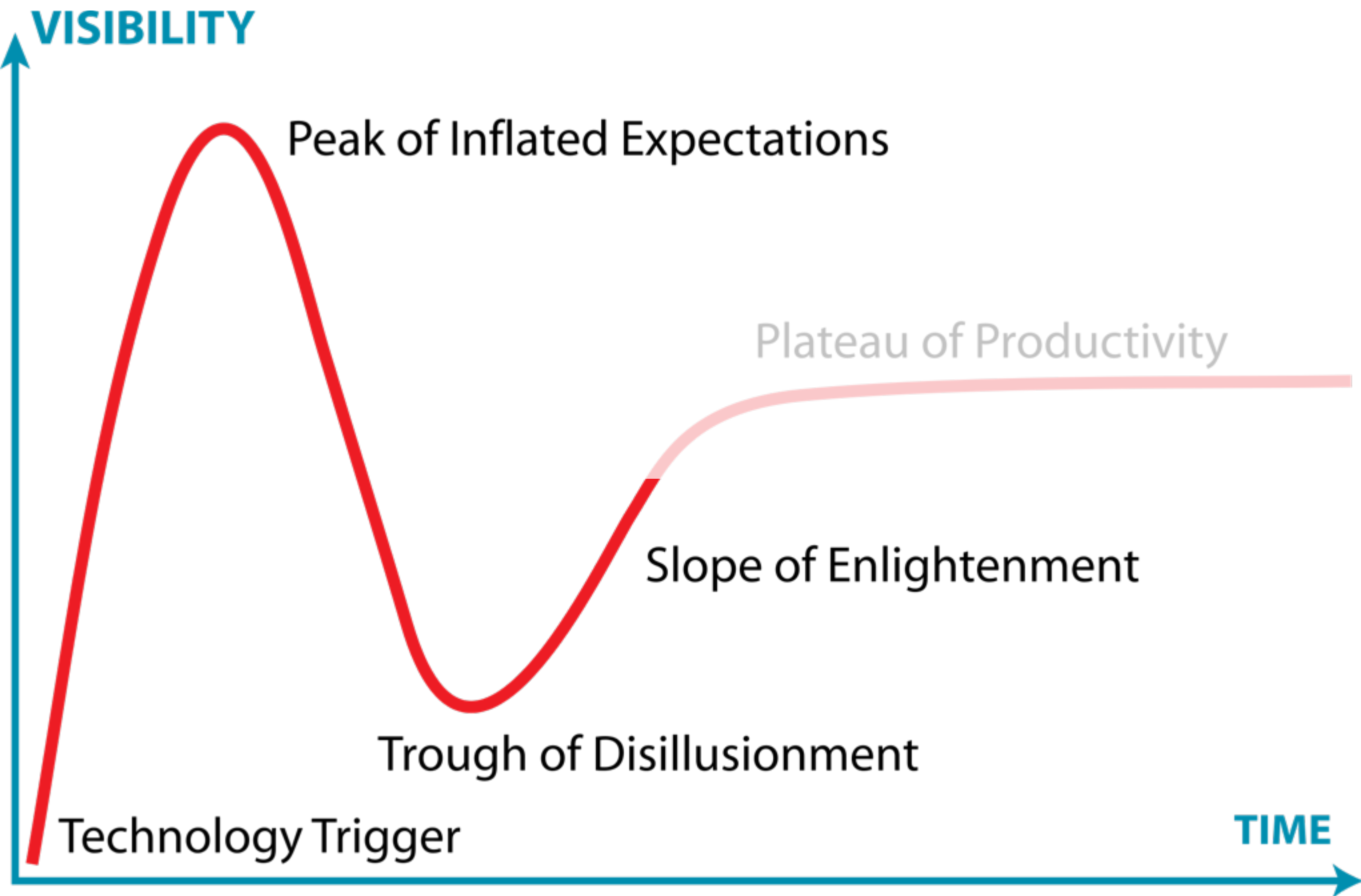


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Skills
Values
Service
Members

Technology
Social Science
Products
Users





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Productive = Changes in understanding or direction of conversants

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Just as the data science conversation is currently growing and adding members

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Do conversants see values as “productive?”

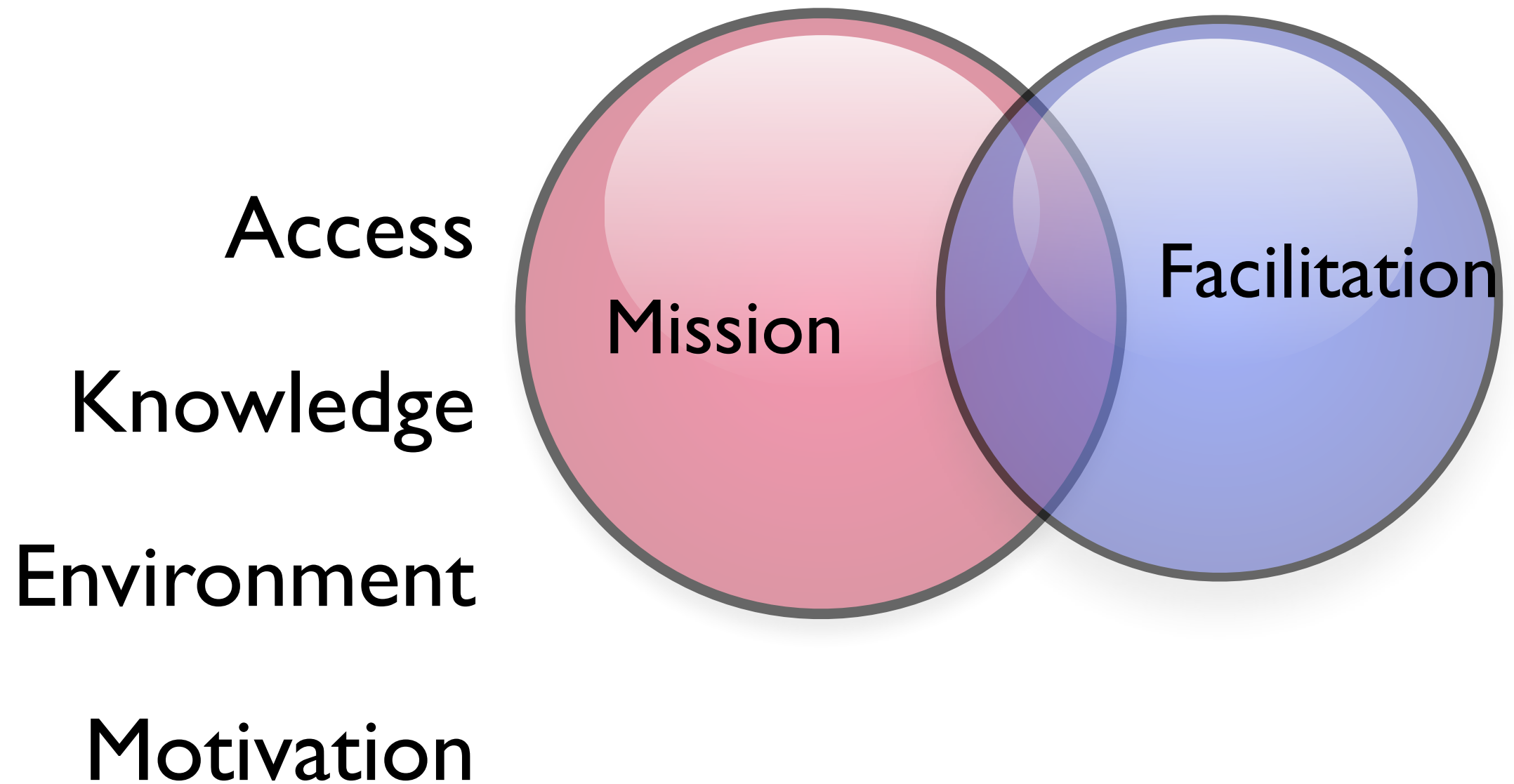
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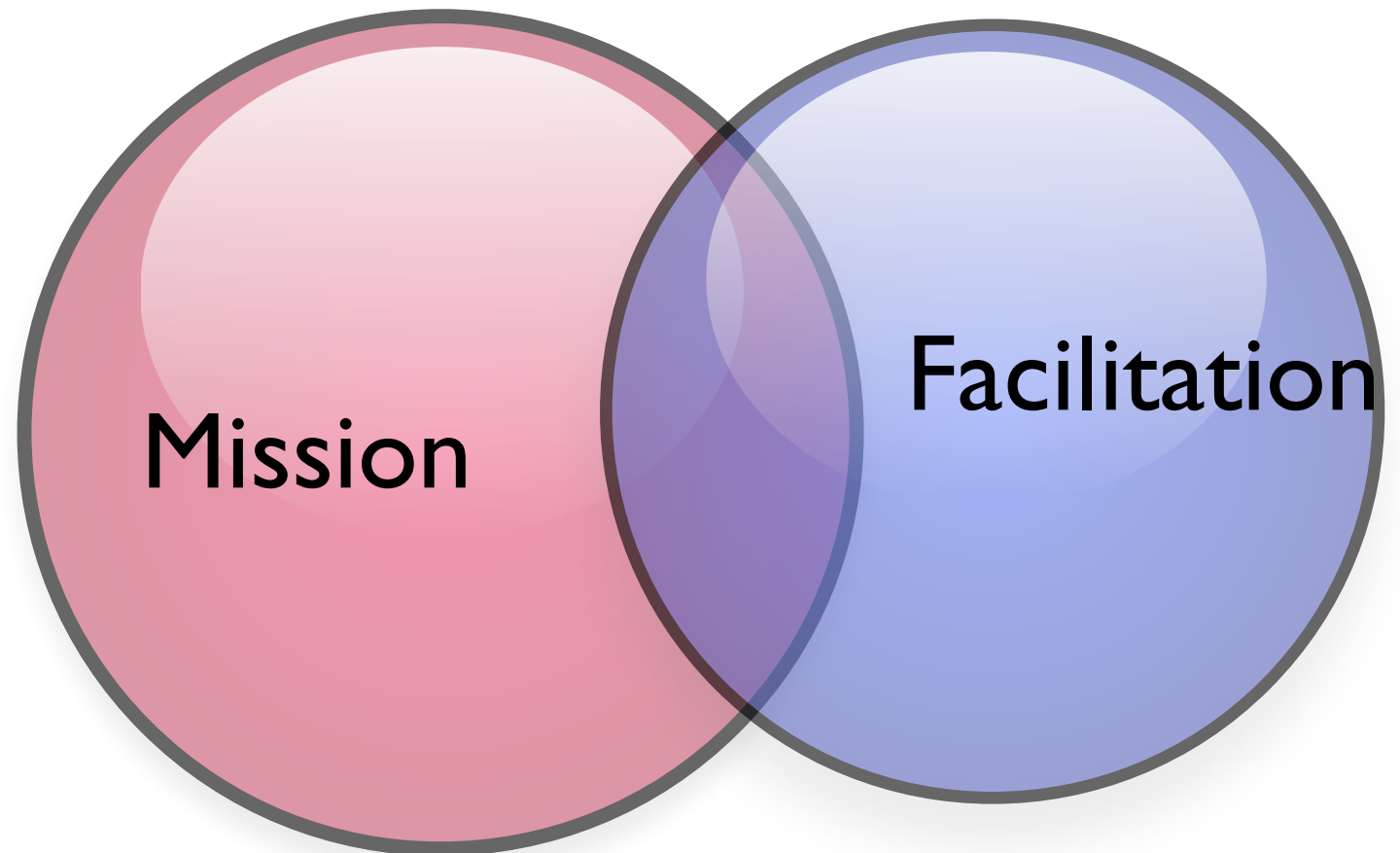
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in their
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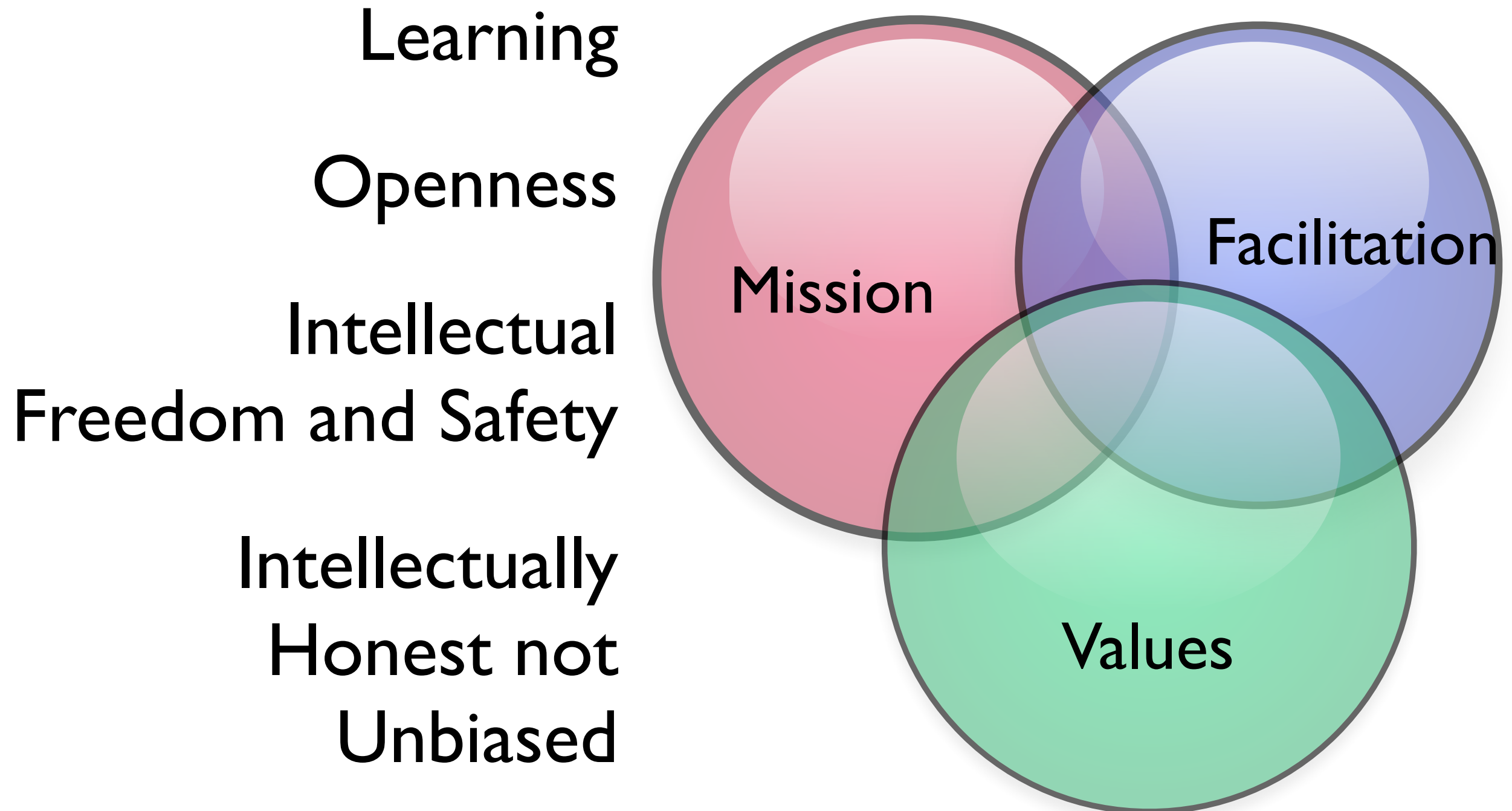
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Unbiased v. Intellectually Honest

- Seamus Ross Question:
- Would an Information Professional Working at Volkswagen Changed Anything?

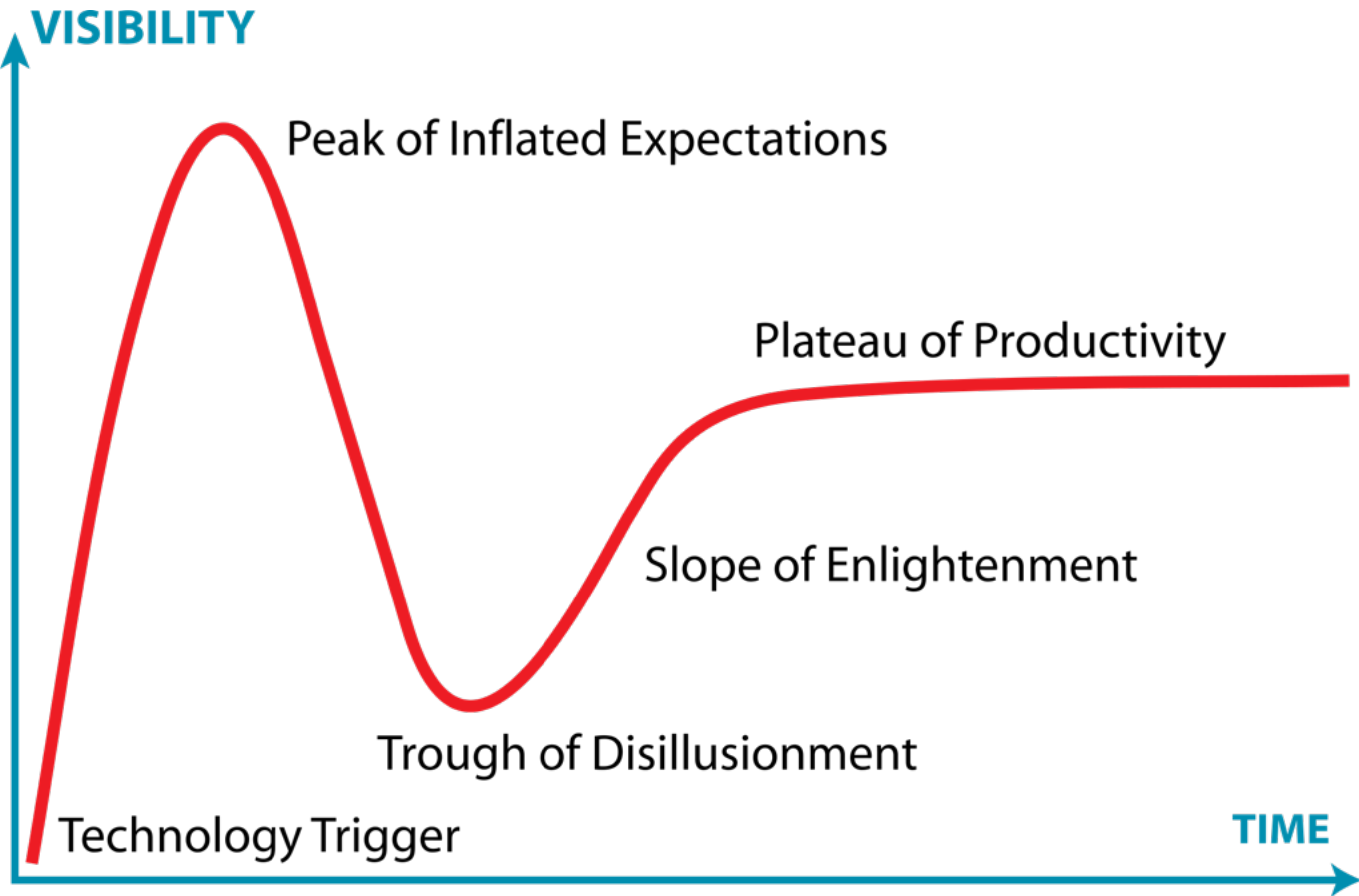


The Goal

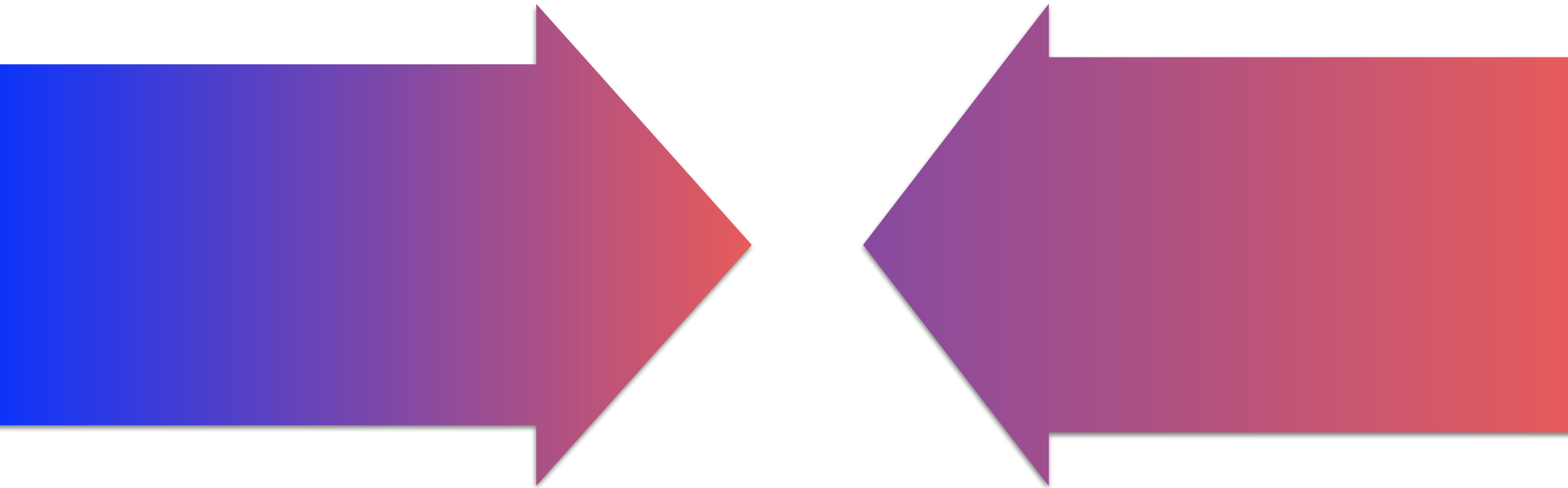
- The goal should be engage in the information conversation in order to achieve the central tenets of librarianship:
 - improving society through a more knowledgeable society
 - This must happen in a our libraries, and in our classrooms, and boardrooms, and halls of government
- This cannot be done by librarians alone...and never could have.

Librarianship ≠ Obsolescence

- Librarianship Is Not Dying, It Has Lost It's Monopoly
- Not It's Value, Importance, Or Future
- Opportunity Inject The Values Of Librarianship Into The Larger Domain



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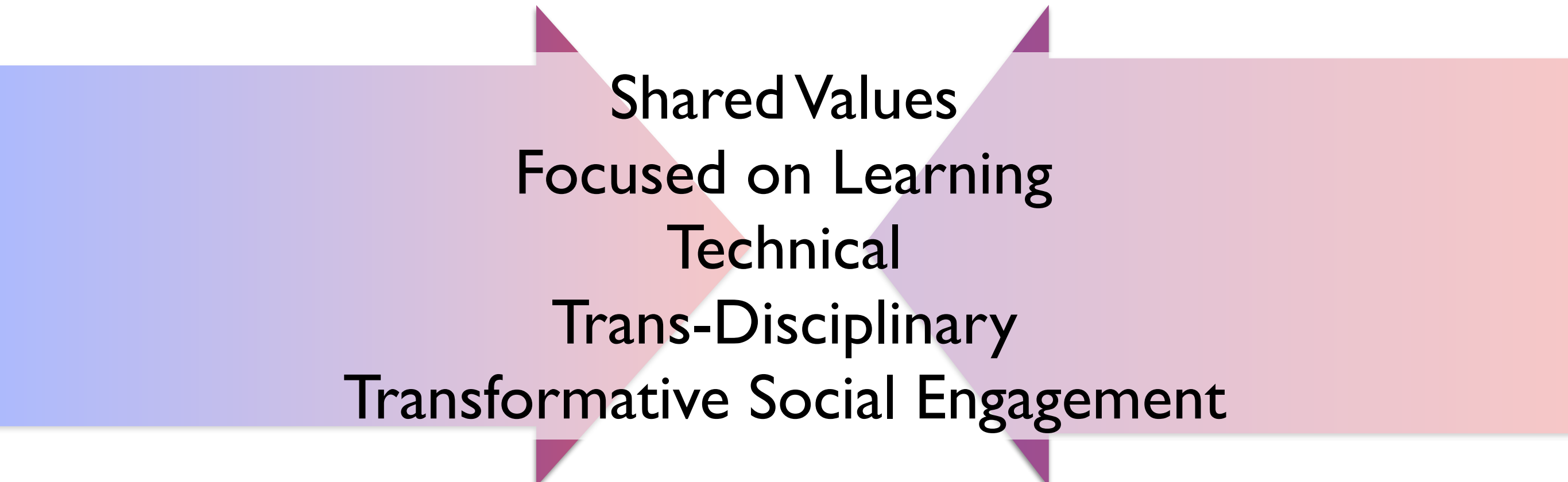
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Transformative Social Engagement

A Mission



- Librarianship is About Improving Society
- We Do That In and Outside of Buildings
- As Part of Libraries and With No Affiliation
- Engage Partners, Industries, Communities