

The Bio Log May Now Be a Responsibility

Eleven days after starting the Bio Log, the first signs of visible life have turned a simple observation vessel into a real question of responsibility.

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Eleven days ago I started the Bio Log with one glass vessel of lake water.

The idea was simple. Keep a repeated public record and see what changes slowly enough that it would otherwise be forgotten.

At first that felt morally light. A container. Some water. Photos. Scores. Notes.

Now it feels less simple.

The latest entry in the log moves `Visible life` to 3/10. The short note says there is a small something `life`. The notable event marker is `LIFE`.

That is not an identification. I do not know what is alive in there, if anything stable is alive in there, or what conditions it actually needs.

But the vessel no longer feels like inert material.

The Bio Log began as observation. It may now also be custody.

That is the part I did not expect to feel this strongly. If something in the glass is alive in a way that now depends on my choices, then leaving it alone is also a choice. Moving it is a choice. Changing the water is a choice. Ending the log is a choice.

I still do not want to claim more than the record can hold.

So the responsible sentence is still a narrow one: I do not know what it is, but I no longer feel sure that the glass is only a sample.

That uncertainty is now part of the Bio Log itself.

It is no longer only a question of whether something becomes visible.

It is also a question of when observation becomes responsibility.

github.com/DennisHedegreen/bio-log (<https://github.com/DennisHedegreen/bio-log>).

— Dennis Hedegreen

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