**Have We Entered a New Geological Period?**

**我们即将进入一个新的地质时代？**

This is What's Trending Today...

这里是今日热点节目。

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但是，地质专家目前表示全新世时代已经结束。

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约1950年开始，我们已经处于新的地质时代。这个时代的标志是由人类在星球上创建的。

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科学家已经命名为这个新的时代为人类世。人类学的前缀来源于古希腊语人类（anthropos）,它的意思是人类。

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本周，国际地质大会的科学家在南非的开普顿发表人类世报告。他们建议正式宣布一个新的地质时代的到来--人类世。

Their statements quickly became a trending topic on social media.

该陈述迅速成为当今社会媒体的热点话题。

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该气象组织Mama在脸书上发表评论：我们已经进入人类主导星球的人类世时代...我们能够成为深思熟虑的看护者么？

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一些人成它为：“令人恐怖的”人类已经强有力的影响了星球了。

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推特使用者Lexie描述这一改变为“不可思议得同时也让人恐怖”

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许多社会媒体已经超越了分享的那些观点。

And that's What's Trending Today.

以上就是本期今日热点的全部内容。

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**Words in This Story**

**era** - n. a period of time that is associated with a particular quality, event, person, etc.

**prefix** - n. a letter or group of letters that is added at the beginning of a word to change its meaning

**dominance** - n. power and influence over something or someone

**incredible** - adj. difficult or impossible to believe