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I added a new glossary entry entitled Cassandra this morning. I note there:

The Greek God Apollo was supposedly spurned by Cassandra. She was, supposedly, the daughter of the king of Troy.

As a result Apollo is supposed to have cursed Cassandra with a gift of prophecy. He did, however, add a twist. He guaranteed that she would always be right, but that no one would ever believe her.

Today the term is usually reserved for those forecasting difficulties in the future which those hearing the prediction would rather ignore.

Every day people turn up here telling me that my predictions about the consequences of neoliberalism are wrong, and that my suggested solutions will not work.

They may not listen, but the track record is mine to enjoy. Being right in retrospect is better than being forecast to be wrong.