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Over the last few weeks, a recurring theme has emerged within my writing and YouTube videos, which is a reference to something I have been calling a politics of care.

I have been sketching out what this might mean in odd moments, and have discussed it with my wife and sons, both of whom were around over the weekend.

Last night I asked two of them, over our evening meal, whether I should write a book on this theme. They said I should, despite knowing that I am not always the most fun to live with when I am writing a book.

The best day of writing a book is the day you agree with a publisher to do so.

The next best day is when the publisher says it has gone to print.

The bit between those two events can be tough going.

Publication is harrowing because you have no idea how it will be received.

Thereafter, you hope to be known for a while as the author of whatever it might be called.

With that thought still in mind, I checked my emails while watching the early evening news programmes and was a little surprised to find a completely unsolicited invitation from a major publisher to write for them, or at least to discuss doing so.

I have resisted this idea for some time. Over the last few weeks, I have begun to change my thinking for three reasons.

First, I know we need a form of political economy. What we have is failing us.

Second, we have to stand up to fascism, and that requires new thinking.

Third, my sketching has been productive, although it is not complete yet. With a comprehensive plan, I do not find writing a book that hard, and I suspect I would find the exercise easier this time. I have written at least a million words a year since

finishing my last book. Practice at anything, from forming sentences onwards, does help.

So, I have this question:

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I am genuinely interested in your opinion.