

Impossible things

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This exchange from Lewis Carroll's *Through the Looking Glass* came up in conversation this morning:

*"I can't believe that!" said Alice.
"Can't you?" the Queen said in a pitying tone. "Try again: draw a long breath, and shut your eyes."
Alice laughed. "There's no use trying," she said; "one can't believe impossible things."
"I daresay you haven't had much practice," said the Queen. "When I was your age, I always did it for half an hour a day. Why, sometimes I've believed as many as six impossible things before breakfast."*

I shared my thought.

The Queen was clearly not a neoliberal economist in that case. They have to believe many more impossible things, well before breakfast, and for the rest of their lives.