



## Two shows to watch out for

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In case you don't already know, you might be interested in these upcoming TV programs.

1. ["Off the Grid": An episode of Morgan Spurlock's 30 Days](#). *30 Days* is the new FX series where Morgan Spurlock (of [Supersize Me](#) fame) or his pals participate in some "extreme" activity for 30 days, such as subsisting on minimum wage or having a Christian man go live among a Muslim community. On Wednesday, July 13, two "typical Americans" go to live at the [Dancing Rabbit Ecovillage](#), where they "go 'back to the future' and learn to live without the natural resources that will be depleted from our earth in the not-too-distant future" (text from the [FX website](#)). The promo for the show goes on to ask: "Can these fossil fuel addicts wean themselves from their consumptive habits without their lives falling apart?" (hat tip: [Treehugger](#).)

Anyway, I don't have cable, so watch the show and let me know how it is!

2. [Guns, Germs, and Steel on PBS](#). Starting tonight at 10pm, PBS will be featuring a 3 part series based on the book. From the promo on the PBS website:

Based on Jared Diamond's Pulitzer Prize-winning book of the same name, *Guns, Germs and Steel* traces humanity's journey over the last 13,000 years "from the dawn of farming at the end of the last Ice Age to the realities of life in the twenty-first century.

Inspired by a question put to him on the island of Papua New Guinea more than thirty years ago, Diamond embarks on a world-wide quest to understand the roots of global inequality.

**Update:** Here's a [Washington Post review](#) of the show. Not so glowing, but watching the show is definitely less time-consuming than reading the book...

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