

The Point of Inflection

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The point of inflection
is where towering terror of
cumulative cases
finally
slows its rise.

The point of inflection
of that logistic curve
depends on logistics
of testing, tracing,
and distance.

The point of inflection
is to let our words show mood, tense, person or number:
distinguishing *case* and *cases*,
infect and *infected*,
dense and *denser*.

The point of inflection
is how the rise and fall of our voice
shows tone,
beyond what's typed
in chat windows.

The root of inflection
is the Latin word meaning *to bend*,
like a curve, a government,
arc of the moral universe,
or us.