

## Dreaming A New Dream

Humanity is on the cusp of incredible change. How can we approach these changes constructively in order to make this transition as smooth as possible for everyone?

### **Part I - Economics**

Any form of currency as a medium of exchange is both unjust and unsustainable.

- They are unjust because many can work hard to receive little in return, and vice versa. Who is to decide what you and your time are worth, and what gives them the right to do so? Despotism is rampant, with an almost psychotic level of self-indulgence on the one hand, and soul-crushing levels of poverty on the other. Only someone who mistakenly believes that they can benefit from this extreme disparity would desire the continuance of this system as it is. This is unfortunate, because the only way to truly benefit is when we can all learn to help one another.
- They are unsustainable, not only because they are unjust, but also because they exchange something without value for things that are of actual value. To explain:

Other than the raw materials used for coinage, money itself has no worth. It only has worth because enough people collectively believe and accept that it does. This is made plain by the concept of "private" or "alternative currencies" (i.e.: when people adopt another medium of exchange instead of the one predominant within their area of residence). For example, if a group of people decides to use seashells instead of coins, such a community could easily do so if the majority of people within that group agreed to it.

So, what is of actual value?

Primary:

- + *Energy*, the motivating factor of any endeavor
- + *Natural Resources*, the materials that make up our environment
- + *Skilled Activity*, the knowledge and abilities that human beings possess

Secondary:

- + *Products*, which are the result of *Natural Resources* shaped into some useful item through *Skilled Activity* and *Energy*

Let's focus on each of the primary aspects:

- The amount of *Skilled Activity* in existence is a function of education, which may or may not be obtained through academic institutions. In general, the more well-informed people are, the easier it becomes for them to make constructive choices by utilizing the Wisdom of others who came before them. Open channels of communication, such as the Internet, can facilitate the sharing of knowledge and abilities. More and more we see the proliferation of "free" or "open source education," practical information shared by others without the exchange of money.

Therefore, so long as there is an effective means of communication, the aspect of *Skilled Activity* can continue to grow. However, the ways in which things are communicated is important as well. If knowledge is not given in Love, or becomes highly specialized and obscure, the benefits that it can offer others becomes limited. We should not only try to make honest and helpful information easily available, but also try to make things as simple and clear as possible for each other. The purpose of communication itself is to humbly share what has been helpful to us so that all others may also

derive benefit from it, and to listen carefully to all others so as to hear the Wisdom that they have to share.

- As for *Natural Resources*, a practice is generally considered "sustainable" if the resources can be replenished faster than their use, and are only utilized in such a way that it does not cause harm to anyone or anything, including the environment. As our knowledge and skills increase, we find ways to do both more effectively. We can implement processes that replenish needed materials on ever shorter timeframes, and we can use them with ever less waste, pollution, or disruption to the safety, health, and well-being of any involved.

The issues of fighting for control of *Natural Resources* and hoarding them arises from the fear that they are finite. However, each thing has conditions which allow for it to come into being and which allow for its continued existence. If one can become aware of the conditions that create even a handful of useful elements (e.g.: such as Oxygen and Nitrogen), then an endless source of clean water and food becomes noticeably available to all. Our struggles with one another over such fears evaporates the instant this knowledge becomes widespread.

- Of the primary aspects, *Energy* is perhaps the most vital as it is the driver of all processes, whether we are talking about running the devices through which we communicate to acquire *Skilled Activity*, or running the machines that transform *Natural Resources* into useful *Products*.

Now that we know what is actually of value, what alternatives do we have to currency?

Like currency, "bartering" (i.e.: the trading of one thing with value for another) is not a sustainable alternative either. It implies that one already has something of value to begin with. Therefore, it is imperative that before the current economic system collapses or is replaced, a sufficient amount of it must be directed towards the following:

1. The production of endless *Energy*

This will be accomplished when humanity more fully understands what constitutes a self-sustaining cycle.

2. The widespread practice of *Transmutation* (i.e.: the conversion of one *Natural Resource* into another) and *Materialization* (i.e.: the manifestation of *Natural Resources* from *Energy* itself)

This will occur when it is realized that one can get something beneficial from "waste" if we understand how to use it effectively, and that all material forms are merely *Energy* arranged into a particular pattern.

3. The more extensive use of *Automation* (i.e.: when procedures are done more accurately and things of value are made more efficiently through methods and machines which only need minimal direction and maintenance by humans)

*Automation* can only completely replace human "work" after the two previous steps have occurred. This is because humans currently use "work" to acquire "money" that they exchange for *Energy*, *Natural Resources*, *Skilled Activity*, and *Products*. If these things can be brought about through *Materialization*, then there will no longer be a need for "work" and "money".

We have simultaneously resolved the issues of lack, waste, and toil that humanity currently suffers from when all of the the above are understood completely and implemented permanently.

## Part II - Social Organizations

We will herein define a *Social Organization* as any group of people larger than a nuclear family, especially those that are intended to influence the thoughts-feelings-actions of other people (whether or not they are willingly a part of that group). Therefore, it would include any and all kinds of governments, businesses, schools, media outlets, churches, etc.

- By necessity, all *Social Organizations* must operate with complete:

- + *Transparency* - A system in which all of its dealings are a matter of public knowledge that is easily accessible to all (even those existing outside of that system). Nothing about it can be kept hidden, secret, or private for any reason whatsoever.

If there is no *Transparency*, then people do not know clearly what they contribute to it and why. Further, compartmentalization can lead to the system itself being taken advantage of by a few who manipulate it in secret, hiding behind the actions of others within the group, or even merely just the name of the group itself.

- + *Accountability* - Every person is held responsible for the effects of their own thoughts-feelings-actions. Blame cannot be shifted onto others (whether or not they are within the group).

*Transparency* and *Accountability* on part of the persons who comprise every *Social Organization* is necessary in order for them to be both effective and sustainable. Therefore, the only possible government / business / school / media outlet / church / etc. is one wherein all individuals are self-responsible and voluntarily choose to operate in Virtue.

- This can be facilitated by distinguishing between *Functional Standards* and *Divisional Borders*.

Examples:

- + *Functional Standards* would be like the different farming approaches required for different habitats. A "one size fits all approach" does not always work.

- + *Divisional Borders* would be like the various ideologies (political, religious, etc.) that inhibit people from working together on shared goals for our collective benefit. Sometimes we nitpick over details and "miss the forest for the trees".

When All are truly equal, then no one is above or below another in any way. Therefore, all social hierarchies become semi-autonomous / interdependent networks driven by collaboration and integration instead of competition and fragmentation.

This is reflected in the term "anarchy" when it is interpreted literally (i.e.: an-, "without" + archos, "rulers"). In general, the fact that one human can be considered to have a more privileged position than another human, and so can command another human to do something, is a very strange way of operating. Everyone has something constructive to offer.

Any attempts to control, whether by manipulation or through an exertion of power of one over another, is destructive. We have outgrown such a way of being, and the changes without are starting to reflect the changes within...

*Let us dream a new dream together.*