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SOCIETY'S PROGRESS & EVOLUTION focuses on the direction society is headed - physically, mentally, psychologically, and spiritually. It is based on the teachings of Sri Aurobindo, Karmayogi, Garry Jacobs, Roy Posner, and others.

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OVERVIEW OF SOCIETY

What Society Is



SOCIETY IS A LIVING ORGANIZATION

Society is a LIVING organisation, not a mere functioning entity. With each part born, the society becomes alive, and at once each part of the society endeavours to relate with that new part with a view to integrating with it. (MSS)

Society's Progress Evolution



CAUSES OF THE EVOLUTION OF SOCIAL LIFE OF COLLECTIVE

The social life of the collective is continuously evolving under pressure of its own ASPIRATION to manifest greater powers of life.

It is also evolving under the influence of higher-level spiritual determinants working behind the scenes to express higher powers of consciousness. This evolutionary intention expresses subconsciously as the will of the society.

This collective will in turn expresses through the actions of individual members of the society pursuing their own interests and aspirations. (MSS)



RAPID EVOLUTION OF SOCIETY IN RECENT DECADES

Normally when we think of the term "evolution," images of how humans emerged from the plant to the ape come to mind. Yet evolution is also occurring in the present, though few have tried to map it out. It is occurring predominantly through human evolution, which can be seen at the level of the individual, or at the level of society, or at the point they intersect. Interestingly, evolution is speeding up in the last several decades. Some have even suggested that evolution is moving into a

phase of exponential growth. Consider the events of the last two decades, indicating the evolution taking place in society:

- The Cold War has come to an end, ending bi polar conflict that threatened to end the world, opening the door to more integrative, collective developments in the world.
- The European Union has taken shape, creating a model for forms of political unity in the future.
- Asia has risen out of its moribund state, bringing entire new cultures into the forefront.
- A global view of the earth and environment has emerged, which is a kind of collective world "religion."
- A new world of possibility has opened up with the emergence of the computer, telecommunication devices, and especially the Internet.
- The education of humanity is radically accelerating, contributing to vast new knowledge and insight.
- Man is becoming more aware of other cultures and spiritual traditions.
- Man is becoming more mental, rational, and open to a variety of perspectives.
- We are moving from the rise of the Common Man to the rise of the True Individual, who is able to express his true individuality, not determined by the view of the herd.
- Increasingly it is the era of Rising Expectations where everyone expects their fair share in this world.
- We see individuals all over the world taking to personal growth and new forms of spiritual identity.

From these developments. it is not too difficult to envision further steps towards Inner Fulfillment and World Unity, including deeper associations between nations and cultures, the development of a World Parliament, the movement from economic to political to cultural to spiritual integration, the emergence of new insights into the nature of spirit and spiritual progress for the individual, and endless other possibilities. We are just at the very beginning in the next stage of human evolution, just

as startling a change from what we are now as the human was from the ape.



GREAT SOCIAL DEVELOPMENTS OVER LAST 50 YEARS

Here is a partial list of significant social developments I have noticed over the course of the last fifty years:

- End of WWII through Cooperative Effort
- European Union (A Development Beyond the Nation State)
- End of Cold War (Opening Doors Wide to Human Progress)
- Birth of Internet (Connecting World as Never Before)
- Freedom, Democracy Spreading Among Nations
- Environmental Movement and Sanctity of the Earth
- Liberation of and Expansion of Rights of Women
- Increased Individuality (Capacity to Think for One's Self)
- Rationality on the Increase
- New Age Cultural and Spiritual Movement
- Global Consciousness
- Rise, Prosperity of Asia
- Global Trade Dramatic Increase
- Vast Increase in Economic, Political, and Social Treaties Among Nations.
- Rose of Socialistic Capitalism
- Cultural Influence of China, India
- Fairness & Equality of Opportunity

- Rapid Multiplication of Money
- Social Media, Mass Communications
- Potential of World Governance
- Dramatic Decrease in Violence
- Seriousness about Demilitarization
- Vastly Higher Levels of Education
- Life Response Experience Increasing
- Spirituality Spreading
- Mind-Body Association in Medicine
- Progressive Social Values Spreading
- Protection, Guarantee of Human Rights
- Empowerment of Workers in Workplace
- Artificial Intelligence, Expert Systems Rising
- Respect for & Integration of Other Cultures
- Reduction in Racial, Class, Caste Divisions
- Power of Technology to Uplift Our Lives
- Supramental Knowledge, Power Spreading
- Human Progress, Development Evolution Accelerating
- Incorporation of High Business Values in Planning and Execution
- Getting married and having children later on
- Not getting married or having children



KEYS TO SOCIETY'S EVOLUTION

For society's evolution to take place-

- Rational mind needs to be replaced by intuitive mind
- Nations need to come together, not split apart (eg EU, federation of India)
- World governance must create global legislation from top down
- Individuality must be encouraged from the bottom up
- Spiritual Force must be brought to the fore to solve problems
- Ego of nations must be replaced with cooperation and collaboration
- Nationalism replaced with Human-based society, economics
- Education should develop unique capacities of each child
- Science should create in context of other disciplines (like sociology, psychology, etc: Not merely be material, empirical)
- Religion - of ritual, superstition, et al - should be replaced by spiritual experience
- The people should become aware of the Character of Life and its subtle laws
- High human values should be adopted by the people - including freedom, tolerance, fairness, goodness, peace, and harmony
- "Unity in Diversity" can be the central motto and value.
- Global Governance can lead, legislate our way forward
- Individual nations alone cannot solve its problems. Collaboration with others, leading to ultimate unity can only solve those issues
- Political, economic, social, and cultural integration is the goal
- Spiritualization of life on earth is the ultimate mission, expressed through peace, silence, harmony, knowledge, wisdom, creativity, love, delight, timelessness, and infinity
- All problems in life are seen as opportunities
- Shift from our current inherent Ignorance born of creation to Integral Truth and Knowledge of existence

The normal tendency of the human mind is to see these challenges as separate from each other, treating each problem as if it had its own independent reality that could be addressed in isolation from the rest. We are now compelled to accept that all aspects of social reality are one and inextricably integrated with one another. The only viable solution is to replace piecemeal reductionist ways of thinking and acting with comprehensive, transdisciplinary perspectives and initiatives that engage and embrace all sectors, stakeholders and levels of society.

The leadership needed is that which will unleash a global social movement which expresses the growing awareness and rising aspirations of humanity as a whole.

The knowledge needed is a knowledge of the process of transforming the long, slow, zigzag course of natural evolution into a more conscious, swift and direct process of social transformation.

The recent emergence of youth activism to address the climate challenge is an unprecedented sign of the awakening of a unifying global consciousness rich with promising seeds for a better future.

These seeds need to be honored and consciously nurtured until they blossom with new possibilities.

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THE SHIFTING LINES OF SOCIAL EVOLUTION - by Garry Jacobs (for Cadmus Journal)

FROM: Isolated, smaller, autonomous, culturally homogeneous communities

TO: Larger, heterogeneous, multicultural nation-states giving rise to an increasingly interconnected and interdependent global community

FROM: Settlement of disputes by use of violent physical force

TO: Negotiated peace and global rule of law

FROM: Governance by arbitrary authority

TO: Freedom, self-governance and self-determination

FROM: Power based on military might

TO: Power based on economy, science and technology

FROM: Development of natural resources

TO: Development of social capital and the capabilities of each human being

FROM: Value of financial capital

TO: Value and centrality of human capital

FROM: Physical security and wealth generation

TO: Wellbeing, equality and individuality

FROM: Rights and power accorded exclusively or disproportionately to the elite

TO: Universal human rights and more equitable distribution of all forms of social power

FROM: Cultural homogeneity

TO: Multiculturalism

FROM: Development of the social collective

TO: Development of capacities of each individual



SOCIAL ADVANCEMENT

“...Every positive social advancement requires a change in the subconscious organization of society. The force for progress has first to overcome the inertial resistance and active opposition of reactionary forces that seek to move in the opposite direction. The faster and greater the social progress, the greater the intensity of resistance...”

(From “The Book” by Garry Jacobs)



SOCIETY EVOLVES BEST THROUGH INTEGRATIVE KNOWLEDGE

We evolve through an Integrative Knowledge - where economics, science, technology, security, environment, social sciences, human values, spiritual knowledge, et al are understood as parts and parcels of one another. Understanding one without the others is a partial and error-filled Understanding.

Eg I cannot truly understand the implications of my scientific invention and bring it to market unless I understand the social benefits, harms, the economic impact, environmental effect, the psychological influence, etc. - all the factors and disciplines of life that are brought to bear when one releases such a product - whether a new vaccine or a lightweight atom bomb launcher.

Just as Truth Consciousness (i.e. Supermind) is integral, many-sided knowledge of any thing or aspect of life, so too we can have an integral

knowledge of the true nature of Society; as each thing under consideration is understood as parts and parcels of one another; not separate isolated entities. Understanding something in one discipline without seeing it in terms of the others only gives a partial and therefore error-filled knowledge. This unfortunately is the normal human condition, and leads to so many problems in life.

Another way of putting it is that just as at the plane of Truth Consciousness (i.e. of Supermind) there is an integral, many-sided knowledge of any thing or aspect of life, so too we can have an integral knowledge of the true nature of any aspect of Society.

Integrative Knowledge is thus Supramental in Nature (resulting in true truth)



TO BE TITLED

Society evolves best through integrative knowledge rather than isolated truth.

The United Nations is working in tandem with the World Academy (and MSS) to research strategies for the UN's 17 SDG (Sustainable Development Goals) via a Global Leadership Conference in June 2020, culminating with a report to the UN in October 2020, followed by implementation of it throughout the world.

EXPLANATION OF SUSTAINABLE GOALS

<https://www.un.org/sustain.../sustainable-development-goals/>

WAAS-UN PROJECT ON SDGs STRATEGIES

<http://worldacademy.org/.../global-leadership-in-21st...>



PRINCIPLES OF SOCIETY'S PROGRESS

Here we address issues like what is society, how does it grow, what is the process for progress, where is society headed, etc. It is described in short thoughts. It is based on the teachings of Sri Karmayogi, Garry Jacobs, and Roy Posner.

-Society is the life we are born into.

-Society is growing. It is also evolving. In some rare cases it is being transformed.

-We can trace Society's progress: In the course of time society has evolved from the physical level of subsistent existence; to the vital level of mutual interaction and interchange; to the mental level of organization, systems, values, and the like.

-Beyond the mental stage of society there is the potential for a spiritual stage. It is the spiritual, and very slowly it is beginning to take shape,

-Human evolution is a movement to ever-higher statuses and formations among these planes.

-How then does society evolve?

-Social progress occurs through the efforts of Pioneer Individuals.

-Through their works they bring out the subconscious Aspirations of society.

-If society accepts their ideals and actions, progress takes place.

-What are the intensities or degrees of social development?

-Society moves forward at increasingly higher levels of consciousness: it progresses (there is solid change), evolves (there is unprecedented

change), transforms (there is ultimate change into new, never-existing formations, forms of existence).

-The process of social evolution - eg of pioneer individuals, of three levels of development, of movement among the planes, and all - is mostly subconscious to us.

-Society can however CONSCIOUSLY evolve, speeding up it's progress and evolution.

-Society's progress mirrors the intention of a Higher Consciousness in the universe and beyond.

-Society is gradually progressing to a more human basis.

-Society evolves when higher Social Values move to the fore.

-Ultimately society seeks to embody Spiritual values - like peace, harmony, truth, wisdom, love, delight, and others.

-Society progresses when the contradictions and conflicts of life are overcome.

-Higher Harmony solves any problem, challenge in society.

-Society is evolving towards a spiritual oriented basis, culminating in a Divine Life on Earth.

-The human is at the Individual level. Society is at the Universal level. Both embody and serve the Transcendent level.

-Society's success can be measured by its security, accomplishment abundance, harmony, culture, creativity, aspiration, and values.

Society's Progress and the Role of Pioneer



PIONEER AND SOCIETY

The society is evolving subconsciously. The pioneers are leading the evolution of society in various fields catching the spirit of cosmic movement subconsciously. (Senthil Murugan)



INDIVIDUALS WHO LEAD SOCIETY FORWARD

“...Society is made up of people, organizations and the relationships between them. An individual who conforms to the rules and values of society becomes part of it, and receives social support and security in return for the conformity. But society only caters to the average of its members.

There are some people who are not satisfied with the average. Society’s pace of progress is too slow for them. They find its values outdated. Its rules curtail their creativity. They see the future before it arrives. They are well developed, strong individuals. They do not need the support that society has to offer. They do not depend on society to lead them. They lead society instead...”

(Janani Harish & Garry Jacobs from Cadmus Article)



THE PIONEER WHO EXPRESSES THE SUBCONSCIOUS URGE OF SOCIETY

When an innovative individual captures the imagination of the world, we believe it is his genius alone that has brought about a contribution to society. Little do we realize that this pioneer individual is actually expressing the subconscious will of that society. By subconscious, I mean that the society wishes something along those lines to come about, but it is not yet conscious of the fact. The pioneer captures that subtle energy wave inside as an intuitive vision that he manifests through his product, service, insights, skill, etc.

Society is evolving. It is constantly seeking new avenues for that growth. It is growing materially, psychologically, mentally, even spiritually. A child of that age looks out at what is possible in the world, and perceives an opportunity for improvement along this life scale. He then goes out and creates his invention, or issues forth a new theory, etc. and the world around him perks up, lifting that object or idea to the masses. It does so because subconsciously the community was already predisposed to it. Now however that subtle social intention has coagulated into something tangible through that individual's efforts. The possibility gets further organized, it hits a critical mass, and it is then fully embraced by all facets of society.

Let me provide several examples that will illustrate:

THE INTERNET-- Man is mental -- or at least he is moving in that direction -- as he begins to shed his lower nature and embrace rationality, which is the perception and acceptance of the many-sided truth of things. As that movement toward rational mentality has matured, he is ready to be filled with the knowledge of the world, including organizing mechanisms that can provide, distribute that knowledge. That organization has come to us as the Internet. I.e., man who is organizing his consciousness by

embracing the multiplicity of truth, now subconsciously yearns for a mechanism to serve its purpose. The Internet comes along and fulfills that yearning. The pioneer individuals who saw opportunities to deliver it -- such as Berners-Lee's World Wide Web -- are expressing the subconscious will of society for an ultimate tool to organize and distribute the multiplicity of knowledge it is now ready to embrace.

OVERNIGHT SHIPPING -- The world is moving faster and faster. In that process, it has begun to fall over itself. Society subconsciously wants to move forward in a more harmonious manner. Because the society is becoming mentally aware, it yearns for tools to organize this rapid speed up of life. A pioneering individual Fred Smith comes forward and advocates a seemingly irrational way of organizing express packaging. It is the overnight approach. You bring all the packages to one point and then redistribute for one-day delivery. On the surface, the world doubts it can be achieved, yet as pioneer he does not listen to the doubting herd and pushes forward. Through vision, will, and perseverance, an organization - - Federal Express -- takes shape, enabling the businessperson, or any other individual or organization to maintain harmony and efficiency in a sped up world. In fact, it enables even greater success.

'THE SECRET' -- Life has evolved on earth materially, particularly in the West, and increasingly in the East. Inwardly -- i.e. emotionally, psychologically and spiritually -- it has made far less progress. It has exhausted the materialistic, mechanistic view of how life unfolds, and subconsciously yearns for a deeper understanding. From time to time -- as in the Hippy era -- there is a breakout of a new understanding, and then it closes up. Rhonda Byrne now circa 2007 steps forward and creates a DVD and book 'The Secret,' which shows us how we can instantaneously attract the object of our desire. It is based on a cosmic principle known as "The Power of Intention." Other books, like 'The Miraculous Phenomenon of Life Response,' by this author, go many steps beyond, showing us an entire new way of living based on perceptions of the subtle workings of life.

Pioneers have once again forged a new possibility; one that has been there lurking below the conscious layers of society. He or she captures the wave, which appears to that individual as a vision or opportunity, and runs with it. If it is not too in advance of or radical for the society -- it is

embraced fully through organizations that become the means of its mass distribution. Now that the global community is exposed to this new reality, it uses it for own benefit, which in turn enables its further progress, releasing new subconscious possibilities. The society then "awaits" the next pioneer to take up the quest to bring about what it subconsciously yearns for.

There is something even beyond this dynamic. Behind the collective aspiration is a universal, cosmic Intent that aspires for earth's progress. Its Desire is fulfilled in society through the effort of pioneering individuals. In that way, the individual, the collective, and the Divine power behind work hand in hand for progress and evolution in the cosmos.



THE INDIVIDUAL & COLLECTIVE

...The individual and the collective [society] complement one another. The pioneering individual gives conscious expression to the subconscious aspiration and latent capacities of the collective. The collective imitates and multiplies the pioneer's accomplishments until they become a general endowment of the whole society...

(from novel *The Book* by Garry Jacobs)

TO BE TITLED

The Divine Intent is behind all emerging positive social movements. It is the Universal fulfilling the Transcendent through leadership of the (pioneer) Individual.



TO BE TITLED

The Pioneer Individual creates things that the Society does not know it wants.



SOCIETY'S EVOLUTION AND THE TRUE INDIVIDUAL

Over 100.000 years society has evolved; and despite its enormous problems, its highest state of evolution is occurring in the present.

Society is more tolerant, united, and conscious than ever before, despite great limitations.

The evolution of society has been done through the leadership of individuals. All change, progress starts with the individual. Without the individual developing something new, there would be no social progress and evolution for humanity. The individual is thus the pioneer; the leader of the way forward.



THE PIONEER AND SOCIAL EVOLUTION

Social evolution takes place when the Pioneer Individual takes up the subconscious urge of society.

(Roy Posner)



HOW SIGNIFICANT INDIVIDUALS AND SOCIETY ITSELF WORK TOGETHER TO CREATE GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE WORLD

“...All great accomplishments were in essence accomplishments of all humanity, built on the foundation of cumulative achievements in the past, yet often he observed a single individual or a small group played a crucial role in bringing them to fruition. It had become fashionable to praise the outstanding individual and forget the collective that made him what he was. Bill Gates did not make the revolution in personal computing. The revolution made him. There would have been no revolution in France without Rousseau and Voltaire, but there would have been no Napoleon without the French Revolution. They created each other.

The precise relationship between the two—the individual and the collective—was a missing link in their [AIS] formula and Golda’s [Golda Mei of Israel] story contained a key. One person, totally determined, thoroughly motivated, identified with the wider interests of the entire society, rather than merely selfish, narrow interests, could make the difference between victory and defeat, high accomplishment and failure. In effect, her personality became a vehicle for the social aspiration and social energy to express itself in action.

The incident revealed the link between the decisions and actions of an individual, the initiative of an organization and the destiny of an entire society. It seemed to combine and integrate in some manner elements of the decision-making matrix, the power of organization, energy conversion and social integration. Dan wondered whether Golda had understood the process that governed her remarkable accomplishment. She had done it, but did she understand how?

Rising from bed, he turned on the light and reached for The Book on his night table. He flipped through the pages to a chapter entitled The Individual and read these lines.

The individual rises on the strength of endowments drawn from the collective. The collective fulfills itself through the differentiation of the individual.

Society fulfills itself through the uniqueness of its individual members. The individual fulfills itself by universalizing to identify with the whole society. Both give expression to something beyond either of them which is trying to manifest..."

(From 'The Book', page 217, by Garry Jacobs)



HOW PIONEERS LEAD SOCIETY FORWARD AS INDICATED IN 'THE POST'

1. Pioneers catch the subconscious aspiration of the collective, and express it first. The established reactionary forces resist such movement. However, if the pioneers hold onto it, in the name of higher principles like Truth, Integrity and Courage, Life eventually responds in their favor.

2. In the movie ‘The Post’, based on true-life events of the 1970s, Mrs Graham was concerned about the sustainability of the newspaper business, including her Washington Post, and so she decided to take it from a family business to a public limited company.
3. Life then responds to her intention and brought an opportunity in the form of a challenge.
4. In the meantime, The New York Times published classified information (Pentagon Papers) about US Government decisions and involvement in Vietnam war across several presidential administrations. The government’s false reporting of events created huge outrage across the country, and people started to protest. The Government temporarily banned the paper from further publishing such articles.
5. The Washington post meanwhile received additional classified information; more than 4000 pages of such articles through one of the editor.
6. However, it appeared that The Washington Post would face similar consequences and would be banned if they chose to publish. It was a crucial, very intense moment. The newspaper's future was at stake, as the Government could charge them and put them in prison. The board had conflicting views, but in the end Mrs Graham finally decided to publish he information in order to bring the Truth to the public.
7. The issue then proceeded to the high court. Finally, the Supreme Court made a judgement in favor of the newspaper, thereby restoring democracy and free press rights.
8. Before the court order, all other national newspapers had published articles based on the Washington Post content, which was a subtle announcement of the victory that was to come.
9. Perhaps, the atmosphere also supported the outcome in great measure as this was the period of the birth and growth of Hippy Movement which was based on aspiration for greater personal Freedom.

10. Also, this could be subtle warning to President Nixon's administration, as later the Watergate scandal would break out, leading to his resignation.

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The subconscious will of society was for the truth. The newspapers were the pioneers trying to bring out that truth. The reactionary force was the government of that time. By steadfastly holding on to high social values, the Post maintained and amplified the process. The Truth spread around the world, and the reactionary forces were forced out. -RP



YOUTHFUL PIONEERS OF SOCIAL CHANGE

Already there are initiatives underway with the potential to break through the inertia and unleash a social movement with the potential to multiply and spread rapidly from place to place, field to field as a reverse domino effect of constructive initiatives. For example-

Ever since Malala Yousafzai won the Nobel Prize for her courageous efforts to promote the education of the girl child, examples of activist youth leaders keep multiplying in different fields and parts of the world.

Emma González, the 19 year old American advocate of gun control; Timoci Naulusala, the 12 year old Fijian whose opening speech at COP23 in Bonn captivated world leaders at the UN's high level annual conference on climate change; 11 year old Ridhima Pandey from India; and Greta Thunberg, the 11 year old Swedish climate activist are examples of a new breed which is breeding lots of young offspring quickly.

These combined with social movements such as Protect our Planet (POP), founded by former IPCC Chairman and WAAS Trustee Rajendra Pachauri, represent a potentially powerful new social force which both political and business leaders can ignore only at great risk.

So far, these movements tend to be fragmented geographically and by the causes they espouse, but if organized and their activities coordinated, they could become a powerful force for change, as the college campus protestors in USA, Europe and other nations became during the 1960s.

(Garry Jacobs for Cadmus Journal)



TO BE TITLED

The PIONEER INDIVIDUAL sees things society misses, though it subconsciously yearns for it, and through his/her efforts leads the collective forward on its evolutionary journey of progress and transformation.

TO BE TITLED

Wisdom percolating up from below from the Pioneer Individual that the collective above accepts & manifests is how Society evolves.

Society's Devolution



COMING APART, THEN TOGETHER

World is splintering, nations pulling in their own direction in order to learn the futility of that movement, so it can reverse itself and come together with greater energy, on the way to Human Unity and eventually a Divine Life on Earth.



DEVOLUTION AND EVOLUTION IN SOCIETY

With the world rapidly devolving in the last several years, - eg Democracy in many places is on the run, rise of autocracy, international cooperation collapsing - it means that greater faith must be placed in the Higher Consciousness, than just the institutions of society. In recoil the devolution is then very likely a prelude to a great Evolution. The latter can quickly appear, even when we are seemingly at the darkest hours.



DISRUPTION & EVOLUTION

Disruption in the world is not simply due to upheavals in politics, economics, and social concerns, but to a fundamental inability of limited mind to grasp the truths of life, its purpose, and the evolutionary unfolding of Higher Consciousness.



WHEN SOCIETIES STOP EVOLVING

If we continue to do and repeat what the last generations, our ancestors, and what the tradition has done, we don't go forward; we stop growing.

When societies become decayed, rigid, fixed, when they decline it is because they insist on the past; and don't give freedom, room, and encouragement for the further development.



EXAMPLES OF ANACHRONISMS IN THE WORLD

Anachronisms are aspects of existence, material or subtle, that have long passed their time and utility. Some examples are:

Organized Religion | Outworn Customs | Reactionary Laws | Rigid Education Systems | Lady Catherine in P&P | Nuclear War | Outworn Beliefs | Science without Spirit | Rigid Dress Codes | Nationalism | Autocracy | Plutocracy | Inequality of All Sorts | Profit Over People |

Closed Markets | Sectarian over Secular | Hoarding of Money | Pomp and Prestige | Veto Power in the UN | Gun Rights | Attacking Progressives Social Values | Dominating Police Authority | Corruption at All Levels | Caste | Womens' Oppression | Religious Intolerance

(Roy Posner)

Stages of Society



EVOLUTIONARY STAGES OF SOCIETY

-Just as the universe evolved from matter to life to mind; and the individual parallels that development in his body, his vital, and his mind, so too the society has evolved from a physical state of survival beginning say 100,000 years ago, to a vital stage during the middle of the last millennium, focused on trade, and interaction with others; to a mental stage that he is now currently unfolding in which we see the emergence of freedom, democracy, higher organization, education, and individual self-fulfillment.

-There have thus been three stages of social development: the Physical (marked by survival, deference to the collective, etc.); the Vital (marked by human interconnections, travel, business, etc.); and the Mental (freedom, fulfillment, higher organization, etc.). There is also the possibility of a future Spiritual stage.

-The currently emerging Mental stage of social development is indicated by an increase in freedom, democracy, mental inquisitiveness, human fulfillment, and higher levels of organization.

-The Internet is reflective of the further emergence of the power of Mind. The Internet is an outer reflection, form of the Mental stage of human development.

-The more complex and interrelated the systems of an organization is, the more development and evolution there is in society.

-Beyond the mental age of society is the spiritual age, indicated by harmony, unity, collaboration, peace, spiritual connectedness, unlimited infinite potential of accomplishment, success, and joy. There is also the

utilization of the Divine Spirit, i.e. the Force (which can also be accessed even in the mental age) to create instant life response, accomplishment, and possibility in life.



WHAT EACH PLANE EMBODIES IN SOCIETY

PHYSICAL - Property, Military, territory, raw material, water resources

VITAL - Power, Money, transport, communication, sports, commerce, Banks

MENTAL - Rights, Law, liberty, institution, Democracy, equality

SPIRITUAL - Values of physical - honour, Values of vital - courage, Values of mental - reliability, integrity, honesty
(Karmayogi)

Sri Aurobindo's Vision of Society



SRI AUROBINDO'S MULTI-FACETED DREAM FOR HUMANITY

The great seer and sage Sri Aurobindo imagined five steps that would usher in the evolution and transformation of humanity, enabling what he called a Divine Life on earth.

The first was the emergence of Asia into prosperity and cultural influence. That has surely begun, especially in the past decade or so. Her influence upon the thought of the world is bound to grow by leaps and bounds in the years to come.

The second was the prosperity and emergence of India. That too is well under way. For until she attains economic wellbeing, she cannot ascend to her rightful role as the spiritual Guru of the world -- another of the five steps Sri Aurobindo dreamed of.

Another mighty step towards a spirit-base Divine life on earth is the emergence of Human Unity, which is presaged by world alliances, culminating in world governance. The European Union (EU) is perhaps the first step in that direction in that it creates an alliance and unity of closely aligned nations. In the EU, disparate cultures are aligned to create a single entity that unifies all of them. Even the states that make up the USA is not really such an alliance.

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SRI AUROBINDO'S PHILOSOPHY OF SOCIAL EVOLUTION

Sri Aurobindo's spiritual vision extended beyond the perfection and transformation of the individual; it included within its scope the evolution and transformation of human society.

In both the individual and in society, the soul and spirit is at first hidden and occult. This, he argues, influences the direction and course of development from behind, but allowing nature to follow its gradual, zigzagging, and conflict-ridden course.

Afterwards, as mind develops and becomes more dominant over obscure impulses and ego-centered drives of vital nature. This results in a more objective, enlightened perception and approach towards human existence and the potential developments that become possible.

At the highest stage of mental development, he argues, a greater possibility and principle becomes apparent, which is spiritual and supramental in nature. At this point a true solution to humanity's problems becomes visible in the context of a radical transformation of human life into a form of divine existence.



LIMITS OF CURRENT COLLECTIVE EXISTENCE, AND NEED OF SPIRITUAL CHANGE

Sage and seer Sri Aurobindo examined the current reality and indicated that this existence cannot be the basis of a new [Supramental] collective life. He says that only Spirit - not the current mind and mentality - can harmonize our mental, vital, and physical existence, and create this new collective divine society.

Moreover, Sri Aurobindo indicated that there are severe limits to the current collective life, including the modern methods, to enable a perfect society. He indicates that neither the current scientific formula, nor a perfected economic society, nor democratic existence, nor varying

structure of governance, nor religion are enough to create the higher, perfected, divine society and existence that the world is moving towards.

It is the Spiritual Change of individuals that alone can transform the race and bring about this new perfected Divine Life on Earth.

(based on Sri Aurobindo's 'The Life Divine' - chapter 56, The Divine Life)



SRI AUROBINDO'S MULTI-FACETED DREAM FOR HUMANITY

The great seer and sage Sri Aurobindo imagined five steps that would usher in the evolution and transformation of humanity, enabling what he called a Divine Life on earth.

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New Global Society/Civilization



NEW CIVILIZATION INITIATIVE

On March 21-22, 2019 the World Academy and the Club of Rome are convening a meeting of concerned and committed individuals and organizations to share insights and explore pathways to a new civilization initiative that recognizes the systemic interconnectedness of people, nations, sectors, activities, challenges, forces and consequences presiding over global development and seeks solutions and processes that transcend the limitations of the current paradigm and giving shape to pathways toward a better future for humanity.

<http://worldacademy.org/conference-page/quest-new-paradigm-new-civilization>



A NEW CONCEPTUAL SYSTEM FOR HUMANITY

History confirms that the evolution of human consciousness lies along a path from lesser to greater recognition of the fundamental value and rights of each human being.

It sketches a pathway toward the wider and more equitable distribution of freedom, knowledge, rights and social power.

Humanity has already progressed far on this trajectory from the time when the law of the jungle, slavery, colonial imperialism, authoritarianism, war and genocide were considered natural and inevitable.

But we have much further to go. Envisioning in detail a future based on values that affirm the dignity of every individual can help us identify the core principles and institutional changes needed for a sustainable, human-centered development paradigm. In practice this means concretely imagining how life will flourish in a world in which the 17 SDGs have been fully realized for all humanity.

That will indeed constitute a new paradigm and the emergence of the first truly global civilization.

(Garry Jacobs Chief Executive Officer, WAAS & World University Consortium (WUC))



NOTES ON EMERGENCE OF NEW GLOBAL SOCIETY

-The Mother in the 1970s said Communism and Capitalism would soon fall.

-End of Laissez-faire capitalism may be on the horizon.

-Socialistic influence, gov't directed, new forms of finance/money, and other breakthrough qualities mixed together are emerging.

-Human-centered economics is being born.

-Increasing World Governance to solve economic issues is taking shape.

-Rise of Asia is accelerating; unprecedented in scope.

- India moving to the fore, increasingly exerting harmonic influence on nations and global order.
- Identity with one's own country will gradually wane, replaced with identity of world community, as way forward.
- Sri Aurobindo indicated that just as nation state replaced city state, so Global view will replace nation state.
- Think Local and Think Global outlooks will merge.
- US influence will significantly decline unless she grows psychologically out of her Physicality.
- 2 billion more coming out of poverty in next several decades is startling ongoing development.
- Silicon Valley business models and lifestyle is spreading throughout the world.
- Increasing true Individuality among the people in the world.
- New forms of spirituality emerging in the world, that is integral, inclusive, open, and dynamic.
- Acceleration of psychological and spiritual development of billions around the world.
- First glimmers of a Divine life on earth.



COMING GLOBAL COORDINATION, GOVERNANCE, PROGRESS, HUMAN UNITY

All of the economic, political, social, and psychological fracturing in the world today indicates a higher level of global coordination, including

world governance is in the works, ushering in the next stage of social progress and human unity.



PRINCIPLES OF CONSCIOUS CHANGE IN AN EMERGING SOCIETY

Nations shift from solving their internal problems on their own to solving it through greater cooperation and collaboration with other nations.

Shift from Nation States to Global state.

Shift from unconscious economic globalism to Conscious Globalism

Valuing the Individual Human Being over Money

Fairer distribution of money and wealth throughout the world

Shift from Money-oriented Capitalism to Human=-Centered economics

More clearly perceiving the importance of the Pioneer Individual in creating breakthrough change in society

Developing new modes of Leadership that are attune to the higher values emerging in the world

Increasingly perceive the power of Spirit in the unfolding of Life and its power to ennoble human existence

Better understand the process of Creation and Accomplishment in society

Better understand the nature of Money and its power to uplift society

Better understand the subtle laws of life so that we can create a better world.

Better understand the evolutionary leap Man has made in the last 100 years, which is accelerating in the last 10.

Understand the growth of society as expression of the Divine Purpose and Will.

(Roy Posner)

Human Values and Society



POWER OF HUMAN VALUES THAT DRIVE SOCIETY FORWARD

Q: What would compel society to move forward and increasingly create benefit to the average person so that they fully realizes their potential? Does government have any role in creating a more enlightened society? If not, other than the moral force of the collective memory of the last 50 years, what are the imperatives that will bring this utopia about and sustain it?

A: Human values. Society evolving and taking on ever more progressive values is the key to this human progress.

Eg Steve Jobs believed in empowering the individual by making an easier to use computer for the average person. There wouldn't simply be mainframes empowering corporations.

When the book 'In Search of Excellence' came out it made companies see the value of empowering staff at all levels, helping democratize the workplace. It was based on true life experiences of hundreds of businesses and organizations.

There are thousands of examples of how application of new social values drives society forward. To study and bring out how society is changing reveals the societal imperatives of change.

Beyond this is to see how the human individual is changing, and can further change. Examples are endless. Eg personal growth movement has spreads to millions around the world. Mindfulness, meditation, yoga, not to mention teaching best ways to live our lives as taught in schools, are among the ways the human individual is evolving.

Thus, personal growth and societal growth increasingly mesh together.

Self awareness of what we are and what we can become are increasingly in the thoughts and minds of humanity.

Mostly the world evolves unconsciously; but nevertheless is progressing. We need to make this unconscious process more Conscious. Then each person can be taught the methods of having a great impact on the world; of moving themselves and society forward.



TO BE TITLED

High Ideals turn into institutions and products that shape and elevate the world.

TO BE TITLED

Human Values, not technology, evolves society. Tech provides the info and communication capacities so higher values can be understood, take root, and spread.



ADOPTING COMPLEMENTARY VALUES WHICH NATIONS LACK

Complementary values are required to create a whole. The contradiction occurs in a society because the complementary values has not been exercised. Eg India had cooperation and harmony, but without real individuality in the mass. America the opposite; individuality without the

necessary cooperation and harmony of purpose. And so forth for each and every nation.

The whole of the movement out of Ignorance to Integral Knowledge, indeed all of history is to discover and embody the complementary value which it lacks.



HIPPY VALUES, SILICON VALLEY, INDIA

The Hippies gave birth to the vast reach of Silicon Valley, which has spread to India and around the world. Hippy values - eg then hippy Steve Jobs attending Homebrew Club there of other tech-oriented hippies - created the most powerful vibration in society over the last 30 years.

It's also interesting to note that many hippy values came from India and its profound teachings. And so we see that what goes around comes around!

India > Hippy Values > Silicon Valley > India!

Indians, Americans, and the rest have little knowledge of these relationships, as they are fully absorbed, engrossed in the technology.

It is another powerful reminder that Deep Values change the world.

(photo is of Homebrew Computer Club in Silicon Valley in late 1970s)



TO BE TITLED

Social movements happen when deep-seated social values are engaged.

TO BE TITLED

The more the social power is equitably distributed, the more peaceful, just, prosperous, stable and sustainable, society will become. (Garry Jacobs)

SOCIAL VALUES FOR 21ST CENTURY

- Individual Empowerment
- Entrepreneurial Spirit
- Prosperity for All
- Equality, Fairness, Justice
- Global Governance
- Spiritual Awakening
- Harmony and Oneness

(Roy Posner)

Power of Ideas in Society



POWER OF IDEAS IN SOCIETY

"Ideas have catalytic power to change the world. They are leaders of social evolution. Evolutionary developments in science, religion, art all have at their roots mental ideas that later realize themselves through physical acts. Ideas release the human energy of the collective. That energy is directed into a force for action and becomes effective when it is organized by society. Thus, society is a living organization."

<http://cadmusjournal.org/.../volu.../issue-6/ideas-changed-world>

Beyond Material to Inner Well-Being



BEYOND MATERIAL CONSUMPTION TO INNER WELL-BEING

Humanity's aspiration needs to evolve from the limitless material consumption to the endless growth of human wellbeing and inner personal fulfillment. This requires a shift from seeking ever more powerful technologies for external achievements to an inner seeking for inner well-being. (Ashok Natarajan)

Beyond Mind in a New Society



JOINING THE FORCES OF SILENT CHANGE

The old mental order is crumbling or going through intense pressures, making the way for Something Greater. The Higher is also coming through subtly and Silently, while most on earth are consumed by the intensity of the change and the difficulties of their own lives.

It is then a matter of choice to join the forces of Silent Change. We can partake in this quiet process, ushering in a new-type person, a new society; spirit-oriented and supramental in nature.

Social Development

TO BE TITLED

Rapid increase in interconnectedness of all aspects of life is creating the beginnings of a highly developed Global Society.



SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PRINCIPLES

-Social development occurs through a universal process; though we are unaware of it.

-It begins with the Aspiration of society for a certain progress that ends in its fulfillment.

-Pioneer individuals take to a unique understanding that opens the door to a unique possibility.

-The pioneer individual is trying to fulfill something Society subconsciously yearns for.

-If the Society agrees with the new development by the pioneer individual, social progress takes place.

-Society may also crush the pioneer individual, and his aspirations and initiatives, out of existence, preventing social progress.

-When a great progress comes as a possibility, it tends to also attract an equally strong opposing force. These are reactionary elements in society that arise to block progress.

-The process of social development can be thought of as an idea that is organized into strategies for fulfillment, which are then acted on and implemented through full effort, right attitude and positive values.

-The pioneer Individual is carrying out the subconscious will of the Society, which itself is carrying out a Universal purpose, which is carrying out the Transcendent aspiration and will of the Divine.

Transcendent

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Universal

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Societal

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Individual

-Society evolved from a primitive physical state of survival, then emerged into a vital stage of community, commerce, and cooperation, and then into a mental state of organization, individual initiative, and the potential for human fulfillment.

-We have now entered the Mental stage of human evolution - of rationality, calm and relatively clear thinking. Higher still we are slowly emerging into the Spiritual domain of integral truth where spirit is applied to the details of life, enabling instantaneous miraculousness.

-The Spiritual stage occurs when true spiritual individuals progressively emerges among the people, and is fused with ultimate harmonic relations among them.

-We can think of the evolutionary process as a movement from Ignorance to Integral Knowledge. We are only partially out of the Ignorance, as humanity is yet to discover the higher principles of Life.

-“Unity in Diversity” is one way to think of the highest mission of society. I.e. we experience true individuality, while increasingly being in harmony with others and life.

-Society evolves through ever-increasing emergence of spiritual values of truth, peace, knowledge, power, joy, love, infinity, eternity.

-The personal and spiritual growth of the individuals furthers Society's growth, and vice versa.

-Society endlessly evolves, through ever- higher expressions of consciousness, culminating in a new form of humanity and a Divine Life on Earth.



SECRET TO ATTRACTING GOOD FORTUNE THROUGH THE ORGANIZATIONS WE CHERISH

One of the unstated insights related to the existence of the World Academy (WAAS), World University Consortium (WUC), Mother's Service Society (MSS), et al is that if we take to an idea(s) that we previously did not accept, or we otherwise rise to a higher understanding in that area, Life on the outside - whether in society, business, or individual -- will RESPOND with good or great fortune to that growth and effort.

That is the MAGIC in potential behind all of these organizations. They are not merely fountains of knowledge, but conduits to attract infinite-like results through our inner efforts. I.e., the Higher Consciousness will respond with startling success outcomes in life, - from seemingly out of thin air, - to our own realizations, growth efforts, and actions through these organizations.

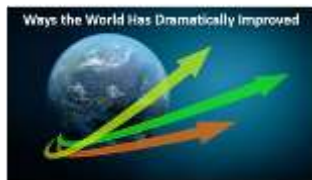
(And we have ample Life Response incidents that verify this hypothesis!)



SRI KARMAYOGI & SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

“Sri Karmayogi is an original thinker. While the world at large is still grappling with reductionist, piecemeal theories of social development, he came up with the theory of development, an original theory that explores how the society develops, the relationship between the individual and the society and the role of the individual in the process. This is something Sri Aurobindo touched on in Human Cycle but has not elaborated. But Appa's theory of social development is as simple as it is profound. He has also written theories of management and education. His contribution to the world is unparalleled.”

-Ranjani



WAYS THE WORLD HAS DRAMATICALLY IMPROVED

The following are some facts that show the changing social conditions. It's part of a project we're currently working on at MSS.

At the same time, as discussed earlier today, there are several areas in our lives that could be vastly better, and some in which conditions are not as good as they were earlier.

-The percentage of people who are victims of violence and war has fallen with every century.

-As early humans transitioned from hunter-gatherers to farmers, violent deaths reduced five fold.

- Europe saw anywhere between 10 to 50-fold drop in violence between the Middle Ages and the twentieth century.
- In the 70 years since World War II, large scale warring among the world's leading powers has stopped, a first in the history of civilization.
- Several inhuman practices such as slavery, torture, state-sponsored religious persecution and discrimination, apartheid and child labour have either largely ended, and where they do persist, are under pressure from the rest of world.
- In the past two hundred years, the percentage of people living in extreme poverty has fallen from around 90% to 10%, even as the human population increased seven-fold over the same time.
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- Access to healthcare has dramatically improved. Infection and fever could be fatal, even to the wealthiest and privileged classes.
- Today treatment for these and more severe illnesses are accessible even to the poor and marginalized.
- In the beginning of the 19th century, 43% of the children died before they turned 5 years old. This number has reduced hundred-fold and stands at around 4% today.
- Life expectancy has more than doubled during the time, from 29 to 72.
- Global literacy has risen from 12% two hundred ago to over 85% today.
- Women enjoy greater freedom than ever before. The rights of children are recognized. Inclusivity is becoming an ideal. Even animals have activists who champion their rights.
- Climate and ecology have a growing number of dedicated advocates.
- There is a global rule of law.
- All the 193 member countries of the UN have adopted 17 Sustainable Development Goals and committed to achieving a better and more sustainable future for all by 2030.

-By these and several other metrics, we are living in the best time in human history.

(Janani Harish)

Social Consciousness



FROM INDIVIDUALITY TO SOCIAL CONSCIOUSNESS IN THE WEST

In Western Society we have learned to be individualistic, to create our own world, taking care of our own selves first. We here in the West are still learning of the power of taking responsibility for all of the issues and ills of society. And that requires a deeper bond between our own emotions, values, and beliefs, and the needs of the world. Once we do, life on earth will become more fully realized. Problems will be replaced by great successes and human progress.



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LIMITS OF RECENT HUMAN PROGRESS

The world has progressed tremendously in many aspects in the last 60+ years. However, the consciousness of the collective in general has not progressed in tandem with the Force or the benefit we have attained. (Senthil Murugan)



DARKNESS IN THE WORLD & THE VIRUS

The Darkness in the world attracted the virus - through nationalism, autocracy kleptocracy, militarism, financial speculation and tax avoidance, wealth inequality, contempt for global society, contempt for economic cooperation, trade wars, ruination of democracy. All expressed through hate, ill-will, disunity, anachronism, superstition, reactionary forces, ego and selfishness. **No wonder the Virus came.**

Social Movements



SURPRISING ARRIVAL OF THE INTERNET

The surprising arrival of the Internet in 1994 was the first time in history that humanity has been connected in substantial ways. It has always been divided before that.

And it took the end of the Cold War to allow for everyone to participate in the Internet; so that all of humanity will have the knowledge and platform to move forward.

Internet, - like the youth movement of the 60s through 80s, the end of the Cold War, etc. - is another manifestation of the Supreme Consciousness on earth. More particularly, it is a further unfolding of the power of Truth and Knowledge to be used in the world.



YOUTH MOVEMENT SWEEPING AWAY WORLD'S PROBLEMS

If the youth of the world idealize and then mobilize, all the problems of the world - nuclear weapons, climate change, terrorism, economic unfairness, et al - will be swept away to never return. That is the power of

a Movement. And that is the power of the New Generations to effect change.



POWER OF BROAD-BASED SOCIAL MOVEMENTS TO OVERCOME PROBLEMS IN THE WORLD

The problems of humanity today are global in nature, complex and inextricably interlinked. They can be effectively addressed only by a broad-based social movement that awakens the aspirations and releases the energies of the wider population.

Such a movement can best be awakened and directed by the power of ideas based on a comprehensive and integrated knowledge of society and human potential.

The risk of existential threats alone has thus far proven insufficient to effectively mobilize global society to concerted action.

Humanity needs to be positively inspired by a vision of a better future for all, which has yet to be formulated.

For developing nations, the goal should be total eradication of poverty and material prosperity for all.

For advanced nations it should be a shift from the pursuit of material accumulation to ever higher levels of well-being and human development for all.

Ideas founded on rationality and truthfulness espoused by a global leadership of individuals or organizations have the power to serve as the catalyst for that movement.

(Ashok Natarajan, Cadmus Journal)



EMERGING SOCIAL MOVEMENTS IN THE WORLD

What the world needs are progressive Social Movements. Such movements spearhead dramatic social change.

Eg the hackers who developed the pc, smartphones, internet, and web in Silicon Valley and elsewhere were part of a social movement. I got to see it up close.

New Age global thinking is another movement. Human based economics can be a third. And so forth, in ways we cannot even imagine. A World Parliament. A World Army. A New Education. Etc etc are other possibilities

“In Search of Excellence” movement based on the book helped revolutionize individual empowerment in the workplace in the 1980s, itself an offshoot of America’s 1960s and 70s generation rebellion against authority movement.

Even USA’s recent taking to multi-culturalism has roots in that same movement amongst the hippy generation, who embraced a myriad of other cultures, eastern religions, spirituality, clothing, music, folk arts, etc.

In India the recent movement has been against corruption at all levels. They are sick of it. Also a movement away from filth and uncleanness. It is starting to become abhorrent to them.

There are even trade unions of a sort emerging in China!

Environmental degradation is fostering any number of sub-movements.

Even so-called “California Cuisine” - i.e. healthful smaller portions of meals using locally grown produce was a movement originating in Berkeley and spreading around the world.

And the Student Free Speech Movement, also originating in Berkeley spread to eastern Europe in the 70s and 80s, beginning the liberation of those countries from Soviet oppression.

In all of these and countless others we see that Social movements happen when deep social values are engaged.

TO BE TITLED

Social movements move society forward, driven by pioneer individuals.



TO BE TITLED

Social movements happen when deep-seated social values are engaged.

TO BE TITLED

The Divine Intent is behind all emerging positive social movements. It is the Universal fulfilling the Transcendent through leadership of the (pioneer) Individual.



Current Urge for Social Transformation

Social transformation is not a myth, but it is a challenge to overcome the inertia, resistance, and barriers that retard the process.

Throughout history, we have witnessed potentialities transformed into actualities.

But never before have we been presented with the means and confronted by the urgent necessity to consciously direct and accelerate that process in a race against the consequences of our own past attitudes and actions.

We are compelled to step forward with the necessary leadership in values, thoughts, organizational initiatives, catalytic strategies, and effective actions. Further reliance on fragmented thinking, piecemeal, compartmentalized, sectoral, unilateral policies, and actions that have been the source of the present problems will only aggravate and accelerate the crises.

We need holistic, global approaches that address root causes rather than superficial symptoms.

Civil Society and youth groups have already become catalysts and instigators of transformational change.

(from Cadmus Journal)

-thanks to Priya

Social Problems



TO BE TITLED

There is more than enough money in the world to solve poverty and ease the refugee crisis. There is more than sufficient technology about climate change to make headway against it. But nothing will happen to solve these deep problems until people stop identifying with one nation, tribe, religion, or ethnic group and start identifying with the human world as something each of us creates or destroys every day. (Deepak Chopra)



EXTENDING EMOTIONALIZED FAMILY BOND TO SOCIETY

If we had the same concern for the people in the world, in society that we have for our own family members, then any problem, - such as poverty, wealth inequality, et al - could easily be solved.

Thus, it is human intention, connection, and emotional bond that ultimately determines our ability to overcome limits in society.



SOLVING GLOBAL PROBLEMS

Ultimately the solutions to all the major global issues - such as immigration, income inequality, still massive poverty, unemployment and stagnant wages, disease, global warming, etc. - require collective, collaborative action among nations. It requires increased World Governance, with real teeth to legislate, from above; matched by creative solutions pecculating from individualistic people and institutions from below.



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It does not readily lend itself for conversion into a strategy that a single individual can take to move the whole society. That requires a greater force than that of the individual. But as a Mother's devotee, your intense aspiration for a solution and offering of the problem to Her can DEFINITELY lead to a response from life -- a subtle action that resolves

the problem. We have seen it many times. ICPF's impact on the cold war and rising levels of unemployment is an example.

All that is necessary is your intense personal interest backed by full emotional intensity, faith in Mother, impersonal (non-egoistic motive) and consecration. If you care to make an experiment, try for a week and observe closely the newspapers to see if there is any reflection of your effort.

(Garry Jacobs' 2000 comment to Roy Posner)



CONSCIOUS INDIVIDUAL & WORLD PROBLEMS

The individual must become conscious in order for the society to follow. For the conscious individual, there is no problem in the world too difficult to solve. Rather the conscious individual will discover opportunities all around.

(from 'The Conscious Individual' by N. Asokan of MSS)



We tend to focus on single issues—and do not pay enough attention to the overriding issue of where the globe is heading... There needs to be a

greater sense of urgency to confront the globe's looming problems.
(Keith Suter, Cadmus Journal)



TRADE WARS

In response to the mayhem, disruption, and disunity of Trade Wars in the world, there can be acute recoil that furthers, even accelerates cooperation, collaboration, and unity among the nations.



CHALLENGES & BENEFITS ON THE WAY TO GLOBAL UNITY

Humanity has evolved from the family and local community over millennia through several stages to finally create the present fractured and unstable global community of nearly 200 nation-states, some of which are barely a few decades old.

But already there are signs that the process of social evolution will continue until it eventually results in some form of a unified world community.

The major challenges confronting humanity today all result from the inadequacy of a diverse community of sovereign nations competing with one another for power and advantage and their inability or unwillingness to act effectively and concertedly to address the problems of our

collective existence. Recurring war and violence, persistent poverty, financial instability, widening inequality, ecological destruction and climate change are some of the salient features which compel us to conclude that the continued evolution is both necessary and inevitable.

The material and social benefits of global unity will be immense in terms of greater and more equal access to knowledge, power and wealth, but they will bring with them a new set of challenges to ensure that peace and security are not achieved at the expense of freedom, cultural diversity and the fullest development of individuality.

(Ashok Natarajan, for Cadmus Journal)



WILLINGNESS TO SEEK SOLUTIONS

Solution to a problem (such as various major conflicts in the world) can only come about when both parties seek solution, i.e. want to solve the problem; otherwise things remain in stasis.



CLIMATE CRISIS AND GLOBAL SOCIETY

The world's people face "untold suffering due to the climate crisis" unless there are major transformations to global society, according to a stark warning from more than 11,000 scientists.

“We declare clearly and unequivocally that planet Earth is facing a climate emergency,” it states. “To secure a sustainable future, we must change how we live. [This] entails major transformations in the ways our global society functions and interacts with natural ecosystems.”

(The Guardian)



RAPID SOCIAL PROGRESS FOLLOWS UNCERTAINTY

We tend to overlook the fact that periods of high uncertainty [as we are experiencing in the extreme now] are often followed by new openings that lead to periods of rapid social progress. Indeed, it appears that maximum uncertainty is often followed by maximum social advancement. (Garry Jacobs for Cadmus Journal)



OVERCOMING THE RESISTENCE OF THE FORCES IN SOCIETY THAT BLOCK CHANGE

The problems confronting humanity today will not simply vanish because viable solutions exist with the potential to eradicate them. There are entrenched vested interests and powers that benefit from the present

dispensation and are either ignorant or skeptical of the greater opportunities for all that would arise from concerted global action.

But obstinate resistance to progress has always plagued and retarded human advancement. With the greater knowledge, higher levels of education and more powerful means for communication now available, humanity is better poised than ever before to overcome the obstacles.

(Garry Jacobs, Cadmus Journal)

TO BE TITLED

Denial of a real problem in the world, causes it to eventually come to you in the same or related virulent form.



TO BE TITLED

The world can CONSCIOUSLY come together to solve local and global problems, or it could be forced on us through negative circumstances like mass disease, atomic war, environmental catastrophe, rising wealth inequality, etc. It is our Choice.

TO BE TITLED

FROM NATIONAL TO GLOBAL SOLUTIONS

Solutions to major problems in society - pollution, poverty, disease, conflict, etc. - are readily available when we shift from the nation-level to the regional and the Global.



INWARDLY OVERCOMING A PRESSING SOCIETAL PROBLEM

The way to overcome a serious problem infiltrating the world, - whether locally or beyond, whether fire, drought, flood, pandemic, etc. - is to understand the underlying details of the matter keenly, studying it from all angles, and then to consecrate the issue (offering to the Divine) with deep emotion. Life will then yield.



THESE ARE THE WORLD'S 10 MOST SERIOUS PROBLEMS, ACCORDING TO MILLENNIALS (2017)

1. Climate change / destruction of nature (48.8%)
2. Large scale conflict / wars (38.9%)
3. Inequality (income, discrimination) (30.8%)
4. Poverty (29.2%)
5. Religious conflicts (23.9%)
6. Government accountability and transparency / corruption (22.7%)
7. Food and water security (18.2%)
8. Lack of education (15.9%)
9. Safety / security / wellbeing (14.1%)
10. Lack of economic opportunity and employment (12.1%)

(% is rating as worst of the 10)

We could add-

- natural disasters,
- disease,
- challenges to democracy,
- rise of autocracy and plutocracy,
- low wages,
- automation,
- immigration,
- internet and data abuse,
- privacy,
- materialism,
- mechanistic view of life,
- limitations to unending life,
- limits of consciousness and awareness human (ignorance),
- low attitudes and values,
- and ?

(Roy Posner)



WHY CORONA VIRUS HAS COME TO THE WORLD, AND THE WAY OUT

Since the descent of the Supramental Consciousness, the pressure on humanity is greater than ever before. In response to that pressure, humanity commonly clings to the past, resists change and even reverts to more primitive forms of behavior, as illustrated by the reversion to religious and ethnic fundamentalism and aggressive nationalism at a time when humanity is moving toward a single global civilization;

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Most every aspect of modern life is out of alignment with the spiritual intention in Nature, and the misalignment is evoking a violent response. Humanity's violence toward earth, nature and its own kind comes back to us in violent form.

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The Corona Virus is an expression of vicious destructive competitiveness that saps the life of those it infects. It is physical but it is an expression of the dark vital forces of disharmony, greed, selfishness, illwill and competitiveness that saturate human consciousness at a time when Supramental Light, Truth and Love are trying to descend and manifest.

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At the practical level, COVID-19 has a message for all of us to refuse to any longer be a vehicle for the transmission of dark impulses of lower consciousness directed towards others. To replace illwill with goodwill, jealousy with generosity, competition with harmonious cooperation, criticism and condemnation of others with self-awareness of our own falsehood and the sincerity to change to become a true child of The Mother.

If Mother's devotees do that, it will be more powerful than all the medical treatments in the world to banish COVID from India, and perhaps from the whole world.

TO BE TITLED

We need to shift from our current dog-eat-dog civilization to a human one. Covid and other global calamities are telling us that.

TO BE TITLED

COOPERATION of nations will end global warming, for after all our separative Ego actions - i.e. Non cooperation - created it in the first place.

INDIVIDUALITY IN SOCIETY



THE ULTIMATE BASIS FOR THE EMERGENCE OF THE TRUE INDIVIDUAL

The 20th century has been hailed as that of the Common Man. Things that were once only available only to kings -- e.g. education, health care, and a certain level of wealth and abundance -- was now readily available to many if not all. That movement continues to spread around the world until this day.

And yet the new 21st century may be known for something even more significant -- the emergence of the True Individual. What is this era about? It is a time where every person on earth is given the opportunity to express his true individuality, the full flowering of his personality, enabling a true psychological and spiritual fulfillment in life.

This is a huge step beyond the benefits of the era of the Common Man. It is a new epoch of social evolution, where people can express their true unique capacities beyond the influence and determination of the herd. Each person can express who they truly are and fulfill that possibility in all dimensions of their lives. The person who can live this way will be the True Individual of the New Age.

And yet the full flowering of a True Individual occurs when we come to realize our true essence and purpose; when we penetrate the surface consciousness and make contact with our True Selves, our evolving Soul within. When we come in contact with this psychic entity, we begin to sense who we truly are, what our purpose is in life, and therefore desire to express it in the details of our lives. From that poise, we express our truest individuality, as our very purpose for being becomes the source and driving point of all of our values, understanding, aspirations, decisions, and actions in life.

Becoming a True Individual, driven by who we believe we are, beyond the bounds of the influence of the mass is one level; becoming a True Spiritual Individual, where our purpose is to serve a higher purpose, our Soul-purpose is a higher level still. The first is primary to live a life of achievement, success, creativity, and happiness; the latter a form of conscious evolution, to elevate all parts of our being to be the instrument of the spirit in life. In the former, we are driven by our own values that are beyond the accepted norm of the collective; in the latter, we are driven by spiritual values that permeate the universe and beyond like Oneness, Harmony, Truth, Goodness, Self-givingness, Love, Delight, Timelessness, and Infinity.

While we can perceive of our ability to express our true selves, there are other movements in life that are making this possible. Because we are educated, we are gaining a vast knowledge, while perceiving an array of possibilities of what we can become. Because of the Internet, we are empowered to realize that which we wish to become. Because the society itself is becoming more conscious, it is beginning to make efforts to support the full flowering of each individual human. Because we are evolving from vital to rational and then intuitive mental beings, we are coming in touch with subtle truths and profound insights about who we are and the workings of life. Because the spiritual Force is descending into the earth's atmosphere, we have the ability to realize our deepest aspirations and true values and beliefs.

As we move away from the surface of life and establish a deeper poise within, as we learn the astonishing, subtle laws of life, as we are able to move life outside ourselves from within such as through the "power of attraction", as we discover the spiritual Power at our disposal, as we connect to the transcendent spiritual Reality above and find our true Soul selves within, as we move from ego and selfishness to connection and self-givingness, we increasingly express our individuality, while experiences profound, inner fulfillment.

This is the astonishing possibility that awaits the 21st century. To find ultimate freedom and purpose within, and express it creatively, dynamically, and powerfully on the surface of our lives. Each person expressing their highly individual take on existence, enabling infinite variation and forms of insight and accomplishment, leading to myriad

forms of self-discovery, which bring about an infinite variety of experiences of Joy and Delight.

The emergence of the True Psychological and Spiritual Individual will be the hallmark of the new humanity; yet another indicator of the emergence of A New Way of Living.



THE REAL GENIUS OF STEVE JOBS: ICON AND VISIONARY LEADER OF CREATIVE INDIVIDUALITY

To truly understand the remarkable technological leadership of Steve Jobs, we must trace back the graphic user interface, mouse and other technologies he introduced in the mid-1980s to the work of Douglas Engelbart at Stanford Research Institute two decades earlier.

The genius of Steve Jobs' leadership was not his technological insight or inventiveness. In the early days at Apple that role was played by its co-founder Steve Wozniak, a brilliant and creative engineer who pioneered the personal computer. Jobs' real genius was in sensing the aspirations of society and finely attuning his actions to synchronize with that pulse.

In many ways Jobs was a typical American of this period. He was born and raised in a country that worships mechanical inventiveness. Americans made building, repairing and playing with machines a national pastime. Jobs grew up during the early days of the transition from mechanics and electricity to electronics.

He was a product of the Hippie Movement, which valued personal freedom and individuality and feared authority and conformity above all else. He understood the deep anxiety generated among youth by the idea of huge mainframe computers running the world. He saw the PC as an instrument to empower the individual rather than dominate and replace

him. The release of the Macintosh in 1984 was hailed as the start of a spiritual revolution.

Even more than the products he created, Jobs became an icon and visionary leader of creative individuality. His vision was matched by a remarkable capacity to think outside the box and see beyond ‘what is’ to ‘what could be’. With the birth of the World Wide Web, he saw the possibility of making the PC a part of a global interconnected system. This led to the introduction of the iPod and transformation of the music industry. That same vision gave birth to the iPhone and iPad and made Apple the most valuable company in the history of the world.

(Gary Jacobs, for Cadmus Journal)



INDIVIDUALITY AND GLOBALITY

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ADVOCATING TRUE INDIVIDUALITY VS SOCIAL CHANGE

“Perhaps you have a more political view of the world and I have a more psychological view, as I believe deeply in the capacity of the individual to accomplish most anything he sets out to do, while acknowledging the social constraints of the society. I am radically for true individuality, while

also being radically for social change. Repubs and Dems in USA tend to position themselves on one or the other, but rarely both.

This same dynamic applies to many other countries in the world as well.”

(an exchange with a friend)



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The same for the economic system, where the human individual, not money, should become the center of life.

The same for the education system where teachers will not just impart information, but will serve students and their aspirations in life.

And the same for the corporate world, where leaders will do everything they can to bring out the potential of its employees.

Each of these (and other) institutions of society can work to bring out the greatest possibilities for each person on earth.

From the other side, each individual can fully develop his/her own individuality and thus potential, the results of which will not only enable

that person's great success and fulfillment, but will also be a great boon to society.



RECEPTIVITY TO IDEAS BY DIFFERENT TYPES OF INDIVIDUALS

Most people are not mental. They are mostly vital; centered in their emotions and needs. Ideas are nothing until they are experienced in life. And yet the ideas were true before they had such experiences. Conscious individuals who are open to new ideas and also experience them are receptive at the mental and vital planes of the spirit. If they are really passionate about the ideas, then they become pioneers of consciousness; forerunners of a new way of living.

(Roy Posner)



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HOW SIGNIFICANT INDIVIDUALS AND SOCIETY ITSELF WORK TOGETHER TO CREATE GREAT ACHIEVEMENTS IN THE WORLD

“...All great accomplishments were in essence accomplishments of all humanity, built on the foundation of cumulative achievements in the past, yet often he observed a single individual or a small group played a crucial role in bringing them to fruition. It had become fashionable to praise the outstanding individual and forget the collective that made him what he was. Bill Gates did not make the revolution in personal computing. The revolution made him. There would have been no revolution in France without Rousseau and Voltaire, but there would have been no Napoleon without the French Revolution. They created each other.

The precise relationship between the two—the individual and the collective—was a missing link in their [AIS] formula and Golda's [Golda Mei of Israel] story contained a key. One person, totally determined, thoroughly motivated, identified with the wider interests of the entire society, rather than merely selfish, narrow interests, could make the difference between victory and defeat, high accomplishment and failure.

In effect, her personality became a vehicle for the social aspiration and social energy to express itself in action.

The incident revealed the link between the decisions and actions of an individual, the initiative of an organization and the destiny of an entire society. It seemed to combine and integrate in some manner elements of the decision-making matrix, the power of organization, energy conversion and social integration. Dan wondered whether Golda had understood the process that governed her remarkable accomplishment. She had done it, but did she understand how?

Rising from bed, he turned on the light and reached for The Book on his night table. He flipped through the pages to a chapter entitled The Individual and read these lines.

The individual rises on the strength of endowments drawn from the collective. The collective fulfills itself through the differentiation of the individual.

Society fulfills itself through the uniqueness of its individual members. The individual fulfills itself by universalizing to identify with the whole society. Both give expression to something beyond either of them which is trying to manifest..."

(From 'The Book', page 217, by Garry Jacobs)

INDIVIDUALITY AND COOPERATION IN EAST AND WEST

In Asia one problem is lack of Individuality, as people tend to follow the herd, whereas in the West, especially USA, there is greater sense of individuality, which has made the country dynamic and prosperous. And yet the West (especially USA) needs to become more cooperative and harmonic to solve its pressing problems (like wealth inequality, stagnant wages, and poor jobs), just as Asia needs to bring out the individuality of its people.



RECOGNIZING SOCIETY'S BENEFIT TO US

During discussion, Ray one of the MAI partner asked a profound question "So far we have been talking mainly about the actions of individuals and their consequences. What about society? How do I distinguish and separate the Individual from the social, the consequences of my own actions and the consequences of actions of the society and world in which I live?"

Dan replied:

"Today everyone in society enjoys certain benefits which individually we did nothing to deserve. We reap the benefits of all the collective discoveries of the past—Tom Edison's light bulb, Bell's telephone, the airplane, TV, computer, immunity for polio and many other infectious diseases that used to plague humanity, etc. We take these things for granted and do not think we are being singled out for any special reward. Everyone has access to these things, or at least many people do, and we happen to be among the fortunate. We rarely ask why life is bestowing such wondrous gifts on us. We take it for granted.

But when Hurricane Katrina inundates New Orleans and destroys thousands of homes, we like to think that this has nothing to do with us. Those who lost everything wonder why God has punished them. Those who escaped harm thank God for their good luck. We easily forget that Katrina and climate change are also a natural reaction and consequence of the collective actions of American society over the past hundreds of years and also a direct reflection of our collective unwillingness to accept responsibility for the environmental consequences of our actions, until the rising price of gas forces us to give up our SUVs or the rising sea level forces us to move inland.

We are happy to benefit personally from America's collective development, but unconscious and unwilling to accept responsibility for

the consequences of that development. We forget that we too benefit from the ignorance, wasteful evils of the society we live in. So how can we expect to escape individually from the consequences wrought by our collective action?

We are not being punished for our sins, but we are reaping the natural consequences of our earlier actions"

(From 'The Book' by Garry Jacobs, page 321)



THE INDIVIDUAL & COLLECTIVE

...The individual and the collective [society] complement one another. The pioneering individual gives conscious expression to the subconscious aspiration and latent capacities of the collective. The collective imitates and multiplies the pioneer's accomplishments until they become a general endowment of the whole society...

(from novel The Book by Garry Jacobs)



LIMITS OF CURRENT COLLECTIVE EXISTENCE, AND NEED OF SPIRITUAL CHANGE

Sage and seer Sri Aurobindo examined the current reality and indicated that this existence cannot be the basis of a new [Supramental] collective life. He says that only Spirit - not the current mind and mentality - can

harmonize our mental, vital, and physical existence, and create this new collective divine society.

Moreover, Sri Aurobindo indicated that there are severe limits to the current collective life, including the modern methods, to enable a perfect society. He indicates that neither the current scientific formula, nor a perfected economic society, nor democratic existence, nor varying structure of governance, nor religion are enough to create the higher, perfected, divine society and existence that the world is moving towards.

It is the Spiritual Change of individuals that alone can transform the race and bring about this new perfected Divine Life on Earth.

(based on Sri Aurobindo's 'The Life Divine' - chapter 56, The Divine Life)



INDIVIDUAL LEADING SOCIETY

The individual is the conscious peak and leader of social evolution whose actions reflect, make conscious and give expression to the subconscious preparedness of society. (Garry Jacobs)

-thanks to Saraswathi

TO BE TITLED

The greatest Act of the Individual is to do something great for Society.

LEADERSHIP IN SOCIETY



TO BE TITLED

Society supports the development of individual leaders who in turn support the development of society. The individual and the collective represent complementary rather than contradictory elements. (Garry Jacobs)



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IMPLEMENTING SDGS (SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS) OF THE UNITED NATIONS

The UN is a great institution with many accomplishments and also many failures. One of its recent accomplishments is the formulation of SDGs that define the collective goals of humanity to be achieved in the coming future.

The question is, how are these goals to be implemented?

Another question arises also as to who will achieve these goals.

So far, great leaders have emerged to achieve great accomplishments. But currently no such great leader is on the scene.

Is it possible for a movement to replace the need for a leader? Can a movement be inspired by the emergence of an idea?

(Ashok Natarajan for Cadmus Journal)



EVOLVING LEADERSHIP IN SOCIETY

As society evolves in consciousness, the character of its leadership evolves as well.

The physical stage of human development is characterized by the rule of physical strength and directed by military leaders with the capacity to mobilize and exercise physical force through violence.

In the vital-social stage, leadership shifts to the authority of custom and law backed by a wealthy aristocratic elite which exercises power by virtue of its dominant position in the social hierarchy.

The emergence of mentality makes possible a more equitable distribution of power to the masses and a transition to governance by laws and institutions based on principles of justice, ideas and universal values.

Read the article "The Leadership the World Needs" by ASHOK NATARAJAN

<http://cadmusjournal.org/.../.../issue-5/leadership-world-needs...>

GLOBAL LEADERSHIP IN THE 21ST CENTURY

The world today possesses unprecedented opportunities and capabilities to promote global human welfare and well-being. But it is in urgent need

of leadership to tap the opportunities and address the multidimensional challenges confronting humanity today. These challenges are a reflection of the urgent need to project a unifying global vision, build international support and multi-stakeholder commitment, enhance institutional effectiveness, and mobilize global society for effective action. The optimistic consensus that fueled progress at the end of the Cold War has disappeared. The momentum for collective action has dissipated. The recent retreat from multilateralism, democracy, economic cooperation, regional integration, arms control, cooperative security and multiculturalism undermines global cooperation at a time when it is urgently needed to achieve the development objectives of Agenda 2030, address existential ecological challenges, and prevent a relapse into strident nationalism and the Cold War competitive security.

The world is desperately in need of leadership at this critical juncture. Although leadership has most commonly taken the form of great personalities in the past, it is no longer limited to individuals. Leadership is a way of acting. It is a living social process that encompasses the whole society in which and on which it acts. It may be initiated by idealistic individuals or innovative organizations, but ultimately it has to percolate down to influence the actions of many others in order to generate results. Outstanding individual leaders and the aspiring social collective are complementary forces. The essence of leadership is an inspiring vision of the future. That vision usually encompasses higher values, insightful ideas and growing awareness of untapped opportunities. It is fueled by the rising aspirations of the population transformed into intense social energies released into action. The results it achieves depend on the intensity of society's aspiration for accomplishment, the organization of the ideas and knowledge on which it is based, the clarity of the goals and plans, and the effectiveness of the institutional mechanisms through which it is implemented. Individuals can play a key leadership role in all stages of this process.

The process of leadership transcends the action of one or a few individuals. It includes generating awareness of unutilized social potentials, projecting higher organizational ideas, mobilizing the available

global social energies and resources for practical application, strengthening the effectiveness of existing institutions of governance, and releasing a broad-based social movement to transform the compelling challenges confronting humanity today into catalysts for rapid global social evolution.

(Garry Jacobs and others, for Cadmus Journal)

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GLOBAL LEADERSHIP IN THE 21ST CENTURY

(initiative launched by Garry Jacobs, World Academy, and UN)

Press Release Geneva 8 November, 2019

Renewed commitment, initiative and momentum are urgently needed to address the existential, evolutionary, ecological challenges confronting humanity today. Leadership is needed at all levels in all fields. It must be inspired by higher values, visionary ideas, and awareness of untapped opportunities. It has to be energized by courageous individuals, innovative organizations and the rising aspirations of global society.

With these words, Garry Jacobs, CEO of the World Academy of Art & Science, launched an ad hoc joint UN-WAAS initiative in an address to representatives of UN member states, international organizations and civil society at the UN Palais des Nations in Geneva, today. The initiative will culminate with a summit in Geneva on October 27-28, 2020 on the occasion marking the 75th Anniversary of the UN, followed by a report with practical recommendations and an educational and media outreach program.

This initiative is a multi-stakeholder, multi-sectoral project highlighting innovative strategies and effective principles to accelerate the emergence of dynamic global leadership for successful implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The project will involve consultations with UN agencies and member states, leading business and financial experts, international scientific and technology organizations, educational institutions, international civil society and youth organizations.

The world possesses all the resources and capacities needed to effectively address global challenges. **Leadership, as phrased by Jacobs, is needed to generate awareness of this unutilized global potential.** The SDGs represent universal values and practical goals for all nations to strive for, but they are only one essential aspect of effective leadership. **Strategies are required** to mobilize, engage and align the efforts of different stakeholders, sectors and levels of the global community, to coordinate and integrate policies and actions across national and disciplinary boundaries, to generate global public awareness, realize and mobilize the energies of global society, and channel them to forge a powerful movement for rapid social transformation.

At the UN briefings today, Jacobs elicited participants' views on critical leadership questions designed to generate insights from past success stories, innovative initiatives, perceived global challenges and unperceived opportunities. The research and consultation phase of the project will include focus on issues related to governance, security, ecology, economy, education, science and technology.

World Academy of Art & Science: WAAS is a non-governmental organization founded in 1960 by eminent intellectuals from around the world to develop new perspectives and innovative approaches to meet the global challenges confronting humanity. It is incorporated in California and has special consultative status with UN ECOSOC. The Academy has over 750 Fellows elected for distinction in their fields of work combined with distinguished service addressing global social challenges from a multi-disciplinary, integrated, value-based perspective. In 2013, WAAS and UNOG co-organized a major international conference in Geneva which laid the foundation for the leadership project.



WHAT THE UNITED NATIONS BREAKTHROUGH CONCEPTION - "SDG" - IS

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) are a collection of 17 global goals designed to be a "blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all". The SDGs, set in 2015 by the United Nations General Assembly and intended to be achieved by the year 2030, are part of UN Resolution 70/1, the 2030 Agenda.

The Sustainable Development Goals are:

- No Poverty
- Zero Hunger
- Good Health and Well-being

- Quality Education
- Gender Equality
- Clean Water and Sanitation
- Affordable and Clean Energy
- Decent Work and Economic Growth
- Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure
- Reducing Inequality
- Sustainable Cities and Communities
- Responsible Consumption and Production
- Climate Action
- Life Below Water
- Life On Land
- Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions
- Partnerships for the Goals

Wikipedia:

https://en.m.wikipedia.org/.../Sustainable_Development_Goals



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The UN - WAAS initiative consists of a multi-stakeholder, multi-sectoral project highlighting innovative strategies and effective principles to accelerate the emergence of dynamic leadership for successful implementation of the **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)**. The project involves consultations with UN organizations, member states, business, scientific research and educational institutions, the arts, civil society and youth organizations. A two-day conference will be held at the UN in Geneva on October 27-28, 2020 followed by a report to the UN on educational and outreach strategies.

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GLOBAL LEADERSHIP IN THE 21ST CENTURY:

Strategies for Transformative Global Leadership

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Humanity is presently facing a nexus of challenges of unparalleled scope, magnitude and complexity. COVID-19 is only the most visible and immediately impactful challenge, posing severe threats to the health, wellbeing, livelihoods and economic security of untold millions around the world.

The urgency of this crisis has nearly eclipsed attention to other immanent threats to human security -- global warming, war, financial instability, economic insecurity, rising inequality, revival of the arms race, the retreat from democracy, uncontrolled migration, disruptive emerging technologies, declining confidence in science and public institutions, populism, and polarization of society.

The unparalleled series of asymmetric shocks they impose can only be effectively addressed by concerted, coordinated multilateral action by

and on behalf of all nations in the world community and our international agencies for global governance. New ideas and strategies are urgently needed to reverse reactionary trends and direct global society toward a new paradigm in human development. The time has come to come together to create the essential global leadership needed for the 21st century.

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SOCIETY IS A LIVING ORGANIZATION

Society is a LIVING organisation, not a mere functioning entity. With each part born, the society becomes alive, and at once each part of the society endeavours to relate with that new part with a view to integrating with it. (MSS)



Internet's Accelerating Information and Human Progress

Internet is liberating us by providing ever-accelerating, infinite-like amounts of information; bringing all problems of the world into the bright light of day. Thus nothing and no one can be ignored. This will help further human progress, evolution as limitations in society are made that much clearer so they can more readily be addressed and eventually solved.

RISING EXPECTATIONS



TO BE TITLED

No matter where the world wanders in these dark trumpian, pseudo populist, dictatorial, oligarchic times, it must deal with the vast inequality, low wage, massive poverty, et al. in society. The Peoples of the world will demand it, as “Rising Expectations” continue to accelerate.



GREAT IRONY OF "REVOLUTION OF RISING EXPECTATIONS"

The better life is in the world, the more expectation people have for an even better life in the future.

I.e. people are more psychologically distraught the more their condition improves, as they now see a greater gap to meet that expectation. Their aspirations and expectations are rising faster than their ability to accomplish them.

In other words, it is not that things are worse - they are actually better than in the past - but our perception is that it is worse because we are more sensitized, focused on it; more conscious of it being a negative thing, whereas before we didn't care.

It's one of the ironies of this current "Revolution of Rising Expectations".

GOVERNANCE

Governance



WORLD GOVERNANCE, PARLIAMENT

World Governance of various sorts, including World Parliament with teeth for action, is key to the future for all problems of all nations.

TO BE TITLED



Here Garry indicates that for there to be Global Governance there needs to be empowerment of the people, the individual in society, not just a confluence of governments.

<https://youtu.be/YS-JUcVA74Y>

Here Garry discusses the current Factors that come into play - institutions, systems, values, culture, the individual, etc. - when discussing the possibility of Global Governance

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h0sz9LMAIQ4&list=PLs1k1_9qaDMzIRiTxJOMjyWvX2S1CiqSw&index=2?#t=14m32s

TO BE TITLED

We are now in nation-states and the next step may be a global state or global governance. However, there is great resistance to this move. (Ashok Natarajan)



WORLD GOVERNANCE BEYOND NATIONALISM TO SOLVE NATIONS' PROBLEMS

Out of economic desperation nations are turning to extreme forms of nationalism and populism, focusing on their own nation, ignoring others, instead of working together to solve problems, or better yet uniting to solve economic and other issues collectively under new forms of world governance.

The fact is these problems cannot be solved by any one government; and attempts to do so will only dig the hole deeper. The time of Harmonic action is here. World Governance's time has come.



ROUNDTABLE ON GLOBAL GOVERNANCE: CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES.

(The problems facing individual nations are too vast to be solved by themselves. Increasingly it appears that only global solutions through Global Governance can tackle the enormity of these issues. What then is the feasibility of such an approach? Join this important conference to discuss!)



GLOBAL GOVERNANCE: CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES A ROUNDTABLE & PLANNING WORKSHOP

Inter-University Centre, Dubrovnik – November 22-24, 2018

The world we live in presents challenges and opportunities beyond the capacity of even the strongest, most developed nations or group of nations to effectively address without working in concert with the rest of humanity. Peace and security, climate and environmental management, immigration and population, trade and investment, technological development and employment, tax evasion and money-laundering, drug traffic and terrorism compel us to seek global solutions backed by institutions with the capacity and authority to conceive, implement and enforce them. None of these issues can be effectively addressed at the level of individual nation states pursuing their own self-interest in competition or conflict with that of other nations or by bilateral agreements or regional groups of nations. All necessitate increasing and unprecedented levels of cooperation and collaboration by the global community as a whole.

We live in an increasingly globalized world, yet our instruments of governance remain anchored in antiquated, flawed and largely ineffective national level institutions guided by narrow perspectives,

misguided priorities, competitive strategies and mutually exclusive objectives. Global governance remains an artificial appendage or after-thought forged by the compulsions of necessity rather than consciously conceived and designed as an integral and essential component of a comprehensive and effective system for human self-governance.

Humanity and its institutions have, no doubt, evolved dramatically from the time a few centuries ago when international relations were decided by the whims of monarchs and ambitions of colonial empires, enforced by the exercise or threat of violence, enshrined in bilateral treaties and alliances, modified to suit the apparent advantages of the moment, and founded on principles of self-interest and balance of power.

Today the world is governed by myriad institutions at innumerable levels, including international governmental institutions, charters, conventions, treaties, rules of law, committees, systems, multinational and national corporations, non-governmental organizations and associations relating to peace, security, justice, trade, economy, finance, transport, communication, education, science, technology, culture, religion, entertainment and other fields.

In spite of this multiplication of pathways and instruments for governance, the rapid evolution of global society continues to outpace the development of institutions to guide, monitor and manage the increasing range and magnitude of the opportunities and challenges that arise. The growing gap between the needs of humanity and its prevailing system of institutions severely retards our collective progress and threatens to undermine the foundations of peace, security, freedom and stability on which the gains of the post-World War II and post-Cold War world have been achieved.

This three-day roundtable cum PG course will explore the recent challenges and opposition to the continued evolution of global governance to identify the key drivers of global social evolution, critical obstacles and impediments, the most desirable goals and effective strategies to further progress toward their realization. It will build on insights derived during the Dubrovnik Roundtable on the Future of

Democracy (April 2018) and the Paris Colloquium on the role of international organizations in global economic governance (May 2018). It will seek to draw insights from multiple fields—economy, politics, law, human rights, civil society, media, education, science, technology, psychology and culture—and explore the interdependences between them.

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FROM NATION STATE TO WORLD STATE

Creation of global government is a further step in social transformation.

Social existence began at the physical level and only much later moved to the mental level.

At some stage the concept of society emerged, a landmark in human thought.

When people realized the importance of others for their own security, they formed social groupings instead of attempting to destroy others.

As a first result, people began to live in collective settlements. Farming that provided food for the whole society became possible with the beginning of sedentary collective life. People lost their antagonism towards others who lived in the same settlement and reserved their hostility for those outside the community.

What began as the local community later evolved into the present day Nation-State. Competition between communities evolved into competition between nations.

The next evolutionary step is for the nation-state to evolve into the future world state, in which there will be no 'other' who is perceived as a foreign threat. (Ashok Natarajan)

TO BE TITLED

The emergence of global government is an inevitable development in the course of social transformation.
(Ashok Natarajan)



(submitted today to the New York Times)

WORLD GOVERNANCE, WORLD PARLIAMENT

World Governance, including a World Parliament, has become an absolute necessity in order to have a viable, sustainable society; to deal with threats that individual nations cannot even begin to solve.

The anti-Globalist movement (anti UN, EU, et al) have run rampant the last five years, endangering the world. A global society with global governance through a parliament like system (in tandem with local governance) is the only way to comprehensively move forward. It will have the teeth to establish laws, develop a vision of the future, set goals and strategies for improvement. It's time has come.

Just as the city state moved to the nation state so there is a further evolution to World Governance. It is a natural progression, not some evil as the reactionary forces in society will have you believe. It can be Human-Centered, not money-centered; caring deeply for the needs and aspirations of the people it represents.

(Roy Posner)

TO BE TITLED

Advocating a World Army, World Parliament, World Governance; with Dynamic, Creative Ideas to support it Percolating Up from Below.

Democracy



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democratic institutions. Recent events raise fundamental questions regarding the institutions of governance and also about the underlying social, psychological, cultural and evolutionary processes that determine how these institutions function.

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The meeting will consist of facilitated discussions centering on 10 major groups of issues plus an introductory session and a final discussion to frame conclusions and next steps. The format will be highly interactive: short presentations combined with open discussion. Each session will be introduced by a moderator making brief opening remarks and posing fundamental questions to be explored during the session. The remainder of each session is reserved for moderated discussion among all participants. The program is open to participants from all disciplines and occupations. The conclusions of this session will be drawn upon to identify key issues for systematic examination in future programs of WAAS and WUC.

(World Academy of Arts and Science, and World University Consortium)



"DEMOCRACY UNDER SIEGE & NEW, ALTERNATE FORMS OF IT"
(a roundtable discussion hosted by World Academy, Mother's Service Society, and others. From Dubrovnik, Croatia. Participate in the dialogue!)

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Its not enough to restore democracies where there are now recent autocracies and similar, but to establish more Egalitarian democracies where NO ONE is left behind.



FAILURE OF THE SYSTEM

People think this entire era is about Trump and how he represents the negative, and we have simply to do away with him and all will be all right.

But that is only the tip of the Iceberg. The entire Laissez-faire capitalist systems has failed the masses, including the effect of unfettered globalism, automation, wealth inequality, financial impropriety; and thus democracy itself is being challenged because of its inability to solve these underlying problems.

Until we get to these issues, Trumps will appear in new forms, and other disturbances will appear unprecedented in the world's history.



1 NATION VETO POWER IN UN

The UN is undemocratic not only because of the deference and special privileges afforded to the original security council founding members, but also because of the absurd 1-nation Veto power.

Imagine if in your country one single representative in a 221-1 vote could block an initiative. It is absurd possibility, but that is precisely what the UN has. Let's make the UN more democratic by ending the Veto Power.

Pluralism and Populism



POPULISM AND PLURALISM

One of the greatest threats to democracy today issues from the resurgence of populism. Populism is a social-psychological phenomenon that undermines the pluralism on which democracy depends. The right of the people to struggle against entrenched powers and privileged elites was once regarded as a sign of democratic vibrancy. Today populist appeals are being applied as a divisive force to generate confusion, prevent intelligent debate, fuel disharmony, polarize heterogeneous populations, weaken social cohesion, obscure a shared vision and undermine the sense of unity and common identity on which nation-states are founded.

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A culture of free inquiry, questioning and critical thinking is central to democracy and the wider distribution of social power. Trust in democratic leadership and institutions is founded on that freedom. Effective human relationships are associated with the promotion of the human and professional, scientific, artistic and spiritual potentialities. Populism undermines the trust generated by constructive human relations and tends to replace these qualities with simplistic slogans, cloistered virtues, empty platitudes, suspicion and incriminations.^{3,4} These divisive trends are further aggravated and intensified by the conscious falsification of electoral promises by populist candidates and the misrepresentation of facts by biased mainstream media outlets and

surrogate purveyors of fake news. They constitute as much a violation of the principles of free speech as efforts of central authorities to suppress public expression.

Rising expectations are a powerful instrument for social development. They release the energy of the population for new endeavors and higher forms of accomplishment. But in times when social expectations rise far faster and higher than the opportunities to fulfill them, they can result in increasing levels of frustration, discontent and disillusionment that readily respond to populist appeals. So too, rising levels of uncertainty and insecurity regarding the future increase the appeal and susceptibility of populist slogans and remedies. Resentment toward the privileges of entrenched elites, hostility toward identifiable groups as scapegoats, groundless accusations and conspiracy theories find a receptive and responsive audience. Assigning blame to others for the people's failures or sufferings has been the path to leadership followed by many a demagogue.

The accelerating speed of change, increasing complexity and growing uncertainty regarding the future in recent times present fertile soil for populism to seed and sprout luxuriant but pernicious weeds of discontent. The dramatic changes since 1990 referred to earlier have added fuel to populist tendencies. The anticipated impact of the 4th industrial revolution on employment and job security has aggravated fears of unemployment and a future without sufficient work opportunities for the next generation of youth everywhere. The shift of entire industries overseas, the change to new energy sources, the suffering generated by the 2008 financial crisis, the shift of economic power to Asia, concern regarding a military resurgent Russia and more assertive China, reports of rising inequality and the increasingly global competition and the flood of immigrants entering Europe from the Levant have all become additional fuel for a pernicious form of populism.

Populism exists in every democracy in the form of fringe movements led by those who are excluded, disillusioned or opposed to the established order. But so long as mainstream society remains wedded to a central vision, its impact will remain minimal or can prepare the ground for constructive future developments, as the anti-establishment youth protests of the 1960s in support of the environmental movement,

women's liberation and equal rights for African-Americans paved the way for mainstream evolutionary changes in subsequent decades. But populism can also become a tool wielded by seasoned politicians to undermine pluralism. Here the objective is not social progress but rather opposition to it by entrenched interests. Like the Fascist appeal of anti-Semitism in pre-war Germany, the gun lobby in the USA and anti-immigrant fervor in Europe are efforts intended to divide the population in order to carve out a section of adherents for political support, based on spurious or self-interested motives opposed to the welfare of the nation and the well-being of the entire population. The turmoil and confusion resulting from such movements dissolve the bonds of inclusiveness, tolerance, cooperation and shared vision on which societies depend for their integrity and future development.

There are no sure short-term remedies to the threat of populism. The control of the media by authoritarian governments, the take-over of the press by oligarchs, infiltration of social networks by disruptive foreign influences, and conscious misuse of media as an instrument for falsification by political parties cannot be easily remedied, as long as the public is willing to be misled. Imposition of stricter regulation of electoral campaigns can moderate the tendency toward extremism. It is ironic that American law strictly prohibits and punishes perjury under oath in the courtroom, while permitting candidates for the highest political offices in the country to make wild accusations and false promises without any accountability under law. Laws regarding election conduct exist, but are rarely enforced. The right to free speech becomes a shield that undermines the very power of free speech by obfuscating truth with an impenetrable barrier of conscious falsehood and confusion. Rising levels of general education can shield the more educated from susceptibility to its more extreme forms. But recent events in Europe and North America show that education alone or in its present form may not offer sufficient protection.

The only assured protection against populism is neither unlimited free speech, rigorous enforcement of electoral conduct nor universal education. Resistance and immunity to populism in democracy can only be achieved by building truly inclusive and equitable societies in which rights and social power are extended universally. Without addressing the

underlying causes of populism—economic insecurity and social inequality—populist calls will always find both powerful sponsors and willing audience.

(Garry Jacobs and others, for Cadmus Journal)



PLIGHT OF WORKERS AND FALSE POPULISM (2018)

Subconscious fear of losing out to automation, globalism, skills gap, and wealth disparity are causing people around the world to take to false populism. Fresh, new, coherent replacements, including global solutions, have yet to clearly emerge.



SUCCESS, FAILURE OF GLOBALISM

Globalism has been a great success in that it has raised 1 billion people out of poverty (including China and India). On the other hand, Globalism has also been a great failure as it has left many behind, without right jobs and skills, accelerating wealth inequality, and al.

RELATIONS AMONG SOCIAL ENTITIES

World Unity



TO BE TITLED

Great powers pulling apart, in psychological conflict of purpose - namely US, Russia, EU, China, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Korea, et al - indicate World Unity, now unseen, lurks just around the corner. From within and without, forces of Higher Consciousness can help make that happen.

TO BE TITLED

The world awaits a global movement of unity based on an inspiring idea or a cluster of ideas. (Ashok Natarajan)

TO BE TITLED

The European Union serves as the first critical model for future Human Unity.



OVERCOMING GLOBAL PROBLEMS AND HUMAN UNITY

The efforts to secure global economic well-being, control nuclear proliferation, and overcome the perils of the environment serve as forces heralding the next stage of Human Unity.



NATIONS WORKING TOGETHER

90% of the problems of the world can be solved collectively; by working together. But Man insists on solving things locally, alone; in isolation. It cannot be solved that way as the individual problems are too big for any country to resolve, as the issues span many if not all nations. The evolution of the world requires this decisive step of global cooperation and collaboration.

For this to happen, each nation needs to give up its Ego to begin the cooperative process. Sri Aurobindo says all problems in life are problems of harmony (not of resources, or capacity, and the like). Harmony between the nations to work collectively to solve all of the political, economic, and social problems is the great global step that awaits us in the evolution of humanity.

TO BE TITLED

As society becomes more Global, there is more of a gentle push for individual nations to overcome their shortcomings.



GLOBALIZATION AND HUMAN UNITY

Globalization is now in the realm of trade. It can move down into politics and perfect it. It can move up into the realm of culture, and even beyond that onto the peaks of psychological and spiritual integration. Human Unity is the end result.



NEW GLOBAL SOCIETY

We need a single global currency moderated by a global Fed overseen by global governance (eg parliament) collectively solving (through legislation) the problems of the world.

Go it alone philosophy for nations is coming to an end.

New global motto can be "Unity in Diversity." I.e. Respect for individual nations, while governing them collectively. A "United States of the world."

Harmony

INDIVIDUALITY AND COOPERATION IN EAST AND WEST

In Asia one problem is lack of Individuality, as people tend to follow the herd, whereas in the West, especially USA, there is greater sense of individuality, which has made the country dynamic and prosperous. And yet the West (especially USA) needs to become more cooperative and harmonic to solve its pressing problems (like wealth inequality, stagnant wages, and poor jobs), just as Asia needs to bring out the individuality of its people.



TO BE TITLED

Only the cooperation and collaboration of nations can save the world of its problems.



OVERCOMING SEPARATIVE EGO OF NATIONS

When nations pull in their own individual direction, disaster looms: such as WWI and WWII; the 2008 financial crisis where there were no international speculation regulations; and so on.

Like the Ego of men, so too is there an Ego of nations. Let them come out of it, and all major problems in the world will be resolved through collaboration and harmonic purpose.

SOCIETY & HIGHER HARMONY

Society wants to maintain the current level of Harmony, shunning Aspirations for Higher Values, including the Spirit, which in turn creates disharmony, that then needs to be reconciled into a Higher Harmony still.

POLITICAL

Capitalism



NEOCAPITALISM'S DESTRUCTIVE TENDENCIES THAT WORK FOR THE FEW, NOT THE WHOLE OF SOCIETY

So long as democratic capitalism was confronted with competition from the economic security promised by communism, it was subject to self-imposed constraints to prevent excessive discontent among lower levels of society and intellectuals who favor social justice over acquisitive self-indulgence.

Now that the competition has vanished, neoliberal ideologues have revived capitalism's destructive tendency to affirm the claim of the most talented and dynamic of its members to the full and sole benefits of labor. In reality individual accomplishment is always the result of the cumulative achievements of the society as a whole. (Garry Jacobs)



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ON SOCIALISM'S VAST, QUIET INFILTRATION OF CAPITALISM, ET AL

- Socialism has succeeded abundantly all over the world of capitalism.
- Socialism succeeded all over the world clandestinely though capitalism.
- Socialism thrives under official capitalism.
- Capitalism was compelled to work for socialism more successfully than USSR by a process no one ever contemplated as Silent Will.
- Socialism is a laudable goal for the society and it still remains so.
- Socialism in the sense of welfare to the masses has become an abundant political fact all over the world.
- The right distribution of profits will eventually lead to a kind of socialism.
- Abolition of monarchy is the dissolution of ego – Democracy. Overcoming Nature and ushering in divine nature is socialism.
- Democracy, Socialism, Individuality and Spirituality will rule the future.
- England, Germany and Russia were given the duty of winding up the consequences of Napoleon's rule. All of them opposed socialism. USA took it up. Socialism of Marx is more fully accepted by USA.
- Soviet Russia sponsored State Socialism and ended up as a police state.

--Russia that took up Marx's socialism resorted to violence.
(Karmayogi)



LAISSEZ-FAIRE CAPITALISM VS HUMAN-CENTERED SOCIALISM

The great “battle” of the next generation may very well be between forces that want to hold onto laissez-faire capitalism, which is failing the world, except the rich and super-rich, and the forces that want to bring about a human-centered economics, that is something like socialism, but goes beyond.



'CONSCIOUS CAPITALISM': Redirecting Investment from Speculation to Job-Creation

The movement to promote sustainable and ethical investments is already attracting large numbers of wealthy investors managing hundreds of billions of dollars.

WAAS is collaborating with the United Nations Office for Partnerships in New York to attract serious players to this movement and educate the public regarding its immense potential for **reorienting global financial**

markets from speculation to job-creating investments in the real economy.

Redirecting investments from speculative to productive investments on a global scale will be difficult. A first viable and powerful step to mobilize the support of those who are already convinced of the need for radical change to lend the full social power they possess for change.

Alongside these, there are initiatives such as the one proposed by WAAS Trustee Stefan Brunnhuber to create a special cryptocurrency specifically designed for investments in the SDGs.

(Garry Jacobs for Cadmus Journal)

TO BE TITLED

The demand for economic and social Equality in the world indicates the reign of Capitalism is coming to an end.

Socialism

TO BE TITLED

Karmayogi indicates that the whole world is moving toward socialism; but of a new type (not the old style centralization where everyone works for the government) with the individual human at the center of life; not money.



ACCELERATING SOCIALISTIC-LIKE BENEFITS

Increasingly the people of the world are demanding social, i.e. socialistic-like benefits, both from the private and public sectors; and among all classes. In fact, the momentum is accelerating.

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promoting stable inclusive societies, human welfare and well-being; the continued struggle over the distribution of power, rights and benefits in modern societies; the challenges posed by globalization, immigration, technological advances, money power, social media and resurgent nationalism; available policies and proven mechanisms to enhance their effectiveness and reinforce underlying democratic principles; and evolutionary alternatives that might gradually supplant the forms of democracy prevalent today.

The meeting will consist of facilitated discussions centering on 10 major groups of issues plus an introductory session and a final discussion to frame conclusions and next steps. The format will be highly interactive: short presentations combined with open discussion. Each session will be introduced by a moderator making brief opening remarks and posing fundamental questions to be explored during the session. The remainder of each session is reserved for moderated discussion among all participants. The program is open to participants from all disciplines and occupations. The conclusions of this session will be drawn upon to identify key issues for systematic examination in future programs of WAAS and WUC.

(World Academy of Arts and Science, and World University Consortium)



FROM STRONGMEN/DICTATORS TO A NEW WAY OF LIVING

Rise of strongmen, dictators around the world, with their extreme measures, is a sign that people want change, to uplift their lives, but that rational leaders are so far unable to bring about this change.

In fact, the strongmen/dictators only exacerbate the problems, compelling the reasonable leaders to come up with new, creative strategies that can solve society's increasingly pressing problems.

A new Human-entered economics, -- with the Individual at the center of life, instead of money, as advocated by WAAS, MSS, and others -- gives the complete solution, enabling a new, more equal, harmonious, and spiritually supported way of living to emerge.

Let us see how this social and economic change unfolds in the world.

CURRENT AFFAIRS



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REGIONS, NATIONS

World Academy



GLOBAL GOVERNANCE: CHALLENGES & OPPORTUNITIES A ROUNDTABLE & PLANNING WORKSHOP

Inter-University Centre, Dubrovnik – November 22-24, 2018

The world we live in presents challenges and opportunities beyond the capacity of even the strongest, most developed nations or group of nations to effectively address without working in concert with the rest of humanity. Peace and security, climate and environmental management, immigration and population, trade and investment, technological development and employment, tax evasion and money-laundering, drug traffic and terrorism compel us to seek global solutions backed by institutions with the capacity and authority to conceive, implement and enforce them. None of these issues can be effectively addressed at the level of individual nation states pursuing their own self-interest in competition or conflict with that of other nations or by bilateral agreements or regional groups of nations. All necessitate increasing and unprecedented levels of cooperation and collaboration by the global community as a whole.

We live in an increasingly globalized world, yet our instruments of governance remain anchored in antiquated, flawed and largely ineffective national level institutions guided by narrow perspectives, misguided priorities, competitive strategies and mutually exclusive objectives. Global governance remains an artificial appendage or after-thought forged by the compulsions of necessity rather than consciously

conceived and designed as an integral and essential component of a comprehensive and effective system for human self-governance.

Humanity and its institutions have, no doubt, evolved dramatically from the time a few centuries ago when international relations were decided by the whims of monarchs and ambitions of colonial empires, enforced by the exercise or threat of violence, enshrined in bilateral treaties and alliances, modified to suit the apparent advantages of the moment, and founded on principles of self-interest and balance of power.

Today the world is governed by myriad institutions at innumerable levels, including international governmental institutions, charters, conventions, treaties, rules of law, committees, systems, multinational and national corporations, non-governmental organizations and associations relating to peace, security, justice, trade, economy, finance, transport, communication, education, science, technology, culture, religion, entertainment and other fields.

In spite of this multiplication of pathways and instruments for governance, the rapid evolution of global society continues to outpace the development of institutions to guide, monitor and manage the increasing range and magnitude of the opportunities and challenges that arise. The growing gap between the needs of humanity and its prevailing system of institutions severely retards our collective progress and threatens to undermine the foundations of peace, security, freedom and stability on which the gains of the post-World War II and post-Cold War world have been achieved.

This three-day roundtable cum PG course will explore the recent challenges and opposition to the continued evolution of global governance to identify the key drivers of global social evolution, critical obstacles and impediments, the most desirable goals and effective strategies to further progress toward their realization. It will build on insights derived during the Dubrovnik Roundtable on the Future of Democracy (April 2018) and the Paris Colloquium on the role of international organizations in global economic governance (May 2018). It will seek to draw insights from multiple fields—economy, politics, law,

human rights, civil society, media, education, science, technology, psychology and culture—and explore the interdependences between them.

<http://www.worldacademy.org/.../iuc-nov-2018/global-governance>

EU

TO BE TITLED

The European Union serves as the first critical model for future Human Unity.

TO BE TITLED

Democracy - like EU - tends to elicit no internal wars; i.e. there is endless Peace. Autocracy, the opposite.

East West



GREAT COMPLEMENTARY VALUES OF EAST AND WEST

We can now see more clearly the highest achievements of both sides of the world. They reveal distinct but complementary approaches to reality—one mental, the other vital-social; one emphasizing the ultimate value of the individual, the other the sacred value of the social collective; one founded on individual uniqueness, the other on social unity.

In the Western World, mind was liberated from the dominance of social culture and the past and came to place increasing emphasis on fullest freedom for the maximum development of the individual.

In the Eastern World, mind was subordinated to the wider social goal of collective harmony, integration and continuity with the past.

The West made freedom the ultimate value and perceived the society as the context and field for individual development and achievement.

The East based itself on the value of social harmony and continuity based on a consciousness of the immense contribution of the collective to individual achievement.

(N. Asokan, MSS)

Intellectuality Fails as Partial Knowledge

A mental culture [as in the West] prides itself on its intellectuality. That capacity helps to liberate mind from the limitations of superficial sense impressions. The achievements of the last few centuries have been primarily those of the intellect. But when any truth or power is followed in the extreme, it inevitably turns into its very opposite. Intellectual knowledge is always based on a set of explicit or implicit assumptions. There are always issues that fall outside the pale of assumptions. Often

the limitation of initial premises is forgotten and a partial truth is applied outside its field of validity. The extreme doctrines of state communism and neoliberalism are examples of the excessive application of partial truths as if they were universally valid. (N. Asokan, MSS)

Failure of Eastern Tradition

Unlike the West, traditional Eastern cultures blindly subordinate ideas and experience to established wisdom, thereby reducing knowledge to superstitious beliefs. (paraphrase of N. Asokan, MSS)

Eg In India, the very vitality of its ancient social institutions became an obstacle to future progress. As elsewhere, intuitive wisdom became enshrined in doctrine. Living institutions ossified into rigidly fixed social structures such as the caste system in India, the feudal system of Europe and religious institutions in all countries. In the process, India lost her native vitality and creativity and became enslaved first to conventional tradition and later to foreign occupation. Any hope of regaining her past spiritual culture only became conceivable after India attained her independence. (N. Asokan, MSS)

Going Beyond the Worst and Best of East and West

The East has ossified traditions and superstitions, shuns individuality, yet reveres the harmony of the group, and is open to the Spirit; while the West overuses mentality that denies the Spirit, even as it promotes the new and the development of true individuality.

A balance of the positive of the two, while negating their negatives is what the World Energies seek. (Roy Posner)

Asia



SRI AUROBINDO'S MULTI-FACETED DREAM FOR HUMANITY

The great seer and sage Sri Aurobindo imagined five steps that would usher in the evolution and transformation of humanity, enabling what he called a Divine Life on earth.

The first was the emergence of Asia into prosperity and cultural influence. That has surely begun, especially in the past decade or so. Her influence upon the thought of the world is bound to grow by leaps and bounds in the years to come.

The second was the prosperity and emergence of India. That too is well under way. For until she attains economic wellbeing, she cannot ascend to her rightful role as the spiritual Guru of the world -- another of the five steps Sri Aurobindo dreamed of.

Another mighty step towards a spirit-base Divine life on earth is the emergence of Human Unity, which is presaged by world alliances, culminating in world governance. The European Union (EU) is perhaps the first step in that direction in that it creates an alliance and unity of closely aligned nations. In the EU, disparate cultures are aligned to create a single entity that unifies all of them. Even the states that make up the USA is not really such an alliance.

In the USA, the coming together of the individual states actually provided them with an identity, whereas in the EU the identify of each nation is nearly fully formed, and yet they are slowly willing to unify for a higher meaning and purpose.

Other such regional unifying alliances, along with a World Parliament and perhaps a world army would be further steps in the march towards the Unity of Nations and the Unity of the World.

There is also a spiritual component to Sri Aurobindo's vision. One is for India and one for the individuals of the earth. For India, she can

rediscover the great spiritual wisdom of the ancient Rishis -- perhaps the greatest spiritual knowledge and experience ever known to Man -- and apply it to the economic, social, and cultural life of her people. In that way, India can become a living experiment of the power of the spirit. If she succeeds, she can take her rightful place as the Guru of the World.

Finally, disparate individuals around the world can begin to come to know the spirit in their own individual lives; discovering it within in the depths of their being by opening to and surrendering to the descending Force above, and then applying it in the details of their lives.

In that process, such individuals will invariably transform all aspects of their being -- mental, psychological, vital/emotional, and physical -- and develop capacities to quickly attract good fortune from the world around. When a cadre of such new-type humans emerge in the world -- especially when they have made what Sri Aurobindo calls the ultimate "Supramental change," where the descending Force and Truth Consciousness has permeated and transformed all aspects of their being - - then they will create the fifth and final condition for a divine life on earth to come about.

The emergence of Asia, the prosperity of India, the movements towards World Unity, the spiritual emergence of India and Her ascent to become the Guru of the world, and the full blossoming of transformed spirit-oriented individuals are the intervening steps that can usher in a Divine Life on Earth and fulfill Sri Aurobindo's multi-faceted dream for humanity



INTEGRAL SOCIAL VALUES OF AVERAGE GLOBAL INDIAN

I am Communist without Violence,

I am Congress without Corruption,

I am BJP without Communalism

I am for a Human Centered Political Party

I am in Coalition with-

Humanity - Socialism - Democracy - Freedom - Harmony - Prosperity-
Sustainability - Entrepreneurship - Inclusiveness - Growth - Equality -
Divinity

I am in Opposition with-

Poverty- Illeteracy- Wars- Injustice- Pollution- Racism- Waterscarsity-
Terrorism- Joblessness- Slavery

-S S Sreejith., CEO, GIIMS.

An Average Global Indian

Nations



TO BE TITLED

Great powers pulling apart, in psychological conflict of purpose - namely US, Russia, EU, China, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Korea, et al - indicate World Unity, now unseen, lurks just around the corner. From within and without, forces of Higher Consciousness can help make that happen.



TO BE TITLED

Only the cooperation and collaboration of nations can save the world of its problems.

TO BE TITLED

The problems of the world can no longer be solved by individual nations, but only through deep, integral collaboration with all other nations.



TO BE TITLED

True Patriotism celebrates the Good we have in common, whereas Nationalism seeks to focus on our own needs, separating us from and marginalizing others. (Please watch this short, excellent video!)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o98qMWjXnkY&feature=share>

TO BE TITLED

The more the nations of the world pull apart, the more they will be compelled to come together.



THE CHOICE OF NATIONS

Working together, collaboratively, the nations of the world can solve its problems relatively easily. However, working apart, separately, ensnared in Ego, as is occurring now, the solutions will come slowly, painfully, and be filled with conflict. The choice is ours for the making.

TO BE TITLED

We are now in nation-states and the next step may be a global state or global governance. However, there is great resistance to this move. (Ashok Natarajan)



WORLD GOVERNANCE BEYOND NATIONALISM TO SOLVE NATIONS' PROBLEMS

Out of economic desperation nations are turning to extreme forms of nationalism and populism, focusing on their own nation, ignoring others, instead of working together to solve problems, or better yet uniting to solve economic and other issues collectively under new forms of world governance.

The fact is these problems cannot be solve by any one government; and attempts to do so will only did the hole deeper. The time of Harmonic action is here. World Governance's time has come.

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Sri Aurobindo says we have been progressing from city states to nation states and now on the cusp of Global structure and outlook.



PROBLEM-SOLVING THROUGH COLLABORATION AMIONG NATIONS

Increasingly individual nations will no longer be able to solve its own economic and social problems. It will require collective approaches, strategies, and actions among the countries of the world.



TOLERANCE OF ONE ANOTHER NATIONS' WAY FORWARD

The World's progress takes place differently in different places. After Independence, India took to Socialism in order to tightly control their destiny after British held them in a vise. It was understandable approach, guided by Nehru. However, it failed to produce prosperity, and eventually India took to more liberal capitalism in the 90s, which was a good thing.

China too had the dynamic of going from strict authoritarian communistic socialism to capitalism, though it does so through strong government, non-democratic influence. Thus, here and elsewhere the dynamic was from socialistic to capitalistic.

And yet on the other side of the coin are the limits and failures of laissez-faire capitalism, as seen in USA and elsewhere. Now that country, despite recent events, is headed increasingly toward socialistic-type tendencies in light of the fact that laissez-faire capitalism has led to globalism that does not embrace all and leaves many behind, has experienced extremely stagnant wages over the last 25 years, has seen severe accelerating wealth inequality, has accumulated phenomenal debts, where people one pay check away from being on the street (including the middle class), and engaged in financial shenanigans that left the whole world at the doorstep of economic catastrophe. The way forward dynamic for this group of countries is from capitalism towards socialistic forms in order to undo the excesses and sometimes brutality of capitalism; which is the very opposite of the India-China dynamic.

Thus, each country or groupings of countries have their own unique way forward, There is no fixed philosophy that is the absolute right or wrong way. This then should lead to an understanding that is Tolerant of other perspectives, that looks out at reality not just based on one's own

economic needs in one's own country, but to the means of success of other sides; which may in fact be the very opposite of one's own requirements.

Let us then all move forward and progress together; each in our own way. As the Indian motto so brilliantly points out we can aim for "Unity in Diversity". I.e. in this case, a wide diversity of means of moving forward from where one is to a higher state, which we embrace in one another, enabling Unity in the world.



NATIONS WORKING TOGETHER

90% of the problems of the world can be solved collectively; by working together. But Man insists on solving things locally, alone; in isolation. It cannot be solved that way as the individual problems are too big for any country to resolve, as the issues span many if not all nations. The evolution of the world requires this decisive step of global cooperation and collaboration.

For this to happen, each nation needs to give up its Ego to begin the cooperative process. Sri Aurobindo says all problems in life are problems of harmony (not of resources, or capacity, and the like). Harmony between the nations to work collectively to solve all of the political, economic, and social problems is the great global step that awaits us in the evolution of humanity.



OVERCOMING SEPARATIVE EGO OF NATIONS

When nations pull in their own individual direction, disaster looms: such as WWI and WWII; the 2008 financial crisis where there were no international speculation regulations; and so on.

Like the Ego of men, so too is there an Ego of nations. Let them come out of it, and all major problems in the world will be resolved through collaboration and harmonic purpose.



BEYOND THE MATERIAL TO THE INNER FOR WESTERN SOCIETY

Outer organization of the society that is perfect on the outside can fail if it does not equally develop inside, inwardly in consciousness. This is the problem of the West, particularly America, where the material society is exceptionally well organized for the most part, but where psychological and spiritual maturity is yet to occur.

Nationalism

TO BE TITLED

Nationalism, which is to pull in one's own direction exclusive of other nations, is doomed to fail. Only cooperation and harmony among nations will enable us to meet the great challenges we face in the world.



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GLOBALISTS VS GLOBALISM VS NATIONALISM

Globalists - those who seek to solve the problems of the world - whether economic, political, social, or cultural through the collaboration of all nations. It is increasingly the wave of the future.

Globalism - the interaction of national economies across the globe. Very effective model when it does not leave people behind; is fully inclusive. Such "Conscious globalism" is gradually emerging as the wave of the future.

Nationalism - National movements that seek to empower and seek solutions in one's own nation with little or no concern for other countries. Often leads to conflict, war, and inability to address international problems.

ECONOMIC

Financial Crisis



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Poverty



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No matter where the world wanders in these dark trumpian, pseudo populist, dictatorial, oligarchic times, it must deal with the vast inequality, low wage, massive poverty, et al. in society. The Peoples of the world will demand it, as “Rising Expectations” continue to accelerate.

Wealth Inequality



NEOCAPITALISM'S DESTRUCTIVE TENDENCIES THAT WORK FOR THE FEW, NOT THE WHOLE OF SOCIETY

So long as democratic capitalism was confronted with competition from the economic security promised by communism, it was subject to self-imposed constraints to prevent excessive discontent among lower levels of society and intellectuals who favor social justice over acquisitive self-indulgence.

Now that the competition has vanished, neoliberal ideologues have revived capitalism's destructive tendency to affirm the claim of the most talented and dynamic of its members to the full and sole benefits of labor. In reality individual accomplishment is always the result of the cumulative achievements of the society as a whole. (Garry Jacobs)



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WEALTH INEQUALITY INCREASING, DECREASING

Though income inequality and wealth distribution is accelerating among many nations, it is decreasing among the totality of people and nations, mainly due to the increasing movement out of poverty and toward prosperity of hundreds of millions of Chinese and Indians.



HEWI

The GDP (Gross Domestic Product) of a nation does not reflect the true economic and social health of society. Thus Garry Jacobs In collaboration with Ivo Šlaus, developed the Human Economic Welfare Index (HEWI), an alternative to GDP which incorporates several socioeconomic indices to indicate the quality of economic and social well-being..

<http://mssresearch.org/files/H1-HEWI-1%20Human%20Economic%20Welfare%20Index%20v1.doc>



GREEN NEW DEAL

The Green New Deal (GND) is a proposed economic stimulus program in the United States that aims to address both economic inequality and climate change. The name refers to the New Deal, a combination of social and economic reforms and public works projects undertaken by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in response to the Great Depression. Supporters of a Green New Deal advocate for a combination of Roosevelt's economic approach with modern ideas such as renewable energy and resource efficiency.

An early use of the term Green New Deal was by journalist Thomas L. Friedman. He argued in favor of the idea in two pieces that appeared in the New York Times and The New York Times Magazine. In January 2007, Friedman wrote:

If you have put a windmill in your yard or some solar panels on your roof, bless your heart. But we will only green the world when we change the very nature of the electricity grid -- moving it away from dirty coal or oil to clean coal and renewables. And that is a huge industrial project -- much bigger than anyone has told you. Finally, like the New Deal, if we undertake the green version, it has the potential to create a whole new clean power industry to spur our economy into the 21st century.

This approach was subsequently taken up by the Green New Deal Group, which published its eponymous report on July 21, 2008. The concept was further popularized and put on a wider footing when the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) began to promote it. On October 22, 2008 UNEP's Executive Director Achim Steiner unveiled the Global Green New Deal initiative that aims to create jobs in "green" industries, thus boosting the world economy and curbing climate change at the same time. (Wikipedia)



RICH AND POOR

Developing increasing universal consciousness would enable the poor to understand the conscious rich and the ways to become prosperous; and help the rich understand the issues of the poor and aid in their way out of their condition. It is the basis of an integral view of the way forward.

Corruption



ON CORRUPTION

--Corruption is what the leadership reaches to possess in a prosperous period after the society has become acquainted with civilised ways.

--Corruption is a phenomenon when the leadership refuses to part with its 'prerogative' to claim the lion's share within or outside it.

--Corruption spreads or grows only when the society subconsciously approves of it and even adores it as an opportune moment.

--Corruption is a way of life where as a nation there is little self respect.

--Corruption that is enjoyed by a society cannot be wiped out till that society outgrows it.

-Corruption as a way of life can be given up in favour of another way of life.

-- In the measure a nations wants to rid itself of it, it can be abolished or at least contained. (paraphrase)

--Corruption has no future in any nation as it is liable to break from inside.

--To tackle a Social Force like corruption one must follow it own path, try to contain it by other social forces like public conscience. (Karmayogi)

MONEY



SHEDDING DARK WALL STREET MENTALITY

Wall Street mentality of money making more money instead of money being used for the benefit of the human individual, demonstrates a physical, surface, egoistic-based consciousness now permeating society. It is something the world must grow out of. Otherwise, division and conflict will only expand in this ever-increasing era of "Rising Expectations" among the peoples of the world.



CRYPTOCURRENCIES & THE CHALLENGE OF GLOBAL GOVERNANCE (abstract)

The recent explosive development of new forms of digital currency opens up unprecedented opportunities and poses significant regulatory challenges. This new form of digital currency lowers the costs and other barriers to the global movement of money, international trade, foreign investment and speculation, while simultaneously enhancing the anonymity on which tax evasion, money-laundering and other illegal activities thrive.

It also liberates the creation of money and regulation of economic activities from the political control of national governments and central banks.

Since the value of a currency is related to the size of the population, strength of the economy and value of transactions that utilize it, a basket of cryptocurrencies could emerge as the first prototype of a world currency whose value is backed by the total productive capacity of the entire human community.

Moreover, the triad of Internet, distributed ledger technologies and cryptocurrencies could serve as the basis for the development of new global economic potentials in a manner similar and a degree far exceeding the economic impact of the World Wide Web over the past two decades.

At the same time, the rapid deployment of cryptocurrencies could have profound impact on the capacity of governments to tax transactions, income and wealth, one of the main pillars of the modern nation state.

The development of autonomous global cryptocurrencies could dramatically reduce the control and effectiveness of existing regulatory mechanisms at the national level and generate considerable pressure for the evolution of more effective institutions for global governance.

They could provide compelling incentives for national governments to enhance international cooperation and strengthen the functioning of international institutions to fill the regulatory void.

International organizations will play an important role in harnessing the potentials and minimizing the risks arising from the growing usage of cryptocurrencies.

Most of the research conducted by central banks on cryptocurrencies over the past four years has focused on risks and benefits as viewed from the perspective of national economies and national monetary systems. This paper explores the global prospects and potential implications of the widespread adoption of cryptocurrencies for cross-border transactions and the role of international institutions in their regulation and global fiscal governance.

(Garry Jacobs)

Here is the entire article:

<http://cadmusjournal.org/.../cryptocurrencies-challenge-globa...>



HIPPIES AND SILICON VALLEY WEALTH

Non-material, money-shunning hippies ushered Silicon Valley into becoming the biggest money making machine in history. It's the power of high Aspirational values, not tied to greedy money self-absorption and accumulation.

MONEY VS HUMAN-CENTERED ECONOMICS

In a Money-centered economy corporate profits and weaponry come first. In Human-centered economy Education comes first. We have a choice of which approach to embrace in future.



TO BE TITLED

The wealth of the earth must be used for the transformation of the earth. (Mother, from Agenda)



NATURE OF MONEY

Money is a Force; a universal Force.

It is a Social Force.

Money is a Divine Force.

It is a means of exchange.

That exchange is based on Trust.

Money has Value that is agreed upon, that is based on Trust.

Money has evolved in trust through many forms:

Money started as barter, developed into coin, advanced into currency, then to check, then to credit card, and now to pulse of electrons, light.

The more non-physical, subtle money becomes, the more Trust is taking place; and the greater the supply, up to infinity.

The more society grows, the more money supply grows. The greater the money supply, the more society grows, develops.

The more money circulates, the more it grows.

Hording money, stifles its expansion and society.

Money is self-multiplying as society's evolution is accelerating.

Infinite money supply is increasingly made possible.

Man is attached to money; a slave of it.

When more money becomes the end goal of money, not the elevation of society, money turns dark. Financial speculation at the heart of the economy is example. Greed and corruption are other examples.

One who truly understands the nature of Money, attracts it in abundance.

One who is not attached to money, but Aspires for it for others, brings it increasingly to the world.

Money and prosperity is a solid foundation of personal and spiritual growth.

Money can be infinite for the world; creating as much as it needs to support universal prosperity (for every individual person on earth), while helping solve its problems.

Money responds greatly to Aspiration, Consecration, Self-Givingness and other spiritual methods and values.

(Roy Posner)



LIFE AND MONEY'S POWER IN SOCIETY

Summary: A review of the nature and principles of Life, and how Money reflects them in Society.

THE NATURE OF, PRINCIPLES OF LIFE

Life is a universal Force.

Life is Conscious.

Life responds to our intention, our motives, our aspiration.

Life responds to Attention.

It vibrates Outside in relation to what vibrates Inside.

Life is mostly subconscious to us.

Life is here to fulfill a Divine Purpose; to manifest the Divine Intention.

The very existence of Life is to manifest the Delight of Existence. That is its evolutionary destiny.

In Life Strength attracts, determines the result.

Ego separates us from the Universal Life Force.

The Universal Force is great, is limitless, but it is limited by our sense of separation and division.

Life evolves by Consciousness, and Consciousness evolves by Organization.

Life evolves initially through conflict, struggle, competition, and as it evolves moves to compromise, reconciliation, to love to harmony and unity.

COMPARISONS BETWEEN LIFE AND MONEY

The nature and principles of Life also apply to Money.

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1. The first comparison is that Sri Aurobindo says that Life is a material, vital power.

Money is also a material force, a social force; a power.

Money is a specialized creation of the Life force, that gives Power to money.

Money is one small expression of the force of Life; expressing in human life alone.

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2. The second comparison is that Life build up material substance. It builds up and sustains physical forms. Money is also a force that build up forms.

Money creates a lot of other forms. Eg to create a factory, to assemble people to work, such as education, hospitals, to create banks, for trade, for markets, to support the arts, to run the army, to pay for our homes, to feed ourselves, etc.

Money helps groups of people. In that way **it supports the creation of Social forms.**

Money encourages us to produce more; to create additional social forms.

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3. Money is a representative of all the other powers of society as means of exchange.

Property is an invention of mind that causes us to have more possessions, and motivates us to create more in life.

Money begins as an agreement among us that enables us to trade things on a social basis.

Money is an invention so that we can better interact with one another in the world.

Money is a symbol so we can have this harmonic interaction among people for the purpose of trade and other forms of social interaction.

Money also encourages individuals to make more, as there is a means of exchange to support more. In other word, through money everyone gets the incentive to produce the maximum.

It also encourages attaining of more skill and knowledge, which enables him to produce more, at better quality, higher price. It also encourages better organization, to work harder, an incentive to relate to more and more people. etc.

All of this is the organization of Society. As the society organizes more, it becomes more productive. It expands in all directions.

Application of mind in life enables the development at each stage of history – from the forest to agriculture to modern urban life in all its forms.

All of this is the power of society; i.e. Social power.

Everything that has happened in society is due to rise in Consciousness through the awakening of Mind, with an aspiration for growth, perfection, and enjoyment.

Money acquires power because it represents, is a symbol of, all the other powers that enable accomplishment in life. [Key]

Money is the means one can exchange its power for another power in society (in business or for travel or a necessity, etc.).

Society converts something that has potential into something that has power.

Money represents all of the social powers, and all of the powers of consciousness. [Key]

Through Money power people are able to get the maximum out of things, not just at the subsistent level.

Society is growing fast, producing accelerated power. Money is a way of organizing that power. [Key]

The whole world is an organization of this power for global exchange, - Globalism - which is accelerating, becoming endless. Likewise the Internet is doing the same (with the knowledge and market of the whole world there). These are macro powers.

Money is a means of organizing these powers, is a symbol of exchange within these powers. [Key]

The power of Money comes from the society. The source of the power of money is the society. [Key]

Money makes the society more powerful, and the society becoming more powerful makes money more powerful.

The same powers of consciousness that made society powerful, made money powerful.

So the question is how can the power of the whole society come to us? Karmayogi says it can.

(by Garry Jacobs; with paraphrasing by Roy Posner)

CHARACTER OF LIFE

SOCIETY'S IMPACT ON THE OUTCOMES OF OUR LIVES

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This entry contains thoughts on the interior and exterior forces that determine the outcome of an individual's action; especially the role of society.

—Society is evolving, Over time we are moving from a lower to higher consciousness.

Eg the stories of literature always carry the consciousness of the times. Shakespeare wrote mostly tragedies. When MSS took up a deep study of the principles of life in Shakespeare, they themselves started being impacted by tragedies in the form of great difficulty. They were affected by the consciousness of those times, expressed through his works. So they changed direction, studying the character of life in other works of literature and film.

—Live itself is evolving. One principle is that as life evolves, the violence of nature/life gets reduced. Life becomes more prosperous, more pleasant, more harmonious, more enlightened, more knowledgeable et al. Eg violence in the world has been reduced by 90% over the last several decades.

As society moves from physical to vital to mental, life behaves differently to us, because our consciousness is different. (Physical stage of society focused on survival; the next, vital stage focused on interactions and trade; and the current mental stage is oriented around developing a

better society, spreading education, development of fields of study of life, working together to solve problems, etc.)

—There is then at any time the overall consciousness of the society, as well as that of the individual, as well as the circumstance of that moment in time that effects the outcome of any act. Or to put it another way, there are three aspect that determine the outcomes in life: that of the person, the place, and the times. (We could also add the intentions involved.)

Thus in each act, the energies are the sum of these, and thereby determine the outcomes of life.

—Though the Consciousness may differ among the three, the principles underlying Life remain the same.

Eg Shakespeare's 'King Lear' and 'As You Like' It have similar plots, about the exile of a king, the atmosphere/consciousness of the two are very different; the former being dark and tragic, the latter being buoyant and optimistic. If we examine the stories however we will see the same subtle principles of life at work.

Examples of Principles of Life: Higher Consciousness Attracts Positively, Lower Consciousness Negatively | Inner-Outer Correspondence | Life Repeats | Initial Indicates Final Outcome | Life is Impacted by Its Divine Source, which has an intention | Energy/Intention/Intensity affect the outcome | Etc, etc,

According to our Consciousness, the law/principle of life expresses differently. Eg law of gravity is a truism (law), yet if we fly in a certain direction from someone else, at a certain speed, among planets, etc, the results are different. The law (of gravity) hasn't changed; the conditions have changed.

—When we practice inner spiritual methods which raise the consciousness and energies, all of the externals are brought under control, and the principles of life work in our favor.

—The life of sadhaks and devotees is so different from the average person, as the openings and opportunities are vast, the sufferings much milder, and the solutions to problems unprecedented. This is especially

true as we are open to and under the influence of Mother, the supramental force and power.

And now with the increasing descent of the Supramental Force into life, there is a far greater evolutionary push, and its commensurate, unprecedented, positive outcomes in the world.

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LIFE REPEATS DEVASTATEDLY IN CURRENT AFFAIRS

George Bush Jr failed in so many of his earlier ventures, and a few months from the end of his 2nd term the severe global Financial Crisis occurred, a direct correspondence to his consciousness. (i.e. unbridled capitalistic financial speculation, which he advocated.)

There is a life principle that you get one chance to learn from a calamity. If you don't, the new iteration is far worse. (think WWII, after WWI)

Which brings us to Trump, with the same or worse propensities, and the potential for unprecedented devastation.

POWER OF BEING MORE CONSCIOUS & KNOWLEDGE OF SOCIETY

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(From "The Book" by Garry Jacobs, page 431)

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RELIGION



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SPIRIT, SPIRITUALITY

Spirituality



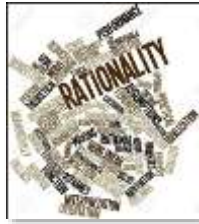
LIMITS OF CURRENT COLLECTIVE EXISTENCE, AND NEED OF SPIRITUAL CHANGE

Sage and seer Sri Aurobindo examined the current reality and indicated that this existence cannot be the basis of a new [Supramental] collective life. He says that only Spirit - not the current mind and mentality - can harmonize our mental, vital, and physical existence, and create this new collective divine society.

Moreover, Sri Aurobindo indicated that there are severe limits to the current collective life, including the modern methods, to enable a perfect society. He indicates that neither the current scientific formula, nor a perfected economic society, nor democratic existence, nor varying structure of governance, nor religion are enough to create the higher, perfected, divine society and existence that the world is moving towards.

It is the Spiritual Change of individuals that alone can transform the race and bring about this new perfected Divine Life on Earth.

(based on Sri Aurobindo's 'The Life Divine' - chapter 56, The Divine Life)



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individualism or psychological independence, but the INDIVIDUALITY of his Spiritual Being.

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SPIRIT VS. SPIRIT IN SOLVING WORLD PROBLEMS

Science has no solution of problems like poverty, human disunity and exhaustion of natural resources. The Spirit has solutions for all these as it operates on the principles that the finite can be made to disclose the infinite.



RESOLVING DIVISIVE ISSUES IN SOCIETY THROUGH SUPRAMENTAL POWER INTO A HIGHER HARMONY

When divisive societal issues arise, the human mind wants to take hard sides. And though the truth may lie more on one side than the other, even the "right" side will be blocking its outlook by not perceiving the truths of the other. Sri Aurobindo says the Mind is exclusive, knowing the part, avoiding the Whole. However, Supermind, Truth Consciousness embraces the Whole, the multiplicities of truths and the essence, which is beyond both sides. It also has a peculiar and astonishing power inbuilt in it that tends to spontaneously manifest that Resolution Truth as a Living

Reality in the world. Thus, one who rises above exclusive Mind to integrally-intuitive Supermind and perceives issues this way becomes the instantaneous creator of the Resolution of the contradiction of the two sides into the Higher Harmony, which also suddenly and spontaneously manifest as real entity -- policy, program, institution, etc. -- in the world. It is the ultimate Process of Creation available to us that is the same Process that evolved a universe from a Divine Source. It all begins by Taking the Other Person's Point of View.

AW: Eventually the solution is in complete transcendence of "any two sides."

Comment: Yes, it's the Higher Harmony beyond opposites.

(Roy Posner)

TO BE TITLED

We are shifting from identity with one's nation, to identity with the whole of humanity, to, among a critical few, identity with the Supramental.

The Spiritual Individual



THE ULTIMATE BASIS FOR THE EMERGENCE OF THE TRUE INDIVIDUAL

The 20th century has been hailed as that of the Common Man. Things that were once only available only to kings -- e.g. education, health care, and a certain level of wealth and abundance -- was now readily available to many if not all. That movement continues to spread around the world until this day.

And yet the new 21st century may be known for something even more significant -- the emergence of the True Individual. What is this era about? It is a time where every person on earth is given the opportunity to express his true individuality, the full flowering of his personality, enabling a true psychological and spiritual fulfillment in life.

This is a huge step beyond the benefits of the era of the Common Man. It is a new epoch of social evolution, where people can express their true unique capacities beyond the influence and determination of the herd. Each person can express who they truly are and fulfill that possibility in all dimensions of their lives. The person who can live this way will be the True Individual of the New Age.

And yet the full flowering of a True Individual occurs when we come to realize our true essence and purpose; when we penetrate the surface consciousness and make contact with our True Selves, our evolving Soul within. When we come in contact with this psychic entity, we begin to sense who we truly are, what our purpose is in life, and therefore desire to express it in the details of our lives. From that poise, we express our truest individuality, as our very purpose for being becomes the source and driving point of all of our values, understanding, aspirations, decisions, and actions in life.

Becoming a True Individual, driven by who we believe we are, beyond the bounds of the influence of the mass is one level; becoming a True Spiritual Individual, where our purpose is to serve a higher purpose, our Soul-purpose is a higher level still. The first is primary to live a life of achievement, success, creativity, and happiness; the latter a form of conscious evolution, to elevate all parts of our being to be the instrument of the spirit in life. In the former, we are driven by our own values that are beyond the accepted norm of the collective; in the latter, we are driven by spiritual values that permeate the universe and beyond like Oneness, Harmony, Truth, Goodness, Self-givingness, Love, Delight, Timelessness, and Infinity.

While we can perceive of our ability to express our true selves, there are other movements in life that are making this possible. Because we are educated, we are gaining a vast knowledge, while perceiving an array of possibilities of what we can become. Because of the Internet, we are empowered to realize that which we wish to become. Because the society itself is becoming more conscious, it is beginning to make efforts to support the full flowering of each individual human. Because we are evolving from vital to rational and then intuitive mental beings, we are coming in touch with subtle truths and profound insights about who we are and the workings of life. Because the spiritual Force is descending into the earth's atmosphere, we have the ability to realize our deepest aspirations and true values and beliefs.

As we move away from the surface of life and establish a deeper poise within, as we learn the astonishing, subtle laws of life, as we are able to move life outside ourselves from within such as through the "power of attraction", as we discover the spiritual Power at our disposal, as we connect to the transcendent spiritual Reality above and find our true Soul selves within, as we move from ego and selfishness to connection and self-givingness, we increasingly express our individuality, while experiences profound, inner fulfillment.

This is the astonishing possibility that awaits the 21st century. To find ultimate freedom and purpose within, and express it creatively, dynamically, and powerfully on the surface of our lives. Each person expressing their highly individual take on existence, enabling infinite variation and forms of insight and accomplishment, leading to myriad

forms of self-discovery, which bring about an infinite variety of experiences of Joy and Delight.

The emergence of the True Psychological and Spiritual Individual will be the hallmark of the new humanity; yet another indicator of the emergence of A New Way of Living.



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CONSECRATION'S AFFECT ON THE COLLECTIVE

We have had any number of experiences where our consecrated action (opening to the spiritual Force, to the Mother) had an effect on a wider group collective of individuals. Among our personal experiences of utilizing the Force have been-

- the evocation of rain when water was in short supply (regional)
- the return of electricity after it had been completely shut down (local)

- the deflection of potentially dangerous snow storms that were on the way (state, nation)
- the attraction of a major household appliance for every person in a living complex (local)
- the prevention of two hostile groups from coming to blows (community)
- the effect on the outcomes of a war (international)
- the bringing of disaffected family members to a state of harmony (family)

From book 'Life Response in Work' <http://royposner.weebly.com/life-response-in-work.html>



SPONTANEOUS FORM OF NEW CIVILIZATION

The Renaissance and the Hippies are two examples of an awakening spontaneously happening at a social, cultural, economic and political levels based on new core values.

We may see new formations raking shape along these lines.

When the values shared reach a threshold, the new development takes shape from seemingly out of nowhere.

The Tech culture is the latest example. Internet potential burst out of new sets of interests and values.

A new civilization as Garry Jacobs, myself, Sri Aurobindo, and others envision requires the emergence of something very deep in man; a new

level of collaboration and harmony married to something unprecedented we have not yet envisioned.

Some say it may come out of a new spiritual awakening.



STRATEGIES TO AFFECT WORLD FROM WITHIN AS UNIVERSAL BEINGS

As Universal Beings we can affect anything in the world from within. One strategy is to use the spiritual Force; the Mother's supramental power. Another is to change a wanting corresponding element in ourselves. A third is to forget the societal issue in the first place, giving up our attachment to it. Life will move - in the collective, in the society, in the world, in the universe.

MIND, THOUGHT

Mentality

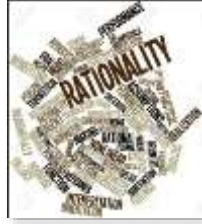


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Computers, Technology, Business



'HALT AND CATCH FIRE'

This is one of my very favorite tv series of recent years. It is the story of how the computer and internet revolution came to be, yet completely fictionalized, with overtones of contemporary times. It is hypnotic and educational. Filled with business, societal and life lessons.

My own instructor and consulting career in and around San Francisco/Silicon Valley dovetailed with much of these times.

(4 seasons available on Netflix and elsewhere. Here is a 10-minute overview.)



OUR LEVEL OF CONSCIOUSNESS, COMPUTERS, AND AI

Bill, one of MAI partners in the novel 'The Book' asked:

"...In many books and films, we come across the idea of computers developing themselves until they finally become more intelligent than human beings. Why can't we ask AIS7to develop itself?..."

Dan replied:

"...If our aim was simply to design a faster processor or a more efficient set of algorithms—a better way to run through the maze—then what you say might be possible. And after watching movies like The Matrix, it is no wonder that you should ask.

But here is where science and science fiction diverge. Our objective is to enhance human capacity for accomplishment in life. We are not just trying to build better physical systems like a faster racing car or faster computer. We are trying to create better, more effective living systems that consist of human beings acting and interacting freely and creatively, working in cooperation or competition with one another. Well, the capacity for accomplishment in life is a direct function of our consciousness. The more conscious we are of life, the greater our knowledge of how human beings, organizations of people, social groups evolve and develop in the wider plane of universal life.

Computers are a human invention. They may calculate faster than we can, but they can only become as conscious as we are and as we program them to be. They can create data and analyze information, but they cannot create consciousness. Only human beings can discover or awaken consciousness and program it into computer systems.

Before we can program AIS with that knowledge, we have to acquire it ourselves. We have to grow our own consciousness before we can create a more conscious system...."

(From 'The Book' by Garry Jacobs, page 327)



FROM LOSS OF JOBS DUE TO AUTOMATION TO EMERGING NEW JOBS

in recent years it has very much been the case that vast quantities of jobs have been lost to automation. However, new technologies, job types will arise to take the place of the jobs that have been automated.

In fact automation is there in one sense so that we can do even more important tasks; expand our thinking capacity in work even more.

Despite all of the cynicism, new types of jobs will merge from every field, and new fields to come. Because we don't see it, we are cynical.

Best to get out there, explore the opportunities that are there in one's industry or otherwise emerging in society; take them up and change new world. We can each aspire to be a Steve Jobs or similar, or we can simply sit there and weep.

MISCELLANEOUS



Let's allow all manner of concerned citizens, groups, parties contributing to the United Nations be allowed to speak when heads of state and government are present, giving maximum effect to their contributions.



Expressions Worth Knowing

Global Governance – The governing of the earth from a higher level with full inputs upward from all levels below it.

Human Unity – The embracing of all other peoples, cultures, ideas, making them a part of an integral understanding and unfolding of life.

Human Evolution – The change in consciousness of humanity from a lower state to a higher one.

Supramental Individual – An ultimately evolved being who has reached its greatest possibility & potential, with Spirit at the center of life.

Divine Life in Earth – The ultimate evolutionary stage of humanity, embracing an integral, Divine state of social existence, all unified by the Spirit.

The Reality; the All – All things in and above creation, including the Divine and the universe, with everything in an integral relationship.

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