Paradigm Junction:

Blue Planet Governance

The era of global tragedy of the commons ends. The new paradigm begins when Interdependent Regional Governments unite! To form a chaordic organization called, The United Regions Where coordinated expertise in Earth Science, Human-Nature and Economics Provide Regional Guidance to Maximize Real Wealth:

Real wealth is a measurement of a robust ecology and of the general health and happiness of the people!

Are we ready to enact?

On November 12, 1936 Winston Churchill grew so exasperated with the continuing failure of Britain to prepare for Hitler’s onslaught that he charged in a speech to the House of Commons: “The government simply cannot make up their minds, or they cannot get the Prime Minister to make up his mind. So they go on in strange paradox, decide only to be undecided, resolve to be irresolute, adamant for drift, solid for fluidity, all—powerful to be impotent... the era of procrastination, of half-measures, of soothing and baffling expedients of delays, is coming to its close. In its place we are entering a period of consequences.”

The envisioned scenarios are over and we are back to real time. Time, where we continue to live straddling the infinitely narrow division between past and future. The past is history, impervious to change. On the other side of the thin time-divide lies our fluid and capricious future.
Churchill had the good fortune of having a highly visible enemy. Also, England's history has had a long familiarity with the mechanics of war. His main issue was to motivate the government to acknowledge their peril and follow a reasonably familiar course of action that they were familiar with and good at – to engage the machinery of war.

Today's peril is not so easy to identify. *I have seen the enemy, and the enemy is us*, is an often repeated comment from a Pogo cartoon. We have no history on how to deal with the problem that our planet suddenly became much too small for us – or the realistic *flip side view* that we find there is now a *longage* of human activity.

We cannot expand the planet but we can reduce *human activity*. In past excess *human activity* has been dealt with by Mother Nature through the common, overgrowth and die-off cycles after complex societies collapse. From these some would usually survive and move on to more fertile areas. But now the human footprint is global. While there are many creative and useful initiatives either suggested or underway but those are designed: to deal with local issues; or to measure vital ecosystem parameters, or toward dealing with larger scale issues pertaining to one specific element of the human predicament such as co2 reduction. But to date there appears to be no existing holistic interactive approach that would be essential if we are to even consider dealing with our common pervasive global problem of excess human footprint.

To tinkering with a faulty system while ignoring faulty essential components is futile - for example, today's money system. We need a new approach using a medley of well-known methods. The schematic *Governance by Natural Processes* calls for a redesigned sociopolitical guidance system representing one large dynamic interactive system of interconnected interdependent diverse systems. With appropriate interactivity of these, the collective will be capable of a synergy boost when they focus on one fundamental collective goal – to guide us toward the carrying capacity our planet and 3D-*Optimum* conditions for the crew of Spaceship Earth.

Just what is a desired collective future is a highly subjective matter, but from all that I have learned, the goals of the proposed dynamic society would be rather desirable for many.

Copied from *Envisioning B:*

**the Dynamic Society**
-Goals for all levels-

*For All of humanity:*
To live in harmony within the natural ever renewing environment of our Gaian planetary home;
To live in peace with our human neighbours;
To have no discrimination in gender, race, colour or creed.

*For individuals:*
To accept a share of responsibility for sustainable stewardship of our home;
And thereby earn the enjoyment of rights and the freedom
To pursue happiness and a meaningful life.

As Reverend Thomas Berry said many years ago in, *Dream Of The Earth*, “We will go into the future as a single sacred community, or we will all perish in the desert”. We definitely need to define our collective community. Community-spirit can add synergy to the movement toward preserving the Gaian fabrics of life, a community of many communities providing diversity and opportunity for humans to continue exploring and learning the deeper secrets of Gaian and surrounding space. We can do all of these while in compliance with the agreed protocols of BDG.

Before such exciting possibilities space exploration we will have to wait until we have dealt with civilizations top priority of having our local house and home in order.

**An SOS signal**
Throughout the world, there are many social change movements working toward such issues as financial reform or of circling the local wagons initiatives with thoughts of localization and enhancing community self-reliance. Regarding the importance of localization movements, this proposal is largely in agreement with professor Ted Trainer when he comments in a ‘10 article, *De-growth Is not Enough*:

As with the rapidly emerging Transition Towns movement I think we are dealing with extremely important initiatives, which are heading in directions that are admirable...but which are unfortunately mistaken regarding the nature of the global problem and the way out of it. If I am right the task is to try to persuade these potentially planet-saving movements towards more comprehensive visions and goals and more effective strategies. [R1]

My only quibble with Trainer is that instead of being: “unfortunately mistaken regarding the nature of the global problem”, my view is that many of those involved in localization movements do indeed know that what they are doing is, *essential but inadequate*. My view is that many of them work at these useful initiatives because, *it is the right thing to do*, and in hope that these operational initiatives will fit synergistically into a, *yet to be developed*, holistic change plan. (The expression, *essential but inadequate*, is in italics because a wise gentleman who shared our gaiapc email list server for a while, often used that expression when commenting on this or that approach to dealing with the human predicament.)

The work of most existing change initiatives are essential basic ingredients of needed change and could become integral parts of the larger dynamic society as described in the *Governance by Natural Processes* section. I hope the leaders of these groups will consider endorsing the principles of the dynamic society and perhaps respond to this SOS call as part of the network of people needed to make it begin to happen.

BPG is simply an idea as yet. It can certainly be improves and be better explained with the efforts of fertile minds. Once the seedling ideas takes some roots it could blossom into a genuine life-like body of a dynamic society with an unobstructed vision of viable future for the Gaian species, homo the sapient.

Before progress can begin, we will have to overcome the SCSyndrome [GL], we have to bring the complete herd of elephants in the living room into today’s political discussion and proposed agenda. The herd was itemized in *The New story: Overview and Layout* section. The individual issues of the complete herd must be seen as one integrated problem that can then lead to one integrated multi-prong solution.
Our complex society depends on many specialty areas of study. Clearing the way for it will involve the work of a diverse team of specialists. I sincerely hope we can coordinate such a team to further envision and improve and then begin to document the outline of requirements for the control elements needed in the wheelhouse of civilization. Once these have started, others can begin to build on those initial foundational cornerstones of social order.

In order to gain needed initial credibility the ideas must be endorsed by many people. Your support my simply indicating agree with the BDG ideas will add moral support, or perhaps you would like to become involved with development on the US-SOS team or some of its future projects, please communicate and let us begin to assemble the UN-SOS team.

Growing numbers of scientists [GL] suggest that humans may be extinct or widely scattered before the next century turn. If we are to prove them wrong, we need to embrace the spirit of Lester Malbrath’s words from his ’89 book, Envisioning a Sustainable Society, repeated here;

Our common journey promises to be challenging and exciting even though difficult. It will be much easier and more likely successful if we face it optimistically with a deep understanding of the pace and character of social transformation. Those given the gift of understanding will become the conscious mind of the biocommunity, a global mind, that will guide and hasten the transformation. Those who understand what is happening to our world are not free to shrink from this responsibility.

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This is a gathering of poems and quote that have a meaningful messages for our situation. Browsing and reading these may provide thoughtful background context while digesting thoughts on GNP and the envisioned scenarios.

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