Paradigm Junction & 050APC

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Paradigm Junction:
Abandonment of the Parasitic Paradigm of Growth
Toward a Post-Growth Gaia-centric Paradigm
~Goal~

Governance by Natural Processes (GNP)
Autonomous Interdependence Regional Global Networks that:
blends Science, Nature, Human-Nature
into a viable dynamic social political economy
that can serve human-kind today,
while preserving our natural world
for future generations to experience
the joy of life within nature.

Graphic Illustration – Before & After

For those who respond best to graphic imagery, the next two pages offer a rough visual presentation of the interactive parts of our story. The creative ideas of Stafford Beer had a significant influence on my early thinking about the human predicament. One of Beer’s paragraphs was quoted in the Preamble and is repeated here because these few words seem to capture the essence of what we must do. Beer wrote:

I am proposing simply that society should use its tools to redesign its institutions, and to operate those institutions quite differently. You can imagine all the problems. But the first and gravest problem is in the mind, screwed down by all those cultural constraints. You will not need a lot of learning to understand what I am saying: what you will need is intellectual freedom. It is a free gift for all who have the courage to accept it. Remember: our culture teaches us not intellectual courage, but intellectual conformity.

The key kernel is, "...to redesign the institutions ...". Figures 3 is a block diagram in our system elements of concern today, where the term system runaway describes our short term predicament. It shows the regulatory control lines (fat red lines) that are now heavily influenced by AbRealities.

Figure 4 shows exactly the same system elements in the year APC050 when the tools have been redesigned to bring balance into the overall dynamic components. Intelligent regulation has brought about relative homeostasis. [GL] Humans are on a course toward 3D-Optimum via Governance by Dynamic Processes (GNP).

The move into a sustainable mode requires no concrete to be poured, no steel frames to be built, all we need to do is have the intellectual courage and freedom bring it about.
Today’s dilemma

Regulation failure = System runaway

Figure 3

(top) Gaian resource and energy flow into Dynamic Interactions, where Human Activity interacts with Gaia. The pollutants and our excessive impact on Gaia flow down, but are reflected back now effecting our interactions and resources.

Humans have an impossible goal – everlasting growth. Human well-being is subordinate to the tools of MCP. The complexity of civilization has enabled Money/Corporations/Banks (now psychopathic by design) to control the human agenda. Spirituality and Wisdom have become subordinate to radical Beliefs and expanded Greed causing loss of the regulatory control needed by governments.

The first three AbRealites, Money, Corporations overshadow Governance. The large red arrow shows relative influence over Management from decades of power creep and de-regulation. Corporation & bank management now extends influence to Regulation causing positive feedback that increases Dynamic Interactions, i.e., increased human activity = increased energy and resource throughput and increased pollution build-up. Now beyond sustainable limits, human activity has the characteristics of a malignant growth within the Gaian Mother systems of life.

To Figure 4
Humans now on course toward a viable goal – 3D-Optimum [g]. Our personal and collective strengths and weaknesses are taken into account in management processes and regulations.

We have many of the same institutions as before, but now in cooperation with government, we manage and regulate them quite differently. The AbRealities we have created to serve us are now designed to work in harmony with our Dynamic Interactions with Gaia.

What is new is feedback from Dynamic Interactions enable measurement of Gaian resources and human well-being. With these, government regulation can steer the course of human civilization toward our goal while enabling us to live comfortably and in harmony in the thin layer of Gaian life on Earth - “A pale blue dot in our solar system” (Carl Sagan).

The End

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