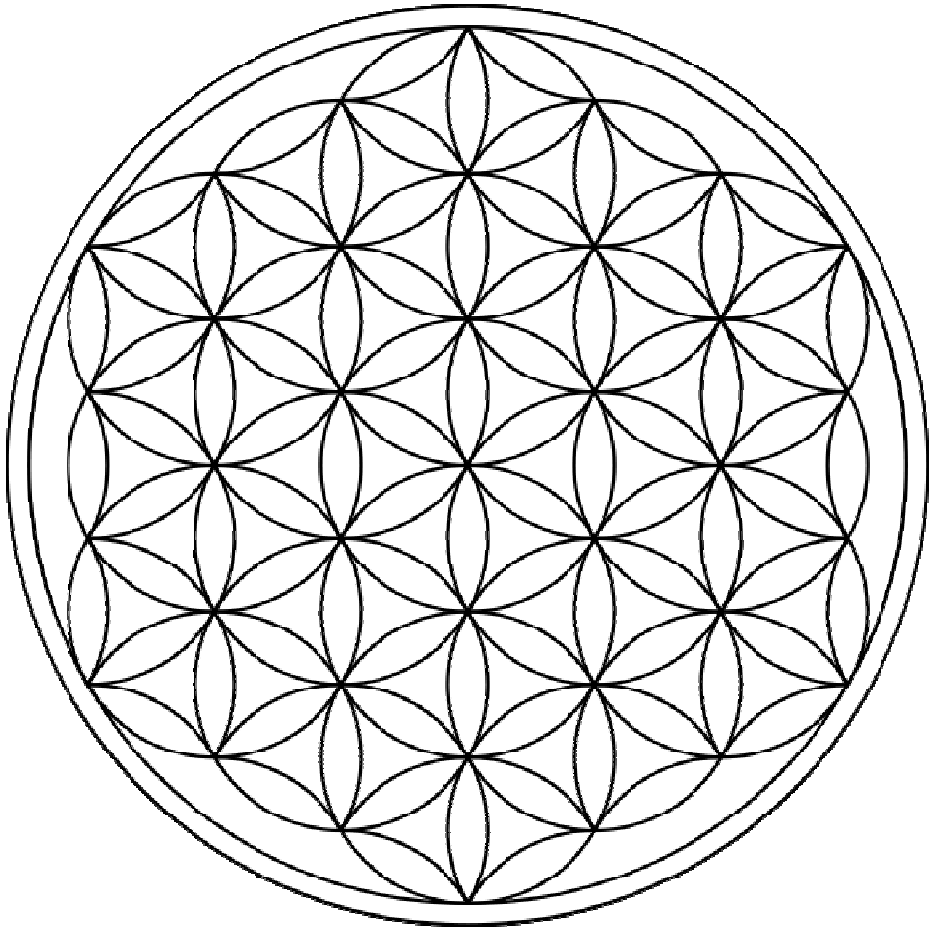


Peaceful Leadership is Self-Government



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INTRODUCTION

We currently find ourselves in debt - individually and collectively. More people are finding it difficult to perpetuate the status quo in their everyday lives, bringing their very survival into question. This manuscript is intended to serve as a bridge between where we are today and the near future when self-governed leaders shall emerge from the ashes of today's modern civilization. May you elect to become one of these leaders in the years that follow.

PART

ONE

THE DECLINE

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The Impact of Unsustainable Debt on the Western World

On February 4, 2010, the House of Representatives followed the Senate into the abyss by approving a \$1.9 trillion increase in the U.S. debt limit, raising the debt ceiling to \$14.294 trillion. Fiscal irresponsibility throughout the E.U. is taking down nations' economies one by one. The U.S. banking industry is being consolidated into less than a dozen large banks. Nothing is in place to reverse this trend. During the next three years, a point will be reached where the Western world will be unable to service its debt, and the derivatives markets that have propped up the global economy over the last ten years will fail.

Intervention on a global scale is required to reverse this trend. Intervention requires like-minded people to come together to change the system. Without systemic change, the West shall remain on its current course. As of January 2010, the Ceridian-UCLA Pulse of Commerce Index is showing a decline in the U.S. economy at a time when it is necessary to increase GDP in order to service the nation's burgeoning debt. Unfortunately, self-interest remains the dominant motivator by like-minded people who would otherwise work in unison to resolve these issues.

Those who have chosen a path of honesty and truthfulness, follow your dreams, regardless of the expected outcome. The only other option is to choose not to follow your dreams...resulting in the worst possible outcome.

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Following in the Footsteps of the Former Soviet Union

Prior to the economic collapse of the former Soviet Union, Gorbachev was desperately pursuing credit in Western financial markets. Today, the U.S. finds itself in a similar position, with nations no longer willing to provide the outside funding needed to service the U.S. debt. The EU and UK are in a similar situation. For the U.S., the burden has fallen on Americans' retirement and other investment accounts, as well as the Federal Reserve. Both government entitlement programs and non-U.S. debt holdings are now cash-flow negative. The end result is a hyperinflationary cycle that will collapse the value of fiat currencies such as the U.S. dollar and the Euro relative to commodities: gold, silver, platinum, food, water, fuel and electricity. There is nothing currently in place to necessitate the changes in global fiscal policies required to reverse these trends.

Russians and Ukrainians have shared information about their lives prior to the fall of the Berlin Wall, revealing the struggles that these former Soviet citizens faced in developing the leadership skills needed to cope with a collapsing economy. The lack of initiative, motivation, and individual responsibility for making decisions and taking action brought activity to a halt whenever a deviation from the usual routines occurred. No one was willing to step up to the plate to solve a problem.

In the United States, we have a different problem. People are willing to take action. However, out of ignorance and fear, actions taken by government officials and leaders within private industry are making the nation's fiscal crisis even worse.

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Failing to Resolve the Issues That Have Caused Our Current Crisis

The issues that have caused our current economic crisis originate from maligned policies following the World War I. Our current circumstances are a direct result of actions taken by people who are no longer with us today. However, those in office today are responsible for continuing to perpetuate debt, in lieu of sound fiscal policies.

In the U.S., we have a two party political system. The influence of any other party is suppressed by the two dominant parties. As failed fiscal policies mature in the form of recessions and depressions, the populous oscillates between the two political parties from one election year to the next. This solves nothing, as evidenced by our current circumstances in the U.S., as well as evolving geopolitical and economic trends. Therefore, without an independent third party to genuinely represent the interest of the people, for the people, by the people, current fiscal policies will continue to devalue the U.S. dollar and other fiat currencies that are tied to the dollar.

In early 2010, an inflationary cycle replaced the deflationary cycle. The most recent Congressional action to continue deficit spending and raise the debt ceiling beyond our means of paying it off has guaranteed a hyperinflationary cycle will follow, considering current economic trends. Other nations are no longer willing to service our nation's debt; therefore, the end state is a failed global currency system, and in turn a failed global economy. Currently, nothing is in place to replace our current system of monetary transactions or the fiat currency-based global trade system.

Another huge issue that also remains unresolved is egregiously dysfunctional foreign diplomacy in the Middle East. Therein lies the crux of the problem between East and West. The Western nations are spending up to \$3 billion/day supporting various initiatives in the Middle East and adjacent nations, to include protecting our national security interests such as oil. The end result is continued dependence on foreign oil, Israel and Iran stage-setting for a regional war without bounds, and the U.S. in the middle of everything with no way out. What happens to the U.S. economically will happen in varying degrees to all other industrialized nations in the world without intervention on a global scale.

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THE TRANSITION

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The Middle East as the Key to Resolving Our Nation's Problems

Nearly one million Western military and civilian personnel are assigned to the Middle East region and immediately surrounding nations. Cost to maintain this overseas presence is estimated at ~\$1 million annually per person stationed overseas. With a global economic debt burden carried by Western nations - predominantly the U.S. - it is clear that there must be a reduction in spending *and* debt, coupled with a substantial increase in GDP to avoid an economic meltdown. The process of global intervention must begin in the Middle East.

The Annapolis Conference was a Middle East peace conference held on November 27, 2007. The conference marked the first time a two-state solution was articulated as the mutually agreed-upon outline for addressing the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. The conference ended with an issuing of a joint statement from all of the attendees representing dozens of nations that have an interest in the region. This peace initiative continues today with a current outline for an Israeli-Palestinian peace agreement including a two-state solution.

King Juan Carlos is taking full advantage of Spain's stint in the rotating presidency of the European Union through June 2010. Spain and Jordan are working to present a draft of the new EU-Jordan Action Plan "which will include arrangements regarding the Jordanian negotiation proposal for an advanced statute." This action plan includes a two-state solution. If this peace initiative were to be successful in the long term, the economic burden carried by the West to remain in the Middle East would be substantially reduced. However, with the stage set for a regional war following such a peace agreement, intervention by a power independent of this global governing body is required to prevent a regional war in the Middle East.

Current estimates suggest that such a peace agreement will be implemented within the next two years.

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Fear + Ignorance = Materialism

The primary reason humanity finds itself in our current situation is due to the influence of the greatest false religion of all time: materialism. Strictly defined, materialism holds that the only thing that exists is matter and energy that can be converted to matter; that all things are composed of *material* and all phenomena (including consciousness) are the result of material interactions. This false belief system has led to the desire for material gain and the things that allow for ease of material gain, such as sex, power and making a name for oneself. Ignorance perpetuates materialism, while fear keeps people in check once they have embraced a materialistic belief system. Materialism is a dualistic belief system, divorcing the physical universe from the metaphysical - the complete opposite of belief systems emanating out of unity consciousness.

The simplest approach to overcoming the influence of materialism is to desire something else, namely unity through acquiring self-knowledge - an awareness of one's inherent being and existence - through prayer, meditation and contemplation. Once one is honest and truthful to oneself about the reality of the metaphysical and the illusory nature of the physical world, overcoming materialism is a straightforward process that requires discipline. Unfortunately, too few people have chosen this route. As a result, humanity remains on the path to the destruction of the global economy and its monetary system.

This outcome was entirely avoidable up to a point; however, one will have to decide for oneself when the point of return has been reached, in order to justify preparing for the transition to a post-industrial society. The overwhelming majority of those who occupy a position of influence that could alter humanity's course continue to perpetuate self-interest, in lieu of serving the greater good.

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When the Wheels Fall Off the Wagon

What is transpiring today is known as the Second Great Contraction, the first being the Great Depression of the 1930s. The general agreement among economists is that World War II revived the global economy and alleviated long-term unemployment. For more information on an analysis of what brought the U.S. out of the Great Depression, go to <http://alturl.com/4tiw>. The same expectation will occur this time, as well. Based on current trends, the expected timing for a regional war in the Middle East coincides with a collapsing global economy, so one will begin to hear in increasing frequency over the next two years suggestions through mass media of the possibility of war bringing the global economy out of the Second Great Contraction. Again, this is the track we are on today. Intervention on a global scale is required for us to change course.

If a regional war does occur in the Middle East following the Israeli-Palestinian peace agreement, nations whose national security interests are tied to the region will inevitably become involved, such as Russia, China and the United States. If a regional war were to spread beyond the Middle East, the result would be devastating to the global economy, initiating a catastrophic transition to a post-industrial society via third world status. One approach towards minimizing the negative fallout of this scenario is group prayer and meditation. Prayer and meditation could also delay or even eliminate an outcome involving a regional war in the Middle East; however, too few people have chosen this approach.

When it is time to begin living outside the normal range of everyday experiences afforded to us through the comforts of our modern civilization, one must be prepared for this transition in advance. An excellent book outlining how to prepare for this experience is 'Dare to Prepare' by Holly Drennan Deyo (2009). This and many other books on survival preparation will show you what needs to be done on an individual basis, as well as, how to prepare an entire community for this transition. The government will not be in a position to assist individuals during the transition phase to a post-industrial society.

Self-interest has sealed our civilization's fate. However, the future is not etched in stone from humanity's perspective; therefore, it is our birthright and responsibility to

change, becoming the peace we want to manifest in our lives. We will succeed in overcoming the darkness of this world.

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A NEW BEGINNING

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Vision of a Post-Industrial Society: Decentralized, Sustainable Communities

Having learned what not to do, humanity will be given a clean slate. Those who have successfully weathered the storm of transition to a post-industrial society will have learned to become self-governed. Those around them who help establish sustainable communities will also be self-governed. Those who are not self-governed will find themselves strangers in a strange world and will inevitably be relocated off-planet in short order.

It is at this stage of our collective experience that humanity will begin to learn how to survive in decentralized, sustainable communities. These sustainable communities will initially exist as the indigenous tribes have existed for thousands of years - connected to Spirit and Mother Earth. From that point, communities will collectively evolve through higher states of consciousness, and the level of technology will reflect the degree to which humanity has evolved as a whole.

To learn more about how the indigenous tribes have managed to survive for millennia, it is necessary to research their way of life and to visit indigenous tribes in person, if possible. An ideal example of sustainable living can be found in the Sierra Nevada mountains of Northern Columbia within the Kogi villages.

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Taking Responsibility for Your Own Actions

The 12 Steps is an excellent way to begin taking responsibility for one's own actions:

- Step 1 - We admitted we were powerless over our shortcomings - that our lives had become unmanageable
- Step 2 - Came to believe that a Power greater than ourselves could restore us to sanity
- Step 3 - Made a decision to turn our will and our lives over to the care of a Higher Power as we understood our Higher Power
- Step 4 - Made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves
- Step 5 - Admitted to God, to ourselves and to another human being the exact nature of our wrongs
- Step 6 - Were entirely ready to have our Higher Power remove all these defects of character
- Step 7 - Humbly asked our Higher Power to remove our shortcomings
- Step 8 - Made a list of all persons we had harmed, and became willing to make amends to them all
- Step 9 - Made direct amends to such people wherever possible, except when to do so would injure them or others
- Step 10 - Continued to take personal inventory and when we were wrong promptly admitted it
- Step 11 - Sought through prayer and meditation to improve our conscious contact with our Higher Power, praying only for knowledge of the intent of the All There Is and the power to carry that out the role it is written for us to play within the collective intent of the All There Is
- Step 12 - Having had a spiritual awakening as the result of these steps, we serve as an example to others by practicing these principles in all our affairs

These 12 Steps define is what it means to be a peaceful leader through self-government.

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Thinking Creates Destiny

Four free e-books worth reviewing are found online at <http://word-foundation.org/a-books.htm> - no registration required. These books outline how thinking creates destiny and the path humanity will follow after decentralized, sustainable communities are established throughout the world. One will recognize that it is through feeling and desire that thinking is manifested, and that one's thinking create's one destiny, individually and collectively.