Exposé

A design of a Future Concept for humanlike treatment of our only planet.

Problem: Our world and societies have lots of problems and it seems to me even more proposed solutions. Amongst them one big problem is related to the environment: Global warming, pollution, decline of biodiversity. Growing state or state like organizations keep talking and signing uncommitted action on paper to reduce Co2. Individuals, local initiatives, websites, massive amount of written content, try to initiate change. With, no doubt, good intentions. On the flipside we receive lots of statistics that the world is improving poverty, number of unnatural deaths, income, wealth, and green energy production is all improving. We think or pretend to know better, are smart about what to do to avoid waste, so we recycle, make efforts to reduce food waste, try to be optimistic and install photovoltaic installations roofs. Until the next message pops up on the screen that shows a picture of dead wild animals around a dried-up water whole in a park in Africa made by a drone, without context. This surprises and confuses us again. Our perception is driven by the past data, events, pessimism, news, future doomsday forecasts and narratives. A lot does not make sense any more to us. We are lost in midst of all these pictures, messages, voices, sounds and opinions about facts. We are prisoners of all these current narratives, with a declining attention span. We, helpless in the big global picture, do not know where we want and need to go from here. Therefore, we cannot allocate our resources (time, knowledge, energy, money, etc.) efficiently and effectively, to push for the right trend reversal.

Root Causes: I developed humbly the following root causes of above problem statement: <u>First</u>: Dominant focus of science, facts and data thinking whereas economic and political institutions consider little input from the social humanistic science in decision making. And we individuals neither. Compounded, we do not think our decisions, actions, and projects thoroughly through. Even if we were to find a true root cause, we cannot fix it, because it does not make the business case, too complex to fix, therefore too expensive, my boss would not like it, it is out of scope, cannot do, and oh my god, no budget. <u>Second</u>: Dualistic thinking, which cuts off things that belong together. Segregate and separate our education system into more and more specialized faculties without seeing the context drives us even further into this rabbit whole. By the way can most of us explain the difference between investment and expenses, what external effects are and why they occur and can you explain in detail to your kids why CO2 is bad and how it heats up our plannet? <u>Third</u>: States and Administration went overboard: State and state like organizations are involved in fiscal policies, politics, monetary matters, taxation, massive subsidies to keep the old stuff, health, education, standards settings, processes, permissions, data privacy, war or peace, up to what the hell I am supposed to eat. All these points influence directly or indirectly the environment on a big scale due to the large scale of every state. Many states account more then 50% of GPD. 30% and more in a lot of countries` working force are civil servants. Trend: political power tends to centralism, more socialism, and more bureaucracy, leading to corruption. And uncapable to act to change. Like an oversized gigantic lorry in the mud.

Hypothesis: To fix these root causes, we **need to design first a Future Concept**. Why? Future Concept stands for lighthouse and a purpose. It provides humans a vehicle to have a conversation, provides signals to decide to develop and allocate resources towards, and to guide connected human action for a future human live in midst and in balance with everything else existing on this planet. "Existing" includes everything visible, non-visible,

observable, and non-observable. Like a dog who can smell many more odors and an eagle who can see much more, we do not detect everything that may influence our life in our complex environment. However, we need to re-use ways to include it to face the real world with the real problems to come up with the real sustainable solutions.

In a nutshell: More free and more independent individual and local communities networking with other communities alike globally. Organized in smaller, more successful structures. With focus on education, developing and rediscovering mindsets, thinking patterns, worldviews, ways how to see and be with things to act to make changes happen by solving paradoxes. At least those of the 8 billion people who live in relative freedom, with reasonable access to markets and resources. Local, coping with increasing political, technological, and social diversity, complexity, and labor division. In my mind only bottom up, decentral approaches can tackle this environmental problem.

Measures to put above in place are first reducing state activities and responsibilities, considering principals of freedom and values in form and shape of true capitalism in the sense of liberalism for the people, including a strong but lean state that concentrates on public goods, a framework, maintaining the Law, free access to markets, maintaining the value of our money and more. Stop being a player. Return to the principle of subsidiarity. Set the guiding principles. Second: a better and more realistic education and definition, of environment, nature, earth. From an exploitable dead thing to something more alive. Capable of explaining Biology, Systems thinking, Cybernetics, and traditional know how. Coupled with tolerance and humbleness. Third: an understanding of indigenous people who have been living for hundreds of thousands of years in relative harmony with the earth. Fourth: emergence of a new enlightenment (Aufklärung, illumination) which I have taken from Markus Gabriel: Universal, critical, initiative, human action. Last: human technology used wisely to solve real problems. Lastly: apply your guiding principles. For example, how I would want the children of my children to live.

The above components provide a tissue, in which individuals are capable to act in a more ethical way all together in tiny activities to have a better order emerged. Without a governmental master plan from above in mind. But with a protective and supportive framework of the state. For the well-being and treatment of our globe.

Proof of concept: Hardest part of this paper is how do I prove above bold hypothesis? How to move from here and today to there and tomorrow? This paper is at best a prototype of a concept. But we can make progress with more experiments: practical, natural put the rubber of the tire or shoe on the road. It is not a utopia but a long-term view. The paper ends with next steps of what we personally can do. Not a lot and certainly not effective on my own. But I love the "colibri carrying water to extinguish a forest fire" story.

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