

Holigent
RECONSTRUCT AMERICA
Connect the Dots

**for Societal Innovation and Reconstruction to achieve
Universal Quality of Life, Peace and
Systemic Sustainability**

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A few words up front and personal

In the spring of 1945, toward the end of World War II in Budapest, I emerged from the bomb shelter— hungry, filthy and full of lice. Amongst the rubble, my eight-year-old self asked: Why would grownups destroy beautiful buildings and kill innocent people?

All my life I have been searching to answer these questions. A singular focus on the subject during the past four decades helped me to inch toward a satisfactory answer. Here I attempt to compress it all and offer it to you.

I assembled the core of this slideshow in the fall of 2015 in Budapest — in the city where I witnessed the world's failure on a grand scale, early in my life. My wife, Marsha and I rented an apartment in the heart of the city near the Danube river for an extended stay.

Every morning I would walk to “work” and nestle into a quiet corner of the library at Eotvos Lorand University. This is where my father earned his law degree in 1911. I lost him to illness when I was four years old, but got to know him well through his 1930s book manuscript he left behind. His subject is social evolution. In it he calls for the workers of Europe to unite — his early dream of a united and peaceful Europe.

His spirit was with me in the library. Silently I would discuss with him the troubles of the world and what to do about it. I missed him terribly all my life, so I admit I was also catching up on lost time.

Lately, I wake up nearly every morning with a mischievous inner smile, wondering how I survived the hardships of the Great Depression I was born into, the Nazi hunt for our lives, the bombs of War, years of murderous communism, the 1956 bloody uprising and my escape across the minefield of the Iron Curtain to the West. That inner smile occasionally migrates to my face in the form of a barely perceptible grin as I think of the humble wealth, comfort and love I built in the “new world” together with my angel of a wife and amazing children, Devin and Elisa.

Enough bragging — let's get to work!



Why would grownups destroy beautiful buildings?



Why would grownups destroy such magnificent bridges?



Why would grownups murder innocent people?

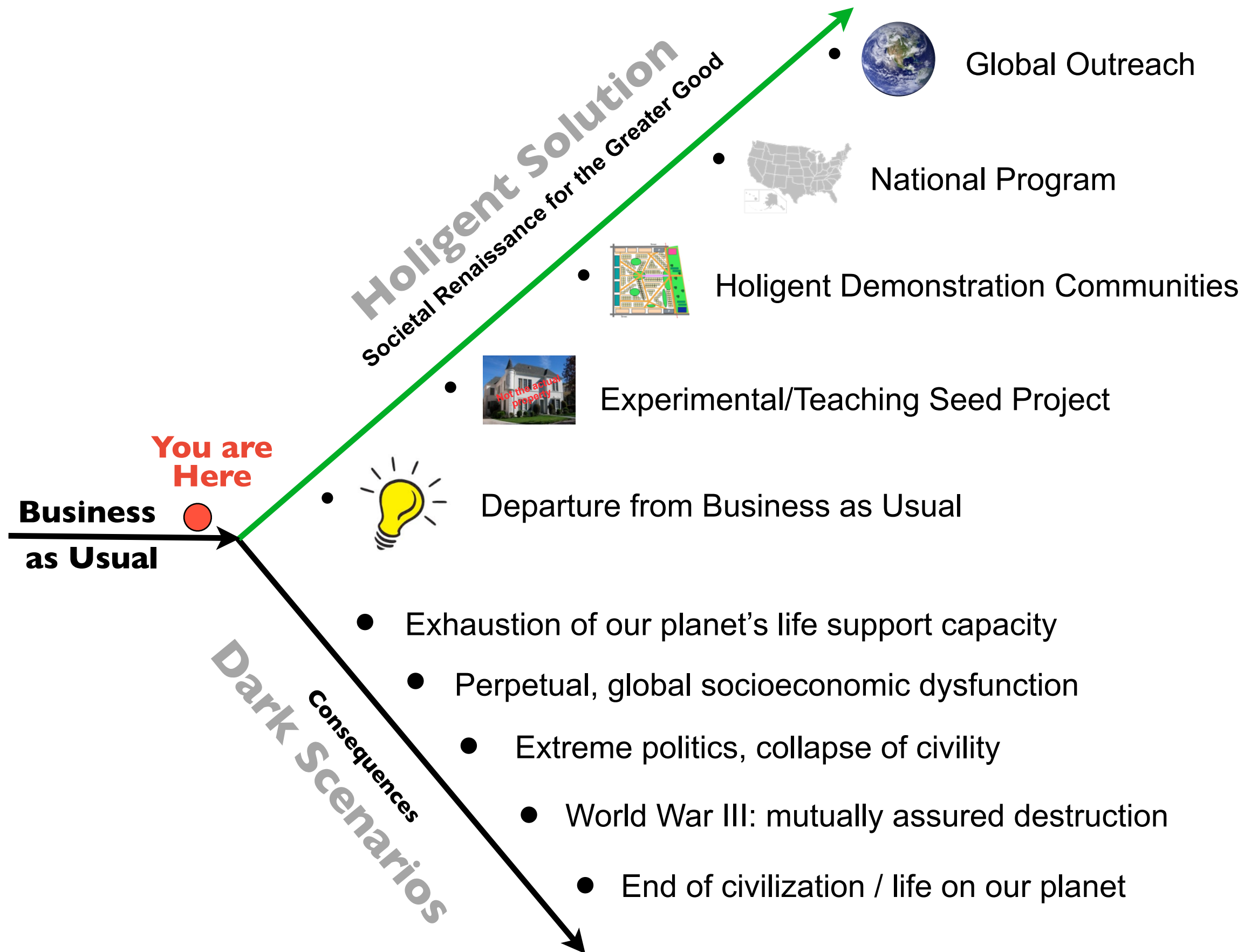
The insanity continues in the 21st century and the world once again is sleepwalking on the edge of reason.

As we look toward mid-century we see the dark clouds of failed economies, wealth inequality, political extremes and environmental catastrophes gather. Day by day that perfect storm is coming closer. A new global conflict will most likely become a nuclear confrontation in which the only perceived winning option is first strike. The outcome will be mutually assured destruction.

Yet, we still have a narrow window of opportunity to craft a better scenario. This presentation contains an abbreviated sum of my lifelong search for answers and a proposed solution with action plans.

YOUR CHOICE

There is only one! Do nothing and the other will be the consequence.



Question

Why is it that the greatest problem-solver in the known universe with countless brilliant minds credentialed by higher educational institutions over centuries were and still are unable to answer humanity's existential question: How to create universal quality of life, peace and systemic sustainability on our rich and hospitable planet?

This slideshow will help you connect the dots to answer our existential question and help create a peaceful and sustainable future. This will also provide the answer to why, if we fail in societal innovation and rebirth, the collapse of civilization on Earth is a predictable certainty within a time frame shorter than most of us could comfortably contemplate.

The Challenge

The Challenge of the 21st Century is for us to fully understand the connections between the essential tangible and the intangible parts and events of our world and urgently begin the work on a smart solution for humanity to survive and thrive.

Humanity's challenge to survive and thrive can be understood as follows. We live on our planet, embedded in the Cosmos in which Mother Nature has an unforgiving set of rules that applies across the Universe, and Earth is no exception. What is strangely exceptional on Earth is that seven billion free-willed, do-as-I-please individuals are making nearly as many different rules and wasteful choices. Mother Nature will not permit that! She will send out her terminator, (no, not Arnold) *entropy*, and put an end to all our nonsense. I will refresh your memory about *entropy* later. Connecting all the dots will answer the questions related to the proposed reconstruction of our existing but unsustainable socioeconomic system: **why** change, **what** to do, **how** to do it, **who** will do it, **where** and **when**?

CONNECTING THE DOTS

for a grand societal experiment in renewal

Why?

What?

How?

Who?

Where? and

When?

From tribalism to feudalism to communism to capitalism and everything in-between, societies have tried to solve the complex problem of creating enduring civilizations. The last one standing, capitalism, is severely strained in our time as it is failing to achieve universal quality of life, peace and systemic sustainability. The chief reason for the failures is that no past or present societal organizing systems has sufficiently answered all the above critical questions.

In this presentation the Holigent Solution proposes societal transformation (one community at a time) and answers the questions of WHY change, WHAT to do, HOW to do it, WHO will do it, WHERE and WHEN?

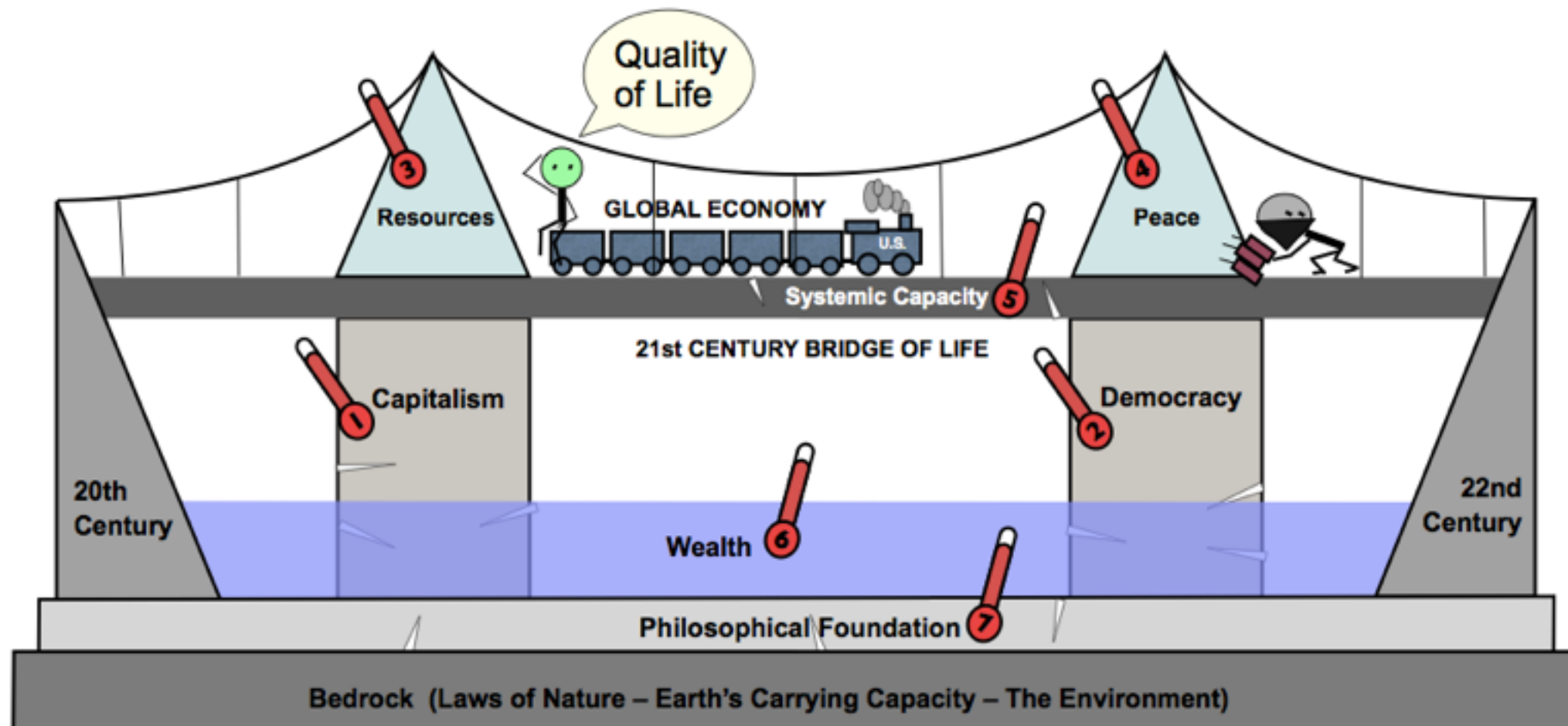
WHY

reconstruct society?

The following is merely a sampling of the many ways societies are breaking.

Stress Testing

Our Bridge to the Future



Quality of life is the critical product of civilization. Quality of life, on the other hand, is supported by a complex social, political, economic and environmental infrastructure. A suspension bridge can serve as a simplified illustration and analogy showing the interdependence of parts and aspects of our existing socioeconomic system. It also suggests its fragility. Attempted conventional solutions that are rooted in our existing unsustainable practices are inherently flawed and inadequate to resolve the multidimensional and converging challenges humanity is facing. The following **Stress Test** highlights the major threats that are progressing to converge with high probability within the first half of the 21st century.

Stress Test

of our 21st Century Bridge to the future

1 Capitalism — The closed and finite system of our planet cannot support the exponentially expanding needs of our current economic model for materials, energy, space and life support capacity.

2 Democracy — The tilted playing field, on which individual citizens vote only on election days but special interests “vote” every day in the lobbies of congress, corrupts democracy. This political system has become a partisan and often gridlocked, inefficient institution.

3 Resources — World population is over 7 billion. Rising demands are depleting available resources. Resource depletion is threatening the global economy and social order. Earth’s ecology is highly disturbed and its carrying capacity is over-stressed.

4 Peace — The greatest threat to peace, to our children and grandchildren’s future, is nuclear proliferation and an increasing probability of a nuclear war.

5 Systemic Capacity — Like an earthquake or avalanche, when a complex system, such as our socioeconomic infrastructure is stressed to capacity, an invisible nonspecific failure can lead to its sudden collapse.

6 Wealth — Wealth concentration is causing social and geopolitical friction that can lead to flash points. A tide of wealth is receding from the West and is moving to the East. The vacuum forming in the wake of that transfer of wealth will soon threaten global order.

7 Philosophical Foundation — The philosophical foundation of Western civilization (gone global) is reductionism, rooted in Greek atomistic philosophy without holism, highly compartmentalized and deeply fragmented – unable to produce holistic-systemic and synergetic solutions – inherently ill equipped to secure quality of life, peace and sustainability.

Quick Analysis: All the significant support members are highly stressed. In convergence, they increase the probability of systemic failure and collapse. It is beyond our institutions’ capacity to meet such compound systemic challenges. A rethink, reinvent and societal reconstruction is needed and offered by the Holigent Solution.

Disconnect

There is a pervasive threat lurking all around us that hardly anybody talks about in any meaningful way: Disconnect. Our culture of disconnect is the greatest and most immediate of all threats to life, wealth and civilization; therefore, it is humanity's existential challenge to connect the dots for survival.

Twice in the 20th century the consequences of disconnect descended with death and devastation on the European continent and beyond. In this 21st century, **global fossil fueled techno-industrial capitalist consumerist sprawl** is a broken concept, not sustainable and is approaching its catastrophic end. A smart fix is urgently needed! This is the subject of the Holigent Proposal in this presentation.

Wealth Migration

As the first dot of this puzzle, we choose to look at wealth migration and its consequences — a complex story that must be told and heard, if we are to save ourselves. There are two forms of wealth migration: vertical and horizontal. Both are written into the “DNA” of wealth, therefore it would be foolish trying to stop it. The solution lies way outside the box.

Vertical wealth migration is driven by the inherent energy in wealth to migrate from the “99%” to the “1%”. Thomas Piketty expressed it in the formula $r > g$, meaning that in the long run return on capital is greater than (economic) growth. Joseph Stiglitz also cautioned us about *The Price of Inequality*. Vertical wealth migration has two main consequences.

One result, over time, is extreme wealth inequality, which societies try to remedy on occasions with extreme attempts of wealth redistribution. (The Bolshevik Revolution was such an attempt, although a monumental, bloody failure.)

The other is the impoverishment of the economy as the “99%” loses purchasing power, resulting in economic stagnation that can lead to recession, extreme politics and the collapse of the economy. (Such elements, along with other fiscal mischief, played parts bringing about the Great Depression of the 20th century that led to World War II.)

Horizontal wealth migration occur in two varieties: West to East and South to North. The epic **West to East** wealth migration took place over the past three decades as a tidal wave of wealth transferred from America and Europe to Asia, making China rich and the United States poorer. The potentially dangerous consequences of this are just beginning to unfold as friction between East and West begin to heat up. In a future deep economic recession the economic ties (the glue) will not be there to provide friendly ties between competing but incompatible giants. The world will slip further into uncertainty and dangerous confrontations.

The **South to North** wealth migration, at times dramatic, can be destabilizing — particularly in Europe. It is a result of the reality that Europe is made of many nations with different sizes, geographies, histories, cultures and temperaments, while EU is a suit in one size that does not fit all. Consequently, some members of the union become indebted, and membership inadvertently becomes a lender-borrower relationship that creates friction, weakening and potentially fragmenting the European Union. EU's real or perceived weakness could invite Russian miscalculation and result in conflict that could rapidly escalate to global scale, as the United States once again would come to aid geopolitical Western Europe.

We already mentioned that wealth migration is inherent in the “DNA” of wealth; therefore it cannot be stopped without the risk of destroying wealth and the creators of wealth. (Soviet communism did a thorough job of that.) Nevertheless, this existential challenge can be overcome with societal innovation and restructuring as proposed by the Holigent Solution outlined below. Our true challenge will be to find people and institutions brave enough to step outside their respective comfort zones to undertake such a rethink, redesign, and “cellular” reconstruction of society.

Thoughts about Human Resource Migration

Migration is not unnatural — herds of wild animals do it regularly to seek better pasture. With the development of agriculture, humans learned to settle. Industrialization provided the necessities of life and transportation facilitated the movement of goods while people could stay and live in ever-larger villages, towns and cities.

This ideal arrangement is changing. Disruption and discomfort caused by overpopulation, resource depletion, economic inequality and war are unsettling increasing numbers of people seeking better conditions. The migrant crisis in Europe is only the beginning of new waves of migration, which will grow dramatically as increasing numbers of people escape regions of catastrophic climate change.

Waves of migrants are seeking the best conditions in Western Europe and heading mostly to Germany. The critical unknown in the outcome is the condition of the global economy in the years ahead. If the global economy stalls, the German economy too will falter. In that scenario large numbers of the immigrants will find themselves unemployed, disappointed and angry. Many will be subject to radicalization. The greater fear for Germany is political polarization and the consequences that can spring from that.

On the other hand, if the German economy remains strong and successfully integrates the immigrants into its economy, then there is something else to consider that may be counterintuitive yet rather significant. Germany is already rich. When it successfully integrates that newly arrived massive human resource into its economy, Germany will become even richer while the South gets poorer as it is drained of human resource. This will further widen the gap of inequality between North and South within EU. Inequality is the source of friction and stress that predictably leads to disagreement and disruption. Once again, connecting the dots to find and initiate solutions for the years and decades ahead are becoming more urgent.

Stress and Consequences

Why wealth and human resource migration are the greatest existential threat to life, wealth and social order? That's a story that requires many more dots to be connected.

So, let's begin by remembering that wealth and human resource migration causes friction and stress. The effects of vertical and horizontal wealth migrations converge to create social and geopolitical friction that crosses national boundaries to elevate global collective socioeconomic stress. When such rising stress reach tipping points, politics go to extremes, reasoning and social order breaks down, and war is a likely consequence.

But why does rising collective stress lead to the loss of reasoning and war? Stress is our ancient biological survival mechanism. It is our neuroendocrine system that prepares the body to fight or flee an existential threat. Our stress arousal mechanism evolved in the primeval jungle millions of years ago and has not changed significantly. In primitive times, fast reflexive response had higher survival value than slower thought process. Consequently, at high stress, rational thought process involuntarily shuts down and we regress to primitive, fast reflexive action. Our present generations are the descendants of the survivors of that natural selection that under high stress favors the most aggressive reflexive responders without critical thought process.

Continue connecting the dots as you contemplate the quality of the future for humanity. In World War II the United States was the only nuclear power with two atom bombs — both were dropped and detonated. Today the world has 9 known nuclear powers and an estimated 16,000 nuclear weapons — do the math on probabilities.

Now let's connect all the dots of this large puzzle of our rapidly developing dark scenario: Complex (vertical and horizontal) wealth migration is an ongoing process that slowly but relentlessly increases local and global collective socioeconomic stress and geopolitical friction. At some tipping point, politics shift to extremes, social order breaks down and war results. Consider that in a nuclear confrontation there is only one perceived winning option — first strike. It would be naïve, even irresponsible, to believe that the next world war would be anything other than nuclear mutually assured destruction.

Look around the world and notice how the social, economic and environmental troublemaking capacity of humanity nearly everywhere is outpacing the pacifying capacity of democratic or any other societies. Yet, the solution to humanity's survival challenge does not exist in established concepts or institutions. ("A problem cannot be solved with the same mindset that created it." — Albert Einstein)

Flaw in the Foundation

Once again we ask the question; why is it that the greatest problem solvers in the known universe with countless brilliant minds credentialed by higher educational institutions over centuries are unable to answer humanity's existential challenge — How to create universal quality of life, peace and systemic sustainability on our rich and hospitable planet?

Answering this question will be intellectually painful. Nevertheless, we need to talk about fundamental flaws in our societal organizing concept. Western civilization developed along a long history of varied influences and settled into what we practice today; reductionism without holism or synthesis that produces a society that is highly compartmentalized and deeply fragmented. No doubt, reductionism worked well for the evolution of science and technology. But it does not work at all for the evolution of socioeconomic and political concepts. Consequently science and technology reinvents itself with dizzying speed while our dysfunctional social, economic and political concepts are centuries and millennia old. The result is asymmetric development of society that produces a playing field so tilted that civilization itself is at risk of sliding into the abyss.

What are the roots of this tragic disconnect? All the parts and particles of the universe possess atomistic structures and holistic-emergent properties/qualities. While atomism and reductionism are facilitated by weighing and measuring the structural and quantitative aspects of the physical world, science and math cannot weigh and measure the holistic-emergent qualitative properties of all things. Yet the universe evolved from the simple and homogeneous near-nothingness of cosmic vacuum to its present complex diversity through the near magical process of holistic emergence. For example, we know well the physical structure of H₂O yet we don't have a good grasp on the holistic-emergent qualitative property of water that cannot be found in the parts that created it. Even more difficult for us to understand is how the fully reciprocating relationships among the organs produce life — a pure weightless holistic-emergent quality that cannot be found in any organ.

The moral of this story is that science and society are looking at the quantitative reality through the reductionist lens with 20/20 vision but are largely blind to the holistic-emergent qualitative properties of reality. It is like looking at the world without depth perception, we are unable to see reality in its whole and true form. Our understanding of the world and everything we construct based on such biased knowledge is deeply flawed. Now we are seven billion myopic do-as-I-please humans, making nearly as many flawed rules and wasteful choices. The universe and our planet will not support that. In that flawed reality all manmade systems will have an expiration date within a short shelf life.

Some reflections of our current reality

Europe's collective stress level will continue its relentless rise because conventional concepts and institutions are inherently ill-equipped to halt it. When it reaches those tipping points Europe once again may turn into the land of misguided lunatics, as it did twice in the 20th century. On an even larger scale, when rising global stress levels hit critical tipping points, human beings around the world, in possession of nuclear weapons, will develop desperate pathology and terminate life, wealth and civilization with the touch of a button.

If that is what our future holds then we can ask why would evolution make the human species a failed experiment? This is relatively easy to answer. Evolution has no pity or morality, it does not believe in God, compassion, goodness, etc. It simply promotes what works and terminates what doesn't. Her unforgiving rules are what all sustainable natural systems follow: ***Do the essential most with the least of resources to maintain fully reciprocating (synergetic) relationships with all the internal parts of the self and with the external support environment.*** This is also the guiding philosophy of the Holigent Solution.

The above is merely an outline of the seemingly hopeless and immediate dark scenario facing humanity. However, let's also remember that Mother Nature gave us big brains with immense problem solving capacity. So we could surprise the great heartless lady and stick around for a very long time; provided we reinvent ourselves and reconstruct societies right and fast.

Entropy

Earlier I promised to refresh your memory about entropy. Entropy belongs to the realm of thermodynamics. Broadly speaking it is a measure of energy depletion or disorder in a system. For our purpose it may be useful to think of entropy as a process that moves ordered systems toward disorder and termination. I like to illustrate that abstract concept with the salmon in the run.

The torrent of the river represents the downward pressure of entropy and the salmon represents life. The salmon must swim upstream to reach its spawning ground; for if it fails in that the torrent will sweep it down without a chance of reproduction. In addition to using its stored energy frugally the salmon must overcome the challenges of rapids. The salmon, unable to swim straight up and having no wings to fly, overcomes that challenge with an ingenious strategy — the LEAP.

We must never forget that the process of entropy is ever-present, severe, relentless and inescapable — therefore predictable: all systems that fail to develop a strategy of "leap" that is able to overcome entropy will disintegrate. Much of entropy's work in the human realm is invisible until it comes to the surface, rather late in the process, and causes seemingly sudden economic, social and environmental disruptions.

Human societies must also overcome the depleting and disorganizing downward pressure of entropy by developing a strategy to leap out of the confines of established but unsustainable concepts. In the following parts of this presentation we propose societal renewal to overcome entropy and elevate society to a higher ground of systemic sustainability.



WHAT

to do?

The Holigent Solution.

The Holigent systemic sustainability solution is societal innovation and rearrangement in the form of constructing mixed-use live/work pedestrian compact urban villages with hybrid economies and social contracts. It is a proposed systemic rearrangement of every aspect of society, all in the interest of securing social, economic and environmental justice, quality and sustainability.

The proposed solution requires a brave leap forward in social evolution to see and adjust to a true and clear big picture of human reality on this planet. Talks alone will not do; this must be demonstrated! In the following I give you a brief outline.

The Holigent Solution is a philosophical rethink, redesign and physical rearrangement of the way we live, work, commute, produce, consume, educate and govern ourselves. This concept proposes to reconstruct society into a **cellular** arrangement made of Holigent Communities/Villages and a hybrid system of value exchange not fully dependent on money.

Why cellular restructuring of society?

This touches a fundamental rule of sustainable reality: The essence of evolution is the relentlessly rising complexity of all systems as the universe evolves from its simple and homogeneous origin to the varied diversity in the present. Systemic integrity requires that *the self-organizing capacity of any system evolve as well and be commensurate with its complexity*. Consequently if the evolving complexity of any system exceeds its self-organizing capacity (not enough glue to hold it together) that system will disintegrate.

This really bad news can be summed up as follows: Global fossil fueled techno-industrial capitalist consumerist sprawl for seven billion do-as-I-please humans has far outpaced the self-organizing (and life support) capacity of any known democratic or dictatorial societal organizing system. Consequently, civilization on our planet is destined for catastrophic failure.

Following the structural and collaborative model of complex living organisms, cellular restructuring of society may be the answer to restore systemic integrity and sustainability. The essence of such a “cellular” village/community is briefly outlined in the following.

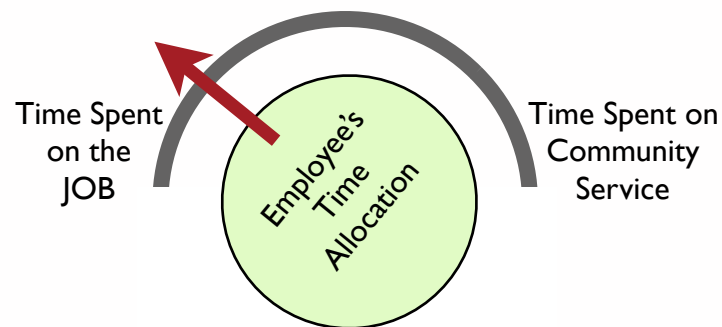
***Holigent* (holistic-emergent) is simply a word that stands for the concept of an all-in-one social, economic and environmental systemic sustainability solution and the higher order that emerges from such synergism.**

Accordingly, we need to build, test and demonstrate a new model of socioeconomic infrastructure in the form of a Holigent Village, then build many more in local to regional to global programs. A Holigent Village is a mixed-use, all-green, live/work/walk compact pedestrian urban community with a hybrid economy and social contract. The hybrid economy preserves the best aspects of capitalism in variable arrangements with direct human resource input formalized in the Delta Plan.

The Delta Plan is a three-way variable commitment agreement between employer-tenants of the Village, their participating resident employees and the nonprofit management organization that underwrites the business and job security agreements. The adjustable Delta Plan governs the human resource input respectively in “normal”, “variable” and “dormant” conditions.

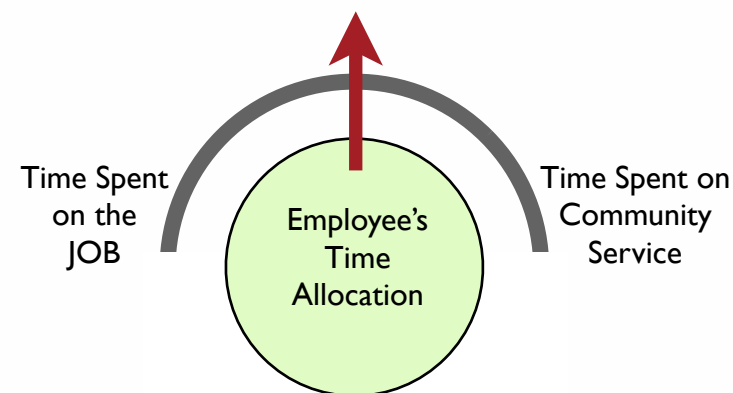
Plan A Normal Condition

Under normal conditions an employee-resident's time allocations are balanced between employment and community service according to their basic agreement. All residents participate in community service for which they earn Community Credit used to pay a portion of their housing cost.



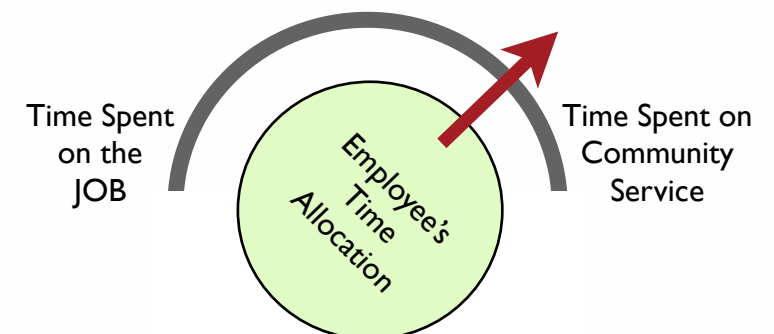
Plan B Variable Condition

During moderate economic hard times, affected employees' commitments would be varied according to a negotiated scale. In accord with those agreements, affected companies would reduce some or all employees' pay and/or work-hours. Affected employees would work more hours in community service and pay a larger portion of their housing cost with earned Community Credit. This option provides the opportunity for employers and employees to calibrate their variable agreements to create a competitive advantage while securing their essential quality of life.



Plan C Dormant Condition

During severe economic downturns, an affected company would go into a dormant state rather than shut down. Its employees would go on unpaid furlough rather than be laid off and would be recalled when work became available. Increased community service allows furloughed employee-residents to pay most or all their housing cost with earned Community Credit. Participating employers, in order to avoid permanent shutdown, must be debt-free, insured, subsidized, or otherwise able to reorganize or freeze obligations to be covered for the dormant period. This plan would preserve a company's physical, business, and workforce assets as well as its employees' jobs, housing and essential quality of life.



Holigent Villages anywhere in the world would operate under the same self-organizing philosophy and nonprofit corporate model. Beyond initial funding, they will generate their own rental income and will be self-financed and self-maintained — significantly reducing the burden on and in time the size of governments. The hybrid arrangement would provide flexibility to suit communities with different culture, productivity and temperament to secure quality of life for all its participants.

How would the Holigent Village and the hybrid arrangement protect resident companies and their participating employees from the downturns of the economy in an increasingly globalized world?

The Delta Plan is a variable multi-layered, three-way agreement that can serve as a **connector** or as an **insulator** in relation to the general/global economy.

The Holigent Village as connector to the global economy

Part of the economic reality of the world is the tilted playing field favoring Asia. Among historic, cultural and political factors, subsidized low-cost housing and no car ownership result in low cost of living for the bulk of Asian workers; all of which fuels their low-wage competitive advantage. This in turn powers Western outsourcing and the Eastward migration of wealth.

On the other side of that tilted playing field, the American and many European workers, saddled with a mortgage or high commercial rent and car ownership, is locked into a high cost of living, high-wage demand arrangement that diminishes his or her job prospects in the competitive globalized labor market.

Together with the structural problems of Western economies and politics the erosion of quality of life for America's and Europe's middle class continues. No simple tool will fix these issues, and there is no political solution.

The Holigent Solution would gradually level that playing field by allowing people to live close to their workplace in compact nonprofit-managed affordable urban villages. This arrangement would free employees from home and car ownership and radically reduce their cost of living, thus laying the foundation for a competitive advantage. In addition, the "variable" mode of the Delta Plan would facilitate wage agreements that would further improve competitive advantage while preserving quality of life for the residents of a Holigent Village. Even while Holigent Villages are connected to and participating in the global economy the "variable" mode of the Delta Plan would slow or reverse outsourcing and the out-migration of wealth.

As long as the construction of Holigent Villages are not mortgaged but rather funded by grants, it will assure that the hybrid economy will work with a high degree of reliability.

The Holigent Village as insulator from downturns of the global economy

In good times, the Holigent Village can improve productivity and competitiveness and thus enhance connectedness to the general economy. During downturns of the global economy, the variable Delta Plan can become the **insulator** turning the Holigent Village into a fortress defending quality of life for its residents; this is accomplished by activating the “variable” or “dormant” option of the Delta Plan.

Once again, in a worst case scenario, a hard-hit business would go into a dormant state rather than shut down, and its employees would go on unpaid furlough rather than be laid off. Furloughed employees would temporarily increase their community service and use earned community credit to pay for their housing, food and household necessities. Thus the Holigent Solution would provide a high degree of protection against bankruptcy for businesses as well as secure jobs, housing and essential quality of life for employees.

To fully understand how this option can protect participating companies and their employees from the consequences of severe economic downturns we need to take a close look at the functioning of the Holigent hybrid economy. Each individual participates in a three-way agreement with their employer and the nonprofit management organization. As the negative impacts of the general/global economy deepens, circumstances may demand that employees work less hours at their jobs or be furloughed. At the same time they will work more hours at community service earning community credit that pays for part or all of housing, food, health care and household necessities. In that arrangement quality of life in the Holigent Village depends less on money and progressively more on one's **direct human resource input**. As a result, the utility of money diminishes while the utility of direct human resource input (a form of barter) increases in everyday general value exchange in the course of securing uninterrupted quality of life. Connecting these dots: secured quality of life prevents the rise of socioeconomic stress. Secure and satisfied people do not go to political extremes and do not start wars.

How does the Holigent Village Management Generate the Resources to Underwrite the Quality of Life Promise?

The resource generation begins with grants rather than loans to construct Holigent Villages so that the Village is free of mortgage. (We deal with the question of funding in the “WHO” part.) Beyond initial funding, the rental income that the nonprofit management collects goes into the fund that underwrites the quality of life promise. In addition, according to the social contract built into the Delta Plan, each resident is committed to work a set number of hours per month in community service. This direct human resource input is invested in construction, physical and social maintenance, local food and energy production and other activities that further enrich the community's ability to secure quality of life.

Why so much emphasis on quality of life?

The human neuroendocrine stress arousal system is an ancient evolutionary legacy. Under “WHY” we discussed the consequence of high collective stress on human behavior. In summary, stress arousal is governed by our autonomic nervous system significantly outside our conscious control. At high stress the human decision making process is largely and involuntarily detached from rational thought process. That becomes the root of irrational behavior and so much human tragedy, including conflicts tumbling out of control into devastating wars that rarely if ever resolve the initial problem.

Securing universal quality of life — meaning collective/societal well-being and security — would prevent the rise of collective socioeconomic stress to dangerous tipping points thus social order and peace would be preserved.

How

to do it?

What works and what doesn't?

In pursuit of preventing a possible socioeconomic collapse and building a better bridge to our future we first have to sort out what works and what doesn't.

What doesn't Work

The history of revolutions are dismal, they are better at tearing down existing systems than building anything substantially better. Once again the Bolshevik Revolution is a good illustration of that point. The Arab Spring is another, which would more appropriately be called the Arab nightmare.

Former Vice President Al Gore presented well-documented evidences about climate change to Congressional committees. While his Nobel Prize-awarded work on the environment and Oscar winning documentary *An Inconvenient Truth* moved millions of people; Congress failed to be moved. We can't help but take home a lesson that neither idealism nor scientific reasoning can move Congress with sufficient speed.

The Occupy Movement protested convincingly and mostly peacefully across the U.S. and around the world. Yet, it could not significantly change the system. Another lesson we learned is that protest movements cannot penetrate and change the system and the system is incapable of changing itself.

We are very good at protests. After all from the moment of birth as babies we cry in protest when feeling discomfort. Fortunately mothers are wired to respond with food and comfort. Congress and political systems in general are not equipped with such natural inclination, thus we must be very clear about the fact that protests will be ignored and will amount to no more than banging our heads against a stone wall.

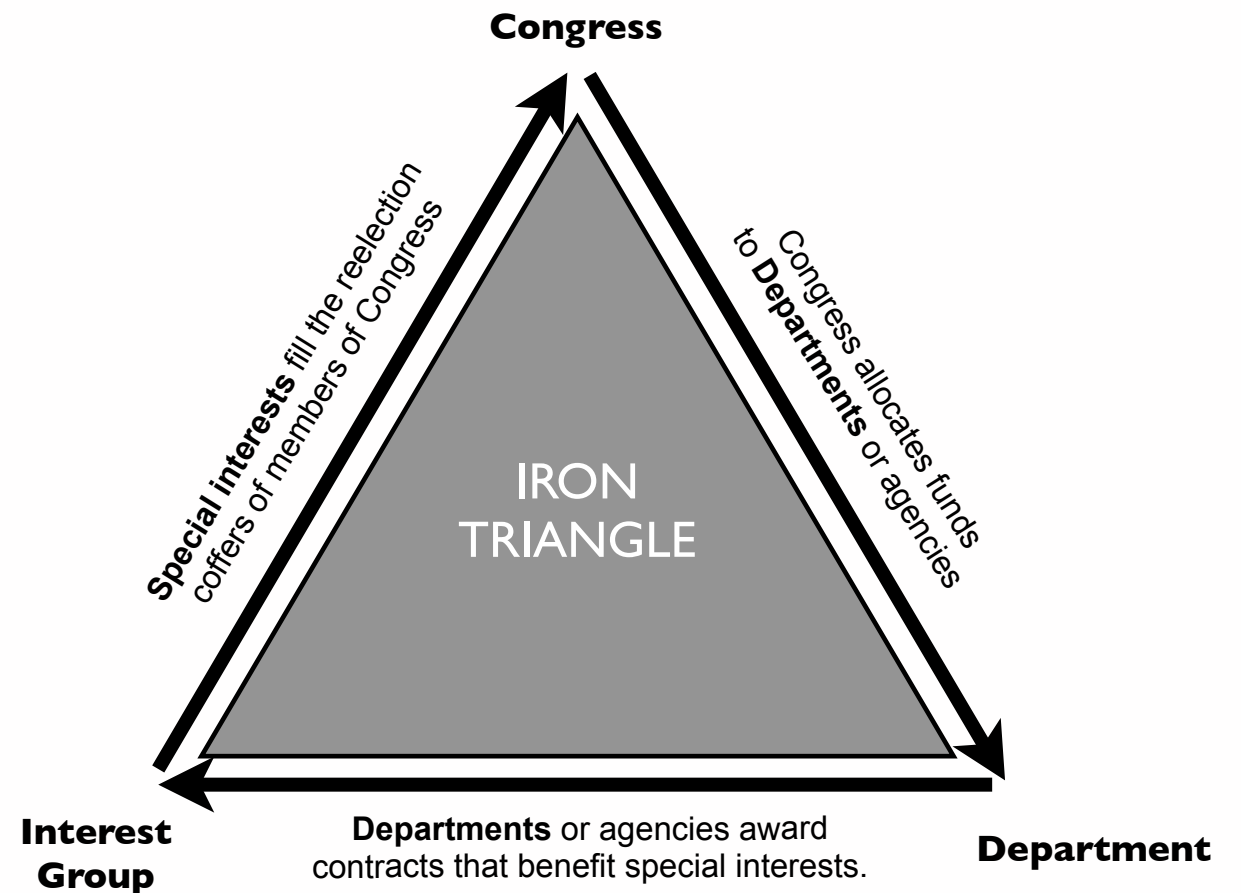
The current political reality is such that voters vote only on election days while special interests push their "votes" every day along the lobbies of Congress. The raw reality is that citizens cast away their votes on election days and become largely powerless. As we come to the realization that the traditions of democracy no longer work we ask, what works in our new reality?

What Works in the U.S.

The Iron Triangle Works

The Iron Triangle, in political terms, is a three-way relationship between special interest, Congress, and the appropriate department that allocates federal funding. We look at the most successful alliances working the system the way the system works. We must pause and study the military industrial legislative complex (MILC) that received between \$600 and \$700 billion per year in recent years from the federal budget. The military industry, Congress, and the Department of Defense form an *Iron Triangle*. No doubt MILC has a convincing mission of “defend America”. It also has a shrewd strategy: spread military contracts to every state. Consequently representatives from both parties of every state have an interest to vote for job-providing military budgets every year.

The iron triangle works successfully to provide subsidies from agriculture to pharmaceuticals and beyond at varying extent for many special interests.



Here is how you can work the system

Elections, petitions and protests – the usual instruments of democracy – no longer work. There is only one thing that works: money pulling the levers of Congress to make federal favors and funds available to special interests. There is a long list of special interest groups that work the system the way the system currently works to benefit their respective interests. On the top of that heap is the Military Industrial Complex at about \$700 billion-per-annum in recent years. If America invests 1% (or more) of that amount in Reconstruct America Projects we could build a better bridge to a future of social, economic and environmental justice, quality and sustainability.

Here is how to build leverage

Create or join a cell of The Alliance to Reconstruct America (TARA). It is your special interest group to work the system the way the system works. The Alliance is organized in the model of Massive Open Socioeconomic Self-organization (MOSS), a cellular organizing system (not a vertical chain of command). You can start your own cell or join an existing one. Use social media, your personal power tool, to recruit and organize for action.

Cells of the Alliance

Any self-motivated individual can create a Cell of the Alliance. Start with friends and family, then recruit organizations, movements, and others. You can be as small or as large as you like. And you can also be ambitious and set up and prepare your nonprofit organization to qualify for federal funding when the time comes.

The Mission

When the Alliance is mature and muscular, organize and take a road trip to Washington DC, set up camp on the National Mall, work the congressional offices and send professional lobbyists to work the back rooms. Work the system the way the system works to persuade Congress to establish the **Department of Homeland Reconstruction**.

The Department of Homeland Reconstruction

The Department would make federal funding available to qualifying nongovernmental/nonprofit organizations for Holigent Reconstruct America Projects.

When Federal Funding is Secured

Example: If your nongovernmental nonprofit organization's name is "Occupy" then you apply to the appropriate federal agency to receive federal funds in the name of Occupy Alliance to Reconstruct America. Your organization then will develop plans and contract to build "Occupy Village" or "Occupyland". Your "Occupy" community will be a nonprofit-managed, mixed-use, live/work, compact pedestrian urban village with a hybrid economy and social contract. Such communities will become models of our better future to asher in social, economic and environmental justice, quality and sustainability.

Organize for the next Election

The purpose of The Alliance to Reconstruct America (TARA) is not to overthrow the existing system but rather to work the system the way the system works in the interest of advancing the Holigent Reconstruct America concept and project.

Consequently, every two years TARA can organize to help elect representatives who support the Holigent Reconstruct America project and promise to work for the establishment of the Department of Homeland Reconstruction.

During presidential election cycles (every four years), members of TARA will vote for the candidate who strongly supports or runs on the platform of Holigent Reconstruct America in the interest of achieving social, economic and environmental justice, quality and systemic sustainability.

Note: It is conceivable that some large special interests such as the fossil fuel industry or the military industrial complex will feel threatened by the Holigent Project. Be on guard for anyone promoting "Reconstruct America" divorced from the Holigent spirit and program of social renewal. Such generic claims can be corrupted and used in attempts to discredit or harm TARA and the Holigent Movement. Anticipating such harmful attempts is the reason why the word *Holigent* has obtained trademark protection to preserve its nonprofit dedication to social renewal and to promote the common good.

Prepare for the next Recession

When the next recession arrives it will be our natural impulse to march, occupy and protest — we've been there, done that.

As the world succumbs to entropy and becomes more disordered, dysfunctional and dangerous, our options narrow. We either come up with a smart solution in a hurry or become victims of economic and social collapse. The smart move is to become a **Holigent Solutioneer**.

Study *Connect the Dots* and/or *Holigent Reconstruct America Course and Workshop* on this site so that you understand the nuts and bolts of the proposed hybrid socioeconomic solution.

Form your cell of The Alliance to Reconstruct America.

Visit your city's Mayor and City Council Members. Introduce your group and assure them that you are on their side peacefully organizing for solutions, not looking for confrontation. Inform them that you will be using a nearby city property or park to assemble for a road-trip to Washington, DC.

Engage in fundraising to cover the cost of the road trip.

When you have the funds to cover food, fuel and other essentials, assemble all the cars, buses and RVs you can, and head for our nation's capital.

Use your smart phones on the road and continue to organize, publicize and coordinate with police to secure the roads for your caravan coming through. Arrange permits to assemble on the National Mall so you can set up camps and information booths upon arrival.

Organize lobbying groups and visit Congressional Offices and the White House. Deliver hard copies of the Holigent Reconstruct America proposal to Legislators and the President and urge them to establish the Department of Homeland Reconstruction.

The encampment and Holigent Reconstruct America promotion on the National Mall must remain in place — by rotating solutioneers, if necessary — until the Department of Homeland Reconstruction is established.

During the wait, Holigent Solutioneers should organize partnerships with universities and prepare to qualify for federal grants. Develop proposals to build experimental-teaching-demonstration live/work pedestrian compact urban villages with hybrid economies and social contracts that embrace the Holigent Spirit. Such communities will secure universal quality of life, peace and systemic sustainability to all their residents.

WHO

will do it?

Individuals

to initiate

Massive Open Socioeconomic Self-organization (MOSS)

How could an individual work the system?



Give me a place to stand and with a lever
I will move the world.

Archimedes

Kickstart MOSS

Massive Open Socioeconomic Self-organization

Individuals that make up the “99%” of society may not have the wealth, but they have the numbers on their side. Making their numbers an effective force for the proposed societal renewal will take a new kind of organization. Here is how to begin: Recommend to at least two friends to read and consider this Holigent Proposal and ask each to recommend it to at least two others. So it starts with you. In the second turn there will be 2, in the third turn there will be 4, then 8, then 16, and so on. By the 32nd turn there could be over 4 billion people exposed to the Holigent societal transformation concept. Only a fraction of that is needed to make Massive Open Socioeconomic Self-organization (MOSS) work.

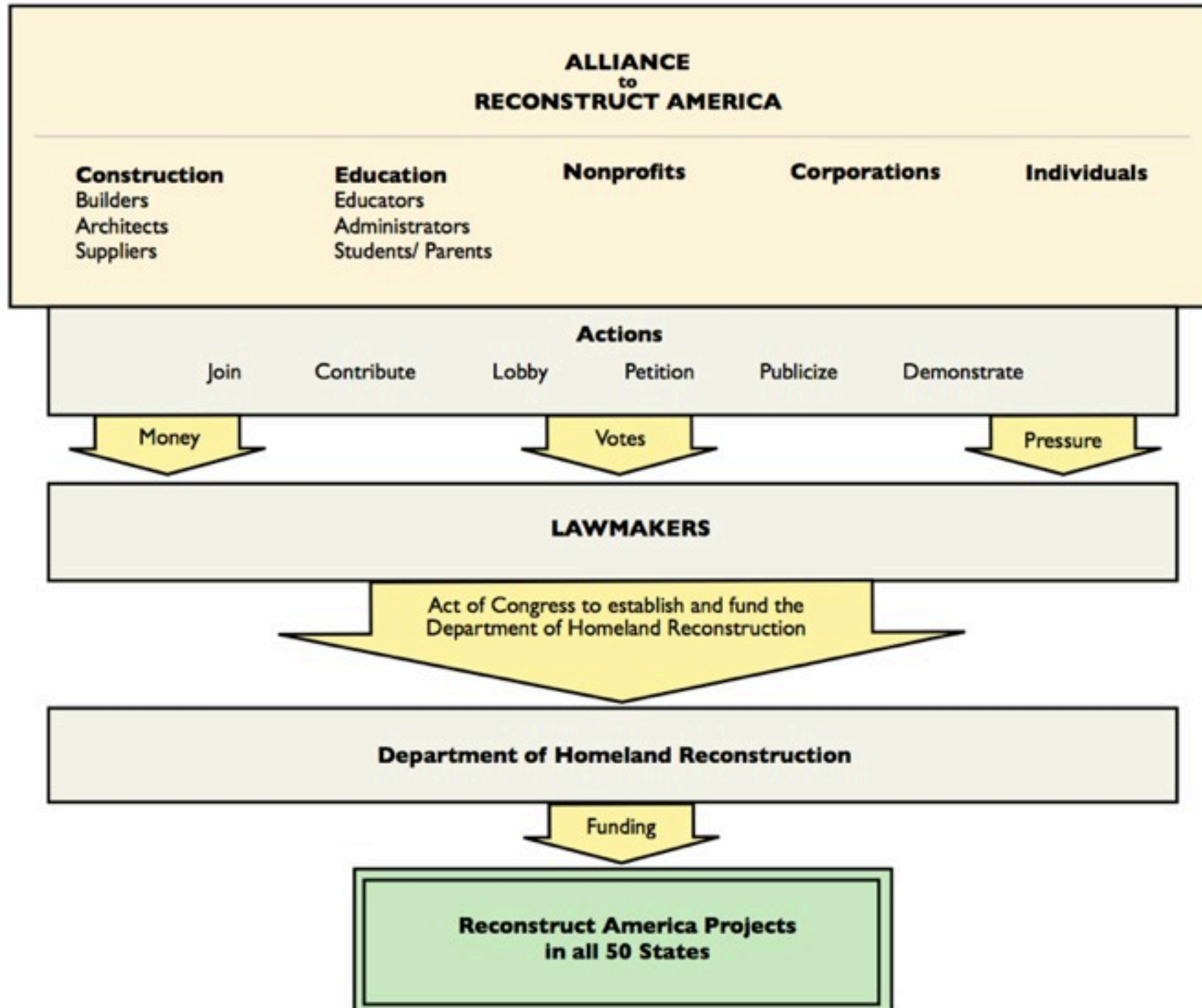
Holigent transformation of society may be a distant goal. Yet, we must begin the conversation now and let it become a gathering point to focus minds and project hopefulness into the future. We can continue with research, feasibility studies and generic planning that will be followed by a determined fundraising campaign for the construction of one or more teaching/demonstration Holigent community.

The proposed social transformation is to be pursued not by political change, but rather by Holigent development, one community at a time. Thus the proposed societal renewal requires the construction of Holigent compact urban villages or the retrofitting of existing communities. The development could be funded privately, publicly or by private-public collaboration. Private funding will be the privilege of the wealthy members of society. Public funding may come about as politicians recognize the need for public investment in socioeconomic innovation in the example of the historically successful public investment in space exploration that was the incubator of today's high technology.

This proposal introduces ways by which individuals of any means can initiate and participate in the Holigent societal innovation/reconstruction projects. Under WHO? we introduce Massive Open Socioeconomic Self-organization (MOSS) as a possible new avenue to organize the "99%" creating effective alliances to work the system the way the system works. Equally, institutions, organizations and politicians are encouraged to take a leading role in this proposed socioeconomic transformation process.

The proposed societal innovation and retrofit is nonpolitical — it could create much-needed centers of socioeconomic stability in nondemocratic systems as well. In time, the Holigent Solution will reduce individual and collective socioeconomic stress and secure universal quality of life, peace and systemic sustainability.

From Alliance to Action



Young people on university campuses ACT NOW!

It's your future; who will build it if not you?

Students, educators, activists form cells of The Alliance to Reconstruct America (TARA) focused on societal reconstruction one community at a time.

When you have a committed group, acquire an Olympic-style torch dedicated to the spirit of Holigent Reconstruct America.

Have regular gatherings to light the torch and take it on run/walks through communities to raise awareness and promote membership in The Alliance to Reconstruct America.

Use your group's weekly or monthly torch runs to raise money for an eventual Road Trip to Washington DC.

When the time is right, but no later than the onset of the next Great Recession, organize with other groups to undertake a massive Road Trip and converge on the National Mall in Washington DC. On your arrival make multiple torch runs around the Capital. Then plant your torch on the ground along with the torches of other groups (in a torch garden) and let the spirit of Holigent Reconstruct America burn bright.

Organize with other groups and proceed to visit the offices of legislators and urge them to establish the Department of Homeland Reconstruction to channel Federal funds to Reconstruct America projects.

Alternate between lobbying Congress and making torch-runs around the Capital to further elevate awareness.

Encourage educational institutions to make preparations to receive federal funding for building experimental/teaching/demonstration live/learn/work/walk pedestrian villages with hybrid economies and social contracts to secure social, economic and environmental justice, quality and systemic sustainability for all its residents. Universities already have established channels of private and public funding and have experience building campuses that in many ways resemble the Holigent Village model.

When it is demonstrated that such all green, mixed-use, live/work compact pedestrian communities with hybrid economies and social contracts can secure quality of life, peace and systemic sustainability to all its residents, continue encouraging Congress to increase funding and expand the project from experimental to regional to national programs.

Educators

and Educational Institutions

RE-EXAMINE LIFE OR PERISH!

Reeducating people, politicians and presidents is a teaching job.
Who will do it if not educators?

The unexamined life is not worth living.

Socrates 5th century BCE

The unexamined life for 7 billion do-as-I-please
humans will not be livable on our planet.

Emerging self-evidence 21st century

Once again remember Albert Einstein's concern: "A problem cannot be solved with the same mindset that created it."

So, bravely leap outside conventional comfort zones as you spark this 21st century renaissance for planet Earth. Discuss it freely with peers, friends and strangers. Then seek every opportunity to move the conversation to action.

A Critical Question

(For convenience we repeat here what has been discussed earlier under “Flaw in the Foundation.”)

Before educators and educational institutions are able to move forward with societal innovation toward true sustainability they need to answer the following question.

Why is it that the greatest problem solvers in the known universe with countless brilliant minds credentialed by higher educational institutions over centuries are unable to answer humanity’s existential question — **How to create universal quality of life, peace and systemic sustainability on our rich and hospitable planet?**

Answering this question will be intellectually painful. Nevertheless, we need to talk about fundamental flaws in our societal organizing concept. Western civilization developed along a long history of varied influences and settled into what we practice today; reductionism without holism or synthesis that produces a society that is highly compartmentalized and deeply fragmented. No doubt, reductionism worked well for the evolution of science and technology. But it does not work at all for the evolution of socioeconomic and political concepts. Consequently science and technology reinvents itself with dizzying speed while our dysfunctional social, economic and political concepts are centuries and millennia old. The result is asymmetric development of society that produces a playing field so tilted that civilization itself is at risk of sliding into the abyss.

What are the roots of this tragic disconnect? All the parts and particles of the universe possess atomistic structures and holistic-emergent properties/qualities. While weighing and measuring the structural and quantitative aspects of the physical world facilitate atomism and reductionism, science and math cannot weigh and measure the holistic-emergent qualities of all things. Yet the universe evolved from the simple and homogeneous near-nothingness of cosmic vacuum to its present complex diversity through the near magical events of holistic emergence. For example, we know the quantitative atomistic/molecular structure of H₂O, yet we don’t have a good grasp on the holistic-emergent qualitative property of water that cannot be found in the parts that created it. Even more difficult for us to understand is how the fully reciprocating relationships among the organs produces life — a pure weightless holistic-emergent quality that cannot be found in any organ.

The moral of this story is that science and society are looking at reality through the reductionist lens with 20/20 vision but are largely blind to the holistic-emergent reality of all things. Seeing the world without depth perception, we are unable to see reality in its whole and true form. Our understanding of the world and everything we construct based on such biased knowledge is deeply flawed. Now we are seven billion myopic do-as-I-please humans, making nearly as many flawed rules and wasteful choices on this planet — something Mother Nature will not permit. In that flawed reality all manmade systems will have an expiration date within a short shelf life.

Once all that is understood, educational institutions need to introduce and teach the subject of **holistic emergence** — the process that defines the unique qualitative properties of all things. Quality cannot be weighed and measured with as much precision as structure and quantity can. No mathematical formula, no matter how accurately represents the atomistic and molecular structures and processes, can satisfactorily describe the texture and qualitative properties of things to our senses. Quality can and must be **demonstrated**.

As we contemplate societal innovation that can provide and secure quality of life, we must understand the fundamental function of quality — without it, entropy will dominate and civilization will continue to degrade toward terminal collapse.

Holigent societal renewal is a hybrid quantitative as well as qualitative systemic solution for humanity's multidimensional challenge. It cannot be taught in classrooms alone, it must be demonstrated. It is for that reason why educational institutions need to construct Holigent experimental teaching and demonstration community campuses.

Educational institutions are experienced in building live/learn/work/walk pedestrian villages (more commonly called university campuses) that are in many ways similar to the proposed Holigent Villages.

Reeducating people, politicians and presidents is a teaching job. Who will do it if not educators?

The Wealthy

The burden as well as the pride may fall on the forward-looking wealthiest members of society to initiate and fund this proposed societal innovation. Once an experimental/ demonstration community is built, the work will continue in convincing governments to fund the expansion of the project from local to regional to national scale.

The Holigent proposal is experimental societal innovation outside existing concepts. Its initiation will require risk-taking and a thorough understanding of the alternatives. The requirement is not altruism but rather **motivation** for self-preservation. It is not selfishness; rather it is the fulfillment of the primary responsibility to the self of all creatures in nature to secure their own survival. Humans are not above nature. However, one may pursue a broader **purpose** for life and wealth preservation that also benefit the greater good.

Solo Wealth

Individual multi-billionaires around the world, who are willing and able to pioneer and fund their Holigent project, need little instructions. Each has the means to fund the organization, design, development and construction of a Holigent Village.

Contributing Wealth

It is likely that many more wealthy individuals will contribute and fund parts of a Holigent Village. In this option one may provide funding for a part or a whole building or a cluster of structures of a Holigent Village.

Collective Wealth

Another option is pooling of wealth to enable the development of a Holigent community.

Either option will be organized in stages. In the First Stage, wealthy individuals may make a pledge to fund whole or parts of buildings, or sections of a (generic) Holigent Village project. In the Second Stage they donate a fraction of their pledge for the acquisition of real property and for the development of specific plans. In the Third Stage they deliver their pledges to provide funds for the construction of a Holigent Village.

Our greatest hope for Holigent societal innovation lies with the wealthy members of our society. However, wealthy individuals may face the same internal hurdle as most human beings do. One hurdle is disconnect, the other is denial and still another is a false sense of security.

The Hurdles

Disconnect stems from a less than complete understanding of local and global events and their short- and long-range consequences on socioeconomic order. One of the purpose of this presentation is to connect the dots and help illuminate that issue. (Example: To show how wealth migration leads to rising local and global collective socioeconomic stress and how that leads to extreme politics, social disorder and war.)

Denial is a serious hurdle stemming from the strong human desire to be safe and comfortable. A classic illustration of that is the event surrounding the sinking of the Titanic wherein many individuals preferred to deny reality and stay within their false comfort, believing that the ship was unsinkable even after the captain announced that the ship will sink. Today's many announcements about the economic, social and environmental perils for our great ship, planet earth, are met with denial. Individual bravery is needed to accept and act on the many inconvenient truths of our world.

False sense of security is practiced by some of the very wealthy. It is now common knowledge that some and perhaps an increasing number of billionaires are building remote hideaways complete with jet landing strips. This is an outdated survival strategy that may have worked just a couple of generations ago. The new reality of humanity and our planet is that a global socioeconomic and civilizational collapse is an increasing probability. In such an event all wealth and the means of wealth generation will collapse. The power vacuum created by paralyzed governments will be filled by murderous gangs. They will commandeer military assets and they will find you and outnumber you a thousand to one. In the Middle East this process is well underway as the so-called Islamic State spreads its brand of terror. Even if you do manage to find an extreme hideaway where murderous gangs can't find you, chances are, boredom will kill you anyway.

Consider also that a severe global economic collapse will be accompanied by the breakdown of international trade and the rise of extreme politics, and global socioeconomic stress will elevate to flash points that will lead to war. A third world war will most likely be a nuclear mutually assured destruction from which civilization is not likely to recover.

Given that business as usual will very likely lead us to some rather dark scenario, consider the Holigent Solution as a breath of fresh air, or as a challenging game, or as a self-rewarding survival strategy for your personal and for the greater good.

In the following I outline a number of possible ways to proceed. You may come up with your own strategy.

How to Proceed

Option A. Establish and fund a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization with the mission to find a suitable location, design, build and manage a Holigent Village demonstration community.

Option B. Fund the establishment of an institute or department within an educational institution focusing on the proposed societal experiment and innovation, then fund the development of a Holigent Village. Educational institutions have long experience in building university campuses where live, learn, research and work functions are within walking distance, under one “roof”.

Option C. Provide the funding that will enable Holigent Org to build capacity and undertake the research and feasibility study. Then develop and manage an experimental/teaching and demonstration Holigent Village.

Corporations

Corporations

In a great socioeconomic decline, corporations, along with the wealthiest individuals, have the most to lose. For that reason, corporations may consider Holigent development as a grand insurance policy for securing its own assets and business while protecting the greater good.

Solo

As in the case of the very wealthy, large corporations may set up a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization and provide funding for the construction of a full Holigent Village. When completed, they might occupy parts of the commercial spaces while their employees occupy some of the residential spaces. Ownership would belong to an independent nonprofit organization and managed according to the Holigent Delta Plan.

Collective

Corporations of any size may contribute to a collective pledge to the development of a Holigent Village.

Politicians

and Political Institutions

As with corporations and wealthy individuals, the motivation for politicians to pioneer Holigent societal innovation and reconstruction is self-interest pursued for the greater good. A politician who is able to articulate the economic, social and environmental advantages of Holigent development will be able to secure winning votes and the adoration of the public for championing the causes of economic security, universal quality of life, and systemic sustainability.

When politicians on all sides understand that the proposed hybrid reconstruction and systemic sustainability projects can become a massive means of job creation as well as a solution to the multidimensional challenges facing America, Europe and the world, public funding could be made available and teaching/demonstration projects could expand to regional and national Holigent development.

We feel that the required initial cost would not be inflationary as long as such funds are not a broad stimulus program but rather a specific investment focused as public funding of overdue socioeconomic innovation.

While some might label public funding of Holigent Projects as a government subsidy, in effect it would be a government investment in socioeconomic innovation, not unlike America's funding of the space program that put man on the Moon and was the incubator of high technology, or federal funding of Arpanet, which was the incubator of the Internet.

The Holigent Project, expanded to national scales, would sharpen America's competitive edge, move us toward fossil fuel independence and balanced budgets, reduce the burden on governments, create economic security, and provide quality of life at a sustainable rate of consumption and minimal carbon footprint. US National Holigent programs would create large numbers of construction-related and other employment opportunities, and leave a legacy of low-carbon, self-financed, self-maintained, affordable, secure, and sustainable communities across America and beyond.

Accordingly, once the Holigent Solution is tested in teaching and demonstration projects across the US, politicians need to work toward the continuous funding of such societal innovation programs by the establishment of a Department of Homeland Reconstruction.

The Pentagon

The Pentagon exists to “make” war. Why would it engage in a “peace offensive”? The answer is not simple but in essence is self-preservation. You see, war-making in the 21st century is a dying business. True, there will be one more big one, but in a nuclear mutually assured destruction profits will be lost with everything else.

Be weary of politicians who promise to defeat terrorism. Terrorism in general is like an incurable cancer; cut out one tumor and two more will grow in its place. It is failed political economies and poverty that breed terrorism around the world. There is no military solution for that. As US politicians vote forever-larger military budgets in the false hopes of defeating terrorism, there will be an unintended consequence. The consequence is the misallocation of national treasure at the expense of our young and old — leading to the impoverishment and decline of the United States.

A small step in retrofitting the Pentagon from war-making to peace-building would be a very smart move. A peace offensive much like defense is most effectively conducted on foreign land. Europe must be a critical consideration, and Budapest would be a smart landing point in the center of the continent for the Holigent peace offensive. The cost of a full-scale demonstration international Holigent village in Hungary? — The price of one B-2 bomber (over \$700 million) could build two Holigent Villages (roughly half of what it would cost in Western Europe)

When the demonstration project is successful the budget for the peace offensive is to be increased. For example, 1% of DOD’s yearly budget could fund the construction of 8 to 10 full-scale Holigent villages every year across America, Europe and beyond. Such developments are non-political solutions to reduce socioeconomic and geopolitical tension and stress. For that reason it is safe to assume that non-democratic systems would also welcome such development, as it would create islands of much needed stability.

The Budapest project could effectively demonstrate to Russia that Holigent developments in Ukraine and in Russia, among other places, could create true socioeconomic stability and security at a fraction of the price compared to Westward expansion and its risk of collision with NATO and the US.

The above is a rough sketch of an idea that may provide the starting point for productive conversation about establishing a small department within The Pentagon dedicated to initiate and promote a “peace offensive” in the spirit offered in this Holigent Proposal. With its vast resources and global footprint, the Pentagon is perhaps the only institution in the world that, with the right spirit, could turn the course of global events away from a probable mutually assured destruction toward world peace and systemic sustainability.

The European Union

A Special Message to the European Union

We must remind ourselves once again that twice in the 20th century Europe was the flash point of world wars. In the opening decades of the 21st century, complex socioeconomic stress levels are on the rise, threatening the integrity of the European Union. Russia's aggressive westward ambitions are introducing a new potential flash point that may result in global conflict.

Europeans need to understand that the EU's present one-size suit does not fit all and that leads to friction and fragmentation. The purpose of the proposed project is to develop a flexible socioeconomic arrangement that would comfortably fit all EU members regardless of size, geography, history, productivity and temperament.

This is an outline in broad stroke of a proposal to make Europe the nursery of world peace and systemic sustainability. We hope to start a conversation among students, educators, social innovators and politicians who hold the success of the European Union close to their heart.

The subject of the conversation is the creation of an experimental, teaching and demonstration mixed-use, live/work/walk pedestrian compact urban village with a hybrid economy and social contract. We suggest that such a community be constructed and managed by a nongovernmental/nonprofit organization in the spirit of the Holigent Solution.

While the Holigent Solution may be seeded almost anywhere, we propose to begin this project in Hungary. Budapest is near the center of the continent that urgently needs a hopeful solution. Also, land and labor prices are considerably lower in that country than in Western Europe.

Europe may also recall that it was hoards of "wretched" immigrants with their fearless determination and energy that built America to become the most dynamic nation on Earth. Putting immigrants to work in an orderly program to build Holigent Compact Urban Villages will solve multiple and much larger problems facing the continent.

We invite EU to initiate the proposed socioeconomic experiment by constructing a teaching/demonstration International Holigent Village near Budapest.

WHERE

to do it?

No doubt, Holigent development could begin most anywhere. However there are critical considerations that are advisable to observe.

- This will be a first of its kind societal innovation project. All essential conditions must be there to secure success.
- Accessibility therefore geographic location will be an important consideration.
- Favorable land and labor cost for the construction is crucial.
- Favorable economic conditions and resources are vital for successful operation.
- Transportation for goods and people must be efficient.
- Social and cultural conditions must be favorable and accepting.
- Ample educational institution must be present to expand the conversation and research on the subject.
- It must not be isolated but located in the crossroads of cultures that could amplify its presence and message.
- Accessibility, visibility and the participation of educational and political institutions are needed to create leverage for fundraising and expansion from local to national to global scale.



International Holigent Village, Budapest

As it has been amply and perhaps anxiously cited in this presentation (motivated by personal memories) Europe once again is becoming a land of friction and stress, drifting toward flash points of potential global conflict.

For that reason we propose The International Holigent Village, Budapest project as a first priority to plant the seed of societal renewal and to project hopefulness for Europe.



Holigent River, Los Angeles

In the US, among other possible locations, Los Angeles amply qualifies on all the conditions listed above. Its immense unsustainable sprawl is begging for a systemic solution.

It would be ideal if funding could be secured for both, allowing the US and European projects to proceed simultaneously.

and

WHEN?

There are multiple and self-reinforcing reasons why the answer to the question of *when* is NOW!

Trying to predict the event of a global socioeconomic collapse may be more difficult than trying to predict the “Big One” — the California super earthquake that geologists know will come but don’t know when.

Given the long lead-time to significant societal change, NOW is the time to begin the long road toward universal quality of life, global peace and systemic sustainability.

Conclusion

In conclusion we can say that the Holigent Reconstruct America proposal contains at least four essential elements:

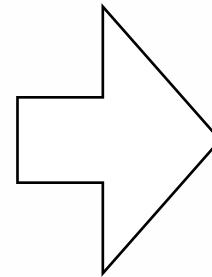
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- Rerouting parts of wealth migration back to the “99%”
- Hybridizing value exchange to diminish reliance on money
- Cellular rearrangement of societal structure, governance and power

- **Physical rearrangement
of work and living**

Holigent Villages would provide the infrastructure in which we could rearrange the way we live, work, commute, produce, consume, educate and govern ourselves to satisfy the sustainability imperative — **Do the essential most with the least of resources to secure quality of life and systemic sustainability for your progeny, the greater good and your life support environment.**

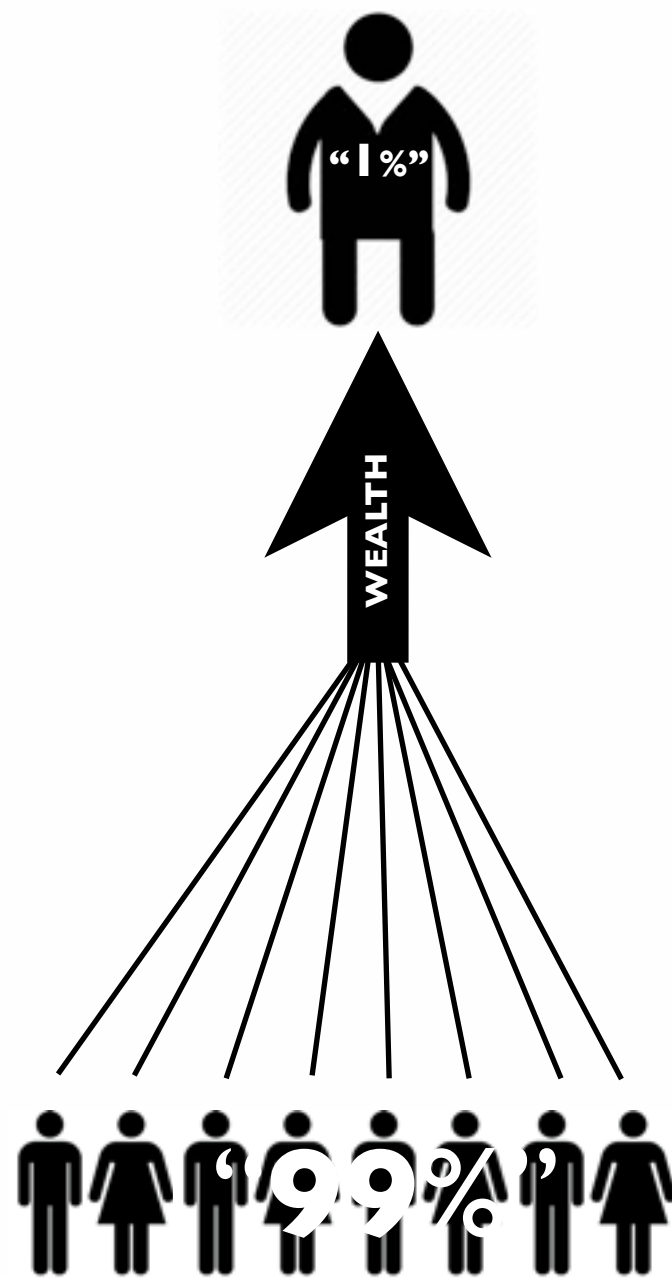


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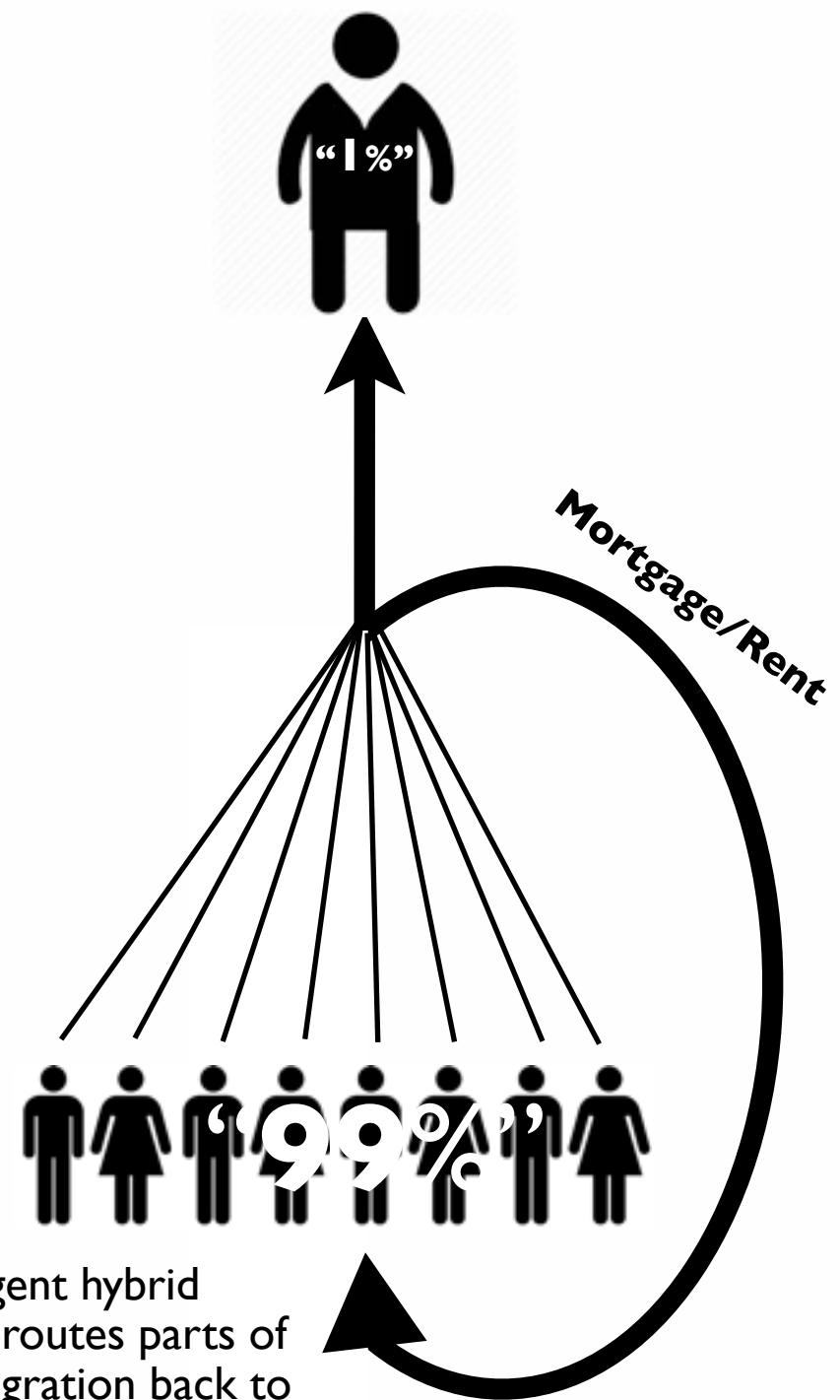


To live/work/walk Holigent Villages

- **Rerouting parts of wealth migration back to the “99%”**



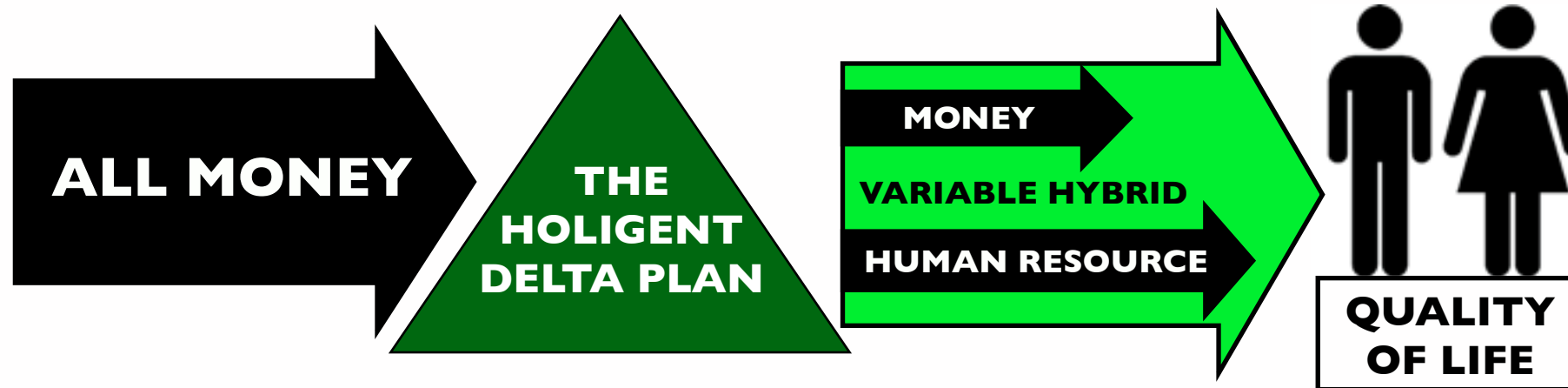
In our present system wealth migrates from the “99%” to the “1%”.



The Holigent hybrid system reroutes parts of wealth migration back to benefit the “99%” without destroying wealth or the creators of wealth.

- **Hybridizing value exchange
to diminish reliance on money**

The Holigent hybrid socioeconomic arrangement would move away from full reliance on money and toward a variable reliance on money and direct human resource input (community service/ social contract) to secure quality of life even during severe general/global economic downturns.



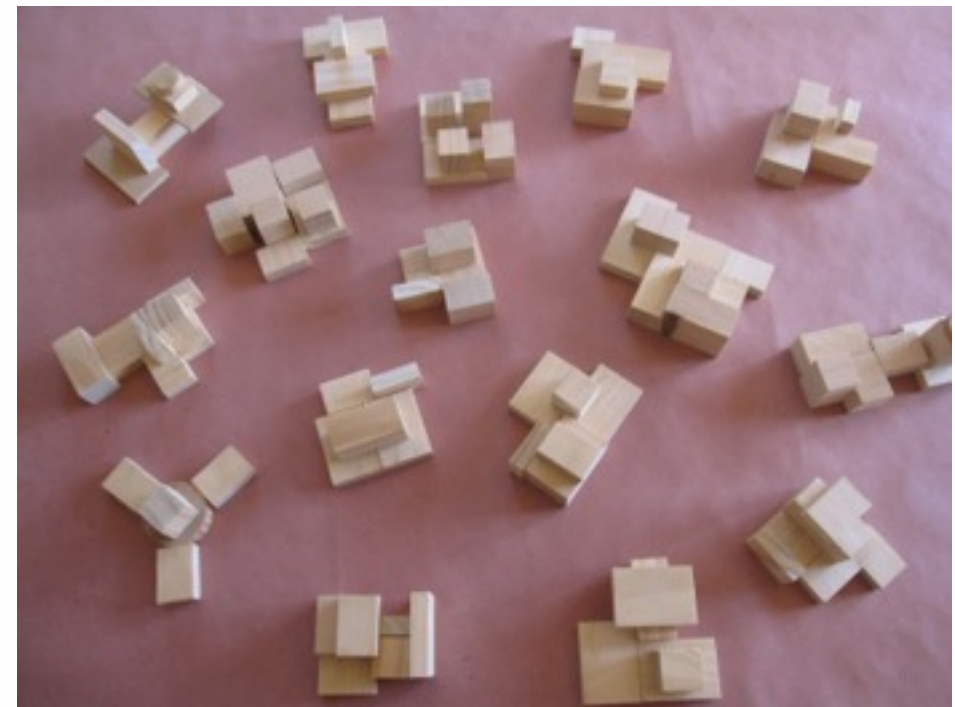
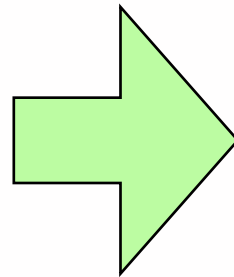
- **Cellular rearrangement of societal structure, governance and power**

The self-generated funds of your organization's Holigent Village will be added to the funds provided by private/public grants. Holigent Villages will proliferate across America and naturally form collaborative networks. Over time, the vertical pyramidal construct of our present socio-political structure will gradually transition to a more horizontal, cellular arrangement.

In the new Holigent arrangement the highly concentrated vertical power will gradually migrate to local communities. The cellular arrangement of self-organized Holigent Villages will take over much of physical and social maintenance, thus reducing the burden and the size of government while securing social, economic and environmental justice, quality and systemic sustainability for its residents.



Our current big vertical societal structure



Cellular restructuring of society over time

END