

## Concluding Remarks and Hopes for Our Future

Transforming our culture from one of excessive waste into one that is sustainable into the future will be a long and arduous process. But, it is a process that must be undertaken if we want to have a future to speak of. We are at a turning point as a species, and we must collectively choose either failure or success. Making sustainable living choices as an individual is a step in the right direction, but these choices can only go so far when the broader mindset is one of apathy and indifference. The beginning of this long road starts with informing the people around you that there is a better alternative to the way the world works. But this better alternative will never be realized if we cannot work together to change the status quo of our culture. As more and more people become aware of the state of dysfunction our current society is in, more and more people will have a thirst and desire for real, comprehensive change for the better. Eventually, as more people are awakened, it is possible that world governments, and not just individuals, would want to sign on to the idea of The Global Collective. When this happens, an interim federation of countries that agree with the ideals of The Global Collective can be formed. As momentum continues to grow, and a majority of countries join the federation, the realization of our goal is within sight. Once every country signs on and joins the federation, the federation will cease to exist and The Global Collective will be realized.

The ideas set forth in this document are in no way intended to rob people of their individuality. They are instead a means to level the playing field from which people begin. Individuals in The Global Collective will not define themselves by the amount of money they have, the kind of car they drive or by the size of their home. Our citizens will be defined by the contributions they make to our society, by the original thoughts they share with others and by the positive effect they have on the world around them. Every person in The Global Collective will be encouraged to realize their full potential. Furthermore, within The Global Collective; dishonesty, subversion, and manipulation will not be seen as means toward obtaining an end. A broad shift in societal mindset is required. This can only be achieved with collective solidarity applied over the course of several decades. The end goal is the realization that your own well-being is not above and beyond the well-being of others, and that the well-being of our planet in its entirety is a necessity. You are a part of a greater whole, with a greater purpose; if the greater whole realizes its full potential, then all parts within that whole will realize their full potential.

The framework put forth in this document is far from perfect, but it is a significant step in the right direction. Eventually, this will be more than just a list of ideas on a piece of paper, it will be a way of life. The greatest requirement is the ability to act. If the propositions in this document resonate with you, I implore you to take some degree of action to help me expand this message. At the very least, take the time to discuss these ideas with a friend. To be more involved: Take pictures of this paper and share them with others or make photo copies of this paper and pass them out to others. If you desire change, do not fail to act; make the world a better place to the best of your own ability. The positivity you put out will return to you in one form or another.

This document is overtly encouraging a revolution. But, such revolution can by no means be achieved through the use of violence. Violence is contrary to the ideals of The Global Collective. Any revolution involving violence would only lead to a continued repetition of past mistakes. We require a revolution to end all revolutions. We require a revolution to destroy the idea of social class. Our revolution can only be achieved through non-violent non-compliance. The best way to stop the system that is currently in place is by refusing to participate: we must collectively refuse to be a part of the endless cycle of consumption. The cycle of consumption only benefits those at the top, and we need a system that equally provides for all citizens. We will make our voices heard. Human beings are much more than cogs in a machine that exists only to reap vast profits from both the subjugation of the down-trodden and the rape of our mother earth. If all the small cogs of that machine collectively refuse to turn, the entire mechanism will come to a grinding halt. And, at this point, there is no other option. Our biosphere is rapidly approaching a level of damage from which it will be unable to rebound. It is fundamental to realize that all parts of our planet are interconnected. We all come from and return to our biosphere, and willful destruction of that biosphere is literal suicide. We, the silent majority that will no longer remain silent, choose life instead of death. We choose integrity and truth as opposed to dishonesty and subversion. We choose to invest in our future rather than to stagnate in our past. We choose to go forward hand in hand, side by side, instead of using the backs of others as stepping stones to the top. We choose an existence of substance, meaning and value as opposed to one of mediocrity, repetition and squandered potential. But, most important of all, We choose to do it together and not alone.

My name is Nicholas Kolozvary and I am the author of the text contained in this document. In order for these goals to be realized, a great degree of both networking and feedback are required. Please reach out to those around you and discuss the best means of actualizing comprehensive change. Whether or not you agree with my ideas, please contact me to offer any advice or constructive criticism you might have. If you would like to download digital copies of my document, in full size or handout form, visit the Omnitoria website listed below. Also, any tips about how to network and organize this movement would be greatly appreciated. Doing this alone is an impossibility. But together, any goal is achievable.

Again, please contact me with any advice or feedback.

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## Omnitoria: The Global Collective: An Outline for Our Sustainable Future

The current situation on our planet is not sustainable. Our social and moral foundations are eroding beneath our feet and the damage done to our environment increases daily. Furthermore, our natural resources are being consumed much faster than they can be renewed. If we are to continue to exist without destroying ourselves, the fundamentals and values of our society must be reevaluated and reformulated from the ground up. The list provided in this document is a general framework towards achieving this end. There are only two options that the human race is currently confronted with: change or extinction. One individual alone cannot easily change our society, but enough like-minded individuals, cooperating collectively, with dedication and hard work, can achieve this goal. The time has come to look past that which divides us and see how we can draw strength from our fellows. A human race that acts as one cohesive, indivisible unit is necessary for our own survival.

1. Social Equality and Direct Democracy
  - a) Eliminate all forms of social stratification and social division.
  - b) Allow a well-informed, critically-thinking public to make decisions and offer feedback via an internet-based voting apparatus.
  - c) Use the Scientific Method to implement and update public practices and policies.
  - d) Any means of power centralization will be eliminated; all decision-making processes will be diffuse, collective and democratic.
2. Free Green Energy and Responsible Resource Management
  - a) Eliminate the profit mechanism.
  - b) Maximize efficiency and minimize waste in all industries.
  - c) Completely phase out the use of fossil fuels and convert to renewable energy sources.
  - d) The need for manual labor will be phased out over time as automation technology improves.
3. Freedom of Information and Public Education
  - a) Having a critically-thinking and well-informed public is of paramount concern, thus, comprehensive education will be made available to all citizens free of charge.
  - b) Exchange of information will remain unobstructed.
  - c) The Internet will be compartmentalized into two areas: One area of objective, fact-based information, where all information requires source citation; And a second area of subjective, opinion-based information, not requiring citation.
4. Efficient Infrastructure and Public Housing
  - a) All citizens will be provided with public housing free of charge. The space occupied by living areas will be minimized.
  - b) Transportation's efficiency will be maximized while remaining safe for all passengers.
5. Clean Water, Organic Food and Public Healthcare
  - a) State of the art healthcare will be made available to all citizens free of charge.
  - b) All food and water will remain safe for consumption and free of harmful additives.
  - c) Any animals consumed will live a cage-free existence. People will be encouraged, but not required, to convert to plant-based diets.
  - d) All citizens will be encouraged, but not required, to lead healthy life-styles in order to minimize the frequency of preventable conditions and diseases.
6. Freedom from the Concepts of Hatred and Violence
  - a) Any and all measures will be taken to prevent the loss of human lives. (excluding acts of violence)
  - b) Conflict mediation and resolution will be made available to all citizens.
  - c) Problem Solving and Interpersonal Communication will be part of educational curriculum.
  - d) Militaries and weapons will be phased out and eliminated.
7. Freedom from the Concepts of Nationality and Surveillance
  - a) All nations and national borders will be dissolved.
  - b) All citizens will be able to travel to any part of the globe unimpeded.
  - c) Covert collection of information will be outlawed.
8. Freedom from the Concept of Organized Religion
  - a) All mainstream religions have their own version of "The Golden Rule", but disagreements about which God is the correct one prevent it from being followed. Organized religion cannot exist in a world that is to remain peaceful.
  - b) All forms of Spirituality will be tolerated and encouraged, so long as they do not advocate the judgement and persecution of others.
9. Freedom from the Concepts of Possession and Currency
  - a) All forms of currency will be eliminated. The existence of currency will inherently lead to social division.
  - b) All goods and resources will be declared the common heritage of the human race.
  - c) All goods and resources will be distributed equally between all individuals.
  - d) No individual or group may accumulate more goods and resources than any other individual or group.
10. Freedom of Goal Attainment and Artistic Expression
  - a) Any individual or group may strive to achieve any goal, so long as that goal does not interfere with the well-being of any other individual or group.
  - b) Artistic expression in any and all forms will remain unimpeded and uncensored.
  - c) All citizens will be encouraged, but not required, to participate in both constructive and recreational activities.

# The Four Sectors of The Global Collective:

## Guidelines for Collectives and Individuals

In order to create a society that is the antithesis of the one we currently have, a litany of changes are necessary. The most notable of these is a fundamental reformulation of the way our social institutions behave. Today's institutions exist to preserve themselves and the status they hold within our culture. Institutions that are static, meaning that they resist change to stay in place and maintain control, are both inefficient and counterproductive. We need a set of institutions that are dynamic as opposed to static; a set of institutions that embrace change at every moment in order to become more streamlined and efficient as they evolve. The following is a list of suggested institutions for The Global Collective. These four sectors will replace our current political, economic, and educational institutions.

### Collective Guidelines

1. Fundamental Education and Periodic Inquiry
  - a) The institution of education will be considered the most integral part of the Global Collective. Groups of people will participate in the collective pursuit of knowledge. These groups will be led, but not controlled, by individuals with significant experience in the specific field of study.
  - b) In addition to study of specific fields of interest, every individual will receive the same degree of general education. The end goal of this general education is to cultivate individuals that are well informed, critically thinking, and inquisitive.
  - c) Both groups and individuals will be encouraged to ask any questions they might have. Furthermore, at periodic intervals, groups will be asked to take a step back and ask how and why everything works the way it does. These groups will also be challenged to see if they can come up with any improvements or tweaks that could more effectively streamline a procedure or process.
2. Resource Sustainability and Future Projection
  - a) Availability and quantities of resources will be updated in real time so that rates of usage never exceed rates of production. These updates will be automated to the highest degree possible.
  - b) Levels of efficiency will be assessed and recorded so that action may be taken if a procedure or process is unsustainable.
3. Constructive Cooperation and Analytical Diagnostics
  - a) Groups of willing and capable individuals will address and attempt to solve any societal problems that may arise; these individuals will do so under the guidance of the scientific method so that they will remain objective throughout the process.
  - b) Problems will be analyzed as they arise. The root cause of dilemmas will be diagnosed when possible. When the root cause of a problem can be determined, the solution should come from addressing the problem at its source; as opposed to addressing the symptoms caused by the problem.
  - c) Groups of people will be encouraged to examine problems from different perspectives. Analysis of problems from varying perspectives will provide fresh insight into different methods of solving problems.
4. Societal Integration and Dynamic Feedback
  - a) Groups of people will be encouraged to participate in recreational activities. These recreational activities will promote both the release of stress and the strengthening of social bonds between group members.
  - b) Open expression of thoughts and ideas will be encouraged in any and all arenas. Upon completion of any activity; educational, constructive, or recreational, the participants will be asked to provide feedback about the procedure or process.

### Individual Guidelines

1. Comprehensive Education
  - a) Background information relating to desired goal is provided.
  - b) Instruction is given about how best to achieve said goal by individuals who have already done so.
  - c) Instructors will answer all questions to the best of their ability.
2. Resource Management
  - a) Any resources or facilities required for goal attainment are provided.
  - b) Guidance and assistance are provided by experienced individuals.
3. Goal Attainment
  - a) Time and effort are put towards desired goal, and either the goal is reached, or the individual falls short.
  - b) Future guidance is provided to individuals striving to achieve the same goal.
  - c) If an individual's goal is not realized, reasons are noted to assist other individuals in the future.
4. Expression and Feedback
  - a) Suggestions and feedback about the goal attainment process are provided; suggestions are noted and implemented if doing so is deemed practical.
  - b) Any artistic or creative urges relating to the goal attainment process are encouraged to be expressed.

## On the Maintenance of Social Equality

Class differentiation has existed since the foundation of civilization, consequently, it is hard to imagine a world in which it does not exist. But, our society is rapidly transitioning out of the industrial age and into the technological age. If we are able to effectively phase into the technological age, the creation of a utopia becomes a realistic possibility. As technology continuously improves, eventually scarcity will become an outdated convention. In a world where scarcity is no longer an issue, goods are produced in enough abundance to be freely available. If goods are freely available and have no cost assigned to them, the means of class differentiation disappear.

In order for society to move past classism, society must also move past the definition of oneself by their material possessions. The importance our current society places on possessions is a product of consumer culture. Moving past the dependence on ownership of objects is essential to the maintenance of social equality. Admittedly, there are a lot of nice, luxurious things in the world. But, the bond a person has with an inanimate object can never come close to the comradery of life-long friendship. Real-world connections with others are what truly matters. Furthermore, a greater quality of life can be achieved by devoting one's time to pursuing passions. This will create a greater degree of fulfillment than spending one's life pursuing status symbols.

The profit mechanism is the root cause of the majority of the problems our society faces today. Not only is it the source of the chasm between the upper and lower classes, but it is the cause of extensive harm to our environment. Some people would argue that competition for the sake of profit encourages innovation. But competition in the context of profit is counterproductive, because competing parties are only striving to be marginally better than their rivals. If a company were to make a significantly superior product than their competitors: then they may spend too much to produce it and not turn a profit. Furthermore, a vastly superior product that doesn't become obsolete within a few years would put the producer out of business. Planned obsolescence goes hand in with cyclical consumption, and cyclical consumption goes hand in hand with unnecessary waste of resources. And lastly, the profit mechanism encourages harm to the environment. This is the case because practices and policies that have the least impact on the environment are often the most expensive. If a company can make more money by sacrificing the wellbeing of the environment, they will do so. The profit mechanism must not exist in a world that is to remain viable for human life.

Many individuals find the root of their identity in their nationality. By no means is culture a crime, but at times national prejudices serve as a wedge that drives groups of people apart. Without the existence of nations, the separation of peoples into competing factions becomes more difficult, and the creation of collective cooperation at a societal level becomes more realistic.

Religion, and the devotion to one's personal God, is a very sensitive issue. But the fact that preference of one benevolent deity or another can oftentimes inspire deep seated hatred between groups of people, is concerning and unsettling. My hope for the future, as should be yours, is that people are able to look past their differences and put more emphasis on their similarities. By doing this, we will actually be adhering to the Golden Rule instead of deviating from it.

## On Improving the Quality of Human Life

In the Global Collective, Education will be the most fundamental part of our society. Currently, education is primarily geared towards preparing people to enter the work force. This means that all the resources and energy of educational institutions are spent grooming students to be active participants in an endless cycle of consumption. Learning solely for the sake of knowledge is a practice that is almost completely extinct in today's world. The majority of people see knowledge or college diplomas as a means to an end; the end of having a good job and enough money to be happy. But this pursuit is a fallacy. True happiness can be found in the pursuit of knowledge and engaging in logical discourse with those around you. In the Global Collective, exchange of information and ideas is essential to the continuous improvement of our citizens.

In the same theme of not defining oneself by their possessions, people will also not be defined by the luxury of the house in which they live. Housing situations will be both practical and pragmatic; never lavish or excessive. People will have the choice of living alone, in communes, or with family members.

The major emphasis of healthcare will be on prevention as opposed to reaction. A high degree of diseases and conditions that arise in today's healthcare systems are easily preventable if there were more proactive measures in place, as well as a better mindset about health. A new healthcare system with a holistic approach to health and medicine will work best for both the providers and recipients of care.

Many people would argue that violence is an inescapable part of human nature, but I would have to disagree with this assertion. The only reason human civilization has progressed this far and become this advanced, is our ability to work cooperatively. There is still a lot of room for our improvement, and this improvement could be more easily accomplished if the broader societal mindset placed less emphasis on individuality and more emphasis on collectivity.

The setting and realization of goals, as well as the expression of thoughts and ideas, are essential parts of leading a fulfilling life. Not only are these activities fulfilling, but they can be therapeutic as well. Active engagement with the people around us and the world around us will help to combat the recurring dysfunction that we see in the world today.