

Letter to World Citizens

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E Pluribus Unum

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Thinking holistically about the world is an exercise in abstraction. In our personal relationships, we move outward from family, group, community, nation. Relating directly or intimately with the world as such, is difficult, almost impossible, though computer networking is rapidly closing the global gap. Most of our teaching about history, economics, politics, even science, is to break up the world into little pieces, “reductionism,” as the general systems scientists call it. So the conceptual is buried under the myriad details. Humans then identify themselves partially and artificially and often fight over the false identities. Nationalism and religion are the greatest modern culprits here. Individually they are bad enough but together, as in a “Christian state,” or Jewish state,” or “Muslim state,” they become deadly to the whole and suicidal to the part. When land is allied with particular religious beliefs becoming possessed as it were, the very holistic character of the Earth - and thus the environment itself - is imperiled. And once you are lost in detail, global planning becomes impossible.

This is what so intrigues me about the Infoset. Like Bucky Fuller’s geodesic dome, it is a conceptual “space” vehicle. Merely to “enter” the structure (or process) is to go from the particular to the general, from relative to absolute. Any question can be “entered” into that “space” and it immediately becomes part of the concept or whole. An easy analogy is a symphony orchestra. Every musician “entering” the symphony “space,” adds to the whole while retaining his/her “sovereignty,” i.e. musicianship. Given the question we put into that Infoset “space,” each of us becomes part of the conceptual whole while retaining our individuality/personality, etc.

Willfully entering an Infoset is to enter conceptual world “space.”

Relating our seminal question: “*How can we, sovereign world citizens, govern our world?*” to current events, we immediately recognize the fictional divisions used to justify the violence. We also identify land as falsely divided into separate enclaves.

Let me try to prophecy. After July 25, we will have 12 times, say 50 Infosets of “Consolidated Statements of Importance” (CSI) addressing our seminal question. That’s 600 statements. They will then be collated by the World Citizen Information Bulletin Board (WCIBB) in Toronto. You who participated in an Infoset will have available the other 588 CSIs of your fellow Infosetters. They will both confirm and add to your Infoset’s CSIs. But they will also be available to the world media, which means all national leaders, the general public, the university world and the non-governmental organizations. It’s the beginning of *positive* world law.

The effect will be electrifying politically. As concerned individuals begin to realize that they too can express their political will in an effective global framework, other Infosets will begin to organize immediately. There need be no set date after the launch for succeeding Infosets. The World Syntegrity Project will run on its own momentum. And you can identify yourself as an Infosetter. First as a World Citizen via the WSA documents; then with WSP pins, T-shirts, etc. This will be our main funding strategy via the World Citizen Foundation.

As CSIs continue to feed in to the WCIBB, they will gain in power and political effect. Actions will undoubtedly result from them especially in conflict areas. It will be like a continuing world referendum on major world issues. No participant will renounce his or her particular identity but will partake of the conceptual identity of the global forum.

As CSIs continue to proliferate mandating the world public, an overall pattern will begin to form, sort of a world legal consensus. This in turn will reempower each individual World

Citizen. The direction of politics will slowly be reversed from nation-state violence and division to global harmony and well-being. Utopian? No less than the technosphere itself.

One final word before Syntegration begins. Trouble spots like Bosnia must be seen in a global context. Divide and conquer is an ancient theme. E pluribus unum is still a guiding global principle.
